



Making your own paperclay with paper fibres

Papierklei zelf maken met papiervezel



- Mixen met de betonmixer laten onstijven, doorwalken en uw napierklei is klaar voor gebruik

Als je het drogen van de klei (bij methode 1) buiten beschouwing laat, heb je bij beide methodes, binnen een 1/2 uur 10 ka verse papierklei.



































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A few types of paperclay are available on the market, but making your own quarantees a fresh and personalised batch of clay.

The amount of fibres added has direct impact on the clay's properties. Each type of clay (earthenware, stoneware and porcelain) can be mixed with paper fibres. Over time these properties do lessen.

Attention!

- Kiln must be placed in a very well-ventilated room when firing paperclay. The burning fibres give off a strong smell around 250°C.
- The air canals make paperclay items a bit more fragile.

Making paperclay

There are two ways to make paperclay yourself. For 10kg of paperclay:

Method 1

- Cut up a loaf of clay and let the pieces dry. About 8,5 kg of dry clay will be left.
- Add 500g of paper fibre.
- Add water to rehydrate and mix with a paint or concrete mixer.
- Let the mixture stiffen on a plaster working plate or in a plaster bowl. Then mill it through.

Method 2

- Take 10kg of semi-fat clay powder.
- Add 500g of paper fibre.
- Add water.
- Mix with a concrete mixer, let it stiffen, mill it through.

Both methods take about half an hour for 10 kg of fresh paperclay, not counting the drying time for the first method.





























