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Sculpey Easy, Breezy Bead Bracelet

Design by Syndee Holt - Project courtesy of sculpey.com

Materials Needed:

- 1 oz each of Sculpey III in the following colors: Granny Smith, Violet, Sunset
- 3 oz of Sculpey Ultra Light
- Sculpey Super Slicer Blade
- Large needle
- Beading elastic and earring findings

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mix each of the colors with an equal portion of Ultra Light.
2. Pinch off about 1/3 of the Sunset mix and form it into a small rectangle of color. Repeat with the other 2 colors, stacking the rectangles on top of each other



3. Cut the stack in half and restack the two halves together.



4. Press the stack back to its original size and shape. Cut the stack in half again – see how the layers have gotten smaller and more numerous? Set the two stacks aside.



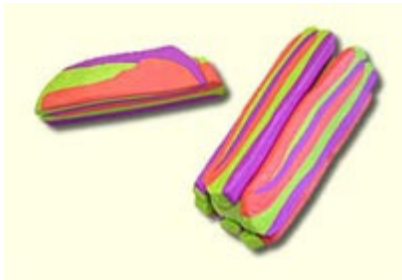
5. Pinch off a small portion of the Granny Apple mix and roll it into a ball. Set the ball on your work surface and roll it



to form it into a cylinder. The cylinder should be about the same length and height as your stack.



6. Cut even slices from your stack and lay them around the outside of the cylinder, laying them to reach from one end to another and making sure that the colors alternate.



7. Once the entire surface of the cylinder is covered, gently squeeze the cylinder, or cane, to press the slices into position.

8. Place the flat part of your hand on the cane and begin to roll it back and forth on your worksurface. Grasp each end and gently pull to lengthen the cane. Continue rolling the cane until you reach the diameter you wish to make your beads.

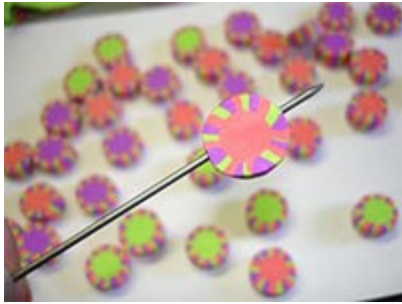


9. Repeat steps 5-8 with the two other colors to create 3 canes.

10. Slice your beads from each of the three canes.



11. To make a hole in each bead for stringing, twist the large needle half-way through each bead. Turn the bead and repeat from the other side until the holes meet. Place each bead on a sheet of plain paper so that they don't touch. Repeat with your other beads.



12. Roll several small round “spacer” beads from your remaining colors of clay and pierce them with your needle tool.

13. Place the sheet of paper containing your caned beads on the baking tray and then add your spacer beads. Bake according to the Sculpey III package directions. Allow the beads to cool.

To make the bracelet: String your beads onto the jewelry elastic until you have enough beads to encircle your wrist. Tie a double knot in the elastic and pull it tight. Trim the elastic, leaving a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch selvage.

To make the earrings: Thread a caned bead and a spacer bead onto a header pin. Trim the header pin, leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ inch remaining. Grasp the top of the header pin with your round nose pliers and roll the pliers TOWARDS you to create a loop. Add your earwire before closing the loop entirely.

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