

Creating Regali Fingerprint Charms



You'll need:

- Impression Kit(s), 1 per charm
- Return envelope
- Order form (send white copy and keep yellow copy)
- Instructions
- Sample fingerprint

Step 1: Use a small marble-sized ball of air dry clay. You don't want it to completely fill up the container or it may be crushed when the container is closed. If you're trying to capture a baby foot or hand, you can use a little more air dry clay.

Step 2: Put the air dry clay into the side of the container opposite the side that has the white sticker on it. That way, the bump on the container won't damage the print. **Note that this is different from when we use the silver clay; in this case we WANT the air dry clay to have that little divot on the bottom.**

Step 3: Close the container to flatten the clay and then open it again immediately. Hold the open container of clay in one hand and the digit of the patient in the other hand. I generally use the pointer finger, but a thumb can be used as well. *Sometimes this is easier with 2 people.*

Step 4: Press the finger directly onto the clay, hard enough that there is a clear indent in the clay.

Step 5: After pressing a finger or toe into the clay, leave the container open as long as possible (24 hours is ideal) before closing it and sending it to Regali. This will allow it to dry and make the imprint permanent. *We'll send the air dry clay imprint back to the family with their charms.*

Step 6: Note all relevant information on the label on the lid. I'll need to know the **order number, patient's name, and personalization requested.**

Step 7: Put the imprint(s) into a **padded/bubble** envelope along with the filled-out **order form**, seal it, add **USPS Ground Advantage postage**, and send it to:

Regali LLC
PO Box 2833
Reston VA 20195

Please Note

- Some patients use the thumbs up to communicate with their families and caregivers. If this is the case, it's nice to print the **thumb** instead of the pointer finger. A **ring finger** is nice for charms for a spouse, and in some cases the **middle finger** is the preferred choice.
- **Notes for NICU:** Most babies won't have fingerprint ridges, like we do, so it's important to press down enough so there's a clear finger impression. You can also make an imprint of the top of the finger, with the fingernail.
- Very small **babies** will obviously have tiny fingers. Parents may opt to press 2 fingers on the charm, or a finger and a toe. Sometimes they may want to do just a toe.