christmas balls with structure paste and gold leaf

Instructions No. 3136

Difficulty: Beginner

Working time: 2 Hours

Crafting is not only a creative break from from everyday life, but also a wonderful way to create individual decorations. In this tutorial, I'll show you how to create **festive tree baubles with leaf metal and structure paste**. These sparkling baubles will turn your tree into an absolute highlight! Let's make your crafting skills shine together!



Make your own shiny tree baubles: Step-by-step instructions for enchanting decorations

Step 1: Preparing the papier-mâché baubles

First, prepare the papier-mâché balls that will form the base of your sparkling tree baubles. Use crepe-adhesive tape, to carefully mask off the balls where the gold is to be placed.

Step 2: Applying the gold leaf priming milk

Now the gold leaf priming milk comes into play. Use a brush to apply the liquid gold leaf priming milk evenly to the masked balls. Allow the gold leaf priming milk to dry until transparent. This step is important so that the leaf metal adheres well later.

Step 3: Apply leaf metal

Once the gold leaf priming milk has dried, you can apply the leaf metal to the prepared balls. Use a soft, dry brush to carefully press on the leaf metal . Make sure you work carefully, as the leaf metal is very thin and delicate. remove any excess residue with a dry brush.

Step 4: Polishing the balls

Allow the balls to dry completely. You can then polish them as desired with a soft polishing cloth or absorbent cotton. This step gives the baubles a particularly shiny and elegant look.

Step 5: Applying the top coat

Now comes protective varnish. Coat the baubles with a special coating varnish to protect the leaf metal from external influences. Allow the varnish to dry well again before continuing with the next step.

Step 6: Design with structure paste and concrete color

Now remove the crêpepaper. For an unusual surface texture, apply structure paste to the spheres. Use a spatula or a bristle brushes, depending on which effect you prefer. You can then color the desired spheres with Beton Color. Here, too, Time to dry: is important: let the spheres dry well again before you work on them further .

Must Have



VBS Papier mâché ball, 6 stuks

Content: 6 pieces
Diameter (outside): 6 cm
Material: Plastic, Paper mache

100,69 Kč
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Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart



VBS Structure paste "Fine grain", 230 ml

Fill volume: 230 ml

141,69 Kč (1 l = 616,04 Kč)

Item details

Quantity: − 1 + Add to cart



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Article number	Article name	Qty
706230	VBS Papier mâché ball, 6 stuks	1
27551	VBS Structure paste "Fine grain"230 ml	1
570183-01	VBS Leaf metal, 40 sheetsGold coloured	1
570022	KREUL Gold leaf priming milk, 50 ml	1
570220	KREUL Brushes set of 2 "Gilding"	1
570046	KREUL Coating varnish for leaf metal, 50 ml	1
755696-02	VBS Concrete Color, 250mlDark grey (unfortunately sold out)	1
70522	Crepe-Adhesive tape, 50 m	1
131056	VBS Plastic spatula, 5 parts	1
550505-20	VBS Bristle brushes "Nature"Size 20	1