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# SCULPEY LOVE HEART EARRINGS

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### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Sculpey Clay Tool Starter Set
- Sculpey III in White, Red and Ballerina
- Sculpey Bead Making Kit
- Oven
- Baking paper
- Jewellery pliers
- Ribtex Earring hooks
- Ribtex Jump rings in 4mm & 7mm

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Step 1** - Preparation is key, decide on the colours and design you would like for your earrings so you know what you are working towards.

**Step 2** - To create marble effects, roll the white, red and pink colours into a long snake shape and then wrap/twist them around each other and then roll up into a ball. Continue mixing the colours until you are happy with the results. Then roll out flat to 2mm thick and cut out your love heart shapes from this.

**Step 3** - You can cut the clay free hand using the Sculpey cutting tools or for precision, use cutter tools. Don't forget to create holes for the jump rings, we used a toothpick.

**Step 4** - Now it's time to make some beads for the tops of the earrings. Follow the instructions in the bead making kit to create perfectly round beads in the colours of your choice to match your design, we chose white. Then using the Sculpey tools carefully create a hole through the centre of the bead so it can be threaded onto the wire later.

**Step 5** - Once you're done with your pieces, you're ready to bake your Sculpey in the oven. For best results, preheat your oven for at least 15 minutes. We recommend baking a test piece first to ensure you know

the optimal time for curing your clay as every oven will heat differently. A good rule of thumb for curing Sculpey III clay is to bake at 130C for 15 minutes for every 6mm thickness. For our 2mm thickness, it will be about 5 minutes - do not leave longer than 9 minutes.

**Step 6** - Place the pieces between 2 sheets of baking paper and put in the oven. Keep a sharp eye on the pieces to ensure they're not overbaked as this will cause yellowing on the surface. They will harden as they cool so don't be alarmed if they appear soft.

**Step 8** - Now using the pliers and jewellery accessories you can assemble your earrings. The possibilities are endless so let your creativity go wild and see what creations you come up with.