

## Clay Around

With Christmas looming I guess you will soon be making Christmas goodies? For something special I just love Marie Segal's 'Unzipped heart' series – what lovely gifts something like that would make:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.195141510560844.47981.100001949880089&type=1>

There is a poinsettia here that would be pretty easy to copy or adapt as a decoration:  
<http://polymerclay.craftgossip.com/buy-handmade-polymer-clay-edition/2007/11/08> and more from them here: <http://polymerclay.craftgossip.com/2007/11>

If you want some more traditional ideas look at this little selection:  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/jodielz/3095330116/> and you can buy tutorials on this site:  
<http://www.jewelrylessons.com/tutorial/christmas-star-ornament-polymer-clay>

And how about this <http://www.etsy.com/listing/17117119/sale-christmas-ornament-polymer-clay> - or this [http://www.etsy.com/listing/32509593/winter-skies-handmade-polymer-clay?ref=cat3\\_gallery\\_12](http://www.etsy.com/listing/32509593/winter-skies-handmade-polymer-clay?ref=cat3_gallery_12) for a cover for a Christmas tree baubles? And look at this: <http://polymerclayshed.blogspot.com/2010/11/christmas-ornament.html>. Just excellent!

Here is an angel I copied from an idea by Bonnie McGough



And the inevitable liquorice allsorts that graced the Christmas table last year (much to the chagrin of my granddaughter who didn't realise they were polymer clay!)



Do you fancy a trip to mid Wales on November 5th? I am holding a (free) 'Clay Play Day' starting at 10am to welcome two visitors to Britain from Romania. They are very motivated Polymer Clayers who want to learn as much as possible about this art and who want to start up groups in their own country. We start at 10am – so if you are interested email me at [clayday@clayaround.com](mailto:clayday@clayaround.com) for directions and details. All you need to do is bring a pasta

machine and something for your lunch! (predictably we have clay available to buy... but bring your own if you prefer.) Oh and bring some of your work to 'show and tell'. I will be doing a demonstration on Mica Shift and of course others will surely want to share their skills too.

Fimo have a new range of delicate colours – they are classed as 'Effect'



The colours are: vanilla (105), pink (205), aqua (305), peach (405), mint (505), and lilac (605). They are the usual price and not on the website yet. If you are in a hurry for them just email me.

Happiness is as a butterfly which, when pursued, is always beyond our grasp, but which if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.

Nathaniel Hawthorne



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