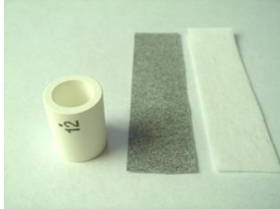
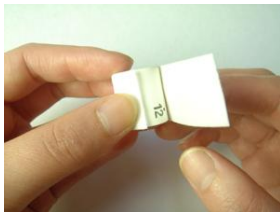


HOW TO USE THE CERAMIC RING SHRINKAGE STOPPERS



If you like to precisely control the size of your ring, you can use a shrinkage stopper when firing the ring. It stops the shrinking process of Art Clay so you will get a ring to the exact size you want. The shrinkage stopper also eliminates warping and distortion and makes a perfectly circular ring. You need to purchase a shrinkage stopper for each desired size. They are reusable as they are ceramic.



Roll a piece of ceramic tape (white) around the stopper so the top and bottom edges align.



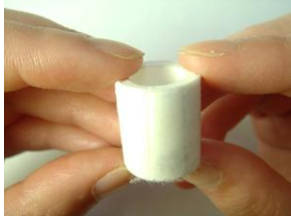
Cut the ceramic tape to the exact length so that the ends meet each other. *If the ends overlap with each other, the thickness there will affect the inner shape of the ring.



(If you don't use ceramic tape at all and bake the ring, the ring will not come off the shrinkage stopper.)



Fix it with normal tape.



It should look like this. No overlapping!



Do the same with a piece of alumina tape (grey coloured) over this. Again, no overlapping. Alumina tape makes the inside of the ring surface smooth.



Fix with normal tape just as before.



Place it inside the ring and fire.



Let it cool off.



It's easier to get the ring off the stopper if you twist it lightly in the water.



Cleanse the ring with water. No warping, and exactly the size you want.