

Celeste II: Test Run

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While carried out with great reluctance, Celeste's research had been quite successful- it seems that once many moons ago there had been some sort of incident where the merwools and landlocked woolyne had come together and exchanged accessories with each other to symbolize a bond of friendship and love- something... something... a mermaid and a noble woolyne fell in love. It was a very lovey-dovey and disgustingly sweet fabrication of love and tenderness that appeared to have inspired several different and very dramatic alternative renditions that had been made to various fairytales.

Regardless of sickening levels of saccharine sappiness- it could be spun into something significantly more profitable. All it required were roughly carved heart-shaped stones to be decorated in rounded pearl halves or corals. She had made several different renditions with ribbons attached to the crystals for ribbons and bows. Of course, personal satisfaction didn't necessarily guarantee a well-selling product. Thankfully she had been able to give them a fairly satisfying test run.

The first test had been a red velvet ribbon with a bright red crystal heart adorned with false pearl halves. It would work well as a ribbon or necklace, she told the nervous young man as she pushed it into his hands. He had presented it to the target of his affection- some fluffy furred waitress at one of the taverns and she had lit right up when offered it was finally offered by her prospective suitor. In fact, Celeste had even watched her eagerly tie her hair up with the new present.

The second test had come with mixed reception, it had been pushed into the paws of a desperate-looking woman. She was all sorts of dressed up, a similar blue crystal with false pearl halves had been fashioned into a hair clip. Celeste had waited a comfortably safe distance away, it was quite flattering with the woman's naturally brilliant fur, but it didn't seem to be enough for the woman- she had tried prancing and flaunting around her apparent crush. Either the wool of her affections had been ignorant of why she was so well dressed or willfully ignoring her. The test customer had ended up stomping off in quite a huff.

The third test was thankfully more successful. An older man had been given a crystal that was fashioned into a broach. His wife who had been sitting on a bench happily feeding seeds to sea birds seemed absolutely delighted with the gift her devoted husband had brought her. They had been sweetly spotted holding hands and just enjoying each other's company.

All in all her tests had been quite successful, in fact Celeste couldn't foresee any sort of issues she might have selling these gembond themed accessories. However, she wasn't sure if her current supplies was sufficient for her plans....