

Cow Head Tutorial

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You will need :-

1 rod of White, 1 rod of Pink plus *Stringers in white,black,transparent (this is for her eyes, so the choice is up to you).

Tools:- Marver or stump shaper, tweezers or snipe nosed pliers and pick/pokey type thingie tool (you can tell it's going to be technical talk all the way with me can't you).

Ok lets get started.....

Oh one more thing, don't forget to keep your bead warm in the top of the flame throughout the whole bead making process. **THIS IS UBER, UBER IMPORTANT** Trust me just do it ;-)

Ok now we can start

We start by making a white cone shape.

Next we will use a black stringer to add the cows splodges (that's the technical term I'll have you know, I asked my friend who had once seen a cow ;-)).

Make a small dot of black and then add another right next to it (make sure it touches your first dot), then add a third dot to the left or right of the first two(see picture if as I suspect, that made no sense at all). When you melt these dots flat they will form nice uneven splodges.

Splodge take 2 - Another way you may like to try is to just add a large blob of black, melt in and then use a pick to poke the shape about till you get something you like. I used to use this way but find the three or even four dot technique makes better neater edges to the splodges.

*When adding the dots try to remember to leave a blank space where her face will be. It doesn't matter too much if you forget but it does make adding the eyes a little easier.



Cow Eyes next

So here goes:- Place two black dots where you want his eyes to be. Melt these in till they are almost flat.

Next add a dot of white over the black spots and melt these in the same way. Then add a transparent dot over the white (I almost always use blue or teal, but hey that's just me) and melt in. Then add a small black dot for the pupil, you can either melt this in completely flat or leave raised.

***Remember the white space I asked you to try and leave? Did you Forget? Worry not!**

If you have a black splodge where you want to place the eyes, just add a white dot first instead of a black one, then add the transparent, then the pupil dot.

This may sound a little easier, after all it's one dot less right? Sorry guys but I find that the ones I've made this way just don't have the same kind of impact. They won't look anywhere near as cartoony or as crisp around the edges. Saying all that, you know me maybe I am just too picky. Lots of you will make them this way and be very, very happy with your cows. Do your own thing, play with the glass stacks and decide which one suites you best.



Now for the nose

Using the pink glass rod add two dots next to each other (see picture).

Gently heat these two dots and use your marver or stump shaper to flatten them slightly.



Nostrils

Next gently heat the nose again and using your chosen pokey thingie (wow I am really throwing the technical terms at you all today) Poke a hole in each flattened dot.

Are you excited? You've nearly finished!

Don't forget to keep him warm

Oh and don't forget to breath ;-)

Ears

Next heat up the spot where you're going to add the ears and blob some black on there, keep adding until you have enough to squish with the pliers/tweezers (see picture for a guide)

and squish :-D





*Now you could leave your cow like this if you like or you could add a little pouting lip. I personally like the lip, but if you found this bead kinda stressful you may want to leave the lip till the next time.

Add a tiny dot of pink or white to your cow bead, just under the nose (see picture)



Gently heat the dot and then using your stump shaper/marver push it upwards towards her nose.

(Confused? POP over to the plop toot page for more detailed pictures of this technique, the lip is done in just the same way as Plops feet.)

Gently heat the whole bead towards the top of the flame so as not to distort any of your hard work and that's it your done!



YAY A COWS HEAD!



So have you just learned how to make a cows head.... wrong! You just learned how to make all sorts of critters heads!

I make lots and lots of my animals heads in just the same way. Take a looksie below to see what I am rambling on about.



Do you see how similar this cat is to the cow bead?

All you need to do is place white dots instead of the pink for the nose, add ickle black dots for whiskers and add the ears slightly higher up for a cat.



Yep this guy is the same too. Make the shape and eyes pretty much the same way. Add two dots about the same size as you did for the cows nose only place them wider apart. Then add a dot of the same pink in the middle of those dots and squish that one flat. Use pokey tool for nostrils. The ears were placed higher and after been squished I used the pliers to bend them over slightly.

I really hope this tutorial has helped you understand a little more about the world Critters and how to create them.

Happy melting!

Love Emma xx