



## The Best Way to Roll Metal Clay Snakes/Coils

### Rolling Metal Clay Coils

Well moistened, fresh clay is best for making coils. The clay needs to grip the surfaces in order to turn. So make sure your surfaces are clean of oil and dust.

- 1) While still in the sandwich wrap, press your lump into a sausage shape to get it started.
- 2) For a uniform coil, roll your clay under a "clay snake maker" (available from the [www.metalclay.com.au](http://www.metalclay.com.au) ordering/shopping cart page under Metal Clay Tools.) With each pass, your coil should get longer. If it doesn't, press harder.



- 3) As you roll, press down more on one side to create a taper in your coil.
- 4) To taper both sides, do one side and then the other.



5) Brush your coil with water before manipulating.

6) Gently coax your coil into place with a damp paintbrush. Bending the coil too quickly will produce cracks



Rolling a coil/snake takes practice and requires working efficiently. You should be able to roll a coil in less than a minute. If you are rolling back and forth and your coil is not getting longer, you are just drying your clay out. As you roll your clay, use just enough pressure to create results but not so much that it flattens your coil.