

## 4 WAYS TO CREATE YOUR FIMO CABOCHON

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*4 ways to create a cabochon in Fimo clay*

The use of cabochons is a basic part of DIY costume jewelry design. Making cabochons isn't complicated, you just need to master a few basic techniques. Many creative jewelry tutorials give you a step-by-step guide to discovering how to make your own "homemade" cabochon with polymer clay. This data sheet is a summary of the different ways of proceeding and the tools we need, to obtain a personalized and original cabochon to your taste.

**What is a cabochon?**  
A cabochon is a gemstone from their design and a polished piece that is domed at the top and flat at the bottom. It can be transparent or opaque, in a variety of materials and shapes. A cabochon can be inserted into a setting to create a pendant, a ring, a bracelet or earrings. It can be bonded to a metal support or to another material. It can also be used as a base for macramé weaving or surrounded by beads.

Below are some examples of jewelry created in polymer clay. Here are four ways to create your own cabochons in Fimo clay.

#### 1 - Creating your cabochon with a mold

This is the quickest way to make your cabochon! The mold must be made of silicone, and can take a variety of shapes, from the basic round to ovals, drops, squares and more complex shapes imitating jewelry stones, for example. The molds are ready to use, but don't forget that you can also make your own mold with Siligum or [Gumaplast clay](#), molding the desired cabochon shape beforehand.

How do you make your own mold in Fimo clay? We suggest you discover this in another technical data sheet: [How to make your own mold for polymer clay](#).

Put a ball of clay into the mold, and roll it over the surface until it's flat. If the mold is made from [Gumaplast clay](#) (put it in the oven, you'll have to smooth it) and then bake the cabochon in the oven. If the mold is made from silicone or Siligum, your clay can be baked directly in the mold.



#### 2 - Creating a cabochon with a cookie cutter

This method is also known as "biscuit base" - only the edges on the underside of the pieces are flat. For this method, you can use metal cookie cutters just like those made for 3D printing, or a template plate.

- First, use a roller or the dough machine to make a polymer clay plate. It must be too thin, so the clay will stretch and break if it's not thick enough. The plate should also be wider than the size of the cookie cutter.
- Place the cookie cutter on the clay, press lightly to mark the clay, then lift the clay, run your index finger underneath and push lightly to stretch and create a domed effect.
- Place the shape straight on a baking tray.
- Remove the cookie cutter and cut out the marked shape with a roller or fine-edged cutter. Bake your cabochon.



#### 3 - Creating a cabochon with a cookie cutter and clay film

To create cabochons using a cookie cutter and clay film, you need a thick polymer sheet. The denser it is, the more rounded the cabochon will be. Place the clay film on the clay, then press down to remove your shape with the cookie cutter.



#### 4 - Creating a cabochon with a domed baking tray

First create your polymer clay shape using a cookie cutter or template. Place the clay disc on a support that can be baked at the temperature used for baking pasta. You can work on glass, ceramic, metal... There are specialized firing supports for polymer as in [this tutorial](#).



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