

5th Avenue Ring

Project R611

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Sophisticated and elegant, this channel inset ring is a must-have accessory. White crystal clay has been molded into the inset and then Swarovski Crystal chatons have been carefully lined up and embedded

What You'll Need

DeCoRe Indented Ring With Bezel For Epoxy Clay - Size 6

SKU: FRG-0786

Project uses 1 piece



Swarovski Crystal, 1088 Xirius Round Stone Chatons pp14, 40 Pieces, Crystal F

SKU: SWCH-51400

Project uses 22 pieces



Crystal Clay 2-Part Epoxy Clay Kit 'White' 25 Grams

SKU: TRC-251

Project uses 1 piece



Instructions

This ring looks complicated but it is so easy to make!

1. First, watch the video: How to Use Crystal Clay.
2. Wash your hands thoroughly and put on the gloves that come with your Crystal Clay.
3. Taking the skills you learned in the video, pinch off an eraser-head size amount of part A Crystal Clay and a same size amount of part B Crystal Clay. Squish them together until all striations are gone and no marbling remains.
4. You will have a 60 - 90 minute work time, so take your time with the following steps:
5. Using your gloved hands, roll your clay into a long cylindrical shape about 1" long. Before placing it into the inset, hold it up against the channel and see if it looks to be the right size. You might have too much clay and will need to pinch some off. If you find you have too little clay, then mix up another batch of part A and part B and then combine this new batch with your original batch. Once you are happy that you have the right amount of clay, and have it in that long shape, press it into the inset. You can see in the photo that I kept the clay confined to the inner core of the inset and did not let it spill over the edges. I also tried to make it as flush with the depth of the inset as possible and not have a domed or puffy appearance. Carefully manipulate the clay so that it is flat and within the bounds of the inset.
6. Lay all your Swarovski chatons out on your work surface. Using the toothpick with the beeswax tip which comes with the Crystal Clay, carefully pick up one chaton at a time and place it into the clay. Press it down so that the surface of the chaton is just below the surface of the clay. For this ring, I made two rows of chatons, both with the same number of chatons (13) in each row.

7. Once you have placed all your chatons, gently use your finger to press them down (just a bit) in case any shifted as you were working with your ring. Look your ring over - the chatons and the clay - and make sure everything looks good to you. If you need to smooth anything out or adjust it, do so at this time.
8. Set aside to dry for 12 - 24 hours.