Coral look lanterns

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This colour doesn't just stir the senses, it also gets you in the mood for summer, sunshine and holidays... Holidays where bright corals shimmer in the water while colourful fish swim around.

Living Coral is the Pantone Colour of the Year for 2019. And the FIMO soft colour flamingo is a close match for this, allowing you to bring summer into your home right now with these unusual home made coral look lanterns.

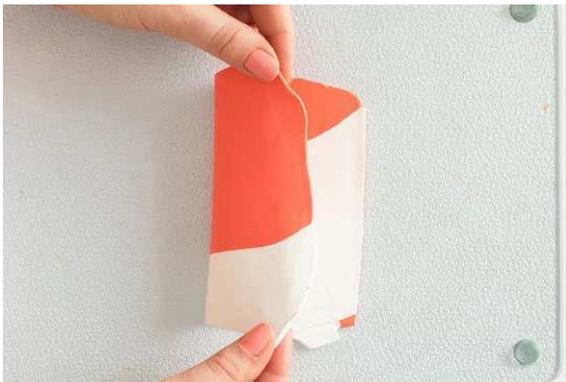An article by **Lisa Tihanyi**

Step-by-step tutorial

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Roll out 2 blocks each of FIMO soft flamingo and white into sheets about 5 mm thick using the acrylic roller.

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Cut each sheet into two triangles and press together at the seam.

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Now fold the sheet in half, white on white and flamingo on flamingo.

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Then pass the folded sheet through the clay machine on setting 1, join first.

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Now fold the sheet again, roll it through the clay machine again and fold once more.

Important: Always fold in the same direction, flamingo onto flamingo and white onto white. Repeat the above steps until you achieve the colour gradient you want.

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Now place the FIMO sheet on your working surface and use the knife to cut out a coral design. Let your imagination run free – the more branches, the better.

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Remove the surplus and smooth the coral with the modelling tool. Pierce small holes in the ends of the branches if you like and fill them with a small piece of FIMO in a contrasting colour.

For example, you can fill the lighter coloured branch ends with flamingo coloured FIMO.

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Once you're happy with your coral, position it around your lantern and press down carefully to ensure it sticks to the glass.

You can adjust the shape a little at this point if you want to.

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Now harden the lantern in the oven at 110 °C / 230 °F and then leave to cool.

And you're done!

Material overview