

POLYMER CLAY

Sonoma County 4-H

Name: _____ Date: _____

Guidelines for Project Proficiency Award

Beginning:

	<u>Date</u> <u>Completed</u>	<u>Leader's</u> <u>Initials</u>
1. Why do you have to be careful when baking polymer clay? What precautions do we take in the baking process?	_____	_____
2. Explain what "conditioning the clay" means and why it's important.	_____	_____
3. Demonstrate how to make the following basic shapes: a sheet of clay, a ball, a teardrop, a log, and a snake.	_____	_____
4. Describe or demonstrate how to marble two or more colors of clay.	_____	_____
5. Explain the purpose of sanding and buffing baked clay. What is the most important safety precaution to take when sanding polymer clay?	_____	_____
6. What is "caning?"	_____	_____
7. Demonstrate how to make one of the following canes: banner, bullseye, checkerboard, citrus, cutter, extruder, feather, simple flower, lace, striped, jellyroll/spiral, millefiori, or pinwheel.	_____	_____
8. Describe how patterns (or templates) are used with clay.	_____	_____
9. Name two different types of clay and tell how they're different.	_____	_____
10. Explain how a pasta machine is used with polymer clay and why it has become the most popular tool to use with this medium.	_____	_____
11. Demonstrate how to make one of the following types of beads: round, tube or drop.	_____	_____
12. Do you prefer caning, sculpting, or covering & decorating vessels? Why?	_____	_____
13. Explain how to "stamp" clay and why a "release agent" is important?	_____	_____
14. What is an "inclusion"? Name one item that could be used as an inclusion.	_____	_____
15. Name three items that could be used to texture the surface of clay.	_____	_____
16. Exhibit your polymer clay work at a club exhibit event, a craft show or a county fair.	_____	_____

Project Leader's Signature of Completion: _____

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