

Creative tip FIMO soft „Reindeer Vases“

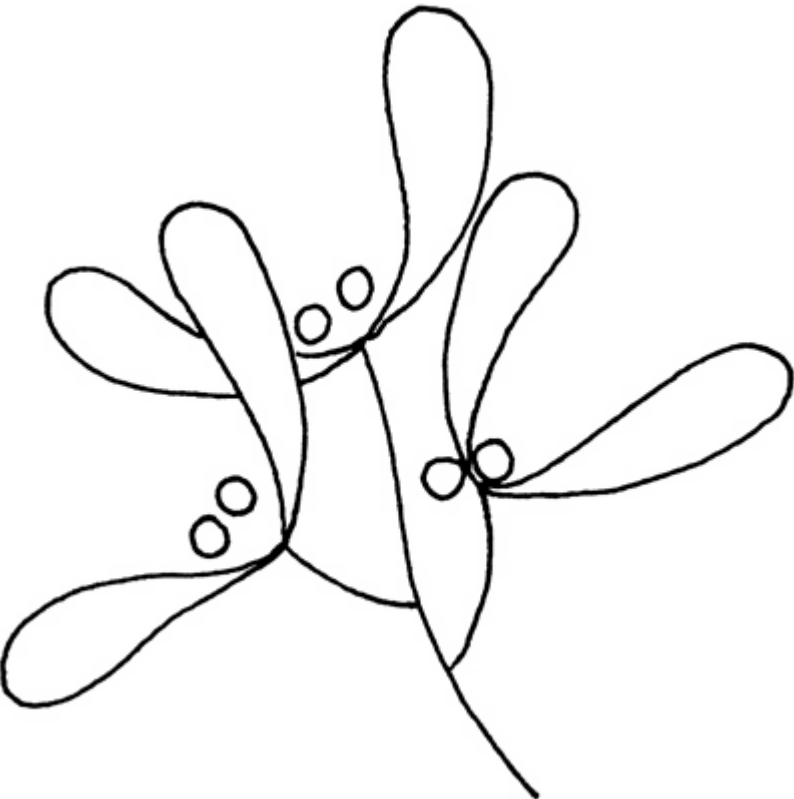


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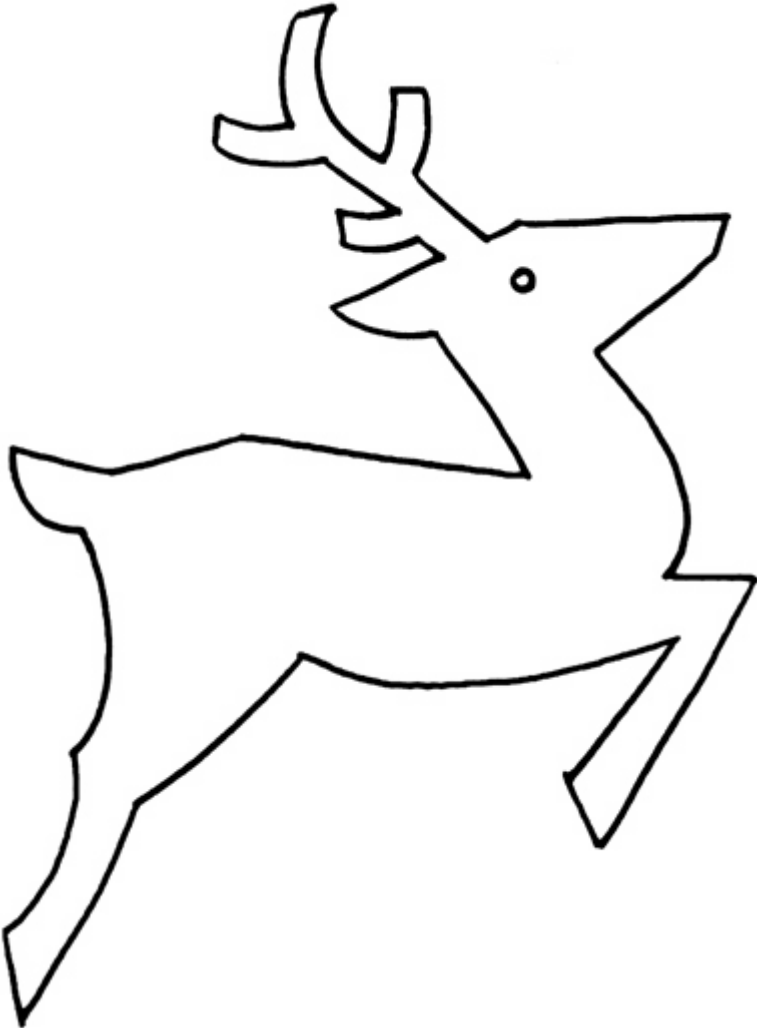


For an approx. 16 cm high, slim glass vase you will need around 1-2 packs of FIMO SOFT in transparent (colour code 014) for the background and 1 pack of FIMO SOFT in white (colour code 0) for the reindeer figures. For motifs without background, use 1 pack of FIMO SOFT transparent (colour code 014). Small rhinestones (no. 8628) can be used for the reindeer eyes - all from Eberhard Faber. For the 6 berries on the mistletoe, use larger stones, approx. 5 mm in diameter. Furthermore, you will need several glass vases, 1 roller or bottle for rolling out with, several wooden sticks, 1 ruler, 1 craft knife, 1 smooth tile or film to work on and one white towel.

Motif Mistletoe



Motif Reindeer



Step 1



Roll out 1-2 packs of FIMO SOFT transparent to an approx. 1 mm thick sheet and then straighten the edges using the ruler and craft knife. Wrap this sheet around the glass without overlapping the edges. Cut off any overlapping pieces using the craft knife. Press the edges together with your thumb and then roll the entire glass over the smooth work surface until the joins are no longer visible.

Step 2



Next, add a motif to your prepared glass. To do this, roll out 1 pack of FIMO SOFT in white to an approx. 1 mm thick sheet. Cut the motif out of the pattern sheet and use it as a stencil, placing it on the rolled-out sheet of FIMO. Now outline the shape on the sheet of FIMO by going around it with a wooden stick. Then cut it out using the craft knife. Motif alternative: To make a vase with a mistletoe motif, place a leaf shape on the rolled-out sheet of FIMO and cut it out several times.

For the branches, cut a 1 mm wide strip out of the sheet using the craft knife and ruler. Stick the motif from the pattern sheet behind the wall of the vase.

This makes it easier to copy the design. Place your cut-out FIMO leaves and branches on the front of the glass. For the berries, add rhinestones with superglue after hardening in the oven.

On those vases which have a FIMO background, the rhinestones can be pressed into the soft FIMO material before hardening.

Step 3



Using the blade of the craft knife, lift the cut-out reindeer motif off the work surface and place on the covered glass. Repeat the process, placing several reindeer around the glass. Press them on lightly. Pick up the rhinestones with a moistened finger and press on the reindeer as eyes.

Motif alternative: If you do not want to cover your glass, you can simply place several FIMO reindeer directly onto the glass and press on firmly. The reindeer should be touching each other a little in order to ensure a better hold.

Step 4



Next, add a structure to the FIMO using the towel. Press the towel gently against the soft background material. This also helps remove any air pockets that may be trapped under the layer of FIMO. Any remaining air pockets can be pricked open using the craft knife.

Step 5



Finally, the finished vases are hardened in a preheated oven at 130°C for 25-30 minutes. Then leave to cool slowly.

Tips und Tricks:

These vase motifs are also very effective in other colours. FIMO SOFT is available in 55 brilliant colours in well-equipped sales outlets. In addition to the stunning basic colours, the assortment comprises effect colours with stone, day-glow, transparent and metallic effects. The colours can be blended, which means you can also create e.g. soft pastel shades.

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