

## Super Sculpey Bar Update



# Bar Comparison

- We recently updated our extruding equipment which has helped us greatly improve production speed and efficiency. The extrusion method for our clay bars has now changed from strips to solid bars of clay as part of this process.
- The formula has not changed, the clay is not any firmer than it used to be, however because the clay is no longer in strips you may need to change the way you prefer to condition it.
- Instead of pulling strips of clay and conditioning them, it is no advisable to pull off smaller pieces by hand or use a blade to cut off manageable pieces and condition them.

**OLD BAR**



**NEW BAR**



# Conditioning Methods

- The process of conditioning is the warming and kneading of polymer clay to prepare it for use.
- There are a couple of ways to condition clay
  - **Hand conditioning method**
    - Slice off a small piece of clay using a clay blade
    - Make a ball with the clay and hold it in your hands to warm it up
    - Knead the clay using your hands
    - Using an acrylic roller you can roll it out into a sheet to check how smooth the clay is
  - **Pasta Machine conditioning method**
    - Slice off a piece of clay
    - Start with the machine on the thickest setting – 0
    - Run the clay through the machine
    - Fold it and repeat for at least 10 times – making sure the folded edge is being put through first so that you don't trap air into the clay
    - Move up to a thinner setting – like a 1 or 2 and repeat for at least 10 times
    - Check out the video that shows how to use a pasta machine
      - [\(79\) Sculpey Tools Clay Conditioning Machine - Demo & Tips - YouTube](#)

