

Book Plate Making

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Materials:

1. Apoxie Sculpt, 2-part epoxy sculpting compound
2. Apoxie solvent cleaner/release agent
3. Apoxie Paste
4. Cardstock
5. Clay tool to remove sculpting clay from credit card (spatula type)
6. Credit card
7. Embossing plates and rubber stamps
8. Gesso, black
9. Gloves
10. Jewelry finding
11. Jewelry pliers
12. Jump rings, medium or large
13. Marker, permanent fine point
14. Metallic wax rub, silver
15. Necklace chain
16. Non-stick mat
17. Paint brush
18. Ribbon piece
19. Ruler
20. Scissors
21. Small hole punch

Instructions:

1. Set out a credit card and 11 traced cardstock templates (for larger books or other designs, you can use the plastic cut from milk or drink jugs instead of credit cards)
2. Cut credit card in half vertically
3. Fold 10 templates in half, cut one in half
4. Punch 5 holes for binding and 1 for tying into each of the halves of CUT cardstock template
5. Mix equal amounts of Apoxie Sculpt Clay A and B to form a ping pong ball
6. Cut the ball in half and spread them over the one side of each of the credit card pieces **WEAR GLOVES**
7. With a scraping motion, trim all edges of the credit card on a non stick mat
8. Rub the surface of the clay with releasing product and depress either a rubber stamp or embossing folder design into the surface. Do for both cards

9. Overlay lightly, your cardstock templates and mark holes all the way through to the credit card with wooden skewer
10. Place a jump ring in between the credit card and the Apoxie Sculpt Clay, centered, in the back book plate
11. Let dry 24 hours
12. Remove the clay carefully from the credit card backing
13. Paint with black gesso
14. Rub with a metallic wax product to make design pop
15. Insert cardstock pages and Coptic stitch together(see YouTube video)
16. Add two jump rings and a ribbon for book closure
17. Optional (using the Apoxie Paste, attach a costume jewelry piece to the front book plate)

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Tutorial: coptic book stitching: <https://youtu.be/U-LZSW5J7mc>