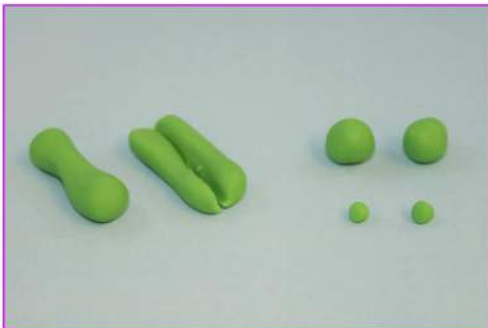


A crocodile body is shaped from one ball of green sugar paste size 16 on a size guide. You want to make a sausage shape approximately 5" long which is much thinner one end to form the tail and thicker at the other to make the head, about an inch down on the thicker end you need to make a dent for the neck, keeping the body part quite thick



The legs are made from 2 balls size 7 formed into a small sausage shape with a dent in the middle these are then cut in half length ways to form four legs and feet. The eyes are two balls size 6 and two even smaller balls are needed for the nostrils



The head end of the body needs to be elongated by gently pulling the paste between your fingers then flatten at the end to form the mouth part of the head. This then needs to be cut with a craft knife to open up the mouth so that teeth can be added, for that cheeky grin cut upwards at each side of the mouth. With a ball tool press dents all the way down the crocodile from top to tail starting off smaller, getting bigger in the middle and becoming smaller again. You need two rows to run along side each other right down the centre and then another row down each side so no surface is

Now with your finger tips, nip the paste together where it meets right on the top to give a raised spine. Attach the legs and feet with water to each side of the body and with a veining tool mark on some grooves to form the crocodiles feet.



The eyes are added to the top of the head with water and a bone tool to make dents ready to take the eye balls. These are made with a ball of white sugar paste first, followed by a smaller ball of black, always place the black pupil off centre to give a crazy but cute look. The nostrils go right on the end of the nose above the mouth and are pushed into place with a bulbulous cone tool to create two fat holes. Dust dark green colour down the croc, this helps to enhance the markings, a touch of pink is added to the inside of the mouth and on the cheeks either side of the mouth. Teeth can be added made from small balls of white sugar paste or piped with royal icing from a plain piping tube no 1.5.



Tip:
Spray or paint the crocodile with edible glaze to give it a wet look and to 'fix' the dust colour.