

April Newsletter

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I have got canes on my mind having just come back from lots of time with Sarah Shriver teaching her wonderful canes. <http://www.sarahshriver.com/> Without exception everyone I spoke to admired her work and her relaxed style of teaching.

I thought I would head you to some cane tutorials but I think there is enough to keep you happy for hours "nay weeks" here: <http://pinterest.com/niviob/polymer-clay-canes-tutorials/> although its worth investigating Zu's™ blog for canes as well as other lovely work: <http://zuclay.blogspot.co.uk/2009/03/two-tutorials-in-one-post-flower-canes.html>

If you need help with cutting polymer clay canes there is a nice Youtube video here for people who make miniature canes: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xap4P217lwQ> I assume that you know already to pop your cane in the freezer for about half an hour before cutting "and of course sawing your blade and rolling your cane slightly whilst cutting can help.

Cindy Leitz has just put out one of her many recent free tutorials on an aid to cutting canes: http://www.beadsandbeading.com/blog/how-to-slice-round-polymer-canes-without-distortion/16908/?doing_wp_cron=1366564104.3669459819793701171875

And to enhance the delicate work you will do with your canes we have got some new, really well balanced, craft knife handles by Swan Morton "we are selling them with 5 straight blades and 5 curved blades (see picture on the right)



Razor holder - easy!



And, having had a number of requests we are now stocking razor blades " so useful for close work and tight corners! Here's a nice idea for razor blade holder too.

And having been taught the value of measuring this week I now have a stock of 15cm steel rulers

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The big news is I also have a stock of Makins pasta machines together with motors. They are not on the website yet but you can contact me if you are interested.

Finally, I have acquired some very old Fimo Soft clay " which I know is prized, particularly by miniaturists. I have around three 2oz blocks (that's all) of Windsor blue, cognac, lavender and plum.

Email me on Penny@around.com if you are interested in buying some.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.

Oliver Wendel Holmes

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I saw Nina Fletcher again whilst on my travels and she told me she has just written an article for Making Jewellery Magazine. Nina moved to the UK from Oslo and is often seen at workshops here in the UK although she still visits her home country when she can.

. Her work is immaculate. Here is a picture of one of her lovely art deco necklaces.

