

A condensed list of steps for the watercolor/torn paper effect in Polymer Clay

(From a tutorial by Kathi Gose)

Use Black, White, your choice of color and transparent (I suggest a firmer clay, to get a better effect). *I use the Makin's pasta machine and the largest setting is 1 and smallest is 9 (hope that helps if you have something different)*

Once clay is conditioned:

1. Get the white to a # 5 on the pasta machine. Try to make it in an even form (strip)
2. Get the black to a # 5 on the pasta machine. Trim to match the white (the best you can)
3. Get your color of choice to a # 5 and trim to match also (the best you can – won't be perfect)
4. Take the white strip and lay it on the black – **take great care in working out any air bubbles!**
5. Run the white and black stack through the pasta machine on a #4
6. Lay your color of choice on the white and black stack (**watch for air bubbles again!**)
7. Run the whole stack through the pasta machine on a #4 and set aside
8. Take the translucent and get it down to a #6
9. Lay the translucent on the top of the stack that was set aside (**again working out any air bubbles**)
10. Run the whole stack through the pasta machine on a #4 and then a #5
11. Let stack rest and cool off for a while (I found over night worked the best for me)
12. Tear pieces off in any shape to add to your project. **See tips before you begin placing the pieces.**
13. Once the pieces are on your project, ever so gently, roll over your project with a brayer or rod or anything else smooth, to press the pieces into your project to smooth it.

Tip 1 - use a deliberate tearing action to intentionally expose a thin line of black and white on the edges.

Tip 2 - I found through trial and error to taking part of my blend and cover parts of my project first and then layer the torn parts over it create better look. I don't think there is a right or wrong way to do it, what ever works for you.

Her complete online tutorial can be found here:

<http://www.dragonglass.com/tutorials/water-colortorn-paper-bead-tutorial/>