

# The Holly and the Ivy



*A quick Christmas make from Fiona Potter, a Guest Designer for Jewellery Maker TV where she regularly demonstrates Resin and Mixed Media Jewellery.*

## MATERIALS AND TOOLS

CHEMSET® Red Sparkle Resin (ES8572)  
CHEMSET® Green Sparkle Resin (ES8573)  
CHEMSET® Yellow Sparkle Resin (ES8541)  
CHEMSET® Type A Hardener (ES8204)  
2-part Moulding Putty  
0.4mm gold wire

15 – 20 round beads  
Silicone leaf mould  
Scales  
Mixing cups, sticks and cocktail sticks

*Tip -Silicone Leaf moulds can usually be found online. Fiona got hers from eBay.*

## STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

### HOLLY BERRIES

- ✧ Mix up the 2-part moulding putty into a rectangular shape about 5cm long and 3cm wide.
- ✧ Push the 4mm beads into the moulding putty and leave the putty to cure.
- ✧ Once the putty has cured pop the beads out.



- ✧ Cut 20 pieces of 0.4mm gold wire each about 10 – 15 cm in length (or as many pieces as you need to match the number of berries).
- ✧ Mix 2 grams of Red Sparkle resin with 1 gram of Type A hardener and cast into the cavities in the moulding putty – these will become your holly berries.
- ✧ Set aside for an hour or so until the resin reaches the gel point (or when the resin is sticky and stringy when poked with a wire).
- ✧ At that point push a piece of wire into each cavity and set aside until full cure is reached (approx. 18 hours at room temperature (minimum 18°C) or 4 – 6 hours at 25-30°C).



### **HOLLY AND IVY LEAVES**

- ✧ Mix 16 grams of Green Sparkle resin with 8 grams of Type A hardener.
- ✧ Mix 8 grams of Yellow Sparkle resin with 4 grams of Type A hardener.
- ✧ Cast 3 holly leaves using the green sparkle resin keeping some resin back for use later.
- ✧ Cast 3 ivy leaves using the yellow sparkle resin.
- ✧ Add some of the remaining green sparkle resin to each ivy leaf and spread slightly with a cocktail stick.
- ✧ Set aside for an hour or so until the resin reaches the gel point as before.
- ✧ Cut 6 more pieces of wire and, when the gel point has been reached, push a piece of wire into the stalk end of each leaf. Set aside until the leaves are fully cured.

### **TO FINISH**

- ✧ Once the berries and leaves are cured twist 3 or 4 bunches of holly berries together.
- ✧ Arrange the leaves and twist the wires together adding 1 or 2 leaves or a bunch of berries at a time.
- ✧ Finally twist all the wires together to form a stem and neaten the ends.

*You could make up more and add to a simple garland of twigs, use on the front of a vase or hang them on the Christmas tree.*

*Have fun and a very Happy Christmas!*