

"Quirky Bird" – Sculpture

Materials:

- Base (7 x 7cm) w 2 x holes (2mm)
- Powertex Black or Bronze 500g
- Stone Art 250g
- Styrofoam Ball 50-60mm
- 2mm Wire (legs):16cm (x2)
- 1mm Wire: 11cm (x 2); 14cm (x1)
- Masking Tape
- Rubbing plates & texture stamps
- Colourtrix: Rich Gold, Bronze Gold, Magic Blue, Magic Purple...
- Powercolour: Red, Ultramarine Blue, Titanium White...
- Scissors & clay tool
- #12 Round paint brush
- Latex Gloves & plastic bowl

Right: "Quirky Bird" by Ashley Bowley



Instructions:

- Set up your workspace using "Tips for Beginning with Powertex"...
- STIR Powertex thoroughly before use... shake... and pour some into a plastic bowl or cup... Paint base with Black Powertex. Allow to dry.
- Wrap legs (2mm wires) using masking tape leaving 1cm of wire on both ends
- Place legs into base and add styrofoam ball to the top of the legs... ensuring it's centred
- Paint the legs & body of the bird with Black or Bronze Powertex.
- Make tail feathers: using masking tape cover the 1mm wires on both sides leaving 2cm at the end to insert into the body. Trim ends into a leaf shape and the snip the masking tape at an angle to create a feathered look (as pictured). Paint with Powertex & lay to one side.
- Make Stone Art clay... follow instructions using worksheet "About Stone Art"
- Feet: Make 2 small balls of Stone Art, shape into tear drops & squash flat... make one slit in the narrow end and add to the leg to form the back of the feet... make two slits in the wider end and splay & shape with a clay tool to form the claws. Add texture using kebab stick.
- Wings: Repeat the process forming two slightly larger tear drops... lay onto plastic wrap and add texture with rubbing plates or stamps. Add wings to your bird with Powertex.
- Make a beak and two small balls for the eyes. Add to your bird using Powertex. A kebab stick can be used to make hollows for the eyes & beak (as pictured) which will press the pieces on firmly. Add the tail feathers to the body with some Powertex
- Embellish your "Quirky Bird" using Colourtrix Bronze Gold, Rich Gold and other colours of your choice. To do this: place a small amount of Colourtrix & Easy Varnish onto foil. Ensure your brush is dry, dip it into a small amount of Easy Varnish and use it to pick up some dry pigment, then lightly dry brush across the textures on your bird allowing some of the Powertex colour to come through... Powercolour matt pigments may also be used in the same way... e.g. Red, Ultramarine Blue, Orange, etc...

CONGRATULATIONS you've finished!!!