

It's January, and you know what that means. Time to send thank you cards to everyone who was so kind to you over the holidays.

Too busy crafting, you say? Combine the two with these quick to fix and easy to send Thank You cards.

Supplies

- Card stock in different colors
- Polymer clay in colors matching the card stock (use the firmer polymer clays for this project)
- Scrapbooking punches
- Scrapbooking scissors
- Pasta machine
- White glue



Step One:

Compare your card stock (which you can purchase at any craft store) and your polymer clay. Make sure they are the same color or at least complimentary colors.

Here, I had all the right colors except blue, so I mixed some white and navy together to get the right shade of blue.



Step Two:

Roll your clay out, using one of the thinner settings on your pasta machine. You need the sheets of clay thin enough to fit into the scrapbooking punch.

Cure your clay following the manufacturer's directions.



Step Three:

When the clay is cured and **still warm**, use your scrapbooking punches . . .



. . . to make little polymer clay punchouts . . .



and use your scrapbooking scissors to cut out geometric shapes with decorative edging.

I created large and small squares. To get squares, or any shape, to be the same size every time you cut them, create a template from paper, then place the paper on the clay and cut around it.

It's important to cut the clay while it is **still warm**. Otherwise, the clay can break instead of cut.

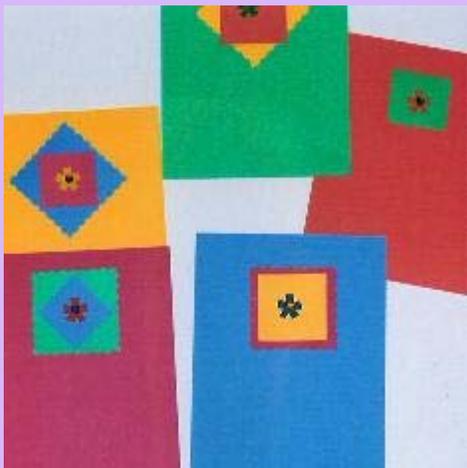
If your clay cools down before you are finished cutting, simply toss it in the oven for 5 minutes to heat it back up.

Step Four:

Once you've punched out and cut out your clay shapes, you need to create the card. The size of the card will depend on the size of the envelope you will mail it in. I didn't follow my own advice, and ended up making envelopes to fit the cards!

If you want to use a standard letter-sized envelope, cut your paper 7 inches x 6 inches. Then fold in half so you have a card 3 1/2 inches x 6 inches.

If you want to use a standard legal-sized envelope, cut your paper 8 inches by 9 inches. Then fold in half so you have a card 4 inches by 9 inches.



Step Five:

Using plain white glue, affix your polymer clay pieces to the front of the card in a pleasing design. You can embellish the design as well. Here, I used little jewels in the center of the design.

Don't use too much glue between the card and the clay, or the paper will buckle.

Once the glue is dry, **and this is the most important step!**, **write** your thank you notes and **send** them off.