

How to Use Silicone Texture Plates from CreativeTextureTools.com

Select the Silicone Texture Plate that you will use. Squeeze a small amount of olive oil on your hands and rub your palms together. Lightly rub one hand across the top of the Silicone Texture Plate, this very slight amount of olive oil is all that is needed to enhance the silicone's non-stick properties.

Set the Silicone Texture Plate aside while you roll out your clay to the desired thickness. Roll out your clay using your roller, (PVC pipe, acrylic rod) with stacked playing cards on either side of your PMC. If desired, work on top of a piece of Super Parchment or Teflon. This makes it easy to move your piece off of your work surface when you're done with it.

Remember that a deep texture will use up some of the thickness that you roll out. In some cases you will need to roll out your clay one playing card thicker than you want your finished piece to be.

Place your rolled out piece of PMC on top of the Silicone Texture Plate. Gently roll over the top of the PMC with your rolling tool. A couple of tries will show you how much pressure is needed. Gently peel back your PMC and check the texture. If you're pleased with it, continue. If you'd like to try again, ball up your PMC in your hands, re-roll on your work surface and re-roll on the Silicone Texture Plate.

Place your textured PMC on your work surface and continue working with it as you normally would. Cut out a shape with a cookie cutter or Shaplet, or use the textured PMC to create a ring or bead.