

Happy New year

What have I found that might interest you?

One bit of news is that Bonnie McGough has just published a book The Wonder of Polymer Clay <http://www.bonniemcgough.co.uk/index.php> - it is full of pictures and ideas (and my first ever efforts with polymer clay are featured in the gallery!)

A new clayer emerged onto the scene only a couple of years ago and she produces the most beautiful work. Zuleykha has just announced the birth of her son, Ross, and her blog is being neglected, but I recommend that you look at it never the less for ideas and tutorials. <http://zuclay.blogspot.com/>

On 11th, 12th and 13th March this year there will be a first Polymer Pamper Play weekend. Polymer clay enthusiasts will benefit from the expertise of Carol Blackburn and Christine Dumont as well as experiencing the pampering facilities of the hotel in Dorset as well as the opportunity to look around the Isle of Portland. More details here: <http://polymerandmetalclayheaven.blogspot.com/2010/12/great-guest-teachers-for-our-polymer.html?spref=fb>

Christmas over and we can get back to normal however this year I experimented with Christmas decorations and a very simple idea is to roll out a pale colour of clay on the thickest setting on your pasta machine, cut a star shape, put a hole in the top to put a string through, and paint both sides with Pearlex (<http://www.clayaround.com/index.php?cPath=26>). I have found that Duo works best. Hang them on window for lovely glistening decorations. And I am sure you can experiment with glitter and other ideas too.

My decorations are taken down already. I have covered these stars with Renaissance Wax (http://www.clayaround.com/product_info.php?cPath=24&products_id=335) so that they will be as good as new for next year.

New Year changes

Let me assure you that, because ClayAround is not registered for VAT we can hold current prices whilst current stocks last. What will happen is that some clays may rise in price before others depending on sales. Also, we still, deliberately, have a stock of Studio Clay (which Polyform have discontinued) we have a number of customers who like this clay so will be able to supply most colours for the foreseeable future.

By now you will surely have heard of the changes at Polyform they are discontinuing key lines of Premo as well as all the Studio range. They are also discontinuing a number of Sculpey iii colours. However, they intend to introduce a number of the Studio colours into the Premo range. You can get a lot of information by logging into their Facebook page lots of news and lots of interesting comment: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Polyform->

[Products/106551216055451](#) I will, of course, let you know when I have access to all the new colour range.

Added to that there are changes at Van Aken the suppliers of Kato. They now want all Europeans to buy through a new distributor in Spain. So far I have been waiting for over two months for news of supply and as yet assurance is not forthcoming lets hope we get some new stock soon. I am, as you can imagine, working on it.

I hope this year will be your best yet!

"Creativity comes from trust. Trust your instincts."
Rita Mae Brown

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