

Model Magic Chicks



Supplies:

- Crayola Model Magic (1 oz)
- Paint
- Brush
- Clean water

Instructions:

1. Make sure you have clean hands when you open the package of Model Magic. It helps to have a small container of clean water just in case things start to dry out and to aid in smoothing. The clay will start to warm up and get a little softer just being in your hands, but you don't want it to dry out too much.
2. Pinch off $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$ of the clay to use for forming additional pieces later (beak, wings, legs, eyes, etc.), making sure to wrap the reserved clay in the package so it doesn't dry out.
3. Begin by thinking about the shape you want for the body and wrapping the larger portion of the clay around a thumb and smoothing edges together as needed. The inside of the form will be hollow (like a bell), but you can roll the edge of the clay toward the inside to hide uneven edges and give some additional stability. Slowly work pinching the clay and pulling it down with your other fingers to form the shape of the body. You want the walls to be a fairly uniform thickness. You can push some of the clay out to expand the shape or pinch it in spots as desired (i.e. the neck gets pinched in, the body gets pushed out).
4. Once you have the body shape you like, use the additional bit of remaining clay to pinch off a small bit for each of the eyes and the beak. The simplest way to form the eyes is by making very small balls of clay and pinching them somewhat flat. The beak can be made by making a diamond shape and folding it in half to form two triangles. Press the eyes and beak gently into position on the face. The clay sticks fairly easily, so be sure you like where it is before attaching.
5. Make the wings in whatever shape you like and gently attach them to the body.
6. To form the legs, roll long, slender snakes of clay to the length desired; you'll want two of the same length, but don't make them too skinny or they will be fragile and possibly break. Use a small portion of the skinny snakes to form the feet/toes. Fold them into a "v" shape with pointed ends and place an end of each on either side of one end of each of the legs.



7. Attach the other ends of the legs to the inside of the body and shape them as desired (bends in the knees and feet, etc.). You may have to adjust the shape as it dries.
8. Let dry for 24-48 hours, until the figure is firm and not sticky, then paint as desired! Display proudly on a shelf!

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