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Your ClayAround Newsletter



There are so many colours available in alcohol inks and they present so many possibilities. At our last clayday Eileen taught us such a simple method of producing wonderful results: roll out a translucent piece of clay, cover it in stripes, or patterns, of alcohol inks multi coloured; let it dry and then roll up or fold the clay into a cane " and cut slices! Place those onto white clay covered in the foil of your choice and roll the lot through the pasta machine (you could make blocks and treat it like Mokume gane too). Pam came up with the most beautiful pieces as a result of this (below right).

Here we can start by learning about alcohol inks:

<http://www.theenchantedgallery.com/alcohol.html>

There is plenty available to help us work with alcohol inks. Our good friend Ginger gives us some comprehensive help here: <http://thebluebottletree.com/coloring-translucent-polymer-clay-with-alcohol-inks/> and a nice tutorial here for use of alcohol inks on translucent clay. <http://www.jewelry-and-polymerclay-tutorial-heaven.com/flower-beads-2.html>

Here is another tutorial

http://www.firemountaingems.com/galleryofdesigns/jewelry_design_gallery.asp?docid=7442&docat=gallery+and+project Note: I made an ink pad by forming a handle out of polymer clay, sticking it onto the backing block from a texture stamp (I took the texture off " much more useful being flexible!) and I stuck a piece of felt on the block.

Here is an idea to develop, although this one was for children:

http://pinkandgreenmama.blogspot.co.uk/2012/01/alcohol-ink-on-polymer-clay-embossed.html#.U_W8kPIdVIB And finally is an idea with black clay and foil (back to something similar to that which Eileen taught us) :

<http://carolcapaldicrafts.blogspot.co.uk/2011/08/alcohol-inks-and-polymer-clay.html>

And if that is not all here are 10 ways to use alcohol inks:

<http://mossyowls.blogspot.co.uk/2007/12/ten-on-tuesday-ten-ways-to-use-alcohol.html>





Well the excitement is that I have lots of Lucy extruders (itâ€™s been a traumatic month â€” they were lost by UPS!). Are you in a household where you can tell your loved ones what you want for Christmas (mine insist on it, as they havenâ€™t a clue what to get me!)? Well now is the time to suggest the full extruder kit (see picture top left).

Sorry about multiple Lucy pictures but I am privileged to be a distributor of the Lucy tools as they are such high quality!

So if you are being spoiled maybe a Lucy slicer. There will be more slicers available any day now â€” and they will include one of the luxury chrome ones if aesthetics matter to you! However they are selling fast so let me know if such a gift is on the cards for you and I will acquire more in anticipation, and in good time!

Jan experiments with his polymer clay. Here are earrings made with Pardo translucent, gilderâ€™s paste, gold leaf â€” and of course: alcohol ink! Jan has what he calls â€”a bit of a blogâ€™” <http://wimwams.blogspot.co.uk/> â€” do have a look for he is always coming up with new ideas. If you develop from his ideas â€” do let him know for I am sure he would be delighted. For me, this is the joy of polymer clay â€” there are never ending possibilities.

The next Clayaround clayday will next Saturday 13th September â€” details [here](http://community.clayaround.com/welsh-claydays.html):

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Still no black premo, and none of the hollow bead makers left either - Delivery is not for another month - but the good news is we should have the Snuffle with the next shipment

anticipation, and in good time!

Continue with the next shipment

Anything worth doing is worth doing poorly until you can learn to do it well.

Zig Ziglar

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