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Let's make a funny spider-shaped brooch and get rid of arachnophobia. This form of therapy is non-violent and can be very entertaining and creative. Color combinations are endless and this beautiful brooch will surely make you happy.

Materials & Tools:

- Light Gray Metallic Polymer Clay
- [LC Glassymer](#) + [LC Glassymer Color Gel](#)
- Small round cutter
- [LC Stencil](#) with spider web pattern
- Machine or roller
- Stylus and 1 mm needle
- Blade, scalpel
- Soft brush
- Texture sponge
- Baking tile
- Polymer liquid
- Brooch pin connector

Assembly tools:

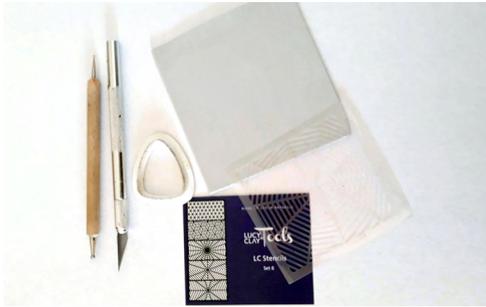
- 0.8 mm / 0.03" jewelry wire
- round pliers
- wire cutters
- small beads

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Tereza lives in Libčice nad Vltavou. She graduated from the Secondary School of Applied Arts and VOŠ in Jablonec nad Nisou. She started working with polymer clay in 2012 more or less by accident. She draws her inspiration from surroundings, and the polymer has become just the right medium for her, which, even at home, with a few skills can be turned into almost anything.

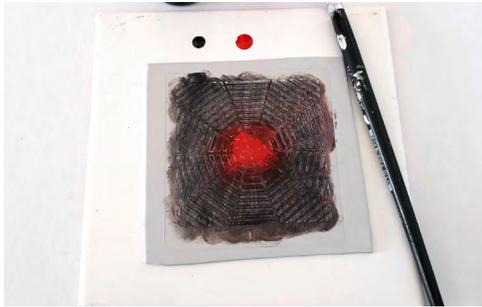
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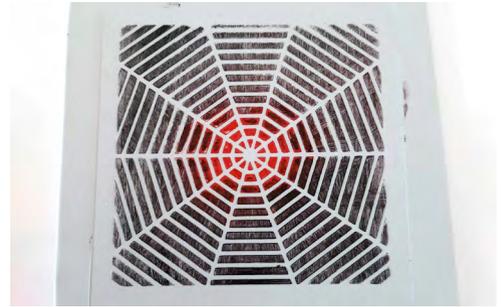
Condition a half of bar of gray polymer clay and run through the pasta machine (thickness about 1.2 mm / 0.05").

Prepare an LC Stencil with spider web pattern.



Place the sheet on a tile. Put the LC Stencil on the sheet and carefully roll with a roller.

Drop some red and black LC Glassymer Color Gel on the the tile. From the center of the stencil, apply red with a finger or a brush, and then, from corners to the center, apply black until the colors blend.



Carefully remove the LC Stencils from the polymer sheet, wash the Stencil with water and soap, then carefully dry.



Choose a part of the web that you like most and cut out the abdomen of the future spider with a cutter. Then cut one more piece. Do not throw away the rest, you will need it for the body. Put the base for abdomen aside. Now, using a scalpel, cut out a contour 2 - 3 mm / 0.08-0.11" wide.



Put the contour on the base and gently squeeze, everything must fit exactly (we can use a paper tissue so that the top drawing does not blur). We have a finished abdomen and now we are going to model the body.



From the rest of the sheet, cut out a rectangle about 2 cm x 2.5 cm / 0.78-1". Make a cylinder, flatten it, so that the abdomen and the body are of same width.



Using stylus, model the spider's body, indicate the future head and body structure (see picture). Press out eyes with a stylus and dip the top of the stylus into a drop of black Glassymer, so that the eyes are highlighted as well as the contours of the body. Glue two more pieces of material like the mandibles, gently press against the base of the body.



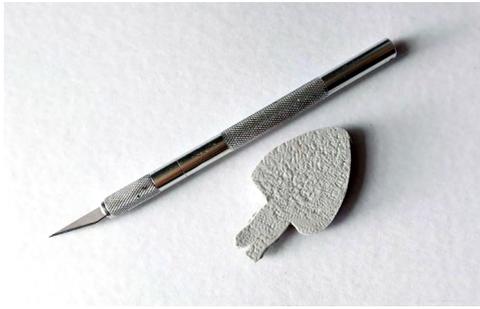
Place the prepared body base on the baking tile and pour LC Glassymer in the spider's abdomen up to the edge of and bake according to the manufacturer's instructions (approx. 130°C).



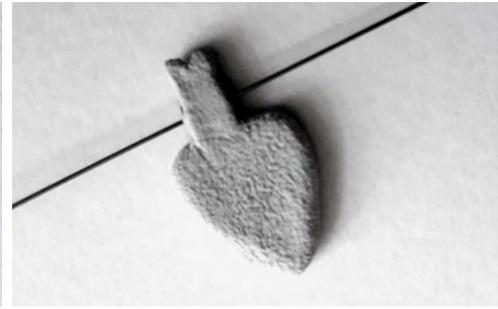
Let the baked body cool down properly and carefully remove it from the baking tile. Do not touch the transparent part until it has cooled down completely, otherwise fingerprints would destroy the transparency effect.



Now let's work on the brooch. Condition the rest of bar of gray polymer clay and run through the pasta machine (medium thickness), then texture the sheet with a sponge.



Put some liquid on the bottom part of the spider and cover it with a textured sheet, cut off the excess with a scalpel and smooth the edges with a sponge.



Now make four holes in the body part with a needle for the future legs of our spider.



Make the holes close to each other only in the body part, smooth them carefully so that there are not any sharp points (see picture).



Glue the brooch pin connector to the body of the spider, cover it with a little bit of polymer clay and press with a stylus or a logo stamp.

Fasten the brooch to make sure there is no excess polymer clay.

Bake again in the oven, best placed on a piece of paper or padding. Face up. Let it cool completely.



Prepare wire cutters, jewelry wire and small beads. Using wire cutters, cut off four pieces (approx. 18 cm / 7" long) of the wire and make a loop at the end of each wire, so that the beads do not fall out of it.



String about 7 cm / 2.7" of beads on the wire, push the wire through the body of the spider, do the same on other side, and, again, make a loop. Continue until we have all eight spider legs.



Shape the spider's legs so that the front two pairs are facing forward while the back two pairs are facing backward.



Turn the brooch and adjust the legs as you prefer. And here is the final version of our spider.



LC GLASSYMER

Transparent GEL

A liquid bakeable **Transparent GEL** creates a flexible 100% clear layer that looks just like glass. It may also be used as a protective coating, a sealant, or a bakeable glue.

Color GEL

A liquid bakeable **Color GEL** creates a flexible layer that looks just like glass. Mix a small amount of **Color GEL** with **Transparent GEL** to achieve transparent layer.

Liquid GLUE

Adheres two pieces of polymer clay (both raw and baked) and clay to porous materials. **Liquid GLUE** is less transparent and less flexible.



Bake in the electric oven
at **140°C** for **30 minutes**.

Can be baked longer if necessary.



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