



Mix & Match Charm Necklaces

Using simple paste beads and our new silicone charm molds, layered necklaces of different lengths show off all of your creations.

Supplies

<u>The Basics & Tools</u>	<u>Clay</u>	<u>Molds</u>	<u>Finishing</u>
Teflon Sheet	PMC3	Silicone Key Mold (SIL-KEY)	Wire Brush
Brush & Water	PMC3 Paste		Burnisher
Badger Balm		Silicone Owl Mold (SIL-OWL)	2x2 Ultra Polishing Pads
Scalpel		Silicone Charm Mold (SIL-CHMS)	Tumbler
Steel Scraper (S4)			Your choice of jump rings, beads, spacers
Small Star Cutter (PCSST)			Chain : CHRO3524 CHS3516 CHS3518
Comfort Handle Bead Reamer (DBRSC)			
Drill (PV set)			

Step-by-Step

Making the Nuggets

- 1) Start by tightly wadding small pieces of paper into various size "nuggets." Stick a toothpick through the center of each nugget.
- 2) Paint on 8-10 thick coats of PMC3 Paste. Let dry between each coat (stick the toothpicks into a Styrofoam block for support while drying).
- 3) Fill in any holes or cracks, as desired. Continue pasting until you have created "nuggets" that you like.
- 4) Dry completely and sand off any sharp edges that might be uncomfortable.



Making the Charms



5) Press PMC3 clay into the molds, scraping off the excess clay with a steel scraper. Brush on a thin coat of water and scrape again to get a smooth surface on the back side.

6) Let clay dry in the molds.



7) After clay is removed from molds, clean up the edges and be sure all the holes have been drilled with the PV Set drill.



8) For the small holes, particularly the holes for jump rings, we found it easier to drill a small hole in the unfired piece and then enlarge the hole with the reamer after firing. Because the fired silver is stronger than the unfired or "green" clay, this process reduces the chances of over-drilling and breaking the more intricate designs in the molds.

Firing and Finishing

9) Fire all the pieces, leaving the toothpicks in the nuggets to burn out during firing. **Be sure to vent your kiln and your workspace!**

10) Brush with a wire brush and burnish highlights or polish with a tumbler. We finished our polishing with a 2" x 2" Ultra Polish Pad for high shine.

11) We used various beads and spacers to attach the charms to the necklaces. We also used some small stars made with the smallest size in the PCSST cutter set.

12) The nuggets were attached with headpins as illustrated.

13) Necklaces can be joined together at the clasp or remain separate for wearing individually.

