# Modelling ladybirds

**Instructions No. 3213** 

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 2 Hours

Are you ready to get creative and make **adorable ladybirds out of modelling clay**? These simple craft instructions are perfect for children and adults alike and offer not only crafting fun, but also an end result to be proud of. By using modelling clay and permanent markers, you can give your ladybirds a very personal touch.



### Modelling your own ladybirds: step-by-step instructions

#### Step 1: Preparing the modelling clay

To start, cut off any amount of modelling clay and knead it well. Thorough kneading ensures that the modelling clay is smooth and easy to shape.

#### Step 2: Moulding the ladybird

Use the kneaded modelling clay to shape the body of the ladybird. Remember to also mould two small balls that will later serve as antennae.

#### **Step 3: Add details**

This is where you can get creative. You can either paint the characteristic dots on the ladybird's angel wings later or press them into the modelling clay now using a round bar. Also use modelling tools to carve the ladybird's face and fine lines. If any unevenness or cracks appear while modelling, you can smooth them out with a little water.

#### **Step 4: Positioning the antennae**

Take the craft sticks and prick them where you want the antennae to be and place the beads on top. However, pull the balls off again immediately so that they can dry separately. You can then paint them without any problems.

#### Step 5: Dry and paint

Once everything has dried well, you can paint the ladybirds with permanent markers. Be creative with the colours and patterns! Don't forget to decorate the balls, which will later be placed back on the craft sticks.

#### **Step 6: Final assembly**

As soon as the paint has dried, place the painted balls back on the craft sticks and your personalised ladybirds are ready!

Now it's up to you to enrich the world with your homemade ladybirds made from modelling clay.

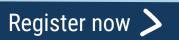
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