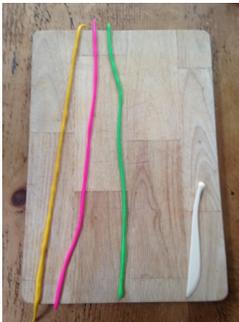


## **Making a replica millefiori bowl: INSTRUCTIONS**

### **You will need**

polymer clay, cotton thread, muffin/jam tart tins or small round pots, cling film, scissors, (oven)



1) Take about a third of three blocks of contrasting colour polymer clay.

2) Roll them out until they are about 3mm in diameter.

3) Cut each strand into four equal-length parts.



4) Bunch the strands to make a decorative pattern.

5) Carefully and gently roll the thick bunch of strands out until the 'sausage' is about 35cm long. Be careful not to push too hard, as you don't want the colours blending into one another.



6) Take a longish piece of cotton and wrap it around the mixed-colour strand about 1cm from the end. Put the start of a knot in the cotton. Pull the two ends of the cotton. This will cleanly cut off a piece of the clay without squishing the pattern.

7) Repeat until the whole polymer clay strand has been cut into 1cm pieces.



8) Line one hole of a baking tin (or a small plastic pot) with cling film.

9) Take a piece of your sliced polymer clay and gently press down on it to mask it into a disc. It should be about 2-3mm in thickness. Repeat with all the pieces of clay.

10) Line the inside of the baking tray hole/pot with the clay disks to form a bowl shape. If, after you've finished, there are any gaps, use tiny pieces of same-colour clay to fill these holes.

11) Put another piece of cling film over the top of the clay and gently smooth and press the bowl.

12) Remove from the baking tray/pot and carefully take off the cling film from the top and bottom.



13) Optional step: trim the top of the bowl to make the rim neat. However, if you prefer an irregular edge, just leave it.

14) Hand your creation to your teacher to bake. Polymer clay hardens when baked in the oven, and you will have a durable bowl.