



Clean and Casual Earrings

Finish as drop, post, or clip-on earrings!

Supplies

The Basics

Teflon sheet
Clay Roller/Slats
Badger Balm
Water and Brush
Scalpel
Baby Wipes

Clay

PMC 3 Clay
(Finished earrings are 18g.)

Other Tools

“Designed Bento Box” Texture Mat
(SM2-DEBE)

“Waves and Weaves” Texture Mat
(SM2-WW)

“Thick and Thin” Texture Mat
(SM2-THK)

Circle Cutter Set (PCSR)
Tissue Slicing Blade (SB)

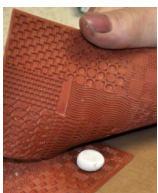
Finishing

Wire Brush
Agate Burnisher
Tumbler/Shot
2” x2” Micro Polishing Pad

Liver of sulfur
Bailbond (BLBND)
Earring post, wires, or clips

Step-by-Step

1) Lightly coat surface of roller, hands and texture mat with Badger Balm.



2) Start by creating the circles. Condition two pieces of clay by gently kneading and compressing each into a smooth ball. Flatten each ball with your hands until almost the size you need and lay on texture mat on selected design. We used a part of “Designed Bento Box” (SM3-DEBE) for the back of our earrings and “Waves and Weaves” (SM3-WW) for the front. Arrange the mats on the top and bottom of your clay and then carefully roll out to a thickness of 2 PMCC slats (six cards).

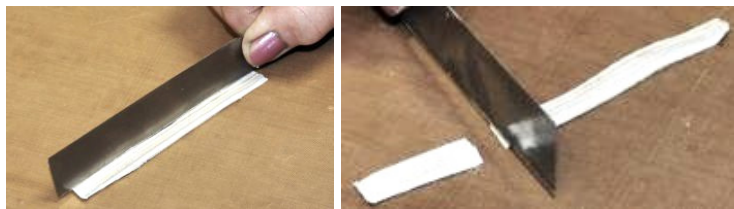
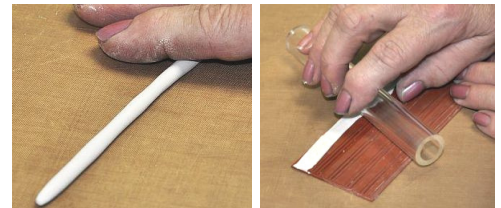
3) Move the clay to the Teflon sheet and cut each with the large cutter in set PCSR to create clean circles.





4) Gently press a straw into an oval shape and cut out an oval from the top half of each circle. Let dry.

5) Roll a snake from the remaining clay and press it lengthwise into the "Thick and Thin" texture mat. (SM2-THK).



6) Using the Tissue Slicing Blade, cut a 3/8" strip from your flattened, textured snake. Cut two pieces approximately 1" long from this strip to use as the circle clasps.

7) To assemble the pieces, flip one of the circles onto the front side and pull one of the 1" strips through the oval opening, bring the ends together and secure with PMC3 Paste. Repeat for the other earring. Let dry for a short time, flip over, and make sure the pieces fit together in a pleasing shape.



8) Dry, clean, and fire. Place a small amount of fiber under each circle for support so your earrings don't slump accidentally.

9) We dipped our earrings into Liver of Sulfur, polished with 2" x2" Ultra Polishing Pads and then burnished the high spots with an agate burnisher.

10) There are many ways to finish these earrings. Use Bailbond to attach simple ear posts or clip on backs. Or, keep adding smaller PMC loops to the top of your piece and finish with a jump ring and ear wires to make drop earrings.