

# ABORIGINAL FLAG EARRINGS

Use the instructions below to make modelling clay Aboriginal flag earrings like Aunty Dawn's. Creating earrings that feature the design of the Aboriginal flag using modelling clay, such as Fimo, can be a fun and creative project. Here's a step-by-step guide to making these unique and meaningful earrings:

## YOU WILL NEED

- Red, yellow, and black Fimo clay
- Earring hooks
- Jump rings
- A rolling pin or clay roller
- A small round cutter or a knife
- A toothpick or needle tool for making holes
- A baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- Oven (to bake the Fimo clay)
- Pliers (for attaching the jump rings and earring hooks)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Prepare the clay by kneading each colour until it's soft and pliable. This makes it easier to work with and prevents cracking.
- 2 Use a rolling pin or clay roller, roll out the black clay into a thin, even layer about 3mm thick.
- 3 Use the round cutter or knife to cut out 2 small thin rectangles.
- 4 Repeat with the red clay.
- 5 Roll out the yellow clay and cut out a small circle for the sun symbol.
- 6 Using the knife remove a circle of clay from the black and red rectangles so the yellow circle can be placed between them and the rectangles joined to create an Aboriginal flag design.
- 7 Before baking, use a toothpick or a needle tool to make a small hole at the top of the earring piece where the jump ring will go. Ensure the hole is big enough for the jump ring to fit through but not so close to the edge that it might break.
- 8 Follow the baking instructions specific to the brand of Fimo clay you're using. Typically, this will be around 110°C for 30 minutes Place your clay pieces on a parchment-lined baking sheet to bake.
- 9 Allow the pieces to cool completely after baking.
- 10 Use pliers to open the jump rings. Thread one through each hole you made in the earrings. Attach the earring hooks to the jump rings, then use the pliers to close the jump rings securely.
- 11 Ensure that all parts are securely attached and that the earrings hang correctly. Adjust as necessary.

Follows a sequence of steps to create an artwork

