



Let it Snow!

Winter Birdhouse

Materials needed:

- Best Flexible Mold #017 Let It Snow!!
- Wooden Bird house available at hobby and discount stores. (The one shown cost \$ 2.27.)
- Polymer Clay: Red and white.
- Acrylic paint; dark blue, medium blue, black, red, orange and green (or any colors you prefer for the snowman's hat, mittens and scarf).
- Brushes: 1/2" brush to paint house, smaller brush to paint the hat, scarf and mittens. Small detail brushes to paint snowman's eyes and buttons and bird's

eye and beak.

- Strong glue like E-6000®.
- Varnish recommended by clay manufacturer.
- Optional: Paper clay may be used instead of polymer clay.
- Optional: Eye screw and 6" of light weight chain or wire for a hanger.

How to use the mold with polymer clay:

1. Condition polymer clay according to the manufacturer's directions.
2. The measurement chart on the color cover sheet indicates how much clay is needed to fill each mold cavity. Roll a ball of clay, check the size on the circle outline. Add or subtract clay accordingly.
3. Gently squeeze the ball into a shape similar to the opening in the mold cavity. See illustration above.
4. Press clay into the deepest part of the mold and out from the center to the edges.
5. If you over fill a mold, trim the excess with a flat blade knife or a clay knife. Before removing part from mold, clean the edges by pulling clay around the edges back into the mold with your fingertips.
6. Remove the cast part carefully by flexing the mold. To remove tiny parts, roll a small piece of clay with a cone shape on one end. Touch the cone point to the molded part to lift.
7. Bake clay according to manufacturer's directions.
8. If material builds up in mold wash in warm water with dish soap. All to dry

MOLD THE FOLLOWING:

White polymer clay: One Snowman. Six each of Sn-1 & Sn-2 (snowflakes).

Red polymer clay: One bird, one H-1 heart.

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If the clay tends to stick in the mold, mist mold lightly with water (remove excess), or lightly brush the mold cavity with talcum powder (remove excess). To demold, gently flex in several directions loosening the part, then flex more fully, lifting or tipping the part from the mold.



1. Paint birdhouse dark blue, paint roof and base medium Blue. Allow to dry.

2. Demolding: After molding each part, clean up the edges. Avoid touching the soft, molded part with your fingernails. Use the pads of your fingers to handle the molded parts.

3. Flatten the back of each piece before de-molding.

4. Place all parts on a baking surface. Bake following manufacturer's instructions. Allow to cool.

5. Paint the snowman as follows: Hat - black acrylic (or brown, tan, green, etc.) Eyes & Buttons: Using stylus or tiny brush, dot the eyes and buttons with black paint. Mittens- Green acrylic thinned so that the texture of the mitten will show through the paint. (Or use blue, yellow etc.) Scarf - Red acrylic thinned so that the texture of the scarf shows through the paint. (Or use blue, yellow etc.) 'Carrot' nose - orange paint Hatband - Use full strength color of choice on the hat band. Fringe on scarf and Snowflake- lightly dry brush with white acrylic paint to bring out detail. Optional: use any full strength paint to make dots on hatband. Allow to dry.

6. Paint the bird as follows: paint the face of the bird black. When dry, paint the eye and the beak orange. Allow to dry.

7. Using strong glue like E-6000®, glue the snowman and the bird onto the front of the birdhouse.

8. Using strong glue like E-6000®, glue one Sn-1 and Sn-2 snowflake onto the sides, back and roof. Glue one snowflake on the front of the roof peak and one on the front below the bird as shown. Glue the heart, H-1, to the front of the perch as shown. Allow to dry.

9. Varnish birdhouse and all molded parts using varnish recommended by clay manufacturer.

10. Optional: Screw the eye screw into the center, top of the birdhouse. Link the lightweight chain to the eye screw for a hanger.

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