



S'mores Charms

Camping isn't the only time to enjoy s'mores. Make this cute morsel out of polymer clay and hang from your keys or backpack.



Ingredients (Included):

- Polymer clay: gold, hazelnut, and white
- Eye pin, 1/2 in (2)
- Thread

You Supply:

- Black Sharpie, fine tip
- Parchment paper
- Rolling pin
- X-acto knife
- Ruler (if you want to be precise)

Directions:

How to Work With Clay

Before starting, you should condition your clay, which stops it from crumbling or cracking during baking. To condition your clay, knead it and stretch it in your hands, making it more flexible and pliable. Then, when it's warmed up, roll it into a ball.

To make one charm, you'll make two graham crackers from the gold clay, one chocolate square from the hazelnut clay, and one marshmallow from the white clay. You'll assemble the charm, insert the eye pin, and then bake. Once the charm has been baked and cooled, you'll use the sharpie to draw a face.

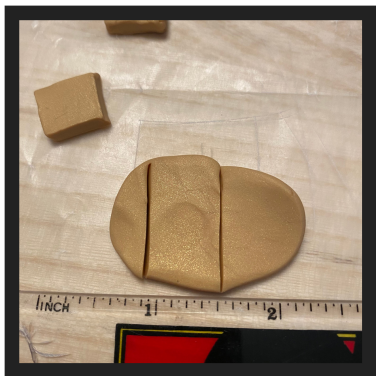
Depending on the size you make your charm, you may have enough clay to make multiple charms. If you use my measurements, you'll make pretty small charms.



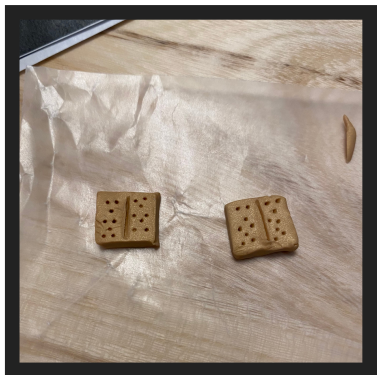
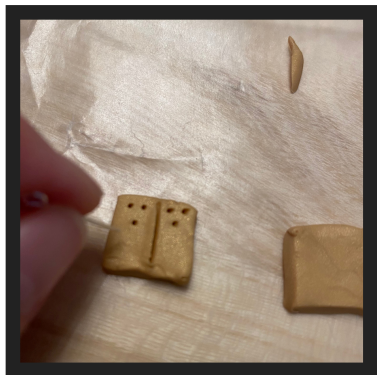
Divide the gold clay into two balls around equal size.

Then, using your rolling pin (or a substitute cylindrical object like a bottle or glass, etc.) roll each flat to about 1/4 inch thick.

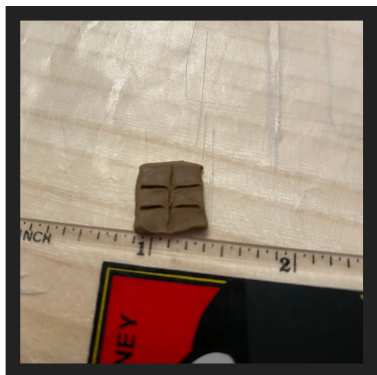
Cut into 1/2 inch squares with the x-acto knife. (I used a regular kitchen bread knife and that also worked okay.)



Smooth any rough edges with your fingers. Use the eye pin to create indentations for sections in the crackers.

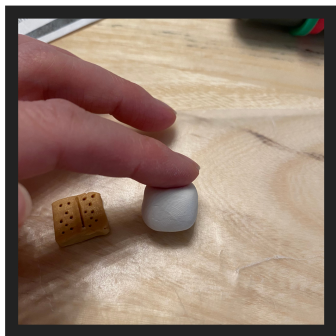
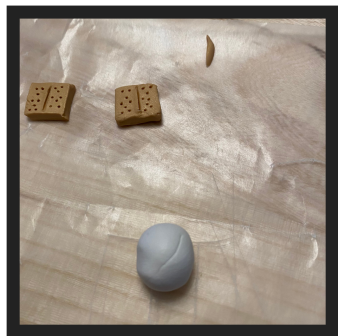


Set the crackers aside and do the same steps to make the chocolate.

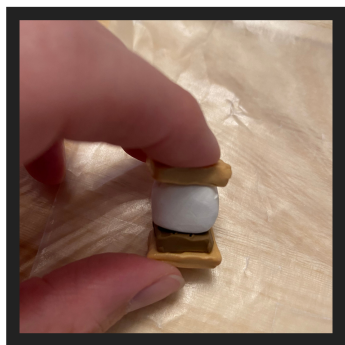
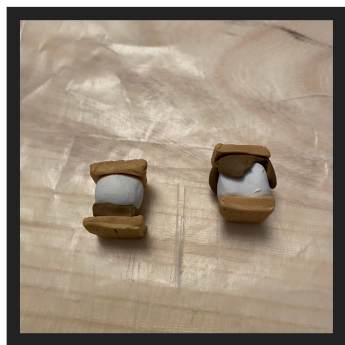


You can make a chocolate square or a blob of melted chocolate. The melted chocolate should be thinner, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick instead of $\frac{1}{4}$. To shape the melted chocolate, you can cut away sections with the x-acto knife and smooth with your fingers.

For the marshmallow, roll the white clay into a ball that is about 3/4 inch thick, then shape into a cylinder that is flat on the top and bottom.



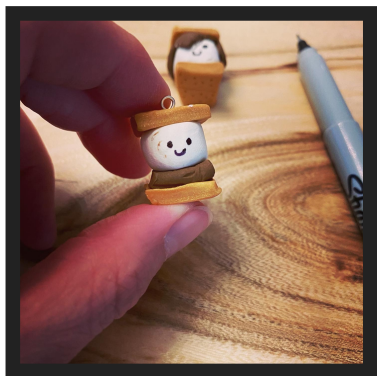
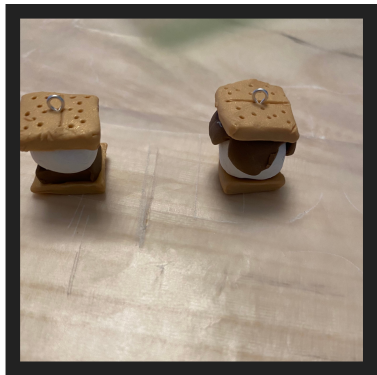
Then, assemble your charm. Place one cracker on the bottom and top it with the chocolate square, marshmallow, and the other cracker. If you made one with melted chocolate, then layer the brown on top of the marshmallow first, making it look like it's dripping down. Then place one cracker on the bottom, top with the marshmallow and the other cracker. Press down gently to attach the pieces to each other.



Finally, insert the eye pin into the center of the top cracker.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper, and bake the charm at 275 degrees for 15 minutes. This temperature ensures the clay bakes slowly without cracking or burning. Check on your charm often since ovens can vary.

Be careful when you take the charm from the oven and allow it to cool completely. Then you can draw your face with a fine-tipped sharpie.



Then loop thread through the hole in the eye pin and hang!

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