

LADYBIRD PLANT MARKERS

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Keep track of the seeds you've sown with these cute ladybird plant markers



You will need:

- Air drying modelling clay
- Bamboo sticks
- Red and black paints
- Paint markers

Other things you'll need:

- Glue gun
- Modelling board
- Modelling knife or craft knife
- Modelling rolling pin
- Chalk (to write the names of the seeds)

How to make it:

- 1 Take a small piece of clay and roll it into a ball in your hands. Roll out the ball on a flat surface or modelling board until it's about 5mm thick. Then use a craft or modelling knife to cut out a rectangle shape.
- 2 Make as many rectangles as you want plant markers. Then set the clay shapes aside to dry for a few days (check the clay's packaging to see how long this is likely to take).
- 3 Next, take some more clay and roll into small oval ball shapes. These will be the ladybirds. Put aside to dry thoroughly with the rectangles.
- 4 If you want, push a bamboo stick into a few of the clay balls to make ladybirds on sticks which you can use to decorate your plants.
- 5 When the clay is completely dry you can start to decorate the markers. Begin by covering the rectangles with black paint.
- 6 Paint one half of the ladybird shapes in black paint and allow to dry. Then paint the other half with red paint and set aside to dry.

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- 7 Use paint markers to add details to the ladybirds such as eyes and black spots.
- 8 When everything is dry, assemble the plant markers. Start by gluing a bamboo stick to the backs of the clay rectangles – a hot glue gun works best for this. Then glue on a ladybird in the corner, allowing enough room to write on the marker with chalk. Set aside to dry.
- 9 When the glue is dry, use chalk to write on the names of the seeds you've sown. Push the ladybirds on sticks into pots to make a cute decoration or gift.

