

HOW TO MAKE BLUEY AND FRIENDS PENCIL TOPPERS



INSTRUCTIONS

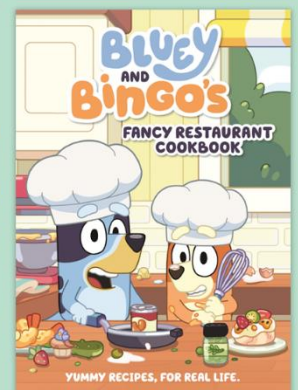
To make these toppers we will be using coloured polymer clay. This is a plastic-based clay which comes in a huge range of colours. It's similar to plasticine except it can be baked in the oven to make it super durable. It has a slightly harder texture than plasticine and works best when warmed up and rolled around in your hands to soften before shaping.

As well as the clay for each character, some simple plastic or wooden clay tools can help. If you don't have these, a simple wooden skewer and some kitchen utensils will do the trick.

This craft is better suited to slightly older kids and the baking should always be done by an adult.

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- 1 Start with a rounded rectangular blob of blue coloured clay around 4cm long and 2.5 wide. This will be Bluey's head and body.
- 2 Squeeze gently onto the top of a pencil and reshape if necessary
- 3 Add a small flattened rectangle of yellow to the centre of the body. This is the start of the mouth that we will complete later on.
- 4 Roll out a long flat rectangle of dark blue clay. Make sure it's nice and thin. Wrap around the top 1/3 of the body as per the picture. Use your fingers to gently squeeze off the excess and then blend to cover the top of the head.
- 5 Roll a small ball of yellow clay and shape into a rectangle with roundish edges. Attach to the middle of the yellow oval with the button of the rectangle lining up with the button middle of the oval shape. Add a small black triangle to finish.
- 6 Roll two equal-sized ovals of white clay and attach them above either side of the top of the nose. Add two teeny dots of black for pupils.
- 7 For Bluey's tummy, roll out some light blue thinly and cut it into a smallish square. Blend this onto the lower 1/3 of her torso.
- 8 For her ears, make two triangles in dark blue with two smaller triangles of yellow inside. Blend these onto the top of Bluey's head.
- 9 Make a very thin roll of brown clay and add it to the underside of the nose for her mouth. Trim to fit.
- 10 For Bluey's feet and hands: Make a roll of blue clay about 8cm long and 3mm wide. Cut into 2cm lengths. Roll 4 balls of light blue clay and squish them onto the ends of each length. Roll again so the 2 colours blend. For the legs, squish the light blue sections and wedge forward to make little feet. Use a skewer to mark some paw lines. For the hands, press a skewer into the blue end to create a simple hand/paw shape. Attach these to the torso and blend to join.
- 11 To finish, add a tail to Bluey's back and some light blue eyebrows.
- 12 Bake according to packet instructions.

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