Scrap clay is your friend!

Is your clay area littered with little bits and pieces of clay left over from other projects? Why not? (Could you come clean up my area?) There are always times when we have little bits of clay scraps. Well, in sculpting, scrap clay is your friend! Here’s just one of seventy-eight things you can do with it!

1. Gather up a wad of scraps. If the colors already look nice together, that’s a plus. Smush them into a ball. Flatten them with your fingers or a roller.

2. Run the flat wad through your pasta machine at the widest setting. Rip it up into several pieces (how about four!) and stack them one on top of the other.

3. Flatten the stack with your fingers (no pasta machine) until it’s about as flat as a pita – more or less. Messy is good! More mess = more interesting! Now roll it up like a burrito – a really tight burrito!

4. Now twist! Twist! No, twist the clay.

5. Use a cutting blade to slice it in half (long-ways) and lookie! Interesting pattern and color.

Yummy!

6. To use this, how about slice a thin sliver (about as thick as a dime) and lay it on top of a clay pendant (like a heart shape). Press it to connect. Add some beady accents too if you want! Addictive, huh?

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