

# DIY Fun with Flora

With only a few ingredients you can make beautiful, nature-inspired decorations, dishes, pendants and more!

## What you need:

- Some type of clay. Can be homemade, self drying, or whatever you may have handy. Watch how to make your own clay here: <https://youtu.be/drZc68lSwxY>
  - A rolling pin, cup or something that can be used to flatten clay.
  - Whatever natural materials you'd like to use for the design. Leaves, twigs, flowers, pinecones... use your imagination!
- Optional:** Paint to color your creation once it is dry/hardened.
- Optional:** Wax paper to protect surfaces on which you're creating.



Once you have your materials handy it's time for the fun part!

## Step 1

Roll out your clay onto a flat surface.



## Step 2

Leave your edges natural, or cut your rolled clay into a shape.





### Step 2 (cont.)



### Step 4

Press your florals into your clay! You can use a roller, the flat bottom of a cup, or just your fingers to make sure your florals are pressed firmly enough for a clear impression. Note: for the hanging vase, I pressed the florals into the clay, folded it into the shape I wanted, then peeled off the plants to ensure the impression wasn't warped.



### Step 3

Choose your florals and arrange them how you like. Note: I placed these florals upside down, so that when I fold the clay back, the design will end up right side up.



### Step 5

If you are creating something that doesn't need to be folded, you can now gently peel off your florals to reveal the impression! To form a wall hanging container, gently lift your clay up, and fold one side back to create a pouch. Then peel off your florals to admire your design.

