



Confessions of a Plushie Artist – Letter Four

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It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Hi, friends! Happy December!

I was lucky enough to spend a week in Italy this November, and *WOW* — it was incredible! Every day felt like an art tour: cobblestone streets, statues in the piazzas, and pastries galore. It was truly the most magical experience and I cannot wait to share more about it with you all.

We are also quite busy with our holiday crafting. This year in the studio we are embracing a handmade Christmas as much as possible. I am trying to create a collection of handmade holiday decorations to use every year and to hopefully pass down to my family in the future.



What's New in the Studio

I saw a lot of people recreating the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade for their Thanksgiving table centerpieces and I really wanted to do the same. I painted the NYC skyline and I am SO in love with how it turned out! I used a trifold poster board, acrylic paint, and paint markers. I am thrilled and now I really want to do more large scale pieces.



From the Sketchbook

In November I started a new challenge: on year of dogs. The parameters of this challenge is subject matter only. Every weekday for the next year I will be drawing a dog in whatever medium calls to me that day. The goal is to push myself, explore style, and grow in my pet portrait work.

I'm excited to see where this challenge takes me, and I can't wait to bring you along for the journey. Keep an eye out — these pups will be popping up in your inbox and on my socials!



Plushie of the Month

Meet Brio!

Brio is my Italian ambassador — romantic, sweet, artsy, and an enthusiastic lover of all things food. He accompanied me on my Italy trip, and I think he had just as much fun as I did. If you'd like to meet him properly, you can learn more about Brio on my blog: *Meet the Plushie Crew Part 1* and *Part 2*.



📧 Closing Message

As the holiday season swings into full gear, I hope you take a little time for yourself. Slow down and savor the small moments with your loved ones. Make some art, cuddle a plush, sip something warm, and enjoy the magic of the season.

In the studio, we're bustling with gift-making and sending out holiday cards — and soaking in all the cozy vibes along the way.

With peace, love, and a cup of cocoa,

🧸 The Plushie Crew at Peace. Love. Plushies.

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