



## Hands on: **make a bead necklace**

### Materials and tools:

- Fimo or Cernit clay. Blue as the base colour. Also white, yellow, green and red
- A smooth stick, slightly larger than the hole in the bead should be
- A small knife, such as a butter knife
- A standard oven. The beads need to be hardened at 130°C for 10-15 mins
- A string, such as leather, for threading the beads

### Instructions

#### **A A one-coloured, striped, or zigzag bead**

- 1 Roll a short, thick sausage shape from the base colour and wrap it around the stick with your fingers. Twist the bead slightly to ensure it doesn't stick to the stick.
- 2 Roll very thin sausage shapes to create stripes and patterns.
- 3 Place the patterns onto the base bead and press them gently into place.
- 4 Carefully remove the bead from the stick.

#### **B A melon bead**

- 1 Roll a short, thick sausage shape from the base colour and wrap it around the stick with your fingers.
- 2 Use the back of a knife to press grooves into the bead. Hold the knife parallel to the stick.
- 3 Carefully remove the bead from the stick.

#### **C A Reticella bead**

- 1 Roll one blue and one white sausage shape and twist them tightly together. Also twist two more sausages in the opposite direction.
- 2 Cut two pieces of appr. 2 cm from the twisted sausages.
- 3 Place the two pieces closely together around the stick and press them together.
- 4 Roll a very thin red sausage shape and place it between the two twisted rings. Smooth the bead with your fingers until the colours blend well.
- 5 Carefully remove the bead from the stick.

Place the finished beads on a baking tray lined with baking paper and bake at 130°C for 10-15 mins.

