



Extruder-Puzzled Trees  
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Check out the new Bisque Puzzler Coned for making these exciting trees.

Step 1 Load extruder with choice of clay and insert 3-hole attachment on the end.

Step 2 Wrap Bisque Puzzler cone with a layer of newspaper and tuck extra inside cone.

Step 3 Extrude coils of clay over a towel. Make the coils at least a foot long.

Step 4 Begin wrapping the coils around the paper-covered cone. Attach the loose end to another coil so it's not floating, leaving sharp points on the jagged end.

Step 5 Continue to overlap clay coils over the entire cone.

Step 6 Press with towel hard enough to attach all the coils where they overlap.

Step 7 Fill in any large openings with coils. Add extra coils along the bottom for extra support. Press with towel.

Step 8 Untuck any paper inside the cone.

Step 9 Slide the paper and clay off the cone and tuck extra paper inside clay tree.

Step 10 Stand the tree up on several layers of newspaper or a sheet of drywall and look straight down to make sure it's standing straight. Apply a little pressure to any area needing adjustments.

Step 11 Once the tree is firm enough to stand on its own, reach inside and gently twist the paper until it comes loose from the clay. Do not force the paper. If it does not pop loose, leave it and it will fire away.

Step 12 After allowing sufficient drying time, fire to the appropriate cone for the selected clay.

Step 13 Decorate in desired colors and technique.

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