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Sara Przybylski takes you to a fantasy world with her creations. Whether inspired by a video game, movie or T.V. show, Przybylski can make things from your wildest dreams out of polymer clay. Also inspired by swirls and octopuses Przybylski's shop on Etsy, [Ms Brisby Creations](#), is not one to miss. We spoke with her about her shop and how she uses polymer clay in her own way to create pens, figurines and pendants in this week's [MidMo Etsy](#).



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### VoxTalk: How did you get started?

**Przybylski:** It started summer of last year. I was between jobs at the time and I was interested in doing it. I just decided that I'm going to start picking a hobby I've always wanted to try and see if I could make something of it. It became this process of going online and looking at YouTube videos and about everything polymer clay. I spent a month or two just reading up on it and gathering supplies. Once you start something you're always kind of bad at it, but with this, I can actually make something and have it look nice. There were some duds in the beginning, but for a while I felt I could make some really nice stuff.

### VT: Do you predominantly make pens?

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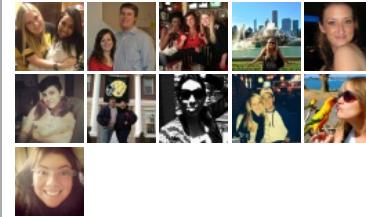
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**Przybylski:** I started out with pens and progressed to other things, too. I'm one of those people where I can't just do one thing. I like variety. I wanted to try many different styles because I had been reading up on different websites on how to make polymer clay. I started out with pens because it was easy for me. Then worked up to sculptures.

**VT: It seems that you like swirls and curls in your designs.**

**Przybylski:** I do. I think it adds character to the design.

**VT: What's your favorite type of thing to create?**

**Przybylski:** I do like octopuses. I like making them cause they're easy. One thing I like to do is using the multicolored gem stones. I always try to work them into something I do.

**VT: What other things did you start making besides pens?**

**Przybylski:** I like to make necklace pendants and earrings. I'm trying to get more into doing that because I picked it up later. Eventually I want to work more on actual sculptures, Animal figurines. I like dragons, fantasy related stuff. I like to focus on that because it's neat. I like the unique, mystical kind of elements to it.

**VT: What do you think you draw inspiration from?**

**Przybylski:** It's not just one thing. I like video games, so in the future I want to make something video game related. Also the movies that I watch. I just sold a vampire related pen with a backpack on it with a bible, a cross and a stake. It was a vampire hunter pen, Supernatural (the show) related. I'm thinking to make a gamer related pen with the controllers on it and a model of health. I don't have anything I focus on, but it's whatever I think is cool at the time. I also draw inspiration from what other people are doing on Etsy, too.

**VT: How did you come up with the details for the Alice in Wonderland pen?**

**Przybylski:** People on Etsy do the "Drink Me" bottle. I thought "How could I incorporate that into a pen?" I was at the store and found playing card charms and rose beads.

**VT: How does the process work? Do you make the design then put it in the oven when you're done?**

**Przybylski:** The one good thing about polymer clay is that you can always bake it



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again. You can always add to clay. That's how I got better at doing my pens because at first I was trying to wait till the very end to put it in the oven. I've learned to bake in stages now. First I make the covering and bake it to have a nice base to work on, so it won't smudge. Then I cover it with a second coat. I then put it in the toaster oven. I leave it in there until it's completely cooled off. It only takes 10 minutes then another 10 to wait for it to cool. With the candy pen I had to put (the base) in the oven first. When it came out I sandpapered it to be smooth. You can work with polymer clay until its almost like a paste. You can make all kinds of cool stuff with it. I made (a portion of the candy pen) look like whipped cream then put some premade charms on it.



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**VT: What's popular on your site?**

**Przybylski:** I used to do pens for a video game called Minecraft. I made creeper pens. There's people who sell a lot of fandom and gaming related stuff, too.

**VT: How did you discover Etsy?**

**Przybylski:** It was actually one of those joke things. My friends were talking about all this weird stuff on the internet. They mentioned Etsy years ago and how people would sell funny things on it. But later on when I started making things, my friend suggested to sell this stuff on there. I like the site a lot.

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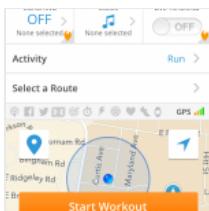
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