

Lucky Shamrock Charm

Make a clay shamrock charm and have the luck of the Irish on your side.

You will need:

- Light green and dark green polymer clay
- Shamrock cookie cutter
- Ribbon or cord
- Wax paper
- Rolling pin (or smooth-sided pickle jar)
- Plastic straw
- Baking sheet



Print a [picture of a finished shamrock](#) charm to show the group. Post a copy on your bulletin board to create interest in the activity.

To make it:

1. Place a ball of light green clay on a sheet of wax paper and roll it out into a flat patty that is about 1/8" thick and slightly larger than your cookie cutter.
2. Use the cookie cutter to cut out a shamrock.
3. Roll a piece of dark green clay with your hands to form a long skinny rope. Press it onto the edge of the shamrock.



4. Break off three short pieces of dark green rope and place them in the centers of the leaves.
5. Place another sheet of wax paper over the shamrock and gently press down with a rolling pin to flatten a little.



6. Lift off the wax paper. Poke a hole in the top of the shamrock with the end of a plastic straw.
7. Gently lift and peel the shamrock off the wax paper and place it on a baking sheet. Bake according to package directions. (We baked ours at 275°F for about 12 minutes.)



8. After the clay has cooled, loop a ribbon through the hole and hang the good luck charm on a doorknob, on a walker, or around your neck. Who couldn't use a little extra luck?!

Even Easier!

Simply cut a shamrock out of the light green clay, poke a hole in the top, and bake.



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