Tiny clay mushrooms as Christmas parcel ornaments

A two-piece shaping diagram and drying checklist. Use the free printable with the steps below. Compare the optional supply only if you need it.

Materials: Decorative air-dry clay; blunt modelling tool; suitable paint; hole tool; twine

1. Shape a sturdy stem and cap

Make a short broad stem and a cap with enough material at the join. Avoid the thin stalks often shown in decorative pictures. Use the maker's joining method and a small trial piece to check that the construction holds.

2. Plan the loop before drying

Make the hanging hole where it will leave a supported clay bridge. Dry the ornament on a suitable surface for the full time required by the maker and its thickness. Do not hang a piece while its join is still soft.

3. Paint and inspect

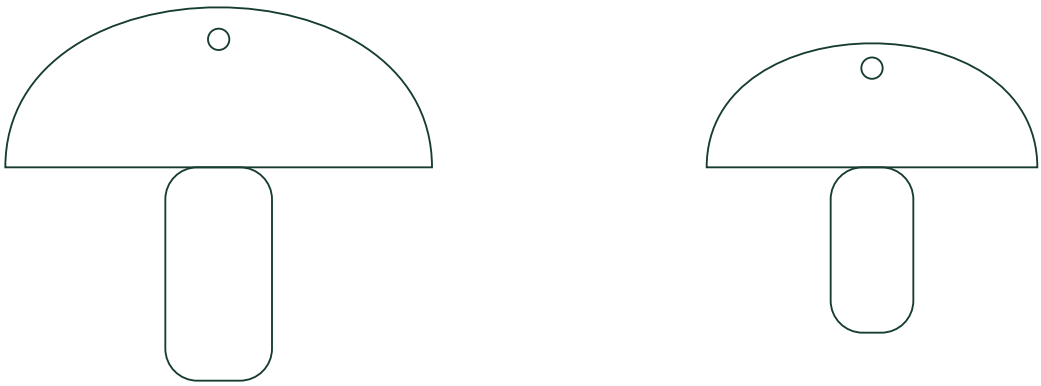
Paint after drying and let the finish cure before threading. Check the join and hole gently before hanging. Treat the ornament as fragile indoor decor and keep small parts away from children and pets.

Follow material and tool instructions. Decorative clay, paper and wire are not food-safe or flame-safe by default; supervise tools and keep small parts away from children and pets.

Your printable workspace

1 inch

Print at 100% / Actual size and verify this square. Solid outlines: cut. Dashed lines: fold. Trial on scrap paper. Clay outlines are shape references. Keep paper away from food, heat and flames.



Shape reference / actual clay thickness / joining directions

Thick sturdy stem; top hole stays open. Follow maker drying instructions.