MOG CRAFT PROJECT: PLAY-DOH MURRINE

Inspired by Richard Marquis: Keepers.

This activity will help you to understand the process of creating murrine and how artist Richard Marquis incorporates them into his work to create complex patterns and textures.

MATERIALS:
• Play-Doh
• Sharp kitchen knife
• Rolling pin
• Baking sheet
• Box lid or picture frame
• Hot glue
• Outline of design

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Prepare three colors of Play-Doh by rolling into cylinders approximately 6” long.
2. Choose the color you would like to be the center of your murrine and set aside.
3. Roll your second and third colors into flat sheets that are thin enough to wrap around the first color but not too thin that it becomes unworkable.
4. Place the first color onto the second color and roll it up like a sushi roll.
5. Repeat this process with the third color.
6. Begin to gently press the cane into a square shape using a sheet or a rolling pin.
7. Keep stretching and rolling while keeping the square shape intact.
8. When you have reached the desired thickness, cut the cane into 1/8” pieces.
9. Allow Play-Doh to dry in a warm, well-ventilated area for about a day.
10. Once Play-Doh is dry, get creative! Try gluing murrine onto a sturdy backing with hot glue to create a mosaic. You can also add hooks or loops to create jewelry.

Note: This project can also be done with polymer clay to create more intricate designs.

For more instruction, see Kaleidoscope Cane Tutorial at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqCDFnxwkNE