



1. Start with a clear image in your mind of the finished piece. Now knead a ball of acrylic clay called "sculpey".



2. Slowly rough out the image using dental tools and homemade wooden tools. Magnified eye glasses are a great help.



3. After a week or two of refining details and smoothing surfaces, the image is baked with a heat gun.

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4. A mold is created by covering the original art with rubber. The original design is usually damaged or destroyed during removal.



5. While being vibrated, the rubber mold is gently filled by hand, with a custom mix of cement, stone and colored dye. A wire hook is then embedded in the back.



6. The cured but fragile casting is gently pulled out of the mold after 24 hours then inspected. The scrap rate is 20 to 35 percent.



7. Rough edges and spill-over on the back are carefully filed or sanded away by hand. It is then re-inspected.



8. A custom paint or stain is applied by hand, in a three step process. This helps to highlight the detail and texture.



9. After a final inspection, each piece is gift boxed, using recycled biodegradable packaging materials. It is now ready for adoption.

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