

Laurie Mika:

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Shadowbox Shrines

Polymer clay is the perfect medium for creating these three dimensional mosaic shrines. In this technique driven class, students will be making all of the component parts of their shrines by stamping into clay and making expressive tiles that reflect their own personalities.

These shrines have a small recessed area where a little three dimensional object can be placed. This space also creates another opportunity to explore additional mixed media techniques. We will cover rubber-stamping, painting, embedding, collage, transfers, embossing, beading and mosaicing.

This is a two-day workshop and we need every minute! Open to all levels.

Student Supply List

- *7 or 8 small 2 oz. packages of a **dark** color of either Premo or Sculpey III polymer clay. (bring 3 of the same color, the others can be of your choosing)*
- *A rolling pin or acrylic roller-even a piece of PVC pipe works.*
- *Assorted paintbrushes, to include a fine detail brush.*
- *Rubberstamps- if you have any favorites you want to use like frames, border or background stamps, bring them, and I will also bring some with me!*

- Bring a small (less than 2 x 2 inches) object to place inside your shrine. (optional)
- A bag or two of small commercial mosaic tile (like less than 1 inch tiles) to fill in some of the gaps.

Ephemera and doo-dads! Bring some things like charms, jewelry parts, Milagros, buttons, rhinestones to embed into clay & collage paper to personalize your Icon and make it your own. See pictures on Laurie's site at www.mikaarts.com for ideas.

Kit Cost: \$10 for wooden shrine and use of materials