



Polymer Clay Jewelry: The Art of Aging Gracefully with Christi Friesen

CHRISTI'S TOP 5 TIPS



1 Appreciate imperfection

Nothing in this world is perfect or eternal - so why not embrace it? Have fun with your pieces and find the beauty in wabi-sabi – aging, broken, and worn-out objects.



2 Look to nature

Observe the world around you so you can mimic nature doing its thing. Try recreating ancient stone, worn wood, or encroaching moss.



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Finders, keepers

Keep your eyes open for ancient little treasures that you can incorporate into your “found punk” designs. These items naturally have an authentically aged feel.

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Get chemistry on your side

You can harness the power of actual aging by using patinas! Swellegant is a line of metal coatings, patinas and dyes that will start genuinely aging your pieces via oxidation.



5 Beautify the flaws

Instead of trying to hide a repair job, you can make an item beautiful by calling attention to those very repairs. This look can be easily created with polymer clay.

