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DIY Pen holder in elephant design



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Safari in the home-office! Make a practical pen holder in the shape of an elephant. On your desk, this little figure is sure to be a delightful and eye-catching companion as you complete your daily office tasks. FIMOair wood-effect makes modelling cool shapes and creating wood-look figures a breeze.

Step-by-step tutorial



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Prepare the material

Remove the FIMOair wood-effect from its packaging and use the blade to cut it into different-sized pieces. You will need one large rectangle (approx. 20 x 10 x 1 cm, 350 g), two strips (approx. 10 x 2 x 1 cm) and two squares (approx. 5 x 5 x 1 cm).

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Roll out

Now place the rectangle on a smooth surface and roll it out to a length of approx. 30 cm.



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Assembly

Viewed from above, the elephant has an elliptical shape, so place the two strips on the right and left of the round glass and place the large rectangle around it. Press the FIMOair wood-effect firmly against the glass.

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Form the elephant legs

Press the material with your thumb on the narrow side underneath the glass. This is how you divide the elephant's body and imply the legs. It is best to place your figure on a small tile and then turn the tile.



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Add the ears

Shape the two squares into small round plates and attach to the front of the elephant by pressing firmly.

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Modelling

Now you can refine the details from the basic shape of the elephant. Shape the trunk with your fingers and also a small tail on the back side. Viewed from the front, the trunk and ears form a heart shape. Consistent, even edges define your figure.



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Smooth the surface

Use the modelling tools to make good any cracks and smooth the surface. You can also use damp fingers to smooth the FIMOair wood-effect.

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Drying and sanding

Leave your figure to dry for at least 24 hours or longer. If you wish, you can file and sand the FIMOair wood-effect afterwards. In the example, we have smoothed the edges a little with sandpaper.



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Paint on the eyes

The final little detail to bring your elephant to life is the eyes. Dip your brush in a little acrylic paint and dab a dot in the right spot. Now all that's left to add are lots of beautiful pens that the elephant can carry on its wide shoulders.

Material overview



What you need

Product	Article no.	Quantity
FIMO® air wood-effect 8150 Air-drying modelling clay - Single product wood-effect, 350 g	8150-W7	1
FIMO® 8700 05 Acrylic roller - Blistercard containing an Acrylic roller	8700 05	1
FIMO® 8700 04 Blades - Blistercard with mixed blade set, 3 pieces (1 rigid, 1 flexible and 1 serrated blade), 2 rubber grips	8700 04	1
FIMO® 8711 Modelling tools - Wallet containing 4 different modelling tools	8711	1
FIMO® 8700 08 Grind'n polish set - Blistercard Grind'n polish set, 3 different grades of sanding sponges (fine, superfine, microfine)	8700 08	1

Additionally required:

Acrylic paint (e.g. burnt umber), Brush (no. 2 width), Water glass, Glass insert (approx. 7 cm diameter), Tile