

Gelatin Mermaid

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Gelatin Prep:

- Prepare gelatin using 1:2 ½ ratio (gelatin:water)
- Add desired color and paint the large feather.
- Prepare gelatin using 1:4 ratio (gelatin:water)
- Add desired color and paint the Water texture sheet (for main tail.)

- Let these dry.

Further detailed information on using gelatin veining sheets can be found at www.cakeconnection.com



- Use Wavy Line texture sheet for seaweed.
- Prepare gelatin using 1:2 ratio (gelatin:water)
- Place gelatin in small parchment bag, cut end to about a tip 1 size hole, then pipe onto texture sheet.
- Let dry.



- Break chunks of styro foam to use as 'rocks'.
- Attach with glue in desired locations on prepared board.



- Use gumpaste to form body parts with the fairy mold.
- Free hand form the tail portion into a cone shape.
- Hollow out some at wide end so body can fit in.



- Glue body, head and tail pieces together using gum glue.
- Attach arms to position, but DON'T GLUE ARMS on yet.
- Position on foam (rocks) to dry.



- Tail scales:**
- Using the Water texture sheet of gelatin, cut a triangle a bit longer than length of tail and 1 inch wider than the waist diameter.
 - * You may want to make a pattern using wax paper.



- Spritz the back side of triangle with vodka, let soften about 30-45 seconds and wrap around the tail portion starting from the front of waist.
- Use piping gel as glue.
- Trim the waist shape with tiny scissors.



- Tail fin:**
- Cut a paper pattern first. Fin is about 4 inches tall and 4 ½ inches wide.
 - Cut in ½ and place pattern pieces on large feather watching the direction of the veining.
 - Use warm gelatin as glue to add tail.



- Finishing Touches:**
- Glue (using piping gel) on the arms.
 - Add hair using a clay gun.
 - Paint features, add gumpaste or gelatin shells for bra.



- Cover the foam pieces (rocks) with marbled fondant, using piping gel as glue.
- Glue mermaid in place.
- Add the sea weed using piping gel for glue.