

Get Arty Project: Rainbow Pencils

Level: Medium

Want to create a rainbow from scratch? In this project **Get Arty** artist, Tilly, shows us how to create your very own rainbow pencil!

What you need:

- Plastic rolling pin
- Pencil leads
- Sharpener
- Butter knife
- Non-stick bench top (such as marble)
- Polymer clay in a variety of colours (white, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, pink)
- Baking tray
- Oven
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What you do:

1. Get the polymer clay and roll each colour into a little ball
2. Warm up the clay in your hands by rolling it around. Place ball of clay in the centre of your work space
3. Start to roll out the clay until it's a flat oval (as flat as it will go without tearing)
4. Once each colour has been flattened, lay each on top of each other with the white on the outside
5. Repeat the process rolling over the stack of clay to gently press together. The layered clay stack should be about 3mm in width
6. Take a butter knife and slice off the edges so it's a clean line making a rectangle
7. Take a pencil led and measure it against the length of the clay and trim again so it's the same length
8. Roll the clay up with the led in the middle, give it an extra roll with your hand on the bench so it's like a little sausage
9. Lay on a baking tray and bake in the oven for 10 minutes at 110 degrees
10. Take an extra layer of white polymer clay, same length, and roll up the baked one inside it
11. Bake again in the oven for a further 5 minutes. Once cooled, your pencil is ready to be sharpened and put to work!