



Polymer Clay Jewelry:
The Art of Aging Gracefully
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CRACKLE POP BEADS

These Crackle Pop Beads reveal the beauty to be found in crumbling and cracking surfaces. Use clay, foil, and powders to create your own beads!

- 1 Crinkle up a piece of aluminum foil** and place it on top of a sheet of white clay. Use a roller to press the foil into the clay and then peel the foil off.
- 2 Brush powders into the crevices** using a paintbrush. Remove excess powders from the surface of the clay with wide packing tape.
- 3 Brush on white powder** to soften the harsh lines. Then remove the excess powder with wide packing tape, like before.
- 4 Use your fingertip** to rub in additional powders on the surface where desired. You can achieve the look of fading, discoloration, or staining. Stop when you are happy with your crackle veneer.
- 5 Make a polymer clay bead form.** Apply sheets or strips of the veneer onto the bead, rolling it gently to attach.
- 6 Use a needle tool** to make a channel in the bead, or add a wire with a hook in the end. Bake your beads following the recommendations on your clay packaging.

