## How to Make Chocolate Covered Strawberries From Janet Smith



These pics and instructions are of quarter scale chocolate covered strawberries as I made them a long time ago. But they can be easily upscaled! I'll give some hints as we go along on that.

Supplies Needed:

Red Polymer Clay

Sandpaper

Blue Tacky stuff

**Toothpick or Tweezers** 

Brown Glossy Fabric Paint

Green Stuff (I used artificial grass foam for the quarter scale, but some dark green paper will work for larger scales!)

## Instructions.

- 1. Start by rolling your clay into small balls. Fortunately for you quarter scalers, chocolate covered strawberries tend to be made using only the best and biggest strawberries! So you can use a 1/16" ball for quarter scale, 1/8" ball for half scale and 1/4" ball for 1" scale.
- 2. Once you've got a little ball, roll it a bit more, this time on a piece of sandpaper, shaping into a cone shape. The sandpaper adds some texture. You won't see a lot of it (and might not see any of it for smaller scales), but that will make a few divots in the clay where the seeds would have been. Cook these based on the directions for your polymer clay...though I always went a little lower than specified

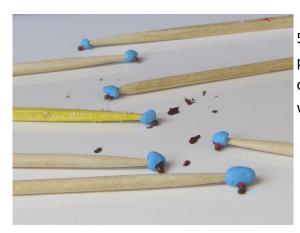
and cooked for a much shorter time when I did the quarter scale strawberries.

3. For the quarter scale ones, I put a little blue tack on the end of a toothpick to hold the strawberry. Some of you might find it easier, on the larger scale strawberries, to use tweezers.

4. Then I literally dipped the strawberries into the paint. You can do the same with the larger strawberries, just roll them around a bit in the paint to get all of the sides covered.

NOTE: YOU want to leave some red showing on the top of the strawberry!





5. Set the strawberry on a piece of waxed paper to dry. The paint will pool at the bottom of the strawberry, just like the chocolate sauce does. For the little guys, I just let them dry while they were still stuck to the blue tack.

6. Once dry, you can put JUST ONE LITTLE piece of green foam turf on the top as the stem. For larger scales, cut out /punch out a shape like this, a little smaller than the diameter of your strawberry, and glue to the unpainted top of the strawberry:



- 7. You add stems to the larger ones if you want, using a small piece of green wire or paper.
- 8. Arrange on a serving dish, glue in place, and you are ready to go! This is what my quarter scale dish looked like:



