

How to Mould with Friendly Plastic® Scraps

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This is a great way to use up all your Friendly Plastic scraps.



You'll need Friendly Plastic scraps, a heat gun, Tim Holtz Tonic scissors, a bowl of cool water and a mould. I've used Krafty Lady art mould AM298 Lge Paris.



Cut up the scrap Friendly Plastic into small pieces.



Place them in a single layer in the bottom of the mould.



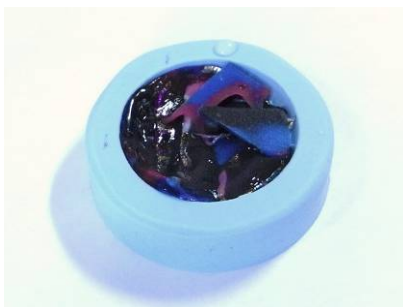
Heat the scraps with the heat gun until it is softened.



Dip your fingers in water and press into the melted Friendly Plastic to meld the scraps together.



Add another layer of scrap Friendly Plastic and heat once more until it is softened.



Dip your fingers in water and press the melted Friendly Plastic scraps together. Continue adding layers of scraps.



And continue heating.



Even use the bits you pull off the marbling comb. There is no wastage with Friendly Plastic – all your scraps can be re used.



Add the final layer to fill the mould, heat and smooth out the surface so that the Friendly Plastic is level with the top of the mould. Remember to wet your fingers.



Place the mould and Friendly Plastic in cool water and leave for a few minutes to set.



Remove the mould from the water and pull the edge of the mould away from the cast. It will remove easily.



You never quite know how the cast will turn out when you use your scraps and sometimes you need to recolour them. Try alcohol inks, Krylon Leafing Pens or AMACO's Rub 'n Buff.



I'm using Rub 'n Buff on my finger.



Apply it lightly to the raised areas of the design.



Here's the completed embellishment ready for use in your project.

Because you have a solid back you can attach it to using Pritt Power Gel or strong double sided tape. If you need an archival adhesive, try Helmar Liquid Scrap Dots.