

# Alice's caterpillar and waterpipe

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## ***Materials for the caterpillar:***

Polymer clay in light blue

Dry pastel , dark blue

Acrylic paint: black,  
brown, pink

Polymer clay glaze

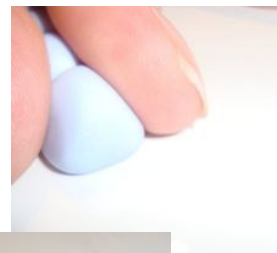
## ***Tools:***

Tile to work on and bake the clay

Razor blade with protection

Toothpick and/or  
embossing tool

One very thin, and one large  
soft paintbrush



With light blue polymer clay, form 8 balls, diameter 1,2cm (0,5 inch).

Put all balls in a line to form the body of the caterpillar. Gently push on ends of the body. Then press the body on the file, forming each ball in a triangle shape. Press a little more on the 8th ball to form the end of the body.

If now you remove the body from the file, it's flat underneath. Keep it on side of file.

For the head, roll a ball of 2cm diameter (3/4 inch). Form a pear shape, than bend slightly the top towards the face. Now with a toothpick, mark the « smile », then a second mark on top of first one.

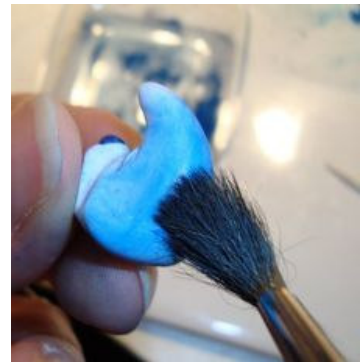
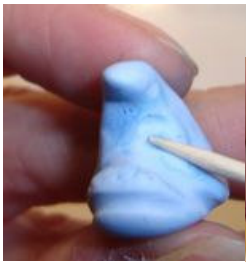




Pinch top of head, than form some « cheeks » with the toothpick. Mark eyes sockets and eyebrows marks. Make a hole for the nose, a second for the pipe.

Form a tiny ball of 3 to 4 mm. (1/8 inch)

Grate some dry blue pastel with your blade. Roll this tiny ball in the pastel powder, then place on the face. Now brush back of head with the large brush « dipped » in the pastel powder. The more you brush, the more the clay gets color, and also shine.



Place body on file and don't remove it before all powder has been brushed on.

Brush first some powder on the back of the body.

Form 12 tiny logs of polymer clay , wide 2 to 3mm (1/10 inch), and length 1,5cm (5/8 inch). Make one end thinner then the other one. On 6 of them, form on thin end a little « hand » with toothpick. On the 6 other ones, bend the little « feet ».

Mahe holes on each side of the fist 3 « balls » of the body, and insert the 6 little « arms ». On the 3 last ones, insert the 6 « legs ». Brush on and under each arm and leg with pastel powder.





Remove body from the file. Put the head on, and now just give to your caterpillar the movement you want.

I wanted to place my caterpillar on a mushroom. So I first bent backwards the body to make the « bust » vertically. Then I placed it on the side of a glass pot lying on my file. Form the little arms in a position where the seem to handle something (it will smoke the pipe). Bake the caterpillar according to manufacturer's instructions.

When baked, paint the mouth, eyes and eyebrows in black. Paint the hand in dark pink, the boots in brown. Varnish with some polymer clay glaze. Your caterpillar is finished!



### Now the waterpipe!

You will need some beads and jewellery findings, gold or silver, plus a metal wire.

Insert the wire through all the beads and findings. Secure with some super glue. Cut the part of wire on top of the pipe.





Make a chain of tiny beads, about 12cm (4 inches). End with a gold bead and a little piece of plastic tube or some translucent long beads.

Glue the end of the string of beads in the middle of the waerpipe, and the translucent end inside the hole of the mouth of caterpillar. Attach also onto a little arm.

**Your caterpillar is finished! Now Alice can come! Enjoy!**



**NB: Mushroom has been made out of fimo, following Cheri Desiree's tutorial published on CDHM forum (you must be a member of forum to have access to free tutorials) on feb 13th of 2010.**

<http://forums.cdhm.org/index.php/board,402.0.html>