

Making Cinnamon Rolls

Remember these are YOUR cinnamon rolls. There's no right or wrong way to make them. Have a picture of cinnamon rolls or better yet, have a real one in front of you, to use as a guide.

I googled "Dollhouse Miniature Cinnamon Rolls" to get ideas on techniques and just worked my way through different blogs and ideas. I used a variety of things I found.

Blend tan (3/4) and translucent (1/4) Fimo clay. Blend well. Roll out a squarish section. Use your fingers to flatten down. Cut a piece about 1/8" by 2". Flatten again, using your fingers.

You want your strip to be freeform. Just keep about 1/8" x 2". Start rolling your cinnamon roll with a straight short side. Sort of roll between your fingers to start the roll. The best technique for me is to begin rolling up your cinnamon roll between your thumb and pointer finger. You want to slightly pinch the bottom as you roll. That makes the top push up a bit. Wrap up loosely. Go around the cinnamon roll about 4 times. I don't like to end with a straight edge. There's more detail if the final roll is slightly jagged. Roll slightly between your fingers to keep the roll round. Slightly flatten the bottom so it sits straight on plate or doily.

Place your cinnamon rolls on a baking tile or a piece of parchment paper. I prefer the paper, so the bottom of the rolls don't get shiny.

Texture: Use a tooth brush or stiff brush to texture your cinnamon rolls.

Baked Look: To have a baked appearance, use chalk. I use a combination of gold, brown and a bit of red. Use a soft paint brush to dust the tops and sides of rolls. No need to color the bottom.

Baking: Bake cinnamon rolls at 230 degrees for 6 minutes. Let cool.

Prep for Finishing: Place doubled-sided tape on popsicle sticks or strips of cardboard. Place cinnamon rolls on the double-sided tape, "baked side" up. Leave a little space between the rolls.

Cinnamon: You are going to paint on cinnamon. I used Light Cinnamon by Americana acrylic paint. Again, look at a cinnamon roll or picture of one to get a similar color. Use a small paint brush and dab on paint in the center and along the layers. You don't want it to be perfect, dab along the folds/layers. You want it to look like the cinnamon is escaping through the layers. Let dry.

Frosting: Use white fabric paint that has a small squeeze top, like Tulip Dimensional Fabric Paint or Scribbles 3D paint. Practice on a piece of paper to get your technique down. You can squeeze as little or as much paint on each cinnamon roll that you want. I start in the center where the roll begins and go around the roll. Be sure to leave some space so that the cinnamon and the roll itself shows. I finished going around the top outside edge.

Finishing: Now to make your cinnamon rolls pop! I used Mod Podge Gloss. You can use any type of varnish/sealer. Cinnamon rolls should still be on the double-sided tape. Use a paint brush and just brush on the top. I don't do the sides, but you could.

TaDa! You are finished. Enjoy!

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