

Confessions of a Plushie Artist - Letter Two

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Happy Autumn, friends!

Summer has officially waved goodbye here in the studio. It was a season filled with adventures, new friends, and plenty of art, and now we're ready to welcome the cozy days of fall.

October always brings a little extra sparkle to the studio. Halloween is a big event for the plushie crew—ribbon drawers mysteriously empty, glitter somehow multiplies, and everyone seems a bit more mischievous than usual.

Do you have a favorite autumn treat? Around here, we love baking **pumpkin s'mores cookies**. Our favorite recipe is [right here](#). If you give them a try, let us know! They're simple enough that the plushie crew can (almost) bake them completely on their own.

And don't forget—**National Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work/School Day** falls on the second Wednesday in October. While every day feels like that here, we'll be doing something extra special on **Wednesday, October 8** to celebrate.

What's New in the Studio

I've been wrestling with color lately, so I treated myself to a few pre-made Procreate color palettes from Etsy. They're wonderful! I still mix and match across palettes, but it's nice to have harmonious colors grouped together. Anyone else who struggles with color will know exactly what I mean.



I'm also sketching designs for new merchandise—think cozy sweatshirts and playful tote bags. The plushie crew can't wait to share sample products with you soon... stay tuned!

From the Sketchbook

As I wrap up the 100-day Teddy Bear Challenge, I'm easing into pet portrait studies. My style leans simple and impressionistic, so you'll never see photo-realism from me—and that's perfectly okay.

Below is my very first attempt at capturing my dog, Longley. I think I caught his essence! Expect more pet portraits in the months ahead.

Longley



Studio Confession

My biggest obstacle between me and the sewing machine? Bobbins.

Embroidery bobbins come pre-wound, but traditional sewing requires a bit more effort... and winding bobbins intimidates me every time. If you're a fellow sewist, please send tips (or moral support)!



 *Plushie of the Month*

Priscilla is the self-proclaimed Queen of October. She lives for apple orchards, crisp leaves, cool days, and of course the pumpkin patch.

A true DIY enthusiast, Priscilla adores all things homemade and handmade—the more glitter, the better. She loves thrifting and giving old treasures new life. We're thrilled to welcome her to the studio crew this season!



 *Closing Message*

The Plushie Crew wishes you a soft and peaceful October. Be kind to yourself, be kind to others, and savor the little things... like a cuddle with your favorite plushie friend.

And if you don't have a plushie companion yet, maybe this is the month to make one, adopt one, or shop for the perfect pal. We're here to help—that's kind of our specialty.

With peace, love, and a page full of cuddles,

 The Plushie Crew at Peace. Love. Plushies.

(on behalf of Regina—who is probably untangling the ribbons we “accidentally” tangled. Oops!))

Regina