

Ron's Easy Peasy Extruder Cane

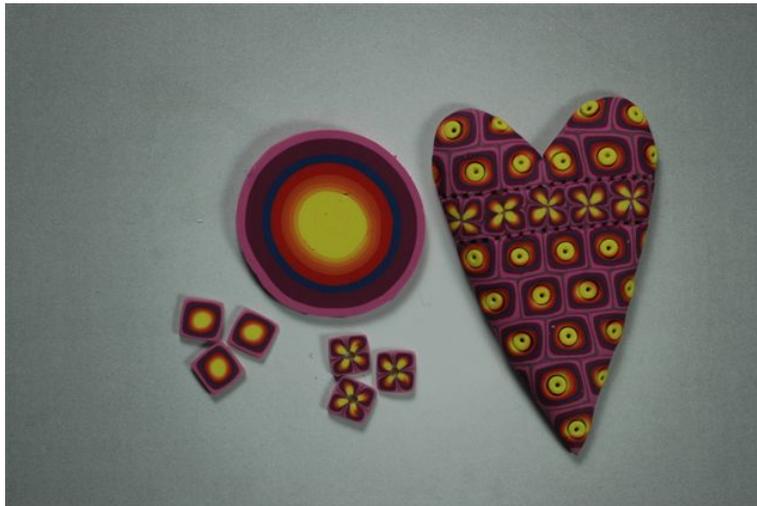
About 4 years ago at the Mammoth Cave Retreat I discovered a way to make these easy canes using my Makin' extruder, the square disk and the 1 mm core attachment. I



have been using this technique every since to "up cycle" some of my old canes and "scrap" that people have donated to my heart project.

To celebrate reaching my 24,000th heart pin I wanted to share this technique which I call my "easy-peasy" extruder cane.

All of the designs in this heart collection utilize canes made using the easy peasy extruder technique



Example #1:

I found this bull's eye cane in a box of donated "scrap". After reducing it to fit the barrel of the extruder I used a portion of it to extrude through the square disk by itself. You can see the result was a perfect square with the bright yellow center. However when I extruded the same cane through both the square and the core attachment the result was much different and had a floral quality. The two canes complement each other in the heart made from my extrusions.



This collection of hearts was made using my extruded easy peasy canes from the bull's eye "scrap" cane.

Example #2: I started with this black and white stripe cane which I elected to wrap with a thin layer of red clay before I extruded it. I think the result was pretty amazing (and easy).



Example #3: The extruded cane was made using a combination of skinner blend canes. The original cane takes on an entirely new look after it is extruded through the combination of the 1 mm core attachment and the the square disk.



I find this a very fun and serendipitous technique that has allowed me to up cycle used canes. See how it works for you. Have fun.