

Out of the Bowl Ideas:

Today I'm going to show you how to transform an ordinary bowl fish bowl (new glass or recycled bowls, vases etc.) into a work of art by building a removable custom base for it and accenting the glass. The samples here are all fish bowls but I'm going to add another idea by making a succulent bowl!

Its simple to take a bowl you already have and just make accents to it like embellishing the rim of the bowl with Apoxie Sculpt and some crushed rocks. or expand on that idea by adding a dragonfly using a press mold, if you wanted you could sculpt something, add texture stamps, mica powders, glitter, found objects, tiles/shells...could be anything; elaborate on this idea. We are going to turn a bowl on its side (or any way you like) by adding a custom base to hold your creation, and keep it all removable for easy cleaning.... you could even add a LED light under the base for added effects!

*Pick a bowl you can easily get your hand into - this will make things easy when you have to clean it! the shape is not important because we will be making a base that will hold it.

1. Start with tin foil - shape as desired crumpling it up to make a base to fit your bowl as you like, test fit it. it should be about the size you want the finished item to be. note that you dont have to make this removable - you can add it right to your glass but it sure makes it easier to clean if it's removable.
2. Cover your bowl in press & seal to keep it clean. lay a piece of zip lock bag under the glass into the base each time you test fit. the plastic will keep the bowl from sticking to the Apoxie Sculpt.

Ready to mix Apoxie Sculpt?! Okay Lets do this!

3. Wearing gloves, Mix & Knead Apoxie® Sculpt for 2 minutes until color is uniform and it feels a little warm in your hand. (this is your signal for Apoxie activation!). Roll it out to make it easiest to apply to the foil, you want to cover the outside and inside of your foil base with the Apoxie Sculpt (remember to test fit the bowl) - you could even use this technique to customize a base you found in the store to fit your container) apply the clay as desired use press molds or just embellish - anything stick into this clay! or get sculptural and really shape it into something cool. The glass stays removable so it's easy to clean - and the clay is waterproof and safe to use in or out of an aquarium so it's not a problem that it gets wet.

4. Use a press mold - like this tree mold, spray a little cooking spray on the mold and press and pull away from the clay. , roll out a snake/tootsie and press it on the rim of the glass, roll it in crushed rock like you would salt a margarita glass ;). keep rolling out more clay and make a vine to place on the glass bowl. Use a leaf mold and press & pull the Apoxie again apply that to the bowl. dust leaf with mica powders. You can add more press molds or pieces to the wood base at anytime - *Apoxie Sculpt sticks to itself in any stage of set up. Have fun with it. remove the press n seal on the bowl anytime you like after test fitting.

5. Use Aves Safety Solvent to remove any unwanted Apoxie residue on your glass before it cures.

*Let your project sit for 24 hours to fully cure.

6. Add your succulents to the bowl and grow as normal ;) - hoping Julie will help with putting them in there ;)

Supply List:

Glass bowl/jar

press n seal

ziplock bags

tin foil

plastic rolling pin

coconut spray

tree bark mold

leaf mold

crushed amethyst

mica powders

Disposable mixing gloves

succulents & moss

Aves Apoxie Sculpt, www.apoxie.com

Aves Safety Solvent, www.apoxie.com