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I have never tried creating faux stones but a posting which drew me to Mari Segalâ€™s Abalon gave me motivation: http://www.polymercrycentral.com/ms_abalone3.html - and here is the tutorial: http://www.polymercrycentral.com/ms_abalone1.html. There are so many stones you can create which are realistic. I think the best treasure trove of these you will find is here: http://www.everclay.dk/1_Tutlinks/Projects/faux_US.htm. I particularly like this tutorial, even if it is old, but it does need those â€œsnow flakesâ€™ you buy at Christmas <http://www.polymercryweb.com/Tutorials/FauxEffects/FauxOpal.aspx>. You can create really effective, and simple, faux stones using translucent clay and embossing powder as an inclusion. You roll out a medium thin piece of translucent, cut it into a circle, add a small amount of embossing powder and knead it into the clay. - see picture on left. Then shape it into an interesting shape, cure it, sand it and buff it and hey â€“ you have stones!



Workshop by Cara Jane



Most crafters have some embossing powder around but if you havenâ€™t you can buy some on the ClayAround site.

We now have inexpensive surface foils available again. These, too, can be used as inclusions.

We have interleaved imitation surface gold 10 packs and small packs of surface silver that are not interleaved but have



The big news is that Cara Jane is going to do a workshop for us. We are very privileged as this is the first time she has taught this particular class:

The numbers are limited and it is in mid Wales â€“ but if you want details you can find them here:

<http://community.clayaround.com/workshop-27th-july-2013.html> If you don't know already, Cara has a new website (which incorporates her excellent blog):
<http://carajane.co.uk/>

around 100 sheets.

**Reminder- our next Clayday in Wales
is on Saturday 1st June**

Distinctive beads by Emily Parker

Still with Sarah Shriver on my mind here are some absolutely wonderful beads made by Emily after Sarahâ€™s visit to the UK. Mind you, being particularly tall, Emily is probably the only person I know who can carry them off!



Experience is not what happens to you; it's what you do with what happens
Aldus Huxley

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