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There is so much inspiration now autumn is here. Look at these stunning leaves (up left) created by Laura Schiller. You can find more of her stunning work (her eggs are amazing) [here](#). From the sublime to the ridiculous you will see on the right the necklace I made when Polyform produced all their lovely metallic colours – very autumnal!

There is a plethora of YouTutorials available, mostly very simple designs, if you want to make autumnal goodies. Some leaves made of [Fimo](#), some [Acorns](#) or some [chestnuts](#) and a little [autumnal doll](#). With a little more sophistication you can make these lovely [earrings](#)

If you prefer tutorials in words there is one from [Donna Kato](#) available, or a very simple pictorial [marbled leaf](#) tutorial here and there are step by step instructions [here](#) (there seems to be a download on this page – I wouldn't risk it if I were you!)

If inspiration is what you want then you could get your extruder out and copy the [little beads](#) that look like balls of wool, half way down the page on this website. or you could take a look at the colour combinations on this [necklace](#) on Etsy. Then there is the simply brilliant work by [Bellou](#), using fastenings at the front. Do scroll down the page for there is some superb work

Finally the [Pinterest page](#). You won't find much polymer clay but there are lovely autumn faires, even more lovely colours, and the irresistible Flower Fairy images that

were in the books that were so much a part of my childhood.



Polyform, in their wisdom, have chosen to stop producing 1lb blocks of Purple Premo. They are continuing with the 2oz blocks however, so I have seen to it I have a plentiful supply!

I tried, last year, to get hold of some Oumarou modelling compound and it got stuck in China! I have finally sourced some and it will arrive in the next few weeks " so keep your eyes open for it. It is the wonderful moulding sticks that you can use over and over again.

I am investigating all sorts of new stock. I have been asking if there would be any interest in my buying more Black Kor rollers from America (the costs will inevitably have risen because of the currency exchange). Do let me know what your thoughts are - email through the shopping cart. I also found some sweet little kalaedoscope kits which I thought might make great Christmas gifts - one puts them together a bit like pen kits and cover them in the clay of your choice. I will put pictures on the [ClayAround Facebook page](#) very soon.

One of my customers has reminded



I met Fiona Adamson at the BPCG recent celebration in Kidderminster She designs and creates products using silversmithing, metalwork and polymer clay. She discovered Polymer clay around 3 years ago by chance when experimenting with precious metal clay but found it challenging and was recommended polymer clay " she is hooked on the diversity of it. She tells me her influences come from fantasy, steampunk, gothic, pagan symbolism, Tribal Art, Venetian Comedia del Arte and of course Nature. She uses Black Fimo Soft and adds acrylic paints and mica powders to create the journal covers above. She also makes frames, fairy and troll houses, and doors, boxes and jewellery. You can find her at her [online store](#) or on her Facebook page: look for Fiona-Adamson-Designs.

We didn't have a ClayDay this month - although you wouldn't believe it because we were proudly represented by 7 of our 'girls' at the Kidderminster celebration. Most of them sat for two days making 'beads of courage' for children who are undergoing treatment for cancer. I am so grateful to them

me that I periodically set up gift tokens for people. With Christmas coming it is worth reminding you that if you want to give a gift token for the ClayAround website then simply let me know by email (through the shopping cart) what amount it is for (£4.50 postage would be added to the cost) and you can choose what "code"™ the person has to put into the card to get their gift. I will send you a Paypal invoice for the amount and they will have an indefinite period in which to spend their token.

for their support - and for wearing our t-shirts!

We even managed some recruiting, so Christine will be joining us for our next clayday which will be on Saturday 7th October. As ever, all welcome, details [here](#)

As you know Polymania is now booked up but Cara Jane does have a waiting list and often places become available. Get yourself onto her [mailing list](#) for up to date information

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Think left and think right and think low and think high.  
Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try

Dr Seuss

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