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Above right is a picture of a sea mushroom that fascinated me, and of course inspired me to realise how much mushrooms lend themselves to polymer clay. On the left is a mushroom that was sent to me by Caroline Schuler after we had attended a Carol Simmons cane making workshop together. You can see more of Caroline's ["classy" work](#) on her website.

Mushrooms are easy to make. Here is a [glittery one](#) shown on YouTube. Another simple YouTube video shows you a [different style](#) of mushroom. More options are lots of baby mushrooms in a [simple tutorial](#).

This [shiny mushroom](#) can be added to a miniature garden or you can take more garden ideas from these [three mushrooms](#).

We are already getting into the realm of fantasy so you may like to see the ideas by [Iris Mishley](#) or you might choose to make a more complex fantasy mushroom using this [Youtube tutorial](#) or even something like this fantasy ["Shroom" mushroom](#). You could make similar little mushroom houses to [these](#). However, these mushrooms have LED lights in them and are [amazingly effective](#)

You make jewellery? Inevitably there are some pendant beads [here](#) or a pendant decorated with mushrooms [here](#). Then there is the motivational pictures on pinterest. There really is some fascinating, and amusing work on [this page](#).

Finally, get back to reality for inspiration, Google for ["mushrooms"](#) and then look for ["images"](#) there are literally hundreds of pictures which will feed

your creativity! As you can see it is a subject with so many possibilities.



I saw someone wearing one of these tiny elastic tattoo chockers and was really taken with it. I saw the potential for adding a small polymer pendant and making an effective piece of jewellery. And they are so inexpensive as a substitute for buna cord maybe. They are [here](#) along with restocked bezels and some new ones. Bezels are a simple and inexpensive way of showing your work to good effect

It's not many weeks now until Polymania and I am already getting advance orders. I will not be taking clay (well other than Kato) to Polymania so if you want clay or anything else brought for you let me know in advance and I will bring it with me (saving you postage at the same time). What you do is put the order through the shopping cart and at check out click 'collection only'. However I will not be receiving orders for Polymania after 11th March. .

I already have some mini drills. I also have it on good authority that Kathleen is bringing paints. Cara has suggested that these could be shared between friends (for you never need to use very much) so I have bought tiny



Alley Daley has been working with polymer clay for around a year but until a few weeks ago has done nothing more than make little animals (very cute and authentic animals). She lives in a flat with four cats, three pet rats and a hamster! She renewed her childhood interest in Polymer clay when she had a lengthy stay in hospital and told us she was bored. At Christmas she was given a pasta machine and now she is hooked! She has ventured into working with canes to great effect. The picture above is of her first ever attempt at extruding.

[Our next clayday is on 17th February - Details and directions here](#) as usual. Anyone is welcome, beginners and experts alike - just let me know you are coming.

Anke Humpert is putting on a weeklong workshop from 28th June to July 5th this year. I can't recommend it enough - not only is the venue quite lovely (I know, I have been there) but

glass jars that will also be available.
You can add glitter to the pots too - I will be bringing glitter. And I will have a full range of wet and dry sand paper as well as a variety of ripple blades.

the food is amazing (I can tell you that from experience too!) and Anke is a teacher who will undoubtedly inspire you. You can find out more details [here](#)

Imagination is everything. It is the preview of life's coming attractions

Albert Einstein

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