

Free Pattern for Coffee cup stitch marker made of Cernit Modelling clay





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Easily keep track of stitches and stitch counts in your knitting and crochet with these unique stitch markers. The stitch markers are shaped like coffee cups, with the charming design making them easy to spot in your yarnwork. The coffee cup is made of Cernit modelling clay, which is shaped and then baked. In this guide we show you how to make a coffee cup stitch marker yourself.

You can also read how to make lemon shaped stitch markers in our [free guide on lemon stitch markers made from Cernit Modelling clay](#).

Can't get enough of modelling clay either? In our [free pattern for bowls of cernite modelling clay](#), we show you how to make whimsical as well as colourful bowls of the material.



Materials:

- [Cernit Modelling Clay Unicolor](#)
- [1 head pin L: 50 mm, silver plated](#)
- [1 needle](#), slightly thicker than the head pin
- [1 metal stitch marker](#)

Tools:

- [Modelling sticks](#) or other tools to create texture and pattern
- Round-nosed pliers
- Side cutter
- Optionally, this [set of basic jewellery-making tools](#) can be used (includes round-nosed pliers, side cutter, etc.).

Modelling clay consumption:

- A small lump of orange [Cernit Modelling Clay Unicolor 022 Orange 56g](#)
- An equivalent lump of white [Cernit Modelling Clay Unicolor 029 White 56g](#)
- A small lump of brown [Cernit Modelling Clay Unicolor 023 Brown 56g](#)

Technique guide

MAKE THE HOLE BEFORE BAKING THE CUP:

In the video you can see how to stick the needle through and 'wiggle' it:

FINISH THE CUP AFTER BAKING:

In the video you can see how to fold the head pin around:

Instructions

Cernit needs to be "warmed up" by pressing it, so it has to be done with all three lumps separately:



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Once the cernit is soft and can be modelled with, carefully roll the white and orange lumps together. They should be mixed until a marbled effect appears. It is important that you stop before the colours are completely mixed:



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When the desired colour has been achieved, remove a small lump. The small lump becomes the handle of the cup:





The large lump is shaped into a small thick cylinder that is about 0.6 cm high, while the small lump is rolled into a handle that matches the length and thickness of your cup (about 0.6 cm long). The ends of the roll should be shaped pointed, which should help to attach the handle firmly to the cup.

At the same time, shape the small brown lump into a round ball, which is then gently flattened while maintaining the round shape. This represents the coffee in the cup:



Now you need to make a hole in the cup that fits the size of your brown coffee lump. It is a good idea to use a tool to do this, gently mashing the top while pressing up the edges.

Once the hole is the right size, you can stuff in the brown circle and mash it a little:



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After the coffee is in the cup, attach the handle. First, make two holes in the cylinder where you want the handle to sit. If necessary, use the needle and make sure that the holes match the thickness of the handle. Press the handle into place while making wiggling movements:



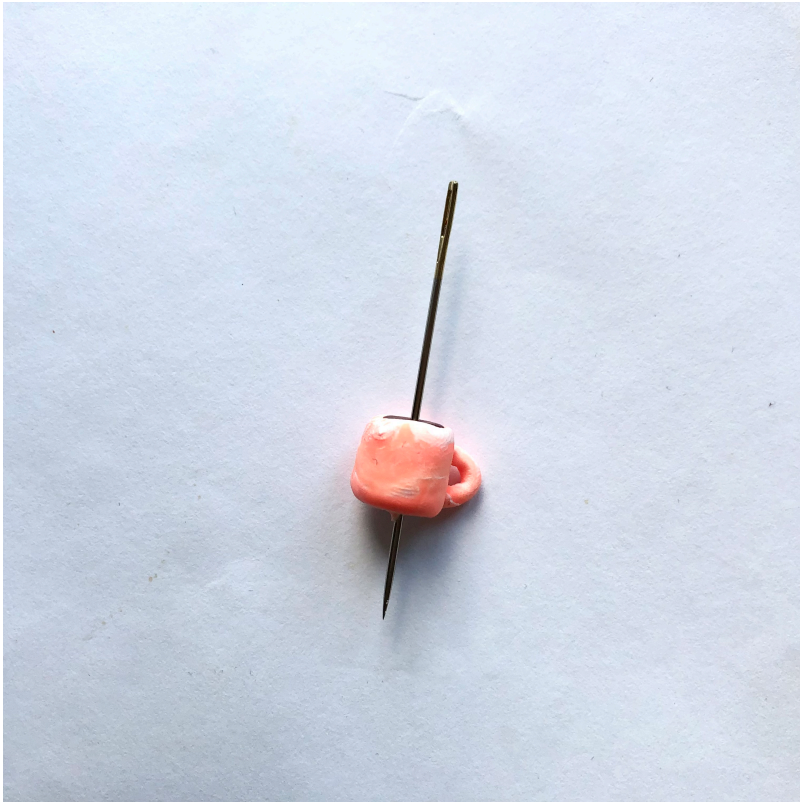
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When the cup is finished, make a hole across it from the top to the bottom. Carefully insert a needle and push it through while twisting. Once the needle is all the way through, gently wiggle it around to make sure the hole is big enough. The hole will not shrink when baked:



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BAKING:

Now the coffee cup needs to be baked.

It is recommended to make a few pieces to optimise energy consumption.

You can read the baking time and temperature on the cernit packaging.

FINISHING:

Once the coffee cup is baked and cooled, it needs to be made into a stitch marker.

This is done by sticking the head pin through the cup. Cut off a piece so that it only sticks up about 1 cm above the cup:



Fold the top around to form a loop. Finally, stick a metal stitch marker through the eye in the top. Your new favourite stitch marker is now complete:





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