

Puristic number tags in a concrete look for advent wreaths



First one, then two, then three, then four ...

Traditional advent wreaths have become outdated. Simple candle arrangements with number tags have taken their place - especially ones in a trendy concrete finish.

With FIMO soft, it's quick and easy to make unique and original number tags in a concrete look.



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The concrete colour for the tags is created by blending one standard block of FIMO soft in dolphin grey with 2 portions of FIMO soft in black. Use less black FIMO soft for a lighter shade of concrete and more black for a darker tone.

Use the acrylic roller to flatten the standard block of dolphin grey a little and then roll it out to a sheet using the clay machine on setting 1. Make a small sheet out of the two portions of black FIMO soft in the same way.

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Place the small black sheet on top of the sheet of dolphin grey and roll them together through the clay machine on setting 1 to create a single sheet.

Fold the sheet across and roll; fold it lengthwise and roll; fold across and roll; fold lengthwise and roll, etc.

Blending colours by rolling results in interesting marbled effects. Continue to roll until the colours are completely blended and no more patterns are visible.



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Place the sheet of FIMO soft on the baking paper.

Turn the wine glass upside down and use it to cut four circles out of the sheet of clay. Add holes with the skewer for attaching the tags to the candles later.

Leave the four circles on the baking paper and harden in the oven for approx. 30 minutes at 110 °C. Allow to cool.

Tip:

Unfinished items and left-over bits of material can be stored in a screw-top jar or kept airtight, e. g. wrapped up tightly in clingfilm.



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Print out the [pattern sheet](#) and cut the numbers out.

Place each of the number templates in the middle of each of the FIMO soft circles. Draw the outline of each number onto the respective FIMO soft circle by going around the paper templates with the karat® watercolour pencil 125. Remove the templates and paint the numbers white using acrylic paint. Allow the paint to dry. Draw a fine black contour around each of the numbers with the Lumocolor permanent pen 318. Varnish all four circles. Leave to dry.

Thread a piece of leather cord through each hole making sure both ends are the same length. Knot both ends together just above the top of the FIMO soft circles.

Decorate each of the candles with a strip of creative tape and tie a number around each one.



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Tip:

- Just the right red for the Christmas season! Those who prefer a more traditional look can make their advent candle number tags in the FIMO soft colour 'Christmas red' (8020-02). Put a red-and-white cord around the candles and attach the tags to the cord with mini pegs.
- Surprise! Make 24 tags and number them 1 to 24. Attach one tag each to bags or boxes filled with little surprise gifts. Your FIMO soft advent calendar is finished.
- You can use cookie cutters to cut out tags in different shapes, e. g. stars, moons, hearts etc.

Material overview



What you need

Product	Article no.	Quantity
FIMO® soft 8020 Oven-hardening modelling clay - Single product dolphin grey	8020-80	1
FIMO® soft 8020 Oven-hardening modelling clay - Single product black	8020-9	1
FIMO® 8700 05 Acrylic roller - Blistercard Acrylic roller for an even rolling out of FIMO, for a particularly smooth surface, Ø 25 mm, length 20 cm	8700 05	1
FIMO® 8713 Clay machine - Big cardboard box containing clay machine in red colour	8713	1
Lumocolor® permanent pen 318 Permanent universal pen F - Single product black	318-9	1
karat® aquarell 125 Professional watercolour pencil - Single product white	125-0	1

Additionally required:

Smooth work surface (glass or ceramic), 4 rustic pillar candles in grey (each 130 mm in height with Ø 68 mm), kitchen knife, baking paper, wine glass or other glass (Ø 6 cm), metal skewer, craft scissors, white acrylic paint, brush for painting and varnishing, black leather cord (approx. Ø 2 mm), creative tape 'loops' in black-grey (15 mm wide)