Bear Hugs Cake

How To Make A Simple Teddy, Small Patchwork Hearts & A Message

Who could resist this adorable teddy bear cake? Perfect for Valentine’s, birthdays or simply to say ‘I Love You’! This tutorial will teach you step by step how to model a simple teddy bear, make small patchwork hearts and use Clikstix to write your message.

Modelling the teddy bear

Before you start, decide how large you want the teddy to be so that you can work out how much sugarpaste to use. As a rough guide, the teddy bear will sit double the height of the ball of sugarpaste that you use for the body. To make the teddy, you need 3 balls of sugarpaste approximately all the same size;

Ball No 1 - one ball of brown sugarpaste for the body  
Ball No 2 - one ball for the head, muzzle and ears  
Ball No 3 - one ball for the arms and legs.

Take ball No 1 and roll between your hands to form a ‘fat’ tear drop shape. Using the PME Blade & Shell Tool, mark short lines moving the blade end of the tool upwards around the body.
Step 2
Take ball No 2 and divide in half. Take one half and mould the legs and paws marking them once again with the blade tool. Set the other half to one side in an airtight container for the arms.

Step 3
Cut out 2 small pink hearts and attach them to the paws with edible glue.

Step 4
Attach the legs onto the body and the paws onto the legs with edible glue.

Step 5
Roll out a little red sugarpaste at least 5mm thick and cut out a heart shape. Soften the edges with your fingers and make a couple of marks each side using the blade tool.

Step 6
Use the rest of ball No 2 and roll into a sausage shape. Cut in half horizontally at an angle as shown, gently mould each arm and mark once again with the blade tool.

Step 7
Glue the heart into place and wrap the arms around the heart attaching with glue where necessary.
Take ball No 3, break off a third and set to one side for the ears and muzzle. Roll the rest back into a ball for the head and mark from where the nose will go outwards with the blade tool. Make two small balls for the ears, shape with the large end of a ball tool and finish with little pink circles of sugarpaste.

For the teddy bear’s muzzle, mould brown sugarpaste into an oval shape and attach with edible glue. Add tiny features such as his nose, eyes and eyebrows and lastly we shaped a smiley mouth by pushing in the curved end of the Jem petal veiner/friller tool.

Attach the head to the body with edible glue but if you are worried it will move or fall off, insert a short length of spaghetti into the body to push the head onto.

To make the patchwork hearts we used the ‘Patchwork Squares Cutter’ and a small heart cutter. Roll out some pink sugarpaste, emboss the Patchwork Square Cutters onto it and cut out small hearts.

To add a message, we used sugarpaste and the Script Clikstix cutters. They’re really simple to use:-
1. Roll out some sugarpaste thinly
2. Leave it for about 5 minutes to begin to harden
3. Cut out a letter and press down to eject out