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A fun, step-by-step guide to create a pair of beautiful polymer clay earrings, with the aid of LC Glassymer. These colorful floral hoop studs will be perfect for your summertime joyrides!

The LC Glassymer Transparent GEL is a material I haven't used before, and one that required an entirely different approach. Due to its liquid form, I found it far less controllable than polymer clay and far more challenging. As a result, I had to come up with more creative ways on how to use it, it opened alternative possibilities and gave an exciting new dimension to my jewelry.

Materials & Tools:

- Black, green and pink polymer clay
- [LC Glassymer Transparent GEL](#)
- [LC Stencils](#)
- Round clay cutters of two different sizes
- Pasta machine or/and roller
- Blade, scalpel
- Baking tile
- Oven thermometer
- Glue
- Earring posts

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Alexandra Buga is a polymer clay creator residing in Drama, Greece. She has an academic background in Linguistics and Art Therapy, but her interest in art, design and folklore, as well as her sheer love for texture and color, led her to the creative path. She launched her jewelry brand BLACK TROPICANA in 2018 and her newfound hobby became a full-time occupation.

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Condition the black clay that will be used as the base in the pasta machine and prepare a fine polymer clay sheet of approximately 2 mm. Then, condition the green and pink clay separately and run it through the pasta machine on the thinnest available setting.



Use the scalpel on the green and pink clay sheets to cut the variant floral shapes, flowers and leaves alike. Arrange them on your black base as sparse or dense as you like and use the roller to press them in. Then, use the round cutters to create your hoops.



Place your hoops on a tile. Cut some extra green leaf shapes, as thick as your black clay sheet, and place them inside your hoops. Then, carefully fill in the gap with LC Glassymer Transparent GEL.



Prepare a light pink sheet of approximately 2 mm and use an LC Stencil of your preference to emboss its surface.



Cut the pink clay with the smaller cutter in round shapes.



Place the tile with your shapes in your preheated oven. Follow the baking instructions according to your clay manufacturer and don't forget to use an oven thermometer to keep track of the baking temperature.



After your shapes are baked, sand their edges thoroughly, so that both the transparent and embossed surfaces stay unaffected. Glue the posts to the back of the small pink round shapes and wait for them to dry. Then, glue the round shapes to your hoops.



Voilà! Your earrings are ready. Wear them and be gorgeous!

Extra Tips

You can put some extra flavor to your clay texture, by mixing a color variant to create a marble effect.

Try to avoid overloading your hoops with the LC Glassymer Transparent GEL, otherwise it will become blurry in the sanding procedure.

If you want to avoid air bubble in your LC Glassymer Transparent GEL, delicately stir it before using it. If air bubbles is an effect you want to achieve, you can shake it roughly.

The more meticulously you prep the first six steps, the better the result of the baked jewel will be.

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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