

Banana Splits

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Materials Needed

- Air Dry Clay (white)
- Yellow Pastel chalk
- Cake Tip (number 1 or 2 for quarter scale, larger for other scales)
- Bowl (a bead cap or brad works well)
- Either Polymer clay in Ecru, White, Chocolate and Raspberry OR pastels to tint the air dry clay in these colors.
- Red no-hole beads
- Slick/Shiny Brown Fabric Paint
- Puffy White Fabric Paint

Instructions

1. Mix a tiny bit of yellow pastel into a small dab of white air dry clay...just enough to get a slightly off-white color. Push this through a cake tip using a dowel. Bend slightly into a banana shape and let dry. Air dry clay works well for this as the act of pushing it through a cake tip adds a little rough texture to the outsides of the clay like the surface of a banana. Let dry thoroughly!



2. Once dry, slice your banana in half lengthwise. This is NOT THAT EASY...try securing the banana to your work surface with a small amount of blue tac. DO NOT SIMPLY SLICE DOWN ON THE BANANA. If you bring your razor blade straight down, you will break the banana in two. Rather, insert the point of the razor blade in the middle and cut to one end. Then repeat, cutting to the other end. If the banana does break in the middle, it's not the end of the world. A little glue will put the two parts back together.



3. If you're using polymer clay for the ice cream scoops, roll out small balls (roughly 1/16" diameter for quarter scale) on fairly rough sandpaper to add texture. Bake at a temperature lower than package directions or you will risk burning these. Or put them in a cup of baking soda and bake the

whole thing...this will help prevent hot spots that burn the clay.

If you are using air dry clay, mix the pastel chalk into the air dry clay to get the color of ice cream desired, and then roll into small balls on rough sandpaper and let dry.



4. To assemble, start by gluing the banana halves to the outer edges of the bowl. While the glue is still wet and you can manipulate things a bit if they don't fit well, glue the ice cream scoops in between the two banana halves.



5. Now add your "chocolate sauce." This is the brown slick/shiny fabric paint. Put a little on the tip of a small pin or brush and pull from the bottom of the scoops upwards. This allows the

chocolate to "pool" at the bottom as it would for the real thing.



6. Add a small dollop of whipped cream to the top of each scoop (the whipped cream is the puffy white fabric paint). Then, while the paint is still wet, drop a red no-hole bead onto the top as your cherries.

