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It seems appropriate today to return to looking at polymer clay creatures ( but I will be avoiding dragons). So many people have so many creative ideas that the variety is immense For instance Trevor Sprotson contacted me recently to show me his [recent work](#) (see the picture top right).

In total contrast, top right is a picture taken by Syndee Holt (and posted by Carol Simmons) of totem poles created by Alice Stroppel – you can see her blog [here](#) (where she talks about new teaching that she is doing)

You may like to see the large variety of whimsical creatures on [this website](#) or [this one](#) or some slightly more realistic creatures [here](#)

I love the idea of these [troll planters](#) that surely wouldn't be too difficult to copy, or you might find some creatures that you would be able to make amongst [these](#)

There's a tutorial [here](#) for a bunny and a slightly more complicated one [here](#)

But back to reality. Here are some [incredible pieces](#) and if you search that website you will find some – work in progress. Quite fascinating. Finally, although they are not creatures *per se* look at these amazing Russian [sculptured dolls](#). There really are such talented people around!



At Synergy we met Penny Stern. She is selling Hamsa Hamsah cutters (above right) and she has kindly let us put them on the ClayAround website. If you order them they will be sent to you directly from Israel. These cutters are used to make talismans to wear or to display. You could surely make some lovely gifts for the Jewish new year at the beginning of October if you got your skates on! You can find them [here](#)

I have managed to obtain some of the little [Sofft applicators](#) that can be used with pan pastels (and other products. They are in packs of 12 so you can have one for each colour, or for mixing and blending colours " and they are washable (see picture above left )

We have some new Moiko designs (although Gosia hasn't sent the pictures yet!) " they continue to be original and attractive. Do watch out for them on the website [here](#).

We have some of the Sculpey Pearl liquid clay coming this week too " to compliment their already popular Gold and Silver liquid clays.

We have had problems replenishing the Fat Daddios but I am told they are now on their way from the USA - watch for those too!



As with Caroline who was introduced to you last month, I met Helen Cruickshank at Carol Simmons workshop and we immediately "clicked"™. She is a most versatile character whose profession is that of a Mental Health Occupational Therapist. But she also races horse carriages! She is an excellent cook and baker too - we discovered that on our workshop! Her clay work shows dedication and artistic acumen, and also emphasizes her sense of fun. She is prolific for she makes so many of her attractive owls, ponies and dogs " and lately fairy houses for Christmas. Helen can be found on Facebook if you want to see more of her work. She posts quite frequently on the 'Amusing Artistry'.Facebook pages too.

The next clayday will be on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>. As usual details can be found [here](#).and we always welcome new people. We are privileged to have a visit from Helen Cruickshank who is going to teach us how to make owls similar to those above.

Clayaround has now added another payment system on the shopping cart. If you do not like to pay through Paypal you can use your credit card using the "Create"™ payment system (Create is the name of the platform that we use at ClayAround)

And have I told you that Sculpey have some new colours in the Souffle clays: lovely muted colours?

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Steve Jobs

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