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Holiday Wish List

Forget the Diamonds: Gifts of Polymer Clay Are A Girl's Best Friend

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Are sugarplums dancing in your head these days? Whether Santa ho-ho-ho's your presents down the chimney or you receive eight nights of gifts for Chanukah, here are a few suggestions for your holiday wish list:

Note: You might want to print out this list and place it strategically where your friends and loved ones are certain to find it.

Lavish Gifts (see photos and descriptions below):

1. All expense paid trip to the polymer clay conference or workshop of your choice
2. Slab roller for making **really** big sheets of clay
3. Clay extruder for canes the size of a soda can
4. Snazzy new gadget for perfect cane slices every time

Christmas Stocking Stuffers (or select any 8 for Chanukah):

1. Container for carrying pasta machine (see Item #1 under Lavish Gifts)
2. Another pasta machine (you can never have too many)
3. Convection or toaster oven (look for 12-volt model that plugs into car lighter socket)
4. Gift certificate to favorite craft store(s)
5. Membership to NPCG (National Polymer Clay Guild)

6. Dues for local guild(s)
7. Contribution to any needy polymer clay site
8. Every polymer clay book ever printed
9. One big package filled with:
 - Marble slab or other suitable work surface
 - Baking parchment
 - Acrylic roller
 - Tissue blades or NuBlade
 - Marxit tool
 - Bead rollers
 - Ripple cutter
 - Bamboo skewers
 - Craft knife and extra blades
 - Pearlex or Mica powders
 - Wipes for cleaning hands and tools
10. Cash (no explanation needed)

From [Dick Blick](#):

Bailey's Standard 4 Hand Extruder is recommended for solid clay shapes up to 3" (8 cm) round tubes or 3.75" (10 cm) wide slabs.



It features a square barrel, a heavy-duty quick-change die holder, and a plunger stop to protect die braces from damage. Mount it on a wall or table. Includes mounting hardware, one coil die, two blank dies, and instruction booklet. Barrel capacity is 11 lbs (5 kg) of clay.

Cost: \$298



From [Chef Web Master](#):

Perfect for baking, the ButterMate dispenses precise measurements of butter every time. The measuring scale is marked in both tablespoon and teaspoon increments and conveniently features a conversion for cup measurements.

The wire blade will accurately cut the butter without need of a knife and eliminates the annoying task of peeling wax or foil paper from the stick of butter.

Cost: \$9.95



From [Dick Blick](#):

North Star Polaris Slab Roller : Two driven rolls 2-1/2" diameter by 24" long (64 mm x 61 cm). Clay is sandwiched between canvas strips then cranked into machine. Knurled rolls grip canvas and pull slabs through easily. Wet slab can be moved on bottom canvas.

Two-roll system gives least warping in kiln. Infinite thickness adjustment from 0 to 2-1/2" (64 mm) with no shims or boards. Accepts texturing materials, makes tapered slabs and accepts press molds. Roll opening and handle can be locked in place.

Cost: \$550



From [Dick Blick](#):

Brent SRC Slab Roller: The SRC produces slabs 21" wide x 40" long (53 cm x 102 cm) in thicknesses from 1/4" to 1". Available as either a table model or with easy to assemble, screw-in legs. The legs are constructed of heavy-wall steel pipe to provide a sturdy work surface. 36" (91 cm) high with legs. The cable drive with opposing rollers allows use of a lift frame without bed flex.

Comes with 6 masonite shims: four are 1/4" plain masonite, one is 1/4" and covered with canvas, and one is 1/8" plain masonite.

Cost: \$600