Tiny Snowmen in a Snow Globe



Materials:

Small amounts of polymer clay in White, Purple, Black and Red

Dome and base (available in packs of ten on Amazon – 20x15mm Cute Mini Clear Glass Globe with findings)

Tools:

- **1. Black extra fine permanent marker**
- 2. Two ceramic tiles one to work and one to bake on
- 3. Ruler
- 4. Single edge razor
- 5. Tacky glue
- 6. Toothpick
- 7. Ball stylus 3/32"
- 8. Toaster Oven for baking clay

DIRECTIONS:



Step 1. Condition* clay and prepare 3/8" ball of white clay, 1/8" diameter snake (long roll) of white clay – 1" long; 1/8" snake of black clay – $\frac{1}{4}$ " long; 1/32" or smaller, skinny snake of red clay – 1" long and 1/8" ball of purple clay.



Step 2. Shape base from white clay 3/8" ball by rolling into cylinder and lightly flattening top and bottom to fit into base of dome. Glass domes are handmade and openings may vary in size. It's important to make sure your snow base fits into the opening at the bottom of the dome. Bake the clay on a ceramic tile (or a piece of foil) for 15 minutes at 275 degrees. Remove and allow to cool.



Step 3. Cut white 1/8" snake in half with single edge razor. Cut each half into three graduated pieces and roll into balls for the snowman's head and two piece body. Stack two sets off snowman bodies onto base from Step 1 using tiny amounts of Tacky glue. Bake the clay on a ceramic tile (or a piece of foil) for 15 minutes at 275 degrees. Remove and allow to cool.



Step 4. Top Hat – Cut tiny piece of black clay and roll into a ball then flatten into a 5/32" disk and glue to snowman head with tiny bit of Tacky glue. Glue1/8" piece of snake to center of disk/top of hat. Flatten skinny snake of red clay and glue around hat for band and around neck for a scarf.

Knit hat – Roll purple clay into teardrop, shape hollow in base with a stylus and glue to head of second snowman or snow

woman. Use toothpick to shape hat cuff and slightly twist top.

Bake the clay on a ceramic tile (or a piece of foil) for 15 minutes at 275 degrees. Remove and allow to cool.



Step 5. Add eyes and buttons with extra fine black permanent marker. Glue snow base to silver dome base with Tacky glue and add dome.

* I condition polymer clay in small amounts by chopping it into small pieces and rolling it together into a ball, then a snake, repeatedly until the clay holds together well and does not crumble. For large amounts of clay, I use a pasta machine to help knead the clay.

I hope you enjoy this little winter project!

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