



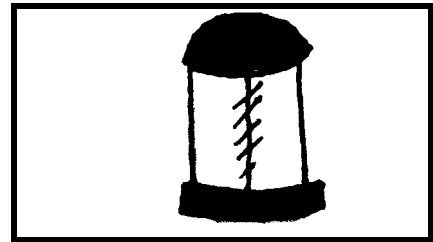
Character Bottle Covers

Supplies:

Wizard/Santa Face Mold
Glue Gun
6 oz. flesh colored polymer clay
Brown or green or red polymer clay for hats
X-acto knife
Wine or Vinegar or another gift bottle
Gold lame ribbon
Acrylic Doll Hair
Minuscule amount of acrylic pain in brown, white
blue, red, brown, gold and black
Translucent powder to dust the mold
Fabric to cover bottle (1/8 yard)
Crochet needle or other sculpting tool

Making the Bottle Top:

1. Dust the inside of the Santa/Wizard mold with translucent powder to prevent the clay from sticking.
2. Condition clay by kneading according to directions. Roll little balls of clay, about the size you need to fill the face cavity of the mold, until very smooth and all the crease lines are gone. Don't overfill. Remove the face and be careful not to mar the features.
3. Measure the circumference of the bottle neck. Add 1 ½ inches. Roll out a thin rectangle of clay. Cut a 2 inch wide strip of clay the measurement of the bottleneck plus 1.5 inches. Attach both sides by scoring lines and then smoothing them in order to firmly attach and make a bottle neck fitting. Cut a circular "hat" for the top of this. See illustration at right.
4. Following the polymer clay manufacturer's instructions, bake this bottle neck fitting first.
5. Using a crochet needle, or similar smoothing tool, smooth any crease lines from the Wizard/Santa face. Deepen any crow's feet lines or grin lines you want.
6. Roll up a ball about the size of the "back of the skull".



7. Once the head is fully smoothed, bake in the oven according to the polymer clay manufacturer's instructions.

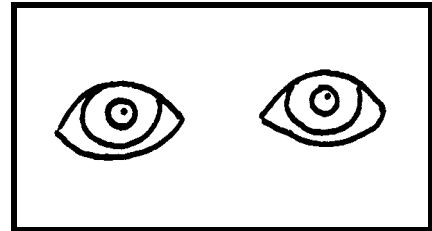
Making the Hats:

If you have purchased the Wizard or Santa Pattern, you can make the hats from fabric following those instructions. Otherwise, it is quicker to make the hats from clay.

1. Roll out a large thin rectangle of clay in the color of the hat. Cut out the Hat Brim
2. Roll out another large thin rectangle of clay and cut out two tops of the Hat. The one in this pattern is for the Wizard, but you can create any number of hats by changing the Hat Top Shape.
3. Attach the Wizard Top Hat Sections by scoring the sides and smoothing together. The trick is in holding it during the smoothing portion. "Pose" the hat before baking.
4. Bake according to the manufacturer's instructions.

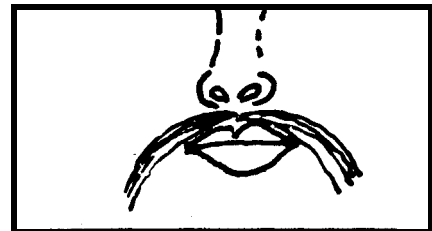
Painting the Face:

1. Paint the eyes white.
2. Using blue or brown, paint the irises. Paint black pupils in the center of each iris. When dry, add tiny, tiny, little dots of white at 2:00 on the edge of the pupil.
3. Water down white or brown paint and lightly paint two small eyebrows.
4. Water down brown and red paint mixed together and paint on the lips. You can use a dot of this color to blush the cheeks or you can use blush makeup to do the same.



Making the Wig

1. Using mohair or angora knitting wool, make a tiny 6 - 7 inch strip of hair. Put a little dab of glue right under the nose. Glue on the mustache. Make sure the lip shows.



2. Make 20 or more slightly thicker 6 - 7 inch strips of hair. Fold each bundle of hair and with a dot of glue, attach to the Wizard face along the face outline. After the face is outlined in hair, begin to fold and glue the other strips of hair all around the face and beard area, completely covering the Wizard head.



3. Use smaller strips of hair around the bang area, if needed.

Making the Fabric Bottle Cover:

1. Measure the bottle from top to bottom. Cut a rectangle 9.5 inches long and your top-to-bottom measurement. With Right Sides Together, stitch around the edges and turn. Turn under 1/4 inch at the bottom. Turn under another 1/4 inch at the bottom and stitch to create the hem.

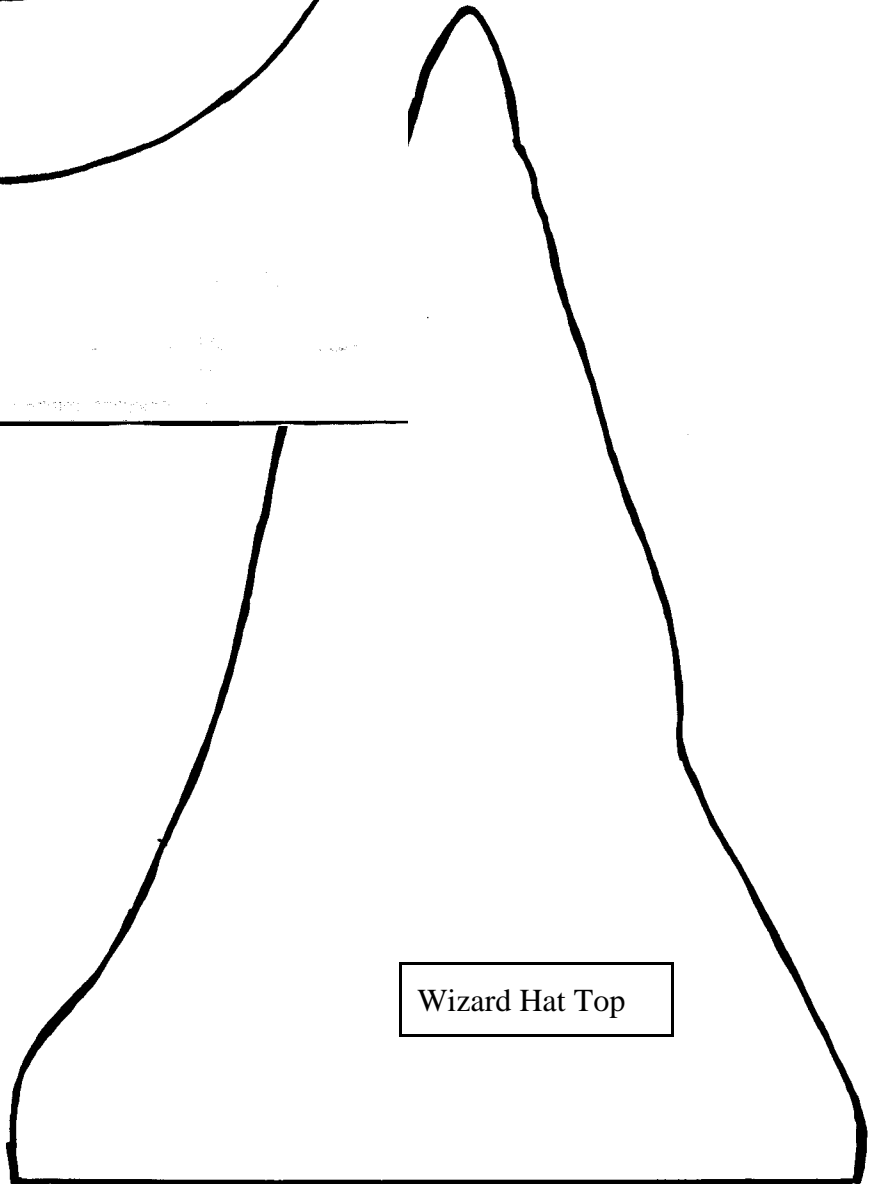
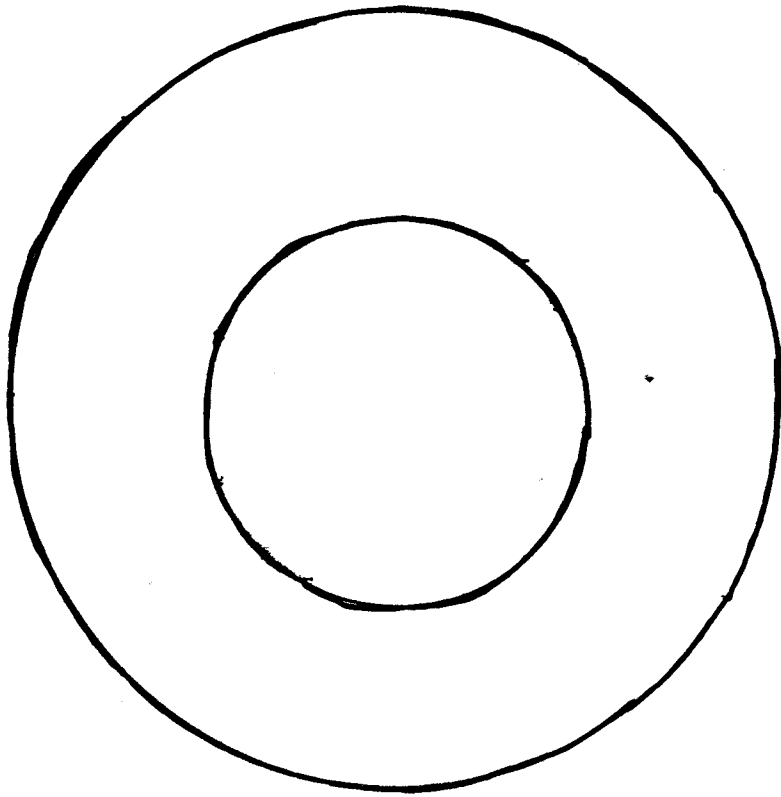
Putting it all Together:

1. Drape the fabric over the wine bottle.
2. Insert the Santa/Wizard Head Piece.
3. (If you will be using over and over again, you can glue the head piece onto the fabric after you insert it onto the wine bottle.)
4. Cut a 18 inch piece of gold lame ribbon and wrap around the wizard/santa's neck and tie a bow.
5. You're done!

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