

How To Make A Monster Book Of Monsters!

This is for home use only please and if you make one, please send me a photo! I would love to see and share your work!

Materials you will need:

All available at your local craft store

- Book shaped box
- Brown faux fur material
- Polymer clay (dark brown, yellow, white)
- E600 Glue
- Paint brushes
- Paint (Dark brown, white, black, gold or yellow)
- Permanent Markers (Brown and Black)



Step 1:

Depending on the kind of book box you are using, you may need to paint the inside, edges and trim with brown paint. Also, Paint the 'pages' on the sides and front with a golden-brown color so the paper looks old and worn. If your box already has painted pages on it, you can skip this step.

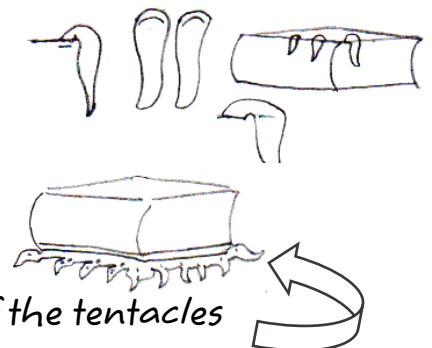
Step 2: While your paint dries, you can begin to form your clay pieces.

It helps to have an image in front of me as you formed the individual tentacles. Place each clay piece on your box lid and press the top down a bit to form a flat surface that you can easily apply glue too later. By placing the tentacles on the box, you can see how to shape them and judge their sizing.

Place your pieces on a baking sheet.

Step 3: To make the bottom tentacles, you can shape the as one long piece, attached to the bottom lip of the box.

Don't forget to add details like round suckers on the tops of the tentacles



Then, carefully peeled off the strip of tentacles and place it on a baking sheet, in the exact shape and size of the box. That way, it will fit perfectly when you glue it down.

Step 4: Next, you need to shape the monsters face, tongue, bottom and upper teeth.

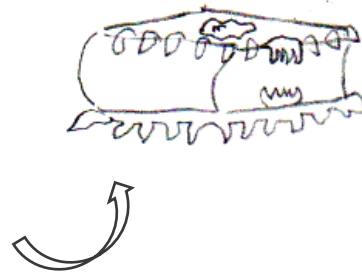
Remember to press the top of the upper teeth so you can apply glue to the under side of it when it comes time to glue it down. Place the pieces on your baking sheet.



Step 5: Bake all of your clay pieces according to the instructions.

Step 6: Glue your face, tentacles and teeth onto your box with a strong clear glue. E600 glue works well. If your pieces wiggle around or slide on the glue, use some clear tape to hold them into place as the glue dries.

Step 7: When all of your pieces are all securely glued and the glue has dried, you can paint the bottom tentacles. With a bit of light gold to add some realism to the monster.



Step 8: When the paint is dry, you can size up your faux fur material and cover your box.

Cut a small hole where the face is going to poke out of the material and slowly keep trimming

until the hole size is right. Now, you can glue the material down. I used a hot glue gun for this but E600 glue would work fine too. Press the edges firmly around the edges and between the teeth to make sure the box doesn't show as much.



Step 9: Depending on the color of your faux fur material, you can choose to skip this step. Mine was too light, so I used dark brown and black markers to add some depth, texture and definition to the fur.

Step 10: Glue on your tongue. Since the tongue sticks out, you may need to add some tape to hold it in place as it dries.



This tip is very helpful!

Step 11: Also optional. I designed the Textbook lettering on my computer and printed it out on sew-able transfer paper. Then I glued it down and



lifted some of the fur around the edges. An alternative method can also be, using brown felt and some fabric paint to create the lettering.

And you're done!