

## How DO they do that?

This month's tutorial is by little ole me :-) Jennifer Dontz :-)

I had a whole lot of fun making this tiara for a recent first birthday cake. I used Dominic's (Marvelous Molds, [10% off sale](#)) fabulous mold. I used the [large tiara](#) mold for this, but we also have a [smaller one](#), too. This was the first time I used his molds and I LOVED it! SO easy and fun to do!

Let's get started:

1. I'm beginning my project by melting some [isomalt sticks](#) (We have lots of colors in stock and [nibs](#), too) in the microwave. One of the best things to melt the sticks in is our [silicone cups](#). We carry two sizes by CakePlay. I melt at 50% power and check often. You don't want to burn the sugar. We carry a large variety of sticks and nibs from CakePlay and Get Sassie. Also, don't forget to use gloves!! Safety needs to be at the top of your list. You can peel the gloves off, but not your skin :-) Here's a link to the isomalt [gloves](#). We have them in three sizes. Once the sugar is melted, it will be bubbly in your cup, let it sit out on the counter a minute or two, until the bubbles disappear. I first poured some of the jewel details in the mold. I just poured a drop or two in some of the little cavities. I find it helpful to use a toothpick to stop the flow of sugar and help control it. Also, clean the inside lip of your container with the toothpick, this will prevent a buildup at the pour spout.

Let the jewels harden in the mold. No need to add any grease to the mold to release them. Just pop them out when they are completely hard, should not take long at all.





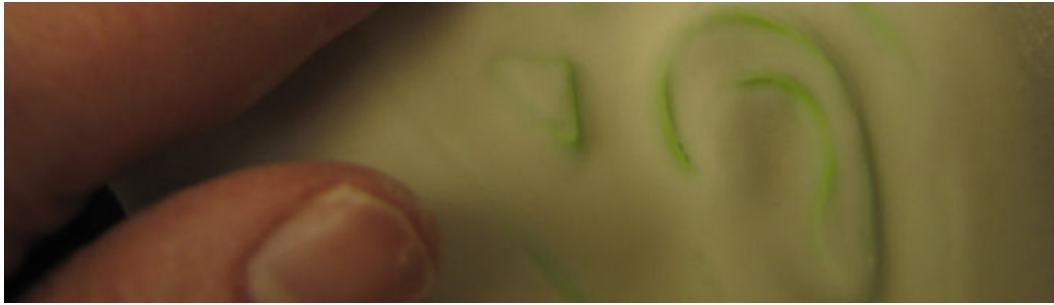


2. Gently dust your mold with cornstarch. You also want to dust the PASTE with a gentle dusting of cornstarch as well.



3. I used gumpaste for this because I wanted it to be super sturdy. Roll your paste somewhat thin. The paste needs to be thinner than the depth of the mold in order for the "cutting" blade or the silicone lip, to cut the paste when you roll over it. Dust your paste lightly and pat firmly into the mold.





4. Next, take your [cel pin](#) and gently roll in small strokes over the mold so the cutting blade edges will do their thing. Your tiara is taking shape :-)





5. Take your finger and wipe it along on the raised cutting blade sections. Then, gently bend the cutting blade edges IN towards the center of the mold. This will refine your edges and give you a clean finished piece. You might have to take a little away here and there, but for the most part, my edges were pretty clean.



6. It came out like a dream, no sticking what so ever.



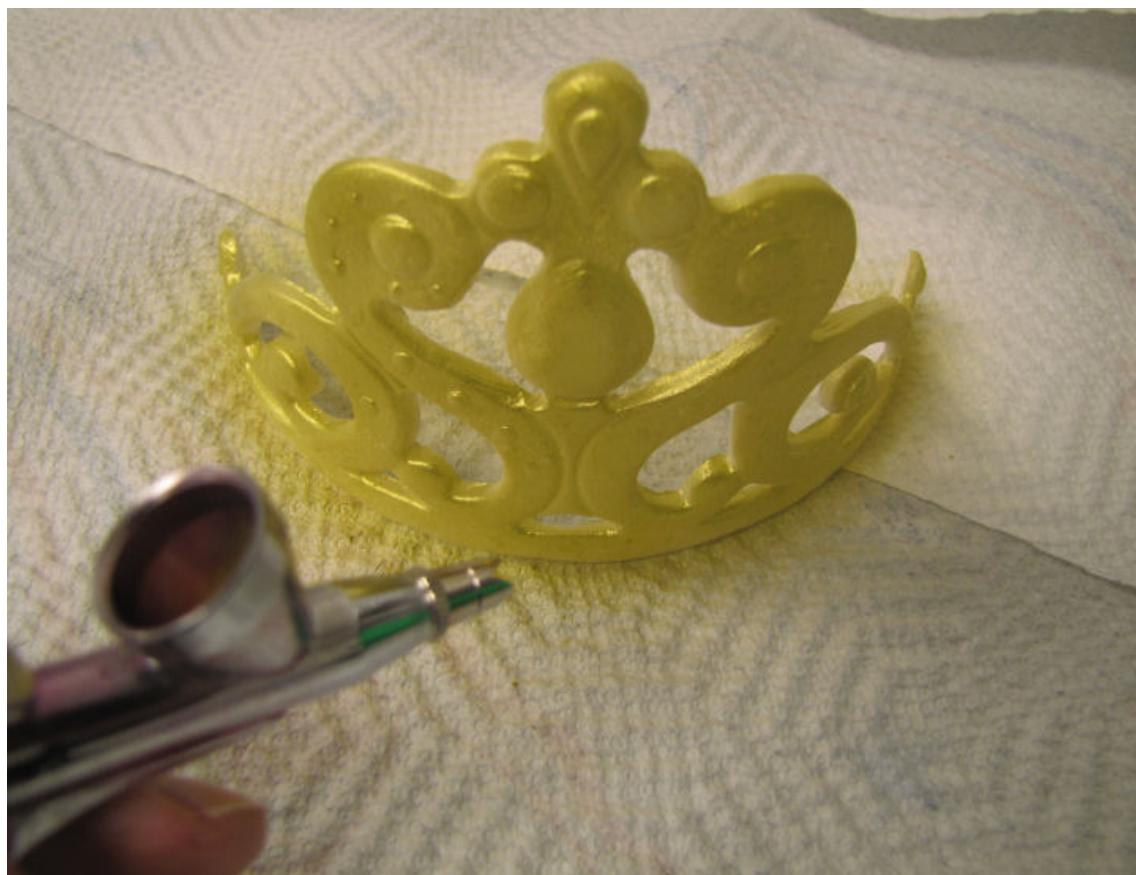


7. Then I draped it over a 6" round dummy and let it dry overnight.

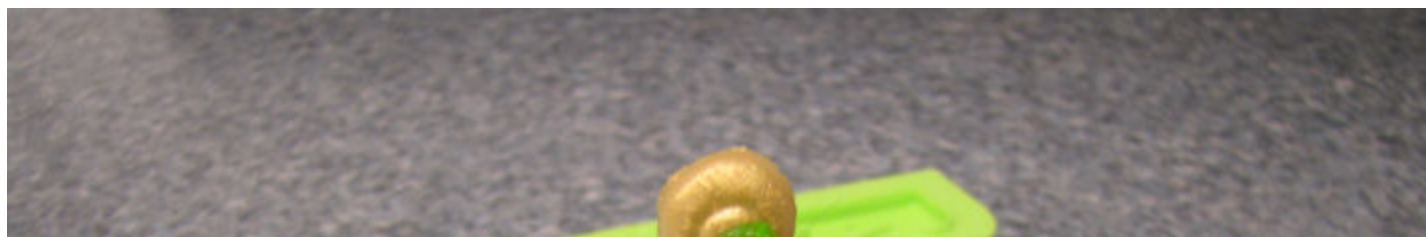


8. I used my airbrush and Americolor [gold sheen](#) to put a nice gold finish on the tiara. But, if you don't have an airbrush you can easily paint it with [gold highlighter](#) dust. (We have two manufacturers to

paint it with [gold highlighter](#) dust. (we have two manufacturers to choose from) You mix the dust (I do it in the lid) with vodka or lemon extract to the consistency of maple syrup. Mix well with NO lumps. The lumps are balls of unmixed dust that can "poof" on your project if they are not all mixed in well. You may have to add a drop or two more of liquid as it evaporates in your lid. Using a paint brush, paint away! This method will give you a brilliant metallic finish. Then, once all is dry in your lid, pop it back on and you won't waste any of your dust. Just make sure it's dry before placing your lid back on.



9. I then took some of the hot sugar the same color as my gem, and glued them on to the tiara. Wha-La! A finished piece! Easy Peasy! :-)





Hope you enjoyed my tutorial. As always, if you have any questions at all, we are HERE to HELP. Don't hesitate to contact us. Jennifer :-)