

# November Newsletter

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Predictably I just have to have a Christmas theme at this time of year. What is happening in the polymer world? Well for a start Pinterest has lots of ideas for ornaments:

<http://www.pinterest.com/beachbooklady/christmas-polymer-clay-ornaments/> and there really are some wonderful ideas on this website:

<http://www.familyholiday.net/unique-handmade-polymer-clay-christmas-ornaments>.

If you want some simple tutorials there are three here:

A penguin <http://www.guidecentr.al/how-to-make-a-polymer-clay-penguin/Z6i4lnNkNa>

A poinsettia <http://www.planetjune.com/blog/tutorials/polymer-clay-poinsettia-tutorial/>

A winter tree <http://artjewelryelements.blogspot.ie/2012/12/easy-winter-tree-cane-tutorial.html>

And Iris Misley has put out a great YouTube video on how to make a Christmas decoration <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KoLyI9pgvv0>. Finally, Cara Jane has put a hat on her cat for Christmas: <http://carajane.co.uk/2012/11/tiny-christmas-hat-tutorial.html>

If you want a Christmas motivator look at this amazing work by Jeffrey Lloyd Dever: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNm2GtZIQ0U>

This is the time of year to try out the Ice paint “ which gives your clay the impression of having ice on the surface. This paint was developed for polymer clay, but also works on glass “ so you could make some lovely table decorations with glass jars, your clay, and this paint. There are a variety of colours:

<http://www.clayaround.com/index.php?cPath=24&osCsid=24adac5a7f79405579cb54bc611aa735>





**Barbara  
Stevens**

We have got some new discs to use with extruders: They can be used with the Lucy extruders (new to the UK) and with the Makins Ultimate (aluminium) and Makins Stainless Steel extruders as well as the Walnut Hollow extruders.

I picked up a nice hint from somewhere and don't know where so apologies to the writer: You can make lovely gold pearl with half a pack of premo 18k gold and 6 drops of Pinata seniorita magenta plus 2/3 drops of Pinata subright yellow.

Talking of alcohol inks, we have now increased our range of colours of the Ranger Alcohol inks do have a look:  
<http://www.clayaround.com/index.php?cPath=27&osCsid=24adac5a7f79405579cb54bc611aa735>

I would like to introduce you to Barbara Stevens. She is comparatively new to Polymer clay yet has made it into her latest business. At one point she was Welsh business woman of the year, and one can understand why: she is astute as well as talented. She visits the ClayAround Claydays intermittently and openly admits she is there to collect ideas. However, we gain so much from her too. You can find her on [www.beads-withattitude.co.uk](http://www.beads-withattitude.co.uk)

**Post script:** I featured David Osborne last month and made some typing errors in what I wrote. I need to apologise for this!

Our next Clayday in Wales is on Saturday 14th December details here  
<http://community.clayaround.com/welsh-claydays.html>

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.

Calvin Coolidge

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