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I am delighted to announce that by courtesy of Valerie and Craig (who have moved on from polymerclay.co.uk) I now have the distributorship in the UK for the Best Flexible Molds (see image top right). These moulds are designed by Penny Jo who is a polymer clay artist in Oklahoma. Her husband makes the vast array of designs into top quality moulds with endless possibilities. Because of the number of designs on each mould they are value for money as well as being suitable for just about any occasion (see the Christmas possibilities in the photo on the left above – the images are also by courtesy of Penni Jo). You will find them on the shopping cart [here](#) with a link to Penni Jo’s YouTube video showing you how to use them.

So, logically, let's focus on 3d images.

Let's start with the exquisite work of Mandarin duck – conveniently put together on [this webpage](#). It is worth clicking through to her website for more images. Laura Schiller is known for the magnificent eggs she produces, but she also does a variety of superb 3d pictures – if you are not feeling rich you can at least use them for [inspiration!](#) If dragons are your thing™ then Jen Guilory has produced an interesting one [here](#). And there is more inspiration on the inevitable [pinterest page](#):

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I found very few tutorials. On Facebook I found some really interesting so work on Merry Green Kiwi™'s facebook page. If you look at the steampunk Cat cover for a notebook you will find it is a [tutorial](#) Wonderful Christi Friesen has some free tutorials on her [website](#) and equally wonderful Ginger has a useful review of soufflé which gives you ideas of what you can do with that [suede finish](#). Finally, if any of you own a silhouette machine or a Cricut machine because you can make these using the [craftcast video](#) or these using this tutorial on the [Polyform website](#) I have one of these machines and they aren't just for card makers they cut polymer clay and they open up a whole new "universe" of possibilities!



Discounts

A new venture for ClayAround. It has been pointed out to me that "sets" of products are all very well but may not satisfy your needs. So, until Christmas (well until Christmas postage ends on 19th December) you can have a considerable discount (around 20%) if you put together your own gift package of Pan Pastels or of Chameleon pens. So "if you buy 4 or more Pan Pastel colours of your own choosing, or 5 or more Chameleon pens of the colours of your own choosing, then the ClayAround shopping cart will give you a minimum of a £5 discount " more if you buy more. You choose " the more you buy, the more you benefit, and you can make them up into a really lovely Christmas gift for your arty crafty friends " or even better a special gift for yourself! For the Pan pastels put in the discount



Anne Wallace is a biology teacher who lives in Dundee. She and her husband spend a lot of time on cruises (we will have to introduce her to Lisa Pavelka's polymer clay cruises!) 'Jewellery Maker' and Debbie Bulford were the catalyst for her introduction to polymer clay- that to compliment Anne's metal clay and wire work.

Anne has attended a number of courses but she looks on polymer clay as relaxation therapy, enjoying colour, and lately enjoying learning about cane work. Making jeweller is her main pursuit with this medium. I like this image of matching pieces made from the same cane - that is what makes polymer so special. Anne is on Facebook if you care to search for her.

For the Pan party put in the discount code at checkout: [Panparty](#)

For the Chameleon pens put in the discount code at checkout: [Chameleonparty](#)

Having focused on the Best Flexible molds above I need to remind you too, that Penni Jo has also designed a set of texture sheets which we have in stock – you can find them [here](#)

Our next clayday, the last before Christmas is on 5th December. We are have a 'Jacob's Join' so bring a small plate of food to share. Details are [here](#)

Keep in mind that all the clay suppliers put up their prices at the beginning of January so if you want to save some money, stock up now for the retail prices will inevitably go up too.

Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling

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