



# HAVE AN INCREDIBLE HALLOWEEN, DAAHLINGS.

*An Artist Newsletter*  
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If you follow me on social media, you might have noticed that I LOVE Halloween. The spooky part of the holiday is great, but the thing I love the most is that it is a holiday celebrating creativity and joy. A day where you are encouraged to be silly and share treats with strangers. I appreciate every costume from the elaborate to the simple-but-clever post-it note stuck to your shirt. (If you have a photo of you in costume, please share it with me. You'll make my day!) We've been taking these Halloween photos for about 18ish years and it's one of our favorite holiday traditions. Do you have any Halloween traditions that you love? Wishing you lots of trick-or-treaters that bring a smile to your face.

-- Becka

## what's new?



I'll be here on SATURDAY from 11-5! The event is held at the [Shoppes at Arbor Lakes and all the details are here.](#)



[Art Attack at the Northrup King Building](#) is November 8-10. I'll be a guest in studio 401B with Ingrid Restemayer and JoAnn Hendricks.

## classes



**In Person Class: Make Your Own Nesting Doll Ornament at the Museum of Russian Art. December 5, 6:00 pm**

Surrounded by TMORA's stunning collection of nesting dolls, you'll learn three different embroidery stitches to design and make a vibrantly colored ornament. The class includes admission to see the exhibit "A Thousand Nesting Dolls" which is amazing! [Register Here.](#)

on the studio table







I spent this past weekend taking a shoe making class so that's what's on my studio table this month. (I'll show you more in a future newsletter.)

- Brass Tubes: These rectangular brass tubes were so helpful in marking various spacings drawing our shoe patterns. [The set I have was purchased for a different class but I use them so much!](#)
- I love the waxed linen thread I get from Etsy shop [WhiteCloverKiln](#). She sells 10 yard assortments so I can have lots of colors.
- This [leather punch by Bead Landing](#) looks bare bones in the packaging but it works like a dream. (Way better than the official leather punch we bought, in fact.) It's also great for felt.

get in the game





We haven't played this one yet, but I love the concept: it's an escape room but in a deck of cards and a website app. All of the options are holiday themed so I picked up this Thanksgiving version to play next month! They are called [Holiday Hijinks by the Grand Gamers Guild](#) and get great reviews on my favorite board game site.



## links you'll love

- Who doesn't love some melted cheese? A fun article about how [food science can explain why mozzarella melts like a dream while feta and ricotta don't](#)
- I taught a frog-themed class this week so I love this: "[The seven newly discovered frogs don't croak](#). In fact, their rather unusual calls can even resemble birds and different sound effects used across the sci-fi universe."
- I know the team at Astropad and this is a clever gizmo: "[Bookcase adds handles to the iPhone or another smartphone to make the device more comfortable to hold when reading.](#)"
- If you've read this far, you deserve a little Halloween Treat. Here's a free pass to my newest Skillshare class: [Surface Design for Fabric & Paper](#). (expires Nov 3)

- This looks like it might [be an interesting webinar](#): In her new book, leading craft psychologist Dr Anne Kirketerp presents the compelling scientific evidence for the life-affirming, health-promoting and protective effects of craft.
- [This art quilt piece by @prideandjoyquilting is spectacular!](#)
- A really AWESOME tutorial by Larissa at mmmcrafts [about using value to create color schemes](#).
- I was captivated by these [patterns designed by native artist Mary Sully](#).
- I think taxidermy is a little gross, but these [embroidered taxidermy pieces are eye catching for sure](#).
- This asymmetric wrap skirt just jumped to the top of my sewing to-do list. The diagonal wrap and big pocket are just perfect: [The Fiore skirt by Closetcore](#).
- And finally, my favorite [pumpkin cranberry bread recipe](#). I cut both the sugar and the oil in half (you don't miss them) and use fresh cranberries that I roughly chop in the food processor.

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