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Hugs vs. Kisses in a Valentine Tic Tac Toe Game

Design by Amy Koranek - Instructions and image courtesy of Sculpey.com

Some Basic Information: Sculpey III, Bake & Bend, and Amazing Eraser Clay should be conditioned before using. To condition, roll and squeeze each color in your hands until the clay becomes soft and pliable and an even consistency.

It's important to bake projects for the right amount of time and at the right temperature. Once your project is complete, follow these baking instructions for each type of clay:

- **Sculpey III** bakes in your home oven for 15 minutes at 275 Degrees F (130 Degrees C).

- **Bake & Bend** bakes in your home oven for 20 minutes at 285 Degrees F (130 Degrees C).

- **Amazing Eraser Clay** bakes in your home oven for 10 minutes at 250 Degrees F (130 Degrees C).

Line your baking sheets with aluminum foil or index cards when using them to cure (bake) polymer clay projects.

Always assist children during the baking process and never touch a clay project until it is completely cool. You should use an oven thermometer to make sure the oven temperature is accurate. Overheating polymer clay can cause it to become discolored. **In the case of Amazing Eraser Clay, the eraser may not erase well if it's over baked.**

Good working surfaces include a large piece of glass, wax paper, marble, or an old baking sheet. It is important that you not place unbaked polymer clay on any good furniture surface. Do not use everyday cooking utensils with clay if you are going to continue using them for preparing food.

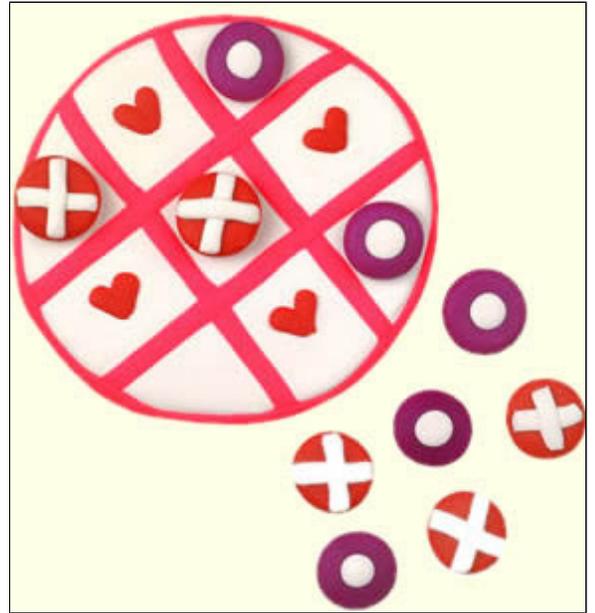
Shapes:

This project can be made from the following shapes:

Ball - Take a lump of clay and roll it in your palms until it's smooth.



Teardrop - Start with a ball of clay and then taper it on one end with your fingers.





Coil - Roll a lump of clay until it's long and skinny.



Materials Needed:

2 oz. of **Sculpey III** White, and some **Sculpey III** Hot Pink, Red Hot Red, and Violet

Instructions:

1. Cut off 1/4 of the White and set it aside for later. Shape the rest of the White into a large smooth ball.
2. Flatten the White ball into a disk about 3" wide. Smooth out any bumps with your finger.
3. Roll Hot Pink into a long skinny coil. Flatten the coil as you press it into place on top of the White disk making the criss cross pattern you need to play Tic Tac Toe. Please refer to the photo for the position of the lines. Press some more of the Hot Pink coil around the outside of the White disk.
4. Take eight tiny pinches of Red Hot Red and shape them into teardrops. Flatten these into heart shapes on the game board by pressing two teardrops side by side with the points down.
5. Make 5 balls with Red Hot Red and 5 balls with Violet. The balls should be as wide as a dime. Flatten the balls into playing pieces. Use White to decorate the Red Hot Red pieces with X's. Put a tiny White ball in the center of each Violet piece to make O's.
6. Bake all the pieces and the game board in your home oven at 275 Degrees F (130 Degrees C) for 15 minutes. Don't handle any of the pieces until they are completely cool.