

Crow Tales

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My sister sent along this crow figurine that belonged to my brother, who passed away just over a year ago.

Unfortunately, when I opened the parcel, I discovered that a large chunk had broken off the tail.



I was pretty sure I could repair it using air-dry clay left over from another project. I applied a bit of tacky glue to the surface of the break, then added a blob of the clay, which I then molded to shape by hand.



Once I had obtained the shape I wanted, I smoothed the join and set the bird aside to dry. The next step was to paint the new tail piece to match the rest of the crow's body.



I started with regular black acrylic paint

and then added a coat of metallic black over it. The paint dries pretty fast on the clay surface, so the work progresses quickly.



The crow's body is covered with silvery glitter, so I got out some fine silver glitter from my stash to finish up the restoration.



After the paint was dry, I gave the repair a coat of matte Mod Podge, then while it was still wet, I lightly sprinkled it with extra fine silver glitter. I did the same underneath the new tail piece.



The crow is complete, and I'm pleased with the re-

sult. DH says it looks as good as new, and he can't tell that it's been repaired.



The crow was a Christmas gift for another sibling, a memento of our brother who passed away. I'm chuffed with how it turned out, and I'm pretty sure that my sibling doesn't know it was ever damaged. Now that's a good day's work!