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Top 3 designs we
love this month...



Deck the halls with all the trimmings, because it's that time of year again – when we go into full Christmas crafting mode! On the following pages you'll find the best projects, ideas and products

guaranteed to get you in the **festive swing**. First up is Colette Smith's card trio featuring some of the cutest snowmen ever (p21), whilst Katie Skilton's brilliant gift wrap ideas using easy decoupage is sure to inspire on page 38.

There's a **gorgeous** Elsa-inspired dolly to sew for your little one (p82) and, for the knitters, a Rudolph beanie that can be whipped up in a weekend: I know what I'll be making for my new grandchild this autumn! If you're hooked on **colouring**, turn to Helen Fitzjohn's bauble card, which uses Chameleon Pens to create subtle shading effects. We also catch up with celebs Sheena Douglass and Leonie Pujol and take a behind-the-scenes peek into their crafty world.

Before I go, don't forget to turn to page 7 where we've packed in 20 **brilliant ideas** to make with your FREE BoBunny kit. Phew! Time to put the kettle on... from me and the team, happy crafting!

Sarah

Sarah Crosland, Editor

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FLUTTER PRODUCTS:

- Paper pack, 6" x 6"
- Flair
- Insta Pack
- Brag Cards
- Button Mix

OTHER PRODUCTS:

- Cardstock, white
- Vellum sheets
- Dies, circle
- Pen, gel, white
- Adhesives

See our Shopping
List opposite



Butterfly Fun

- 1 Trim down a brag card and adhere to a white card blank, 10.5cm x 15.5cm. Die-cut a small white cardstock circle and a larger one from vellum. Stick the smaller one onto the base and add the vellum layer with a small blob of glue over the top.
- 2 Adhere a chipboard button to the centre, followed by a gold butterfly and small sentiment to finish.

Shine

- 1 Secure a flower brad card to a white card blank, 11cm x 16cm. Trim a thin strip of blue paper and adhere beneath the flower to imitate a stalk. Cut out two leaves and stick onto it.
- 2 Add a flair button to the centre of the bloom. Draw some dots onto the leaves to create veins using a white gel pen.



Joyous Apple

- 1 Add a smaller matt of green paper to a white blank, 10cm x 16cm. Die-cut a circle from pink spotted paper and secure to the card near the bottom.
- 2 Cut out two leaf shapes and a stalk from patterned paper. Fix onto the top of the apple, along with a blue button. Create some dimension with a white gel pen. Adhere a sentiment using foam pads to complete.

Brave

- 1 Stick a slightly smaller matt of pink paper to a side-opening blank, 10cm x 14cm. Die-cut a circle from a square of pink spotted paper. Add it to the card.
- 2 Cut out little circles from a sheet of patterned paper and fix to the card to create rows of 'bunting'.
- 3 Apply foam pads to a butterfly embellishment and secure to the centre of the arrangement. Adhere a 'brave' sentiment beneath to finish. CB



"When working with vellum, apply an embellishment over where you've used adhesive so the glue doesn't show through. This will help to create professional results"

Keren Baker, Designer



The vellum circle adds extra depth to this alternative greeting

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Enjoy The Ride

We want to ride our bicycles,
we want to ride our bikes

What is it about bicycles that is just so darn cute? This month we're obsessed, as you might have seen from our sewing project on p103. On top of that, we also wanted to share our favourite cycling-themed craft products, from whimsical Riley Blake fabrics to a must-have Crafter's Companion die. We've also added in some artificial flowers, because a bike basket simply doesn't look complete without some blooms!



Clockwise from top-left: 1 Riley Blake Fancy Free fabric bundle, £16.20, thehomemakery.co.uk 2 Bicycle rider's notebooks, from £1.95, dotcomgiftshop.com 3 My Mind's Eye Jubilee Mint Julep papers and journal cards, from 99p, papermaze.co.uk 4 Artificial daisy bush in pink and cream, £1.90, countrybaskets.co.uk 5 Laser cut wooden bicycles, 30p each, spencerbrookesdesigns.co.uk 6 Bicycles woven ribbon trim, £6 for three metres, sewcraftyonline.co.uk 7 Crafter's Companion On Your Bike die from the Die'sire Classiques Collection, £4.99, crafterscompanion.co.uk 8 Studio Light Clear Stamps in Creative with Chalk #98, £5.89, buddlycrafts.com



Over to you

"Join the crafty community and share your makes and stories with fellow CB readers!"

Jecelyn

Star Letter

Hello, I just wanted to write in and tell you about my younger sister Angie who suffered a stroke in December last year at the age of 47. Angie could have sat around feeling sorry for herself whilst recovering, but instead she renewed her interest in crafts and started to make beautiful handmade bags. Recently, she even set up a stall at a craft fair! I am very proud of the way she has coped over the last few months and I am sure her craftiness has aided her recovery.

Jennette Fripp, via email

Wow, go Angie! All the best for your sister's recovery, Jennette. Love the CB team



STAR PRIZE



This month's star prize is a scrumptious jam set from Bonne Maman! With two types of condiment and a lovely recipe book, this set is ideal for showing off your baking skills and inviting friends over for a spot of afternoon tea. bonnemaman.co.uk



We asked you on Facebook...

When do you start crafting for Christmas?

I've already made 35 cards so far out of a Hunkydory Crafts collection. **Jane Andrews**

This year I started on 1st July. Lots of crafting to do, plus it does take your mind off the heat! **Caroline Wayne**

You mean some people stop? I do Christmas all year, even if it's just cards! **Janet Fisher Cobb**



WHEEL CUSHIONS

Hello, I made these cute mini pinwheel block cushions using various patterned pink fabrics. I have many more pictures of the projects I've made on my Facebook page, Sweetpea Craft Boutique. I hope you like them!

Millie, via email

I do love a clever bit of stitching, Millie – what a great 'spin'!



Show us your CB craft creations!

We love to see what our readers are making. Have you been influenced to create something special? Why not send us a picture?

Meet a mate!

Swap hints, tricks and stories with new friends



Jean Fitzhulm, 60+

I like swapping handmade cards, trading craft materials, painting and trying new things. I want to hear from like-minded people.

3 The Poplars, Mossley, Lancs, OL5 9EP

Barry Wier, 43

I enjoy meeting new people and going to new places. I would like for someone who is interested in being my crafty friend to get in touch.

80 Maxton Crescent, Coltness, Wishaw, North Lanarkshire, ML2 8SQ

Claire Hughes, 45

My hobbies include crocheting, embroidery, making cards and lots of other crafty things. It would be nice to hear from people my age and upwards.

11 Hatfield Road, Margate, CT9 5BL

Anne Dunn, 63

I enjoy knitting, sewing, embroidery, doll house crafts and trying new things. I would like to hear from anyone who lives near me to swap ideas with.

19 Meadow Way, Baldwins Gate, Staffordshire, ST5 5DG

Please be aware that entrants to the pen pals section submit personal details at their own discretion

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**Forum Member
of the Month
Bigbunniesuk**

This month we say a massive thank you to forum royalty Bigbunniesuk for all her help, especially with making new members feel welcome!

Thrifty Thursday

This month, Facebook seller Pinkorchidcrafts shows us what she makes using recycled jewellery pieces

"I'm a designer who makes pretty things out of old pieces of jewellery.

I can even take sentimental items from customers and transform them into something new. This tiara was recently made using an old broken necklace, isn't it beautiful?"



What have you been upcycling as part of Thrifty Thursday?

Join us for Thrifty Thursday every week at facebook.com/craftsbeautiful



FROZEN BUNTING

Hello Crafts Beautiful.

I made bunting inspired by Elsa and Anna's palace from Disney's Frozen.

What do you think?

@AdorAbode, via Twitter

**Do I wanna see more crafts now? Definitely!
What a great idea**



APPLES

I run a blog where I document my own crafty adventures. I recently made these crochet apples and uploaded the pattern - they do look yummy!

@hookstitchsew, via Twitter

Wow, these are so clever! Keep up the great work



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How to use your Free Gift

Start with...

- Your FREE BoBunny Stack & Stamp Kit
- Card, various
- Ink-pads: brown, green, red
- Dies: circles, snowflake
- Punch, corner rounder
- Embellishments: ribbon, various; gems, various; bakers twine; sinamay; pins
- Tealight holder, glass
- Polystyrene shapes: ball, 6cm; ring, 12cm; cone, 14cm
- Frame, paper mache, 7.5cm square
- Sandpaper, fine
- Adhesives

Find templates on the pattern pages

3-D Tree

Cut notches into the ends of several paper strips, 2cm x 4cm, and curl slightly. Cover them over a polystyrene cone in layers, starting at the bottom. Create a small white card cone, glue to the top of the tree, then secure using a star pin.



STAMPED REINDEER

STAMP A BROWN REINDEER ONTO CREAM PAPER AND DECORATE WITH GEMS, THEN LAYER ONTO PALE BLUE AND BROWN. ADD A RIBBON TO MAKE A TAG



Small Wreath

Wrap sinamay around a ring and secure. Add a hanging loop at the top and two lengths at the bottom. Cut two holly leaves and three berries from paper, then stick them to the bottom of the ring. Embellish with gems.

Stamp a reindeer onto cream paper and matt to the top of an A6 top-fold blank. Stick blue paper to the bottom with the diamond border across the join. Add a 'Be Merry' sentiment and gems.



MAKE A MATCHING
COASTER BY MOUNTING A
SNOWFLAKE CIRCLE ONTO
RED AND GREEN CARD

Snowflake Circles

Stamp a green snowflake onto a 1" circle, then adhere to red and green ones. Stick white card, 2cm x 6cm, onto red, then fix to a green blank, 4cm x 8cm, lengthways. Write a name and add a gem to the motif. Make a napkin ring using the same circle, but this time stick it to a red loop.

MAKE BY LOOPING
2.5CM X 15CM STRIPS
OF PAPER TOGETHER



Use the template on the pattern pages to create a pillow box, then decorate using paper elements and ribbon.



Wrap ribbon and an embellished snowflake around a tealight holder as a gift.

Cover a blank, 12cm square, in pale blue. Matt a 9cm red square to the centre, then add a stockings panel. Fix twine at the top and decorate with gems.

Stamp red and green snowflakes along a strip of white card, mount onto red, then stick to a green sheet of A4 and round the corners. Add gems to the snowflakes.



Turn over



Bauble

Cover the bottom of a polystyrene ball with overlapping strips of red ribbon. Punch out several 1" paper circles and fix them to the top. Secure a looped ribbon for hanging. Stick a smaller circle of paper to the bottom, then add a gem to each paper circle.

Concertina Dec

Cut four strips of green paper, 3cm wide. Stick two together to make a long piece. Score lines at 5mm intervals, fold into a concertina, then glue the ends together. Once dry, push the centre down to create a rosette and apply glue to secure. Repeat with the other strips. Glue the rosettes together, then add a brown circle with a decorated snowflake to both sides. Finish with a twine hanger and bow.

Mini Cracker

Stick card, 6.5cm x 15cm, to the centre on the reverse of patterned paper, then add 2.5cm wide pieces at either side so both are in line with the edge of the paper. Roll into a tube and secure. Tie each end with twine. Decorate with a paper wrap, hand-cut holly leaves and gems.



5 minutes to spare?

Cut pale blue paper to fit the front of a frame. Make an aperture, stick to the frame and allow to dry. Distress using fine sandpaper. Trim reindeer paper to fit inside the hole. Decorate with a snowflake and gems.

USE THE TEMPLATE ON OUR PATTERN PAGES TO CREATE A PAPER BAG. PUNCH TWO HOLES AT THE TOP, THEN THREAD AND TIE WHITE RIBBON INTO A BOW. ADD NUMBER STICKERS TO THE FRONT



Roll paper, 5cm x 10cm, to make a tube. Cut slits across a strip of paper, 6cm x 10cm, at 1cm intervals. Wrap around the tube and secure. Add a green handle, then fix strips to the top and bottom of the lantern. Decorate with gems.





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TRIM OFF THE TOP CORNERS OF BAUBLE PAPER, 5.5CM X 15CM, AND MATT ONTO WHITE. PUNCH A HOLE AT THE TOP, THREAD WITH WHITE COTTON AND EMBELLISH WITH GEMS



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"Embellish the snowmen to resemble members of your family. It's a great way to send a personalised card!"

Colette Smith, Designer



Turn over

friends warm the heart



Warm The Heart

Along the top edge of aqua card, cut out scallops and stick to a blank, 12.5cm square. Add a curved section of multi-coloured spotty paper to the bottom. Stamp a large and small snowman along with hats, hearts, gloves and birds. Colour, cut out and assemble. Stamp a sentiment above the scallops and snowflakes onto the aqua. Fix the snowmen to the centre and add a few gems.

Joyful Greetings

Cover an A6 landscape blank with a smaller section of red spotty paper. Trim a wavy line along one edge of pale aqua paper, fix to the blank with foam tape and add a sentiment with two gems. Stamp a small snowman, masking off the nose. Remove the body and stick the head to the left of the blank, just under the wavy edge. Stamp another snowman, trim a section from his body and attach to the centre. Print and colour a third snowman with a smile, arms, coal buttons, a scarf, hat, bird and gloves. Add to the right.



Cool Friend

Cover the top of an A6 portrait blank with aqua paper, 9.5cm deep, followed by a snowflake print, 4cm deep. Apply white circle paper to the remainder. Press white snowflakes over the aqua section. Stamp a snowman from white card, mask him off, then stamp another behind them. Stamp, colour and cut out accessories and a bird, then assemble and adhere. Print a sentiment to finish. CB



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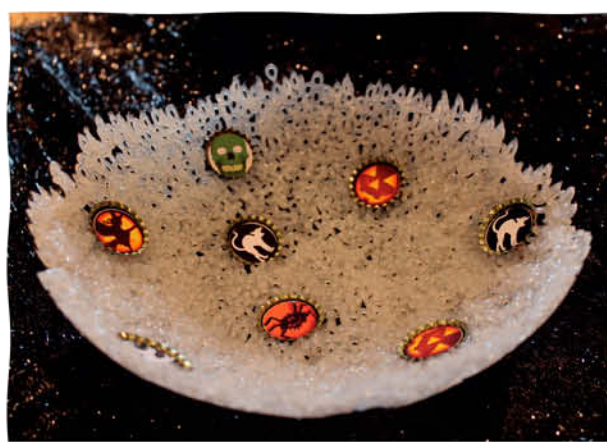
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JULIE & WENDY

TV crafters **Julie Peasgood** and **Wendy Turner-Webster** transform recycled bits and bobs into some spooktacular creations!

Julie and Wendy are enjoying one of the best times of the year for crafters – the autumn season, which culminates in a frenzy of activity for Halloween. And as always, their works of art made by recycling unwanted materials are frighteningly easy to try yourself... so go on, we dare you!

Now that the night time chill is in the air, our week spent filming in the Mexican jungle back in June seems like a dream. Or do we mean nightmare? Trying to make a TV show in 90 degrees and 90% humidity is challenging to say the least! And as presenters we seemed to spend an awful lot of time repairing make-up and drying our sweat-soaked hair! It was all worth it though. The rescued spider monkeys at The Jungle Place sanctuary were simply amazing and it was a privilege to spend time with them and discover their individual stories. After a summer of editing and promotion we are thrilled that our documentary is finally on air. We hope you enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed making it (well, apart from those make-up horror moments!) 'Horror moments' brings us nicely up-to-date with some spooky crafting sessions and we've had many great evenings around the kitchen table coming up with these Halloween-inspired creations.



Wendy: I loved making this sweetie bowl out of plastic beads and old beer bottle tops. Just grease an oven-proof bowl, pour in the beads and spread them around so they end up in a single layer, rising up the sides of the bowl. Push in a few bottle tops and pop into the oven. The beads will melt and fuse themselves onto the bottle tops, securing them in place. Cut or punch out some suitable inserts and your bowl is complete. The other item I made which turned out well was a cuff bracelet made from an unwanted vinyl record. Once the vinyl had gone floppy in the oven I whipped out the scissors, cut off a strip and bent it around my wrist.



Julie: I really enjoy producing book sculptures and although it may seem sacrilege to cut up old books, it's better to create something special with them – rather than just chucking them away when they're a bit tatty. Hardback books are best for these Halloween pumpkins; out-of-date road atlases work well too. Remove the cover and make an ear-shaped template out of card, which you lay on the book, carefully cutting around it with a craft knife, several pages at a time. Bend the spine so that it fans out into a pumpkin shape and glue the first and last pages together to keep it that way. Then apply some orange paint lightly to the page edges, finally adding a little twig for its stalk.



WHEN WE DID OUR CRAFTING SPECIAL ON THE ALAN TITCHMARSH SHOW, THE TIN CAN LANTERNS WERE A HIT AND SO EASY TO DO. IT'S JUST A CASE OF PUNCHING A PATTERN OF HOLES IN THE TIN. AND THEY'RE STILL GOING STRONG IN MY FIREPLACE! WE'D LOVE TO SEE PICS OF YOUR SPOOKY CREATIONS...

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LIZ MOAD'S QUILLING MASTERCLASS

Autumn Wishes

SHAPE COILS INTO PRETTY LEAVES AND STAMP THEM TO MIMIC THE RICH, BEAUTIFUL COLOURS OF THE SEASON

There are many ways you can colour coils once they are pinched and shaped. For this project, ink-pads are used to shade the ends of leaves in warm hues that celebrate the season. Using ink-pads adds a new dimension to your quilling by giving it a sense of depth and realism. These leaves look great on cards and tags, but they can also be used to embellish a table or dotted around the home – add a length of brown ribbon instead of paper for a looped stem and adorn the leaf with gold glitter for a Christmas decoration!

Happy quilling, Liz x

Start with...

- Quilling papers, 3mm: yellow, brown, red
- Card: yellow, green, orange, white
- Ink-pads: orange, brown, red
- Ribbon, organza, orange
- Quilling tool
- Needle tool
- Adhesives

Autumn Wishes

1 Cut a 10cm circle in the centre of orange card, 13cm square, then fix yellow behind it. Make two coils from yellow strips, 40cm. Pinch both ends and glue together to make a leaf shape, with a 5cm length of brown at the bottom.

Make five in total and coil the ends using a needle tool.

2 Ink the ends of the yellow coils with dark orange, then glue them to the yellow circle using the picture as a guide. The tiny brown coils should resemble a flower shape; add a tight red coil to the centre. Make two red quills from 20cm lengths, then glue together and add a length of brown, 10cm.

3 Stick the red leaves to the front, then shape and secure the brown tails to form a circle. Coil five brown strips, 5cm, with the needle tool and fix to the outer circle. Mount the panel to a larger dotted green square, then to a yellow blank, 14.5cm. Print or write '{Autumn}' onto dotted green and punch a hole at



the top. Tie orange ribbon around the spine of the card and thread the tag through before tying into a bow.

Just A Note

1 Mount dotted green paper onto a yellow blank, 12.5cm x 17.5cm, then fix a smaller yellow panel, 10cm x 15cm, to the middle. Using the same technique as the first card, create 16 various leaves with stems from 40cm, 30cm and 20cm strips in yellow, red and brown.

2 Ink the ends of the leaves and stick to the card front, using the image as a guide. Print 'Just a note' onto dotted green and adhere using foam pads.

Leaf Tag

1 Make a loose coil from yellow paper, 40cm, then pinch both ends lightly for an eye shape. Create five in total. Next, form a coil from red paper, 20cm, and pinch. Make nine more. Assemble the leaves by gluing the five yellow

shapes together at the points, ensuring that they fan outwards. Attach a brown stalk, 2cm, to the base. Create two red leaves in the same way.

2 Lightly dab an orange ink-pad over the ends of the yellow petals to build up colour, then use red at the tips. On the red leaves, dab a brown ink-pad to the ends only. Cut a yellow circle, 8.5cm, and mount onto an orange one,

10cm. Punch a hole at the top and thread orange organza ribbon through. Fix the three leaves to the card. CB

Shopping List

Quilling papers, JJ Quilling,
020 8295 1822, jjquilling.co.uk



How to make... a leaf tag





Decoupage Delight

Get stocked up for the festive season with Jayne Netley Mayhew's delightful illustrations. The 6" x 6" paper pad has 24 sheets featuring birds, animals and seasonal foliage to make decoupage, borders and labels. Priced £4.99. joannasheen.co.uk



House Proud

Decorate your home with little mementos to lift the spirits and remind you of summer days and country walks – it will keep your crafting mojo energised ready for the winter months ahead! This Meadow range has a handcrafted feel and is available from George at Asda. direct.asda.com



Soap Stars

Zenicolor 5 is a new colouring system for melt and pour soap that ensures complete transparency without colours bleeding into each other. Not only that, its digital application, Zenimixer, can be accessed on a smartphone or tablet to give instant advice on mixing shades. We say it's the perfect solution to all your colouring conundrums. Priced from £16.65, soapkitchenonline.co.uk

What we're loving this October

Cosy up for autumn with our **bright ideas!**



Sweet Sensation

Understated and elegant, Naked Cakes by Lyndel Miller (Murdoch Books, £25) shows a variety of sumptuous sponges left undecorated to reveal layers oozing with delicious fillings and toppings. Whether you're a lazy baker or just pushed for time, you can't help but be impressed by this beautiful book – its inventive collection of recipes are sure to tantalise your taste buds!

Reader Offer

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Gadget of the Month

Banner Punch Board

Create your own banners and bunting for parties and events with We R Memory Keepers' Banner Punch Board. Using this handy gizmo, you can rustle up pennants and flags of all sizes from card and paper. The board features a cutting template, hole punch and swivel blade. Priced £16.50, oystercrafts.co.uk

Cutting Edge

The new Fiskars' Easy Action Fabric and Micro-Tip scissors have a special spring mechanism that gently opens the blade after each cut for comfort and precision.

The scissors are especially suitable for crafters who suffer from arthritis or joint pain and wish to tackle sewing or papercraft projects. Find Fiskars products at branches of John Lewis and The Range. fiskars.com



Want to make this gift bag? Find the instructions at crafts-beautiful.com/projects



Painter's Palette

Turn the craze for colouring into lovely gift ideas that will impress your friends and family. Using the Posca Pens water-based markers and a variety of nib widths you can apply colour with confidence and precision. The pens are available at Hobbycraft stores nationwide. hobbycraft.co.uk



Social Circle

Cultivate is a new collection by the talented Bonnie Christine for Art Gallery Fabrics. Traditional florals are given a modern twist using a colour palette of pink citrus, earthy creams, browns and greens. Bold blooms are always a winner in our book, which makes the range ideal for practical as well as decorative projects for the home. Find details of local stockists at hantex.co.uk/agf.

5 Papers for your stash...



Rare Oddities, Graphic 45, g45papers.com

Out & About

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www.sewmag.co.uk
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8-11th October, Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair, Old Granada Studios, Manchester. Over 175 designer-makers will showcase work from a variety of disciplines including glass, jewellery, ceramics, metalwork, furniture, print-making and more.



Great Northern Contemporary Craft Fair

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Lunchtime make

We're dreaming of a decoupage Christmas with Kitty Frampton's cute greetings

Christmas Wishes

1 Mount snowflake paper, 13.5cm square, onto dark red card and glue to a blank. Fix a square doily to the middle, then a smaller tree print square on top. Adhere a strip of pine cone paper onto dark red, then wrap gingham ribbon around the middle and secure at the back before sticking to the blank.

2 Make a smaller mounted square using reindeer and mouse on a log paper and adhere to the card. Attach three corresponding decoupage toppers over their matching images, starting with the largest piece. Make a bow, then thread bakers twine through a button and glue to the centre of the bow before sticking it to the ribbon. Attach a die-cut sentiment and decorate the corners with clear gems. CB

Shopping list...



Helz Cuppleditch Winter Woodland decoupage papers, Trimcraft, trimcraft.co.uk



Gingham ribbon, Crafty Ribbons, craftyribbons.com



Card, Papermill, 01539 818488, papermilledirect.co.uk



More ideas!

Love this woodland card? Here are two more greetings you'll adore...



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"Use any leftover decoupage elements to make present tags"

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www.sewcraftyonline.co.uk



Seasonal Stamps

IndigoBlu have just launched some stunning new 'Clearly' IndigoBlu stamps - Each set is 2 clear stamps and they have been designed to be used with FlitterGlu and MegaFlake. The result is Stunning!

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COLETTE SMITH'S MASTERCLASS

Shimmer with Gilding Flakes

OUR EASY GUIDE TO GILDING WILL GIVE YOUR CARDS A TOUCH OF LUXURY

Gilding flakes are a wonderful medium to work with and a fun way to add some lustre to your card designs this Christmas. The magic bit is that you use the glue instead of ink; because the special adhesive stays tacky it holds the flakes in place. After you've stamped the image, sprinkle flakes over it and leave to dry before polishing with a piece of foam to bring out the detail. I've used the starter set by IndigoBlu, which contains the glue, spatula and foam pieces in a handy box. The flakes come in a variety of rich metallic colours, though there are several brands on the market to choose from.

the basic technique Shimmer with Gilding Flakes

- ✦ Transfer the flakes into a larger lidded box. This makes it easier to apply to the image and reduces waste.
- ✦ The glue is extremely tacky, so you do not need to use too much on the Phat Foam.
- ✦ Wash the Phat and Scoochy foam in warm soapy water and allow to dry. They can then be used again.
- ✦ Don't let the glue sit too long on the stamp, as it will become too tacky and ruin the surface of the card when you lift it off.
- ✦ Clean stamps straight away after using the Easy Peasy Stamp Cleaner that comes with the starter kit.



"Dab the edges of the card with glue and sprinkle with flakes, polish off to give a lovely subtle effect to your image"

Colette Smith, Designer

Use the flakes on different coloured card. It



Start with...

- IndigoBlu FlitterGlu Starter Kit (without mega-flakes)
- Card, white, turquoise
- Pens, ProMarkers
- Gilding flakes, Cosmic Shimmer: Autumn Leaves
- Ribbon, bright pink
- Stamps, PaperArtsy: JOFY Collection 05
- Self-adhesive gem, bright pink

Bauble Card

- 1 Cut a small piece of Phat Foam and spread a small amount of FlitterGlu evenly over the surface. Lightly tap the surface of the stamp with the foam, making sure you have a light even coverage.
- 2 Quickly stamp the image and a sentiment onto white card, making sure that the stamp doesn't wobble or move. Carefully lift it off the piece of card.
- 3 Sprinkle the gilding flakes over the stamped image and gently press down with your fingertips. Try not to smudge the glue underneath.
- 4 Tap off the loose flakes back into the pot and use your fingertips to gently rub across the card to reveal the stamped image.
- 5 Use the Scoochy Foam to gently polish the surface of the stamped image. This will remove any fine particles, leaving a clean, crisp outline.
- 6 Trim the image to size. Cover an A6 blank with turquoise card, leaving a border all round. Matt the image on top. Colour in the baubles, then finish with a bow and gems. CB



Shopping List

IndigoBlu Starter Kit, IndigoBlu,
01777 701980, indigoblu.com

JOFY Stamps, PaperArtsy,
01277 212911, paperartsy.co.uk

Cosmic Shimmer, Joanna Sheen,
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- Paper pad, 6" x 6", Christmas
- Die-cut toppers, A4, Christmas
- Decoupage pad, A4, Christmas

OTHERS:

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- Punch, flowers
- Gift bag
- Embellishments

Sending Love

Make your cards stand out with shaped die-cuts and layers

- 1** Cover card with green spotty paper, 6cm square. Matt silver mirri and blue paper and fix to the front.
- 2** Die-cut a scalloped circle from red, silver and blue card. Fix together and add a decoupage image. Wrap lace, ribbon and twine around the card, then fix the image in place.
- 3** Arrange die-cut leaves on the side of the panel. Use the gems for the berries. Layer punched flowers and position at the base of the leaves. Add a sentiment to finish.

Tip...

INK THE LEAF EDGES TO CREATE A MORE REALISTIC EFFECT

Merry Christmas

Give plain brown bags a new lease of life with festive trimmings

- 1** Cover the front of a bag with paper, leaving a border all round.
- 2** Take a topper and mount onto paper. Add the sentiment, then fix to the bag.
- 3** Die-cut leaves from various shades of green card and position on the corner of the bag. Punch flowers from white card and ink the edges. Stick the flowers to the bag and add gems in the centres.



"Themed paper collections are a winner when it comes to crafting for Christmas. You'll have everything to hand to create gorgeous makes your friends are sure to love"

Katie Skilton, Designer

Shopping List

Bebunni papercraft collection,
01388 663251, crafterscompanion.co.uk

Sizzix dies, 0844 499 8181,
sizzix.co.uk

Xcut products, Hobbycraft,
hobbycraft.co.uk



Tip...

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- 2 Trim four strips of paper, 5cm x 15cm. Score the strips at 1cm intervals, then join them to create a loop.
- 3 Layer the pinwheels together. Punch a hole in the top for the ribbon. Trim three strips of paper into pennants and fix under the topper.

Tip...

THE TAG
CAN ALSO
DOUBLE AS
A THEMED
TOPPER FOR
A CARD

Just For You

Tuck this tag into a special parcel under the tree

- 1 Die-cut a tag shape from kraft card and layer onto green spotty paper. Using a circle nesting die, cut a hole in the centre.
- 2 Layer patterned paper behind the cut out using foam pads for height. Fix to the topper.
- 3 Die-cut a scalloped circle frame from patterned paper. Place over the cut away and fix in position. Attach the sentiment and a silver snowflake. Thread gingham ribbon through the top hole for hanging. **CB**

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Tick Machine



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- ❁ Card: white, red, hot pink, dark pink, pink, lime green, light blue
- ❁ Bakers twine
- ❁ Tacky glue

See our Shopping List below

Die-Cut Gift Bag

1 Using the Big Shot Plus machine and Thinlits Plus Die Set, die-cut the bag shape. To assemble the bag, fold the die-cut along the score lines, then use Tacky glue to secure the sides.

2 Die-cut the Winter Elements pieces using the Sizzlits Decorative Strip and coloured card. Arrange the different decorative pieces as desired, sticking them together. Fix the flowers and snowflakes onto the front of the bag as shown.

3 Use the Big Shot Plus machine and the Thinlits Plus Die Set to make tags out of two shades of pink card.

4 Glue the two tags together and attach a snowflake made using the Winter Elements set. Finish with a length of bakers twine. CB



Shopping List

Big Shot Plus Machine and dies are available from Sizzix, 0844 499 8181, sizzix.co.uk



"With dies that have straight lines, position them at an angle to go through the machine - it will be a much smoother operation!"

Paula Pascual, Designer

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Crafts *Tip*

SWAP THE JAM AND
FILL THIS JAR WITH
CRAFT GOODIES FOR AN
ALTERNATIVE USE

Start with...

- Card: Bazzill Dotted Swiss, Honey, 12" x 12"; plain, white
- Paper, Canson Mi-Teintes: apple green, poppy red, orange, cadmium yellow deep, tobacco, havana
- Mountboard, red
- Wooden bead, red, large
- Cord, red
- Pen, gel, white
- Jam jar, hexagonal, 109oz
- Eyelets, gold
- Punches: hole, eyelet
- Adhesives

See our templates
on the pattern pages

Happy Birthday

1 Stick dotted yellow card, 2.5cm x 10cm, to the top of a blank, 10cm x 21cm. Print out a 'Happy Birthday' message, fix it below the yellow and add a strip of orange paper, 4mm, lengthways at the top to hide the join. Cover the bottom of the blank with dotted yellow and place another orange strip on to frame the message.

2 Print or copy out four leaves, seven berries, a bird and a branch onto brown, red, orange and green papers; this bird has orange features. Decorate all the elements except the branch using a white gel pen, following the templates as a guide. To finish, glue the elements to the card front using the picture as a guide.

Jam Gift Box

1 Print or copy three bird templates from our pattern pages. Cut the bodies from brown card, then make different coloured wing and tail pieces from red, orange and cadmium yellow and adhere to the bodies. Decorate each one with a white gel pen. Make a jam jar box template from white card and trace it onto the white side of red mountboard. Score along the dotted lines using a scalpel and fold upwards.



2 Cut out three 'Homemade' sentiment rectangles from the template, then stick them to the box panels. Add on cadmium yellow, poppy and orange 1cm paper strips, then fix the co-ordinating birds at the sides. Make a hole at the top of each panel using a punch, then add eyelets.

3 Take three lengths of red cord, 25cm, then thread them through the holes in the sides of the box and secure. Gather the lengths, thread a jam tag and a large wooden bead through and knot the ends for a toggle. Next, fill the jar with jam. Create nine decorated leaves and glue around the lid in clusters of

three, folding down a little. Fix a dotted yellow circle, 6cm, to the lid. Insert the jar into the box, then fold up the sides and tighten the toggle to secure.

Turn over



"Change the colour scheme to suit your style - bright rainbow shades would look stunning!"

Helen Fitzjohn, Designer



Square Bird

Stick a dotted yellow strip, 2.5cm x 13.5cm, to the top of a blank, 14.5cm square. The rest of the card is made by following the same method as the first one, though the branch is shorter, more leaf types are used and the bird has yellow features.

Gift Tag

Mount a 'Happy Birthday' message onto dotted yellow, 6cm x 11.5cm. Round the corners. Make a bird with orange features, then secure it to the right of the

sentiment using foam pads. Create six embellished leaves from green, orange and red card, adhere around the message, then punch a small hole at the top and thread with red cord to finish. CB

Shopping List

Canson Mi-Teintes and mountboard, Pullingers, pullingers.com

Bazzill papers, Papermaze, 01473 892195, papermaze.co.uk

Avian friends

Want more bird prints in your papercrafts? Here's a peek at some of our favourites...



Bird brooch selection, £10, Stockwell Ceramics, stockwellceramics.co.uk



Tropical birds A5 notebook, £9, Collier Campbell, colliercampbell.com



Avian Friends stickers, £4.99, The Fox And Star, thefoxandstar.co.uk



Corinne's Craft Space

"I cannot be the only one that saves containers because they're a nice shape"

Corinne Bradd uses old pots and jars to make a desk organiser for her daughter

"I cannot be the only one that saves containers because they're a nice shape or just the right size for a...". I used to mock my father for keeping every cardboard box just in case he needed to take something back to the shop. I now know that this habit is another genetic trait, just on a slightly smaller scale. The ridiculous thing is, all the containers I've saved have not been decorated yet. If I pulled my finger out and got them sorted, my house would be a much tidier place to work.

My favourite containers so far are mason type coffee jars stolen from my neighbour's glass recycling box, slot together board punnets from posh fruit, and anything sturdy and cylindrical such as sweet tubes saved from Christmas. I also have a heap of small glass jars which used to contain pesto, condiments and very expensive jam. These are so handy for a quick storage project. There are certain things I've kept with the view of upcycling them but so far inspiration has escaped me. If anyone has a plan for an old wine rack and a selection of rusty tobacco tins, please drop me a line.

Corinne x



Desk Tidy

My daughter regularly steals my stationery. There's never a pencil sharpener when you need one and I've no idea where my decent steel rule

has gone. To this end, I've created a desk tidy to keep on her dressing table and I'll fill it with stuff once I've had a chance to nip down to The Range.

1 Paint a small wooden fruit crate. Cover the outsides of the crate with a selection of decoupage tissues and line the insides with thicker co-ordinating papers. Leave the base painted, sealing with clear varnish or furniture wax.

2 Make handy containers by cutting sweet tubes into two pieces using a craft knife. Cover with patterned paper and trim the top edges with washi tape.

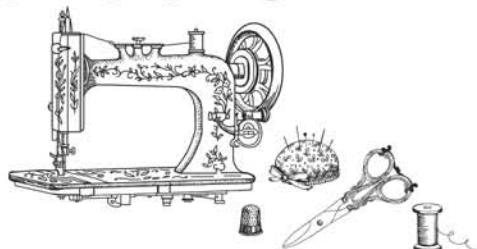
3 Cover small plastic boxes such as business card holders with washi tape stripes and use to store fiddly bits such as paperclips and drawing pins. Tie embroidery thread tassels to large paperclips to make page markers. CB

There's more where that came from...

I've made this papercraft typewriter for issue 86 of PaperCrafter magazine – on sale 28th August! Grab a copy for the how-to and find the template at papercraftermagazine.co.uk.



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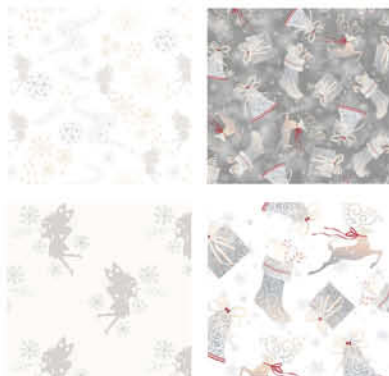
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Material world

Transform plain china into pretty planters using Amanda Walker's tricks with fabric



This project adopts a decoupage technique using fabric to decorate china. Because the material is thicker than the standard papers, it's a little trickier to manipulate but definitely worth it as the final result is stunning. The reverse of the fabric is pasted with adhesive, then applied to the china and left to dry. If you wish, the decoupage piece can be protected with a final coat of adhesive to act as a sealant.

Turn over

Start with...

- ✿ Fabric, Tilda
- ✿ Adhesive and varnish, Decoupage Allround
- ✿ Crockery: cup, saucer, dipping bowl, jug
- ✿ Sheet, plastic
- ✿ Paintbrush, large

See our Shopping List opposite

Creative Cups

1 Measure the depth and circumference of a cup or jug, then add a little extra to the number and cut out a rectangle of fabric to fit.

2 Place the material onto a plastic sheet, then apply thick layers of decoupage adhesive using a large paintbrush. Lay the fabric around the outer surface of the cup. It should remain taut around the widest part of the container, then become fluted and loose as the cup curves towards the base.

3 Make several snips up from the base of the fabric, making sure to cut around any motifs. Stick down one side of the cut and overlap the excess to fit the contour of the cup.

4 Make the fabric as flat as possible, then cut away any excess from the base and from both sides of the handle. Trim 1cm strips from a contrasting fabric and adhere them at the sides of the handle and around the top edge to neaten.

5 Leave to dry for at least two hours, then paint on another layer of adhesive. Apply a final coat and leave to dry before filling with your favourite plants.

Matching Saucer

1 Draw around a saucer onto the reverse of your fabric and place inside the dish. Using the line to act as a guide, measure how much extra fabric is needed so it can be folded over the rim, then



Crafts Tip

COVER THE OVERLAPPING EDGES WITH FABRIC MOTIFS TO HELP DISGUISE THE JOINS

add the extra length to make a large circle. Cut out, apply adhesive, then insert into the saucer before smoothing over and overlapping around the edge to finish. CB



"Old china that's chipped or cracked can be used, or a cup with a design that you want to hide"

Amanda Walker, Designer



Shopping List

Decoupage Allround matt adhesive and varnish,
01614 845888, craftmill.co.uk

Tilda fabric, Billow Fabrics, billowfabrics.co.uk



Ways with your china

We've come up with a selection of wonderful uses for your tea set

MIX IT UP

Everyone has their own taste, so experiment with different fabrics to find a style that suits you. If you have little ones, adorn a mini tea set using scraps from your stash to create the ultimate accessories for a doll house.

FLORAL DREAM

The teacups make ideal homes for lots of flowers from cacti, succulents, pansies and other small delicacies. You may wish to use a diamond drill to make a couple of holes at the base of a cup for drainage if you plan on potting directly into it.

PLAN A PARTY

This year marks 150 years since Lewis Carroll's *Alice In Wonderland* was first published, so why not give the famous tea party scene a twist and host your own by inviting your guests to decoupage crockery pieces for themselves?



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Scan & Cut

✿ Hello baby! ✿

Celebrate the arrival of a tiny tot with Cathie Shuttleworth's enchanting papercut ellies



Start with...

- ✿ Paper: pink, blue, yellow, white
- ✿ Card, yellow
- ✿ Buttons: pink, blue, white
- ✿ Cutting mat
- ✿ Craft knife
- ✿ Paint, dimensional, pearl white
- ✿ Pens, fine markers
- ✿ Ink, white
- ✿ Self-adhesive gems
- ✿ Brads
- ✿ Craft glue

Find the templates on our pattern pages



"If you are not confident hand cutting the flowers, use a punch or pre-cut shapes in matching colours"

Cathie Shuttleworth, Designer

Baby Boy Card

1 Transfer the baby boy image from the pattern pages. Copy onto blue paper. Working over a cutting mat and using a sharp craft knife, cut around the balloons and letters, but omit the elephant.

2 Attach the cut-out pieces onto a top-folding yellow card blank. Decorate the card with dots of white dimensional paint. Draw antenna on the butterflies with a fine black pen. Add paper flowers to the card topped with buttons.

Journal Cover

1 Transfer the line drawing onto your chosen paper. The image will be back to front, so you will need to cut it out working from the reverse of the design.

2 Place the cutting mat under your drawing.



With a sharp craft knife or a scalpel, carefully cut out the image along the lines; always cut away from your fingers. Draw flowers in different shapes and sizes onto white paper, then cut out with the craft knife.

3 Glue the paper cut onto a sheet of pink paper making sure that the lettering reads the correct way round. Arrange the flowers around the elephant and secure using glue. Top each flower with a small pink button.

4 Print a name or message at an appropriate size onto

scrap paper. Trace the letters and draw them back to front onto white paper. Cut out and position beneath the elephant. Attach the pink paper cut onto the face of a photo album or baby journal. CB

Shopping List

Plain card and paper flowers,
The Range, **0845 025 7598**,
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on the spot with

SHEENA DOUGLASS

CB catches up with craft superstar and expert papercrafter Sheena Douglass for tea and a chat

Who taught you to craft?

I would have to say my mother. Although she didn't craft with paper like I do, she was a fantastic cook and encouraged me to be creative at a very early age and got me to try everything from making soaps and candles to oil painting.

What inspires you?

Mostly nature. I love being in the countryside; trees, foliage, flowers and fields all motivate me. I'm also inspired by my design team who keep coming up with fantastic techniques with the new merchandise we're lucky to use. I like to experiment in my craft room by combining products with household goods and seeing what happens!

What is your favourite tried and tested tip?

If you don't have an anti-static bag, wipe a little cornflour over card using a cotton wool ball before you heat emboss. I never use talcum powder as it has properties that can sometimes leave dark card looking greasy.

Is there a craft product you can't live without?

The correct card for the job. No matter how good a product is, or how clever I think I'm being with it, if I team it up with the wrong card, bad things can happen. For example, white card with a high chalk content won't blend ink or paint no matter how much water you hit it with – the results will be rough and patchy.

What do you like to listen to when you are crafting at home?

I'm tempted to watch the TV if I put it on, but with an audio book I can keep on crafting. If I'm working on Christmas-themed products, I may be playing 'Deck the halls' in January! If I am listening to music, it can be anything from Maroon 5 to Bernard Cribbens.

Do you get nervous demonstrating at shows and on live telly?

I used to get very nervous until a presenter told me that nobody could tell and that I looked like I had been doing it all my life! I realised that the demons were only in my head, so I stopped panicking and now I just enjoy the shows. I still get a little tense when I'm launching one of my new designs, though.



Why do you think people enjoy crafting so much these days?

I think that life is busier and more hectic than ever and we want everything finished before it's even started. Crafting is a way of stepping off the treadmill and living in the moment by focusing on just the task at hand. I think it gives us a chance to recharge our batteries physically, mentally and definitely creatively.

Is there a new technique you'd like to try and why?

I've just started sewing – I was so happy when I figured out how to thread the machine and almost fell off my seat with excitement when I actually made something! I'm knocking out zipped make-up bags now, but really want to try freehand embroidery.

If you had to pass on a piece of advice, what would it be?

Stop being your own worst critic. I think

it's really easy to see beauty and value in other people's projects, but the first thing we see in our creations are the bits we wish were better. Sometimes we don't end up with what we had envisioned, but we actually get something better.

What are you most proud of?

Getting feedback from crafters who didn't believe they could stamp or paint until they tried my products or watched a show. That is absolutely priceless and very humbling.

If you had to write an autobiography, what would it be called?

Short title: 'Eh?' Longer title: 'Well what was that all about?' Alternative title: 'Chill and go with it!' CB

Further info...

Visit crafterscompanion.co.uk to see Sheena's latest products

Festive finery

Create beautiful vibrant motifs for cards with Chameleon Pens this Christmas

Start with...

- Chameleon Color Tones 22-Pen Deluxe Set
- Card: white, A3; black, 8cm square
- Paper, 12" x 12", Coordinations, fuchsia fizz
- Ribbon, organza, 5mm
- Self-adhesive gems
- Hole punch
- Scalpel

Find the templates on our pattern pages

Bauble Card

1 Make a card blank, 19cm square. Cover the front with thin black card. Trim fuchsia paper, 18.2cm square, and put to one side. Print the bauble templates onto white card and colour in using the Chameleon Pens. Place the Pen into the Mixing Chamber (Mixing Chamber on top) so that the nibs touch. Wait ten seconds, remove the Pen and colour; a blend will appear from light to dark. Practise on scrap paper



first to check timings and adjust for best results.

2 When all the baubles are shaded, add tiny spots of solid colour and gems. Cut out the baubles and a message. Create a circle template and position on the pink square with all the other elements. Once happy with the layout, lightly trace around the circle and carefully cut out using a scalpel. Make two more.

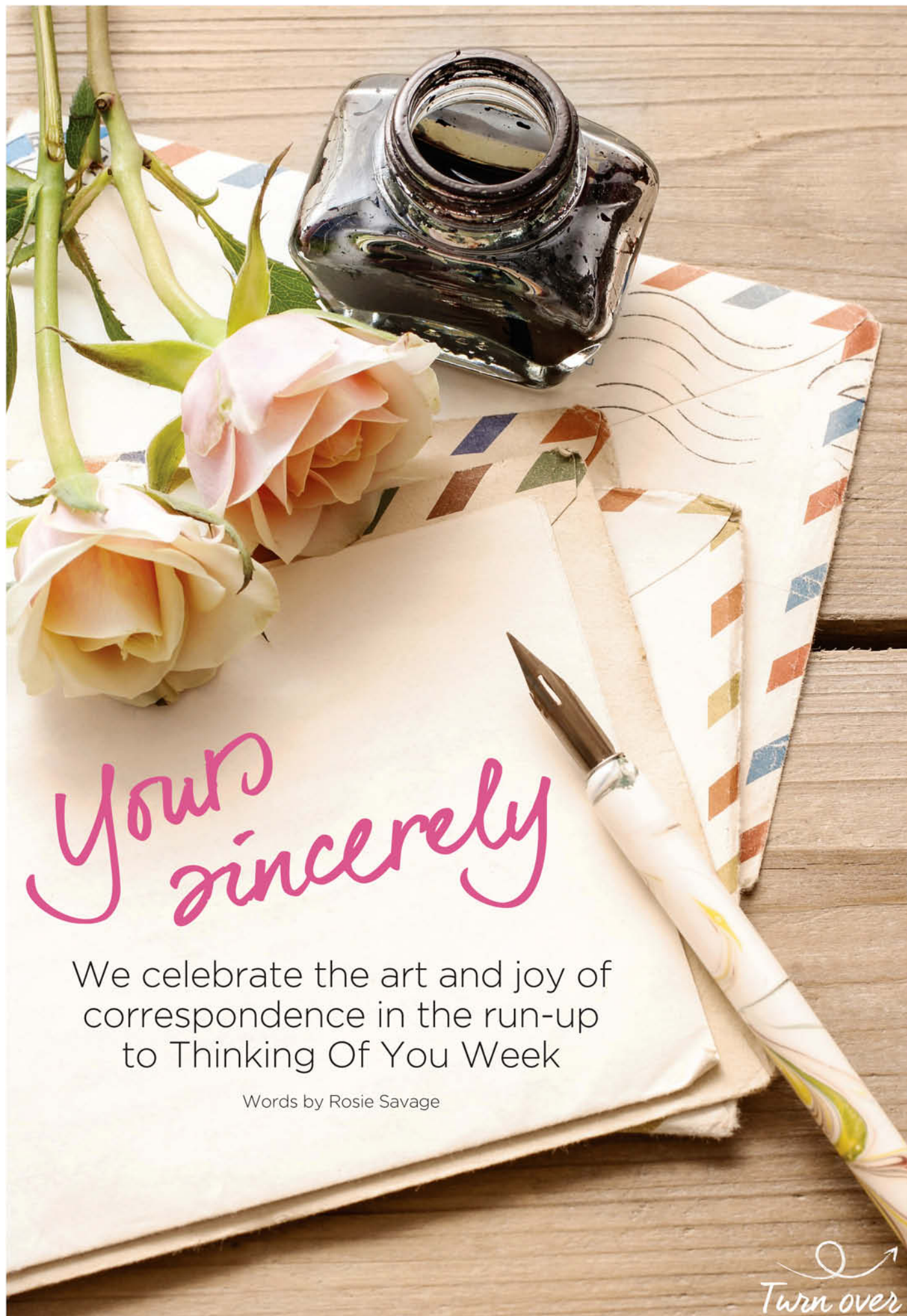
3 Lay the pink square on top of the card front and mark the positions of all three circle apertures. Remove and cut these three circles out of the black card; trim one slightly larger so when the pink square is placed on top the back is

covered. Fix ribbon to the mini baubles and glue to the pink square. Tape the ends to the reverse of the pink square.

4 Punch holes in the top of the baubles and arrange on the card. Mark the hole positions on the pink and punch matching ones. Take ribbon and thread through the holes from the back. Secure on the reverse and tie bows at the front. Stick the pink square onto the front. CB

Shopping List

For stockist details, visit chameleonpens.com



*Your
sincerely*

We celebrate the art and joy of
correspondence in the run-up
to Thinking Of You Week

Words by Rosie Savage

Turn over



CAN'T THINK OF
A SENTIMENT?
YOU CAN FIND OODLES
OF CARDMAKING
VERSES ON OUR
WEBSITE AT
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COM/VERSES**

Some say that letter writing is a thing of the past. At Crafts Beautiful, we think it's more important than ever before. The other day, I was trawling through a trunk of old memories at my parents' house – as well as stumbling across pictures of me as a tot with ice cream smeared across my nose, there were handwritten notes too. One envelope read 'The last letter I sent my father' in my dad's elegant scrawl. It was touching and the feelings that stirred simply can't be achieved from a text message or email.

So to keep the art of correspondence alive, we encourage you to send more handmade cards, more letters of love, and more postcards 'just because'. Take inspiration from the lovely Michelle Mackintosh, author of new book *Snail Mail*, in time for Thinking Of You Week this September. And, most importantly, see if one of your mailings can put a smile on a loved one's face.



"There are some cards that have been up on my shelves for years because I've become emotionally attached to them. Every time I glance up, each one reminds me of the person who sent it and why I care about them. Making a beautiful card for someone is giving them the gift of your time and creativity and this is guaranteed to give a positive boost to the person who receives it. And there is evidence to show that when we do things for others, it's actually good for our own emotional health and well-being too. I would urge all crafters to join in with Thinking of You Week"

**Sharon Little, CEO
at the Greeting Card
Association**



THINKING OF YOU WEEK

We're very excited about Thinking Of You Week, now in its second year and running from 21-27th September. The event asks people to send a card a day for a week to create a wave of love, caring and happiness around the world. It's the perfect opportunity to remind someone just how much you care, update them on your life or simply say hello. Visit greetingcardassociation.org.uk for more information.



These stickers would add the perfect finishing touch to an envelope. Priced £8.50 per set, thefoxandstar.co.uk



"Letter writing doesn't have to involve a postage stamp. I live with my friend Katy and we leave lovely notes around the house for each other on pretty postcards and notelets"

Rosie Savage, Deputy Editor

Why I love letter writing...

by Michelle Mackintosh



I did not open a letter for ten years. It was a letter my father had written to me, to be read after his death. I couldn't bear the thought that this would be the last correspondence I'd have from him. He had incredibly distinctive handwriting and I felt comforted by the sealed letter, like it was a constant reminder of his presence. Over the years I have thought a lot about the lost art of letter writing. It's my hope that they will not be a thing of the past. People will still write letters. And they will be treasured and kept for future generations to enjoy and love.

My grandmother was born in the UK and came out to Australia as a young girl. Her great grandmother wrote profusely to her seven sisters and two brothers back in England. I grew up reading these letters and was always fascinated by them. They talked of a different age: the manners, delicate phrasings and love spoke to me of forgotten times. It sparked an interest in classic literature (my cat is called Bronte) and I'm now often categorised by friends and acquaintances as a girl from another time.

When I was in high school I had four months off school due to illness. While in hospital, my connection to the outside world was through writing letters. Receiving one in the mail brightened my day and took my mind off being sick. I spent hours intricately decorating the envelopes and perfecting my handwriting. It was at this point in my life I realised I wanted to draw pictures and design for a living.

A letter is something that you can treasure forever. The handwriting tells its own story about the sender. The contents of the letter, whether life changing or everyday musings, are written for the receiver alone. To me, all of these things are why I cherish letter writing. Because our communication options are now so vast, it's an art that is no longer practised as it once was. I hope by writing and making *Snail Mail*, my new book, I have turned an inward passion outward. I want it to spark an interest in personal correspondence, putting thought into what you write and how you write it. And I would love for people to think about ways to pretty up envelopes, even consider asking the post office to show you their special edition stamps. Make your letter's presentation suit the receiver.

Reader Details

Take a look at Michelle's wonderful correspondence ideas in *Snail Mail* (Hardie Grant, £14.99).



HOW TO MAKE AN origami envelope

Enhance that personal touch with a handmade envelope - these illustrations from *Snail Mail* show you how!



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Corinne Bradd tests out the features of the new TODO Multi-Functional Crafting Machine

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Embossed Card

- 1** Place cream card, 16cm square, inside a Cherry Blossoms embossing folder and close. Position the folder between the B and C plates and lay onto the base plate. Check the carriage is at either end of the machine. Adjust the rollers to the lower end of the recommended 5 – 8 settings for a deep, crisp impression. Turn the handle to move the rollers over the stack of plates to the other end.
- 2** Remove the card from the folder, trim the edges of the square and round the corners. Use pink and purple chalks to tint the raised areas of the pattern by rubbing powder over the surface using your finger.
- 3** Matt the section onto orange and fix polka dot ribbon near the bottom, securing the edges to the back. Mount onto a pink square blank. Refer to the Letterpress Tag tutorial for instructions on how to make a 'Good Luck' sentiment.

Hot Foiling

1 Plug in the TODO and click the side button to turn on the red indicator light. Leave the metal plate to heat up for around 12 minutes, making sure that nothing is resting on it. When the light turns green, the machine is ready to use.

2 Place a geometric leaf template face up on the metal plate, then leave for a minute to heat up. Cut orange foil and lay it dull side up on the template. Place hot pink card over the foil and lay the A plate on top. Check that the carriage is at either end of the machine. Adjust the rollers to the recommended 2 – 3 setting and turn the handle to move them over the stack and to the other end. Remove the plate and card from the machine, then

peel away the foil to reveal the image.

3 Use a magnetic tool to pick up the hot template and turn it over. Lay the waste foil dull side up on this and lay light pink card and mats on top as before. Adjust the setting to half a number lower and slowly roll the carriage over the top to stick the reverse foil image to the card.

4 Trim the hot pink background piece to 11.5cm. Next, hot foil a decorative oval design onto yellow and cut out. Make an oval from the light pink decorated card and stick to the centre of the frame, then add a charm using a brad before sticking to the panel. Attach the entire section to a light blue blank to finish.



"Roller height varies with each operation. Refer to the manual for the suggested number and save your card scraps in similar weights and finishes to check the settings before working with your main project materials"



Letterpress Tag

1 Use a blue ink-pad to colour the raised areas of a Geometric Leaf letterpress template. Place the template face up on the base plate of the TODO. Cut a square of thin cream card and place over the template and lay the C and A plates on top.

2 Check that the carriage is at either end of the machine. Adjust the rollers to the recommended 6 – 8 setting. 6 will give a deeper impression, and 8 will give a lighter print depending on the card weight. Turn the handle to move the rollers over the stack of plates to the other end. Remove the card from the stack and trim into a tag shape. Mount onto orange card, then trim and punch a hole at the top before threading with orange and turquoise bakers twine. Decorate with a hot foiled motif. CB

Find out more...

TODO machine, £299.99, TODO hot foil press, £19.99, **090 5648 0480**, createandcraft.tv/todo
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YOUR REALLY USEFUL Craft Tips

CB readers share their crafty advice



In Circles

Has the plastic cord on your circular needles gone curly? Place the length into a bowl of warm water to relax it

Willa Moeser, via email



STORAGE WAYS

Convert a hanging shoe organiser into a vertical space for storing rolls of wrapping paper

Anne Palmer, via Facebook

SPRAY AWAY

Want to decorate clothes pegs for a crafty project? Clip them onto a strip of cardboard and spray paint the pegs in a well-ventilated area

Beth Trice, via Twitter



PENCIL TRICK

Tape two pencils together to instantly add a seam allowance on your fabric as you go around a template. It's really simple and will save on time!

Christine Chapman, via email

Main Attraction



Keep a magnet close to you when sewing so you can pick up any spilt needles or pins with ease

Tina Evans, via Twitter

TABLE SAVER

Buy a cheap plastic table cover to protect a surface when crafting – it's less fiddly than using newspaper and can be wiped and reused

Jenna Donahue, via email



HANDY HOOP

If you're always losing rolls of washi tape, keep them in check by slipping them onto an old embroidery hoop

Vera Simpson, via email



"Decorate a strip of staples using a permanent metallic marker for fun, alternative finishes"

Sarah Crosland, Editor

Corinne's best-loved tips

Our favourite in-house designer Corinne Bradd shares her most reliable snippets of advice

- Waxed or freezer paper makes quick work of appliqué. Simply cut your motif from paper, iron onto the back of your fabric, fold the trimmed edges of the fabric over the paper and press before peeling the paper away.
- Washi tape is the most versatile thing in the world. I've used it to decorate dowelling, pencils, empty jars, plates, plastic boxes – the list seems endless!



- A metric acrylic quilter's rule or square is just as handy when paper crafting. Making perfect squares and rectangles becomes a piece of cake.
- Keep a little crafting kit in the car. You never know when a needle and thread or a roll of Duck Tape will come in handy!



Share it!

If you've a crafty tip or trick you'd like to share, get in touch via **Twitter, Facebook** or **social.cb@aceville.co.uk!**



Full house

Use the Juliet collection from BoBunny to create this playing cards greeting

Start with...

BOBUNNY PRODUCTS:

- Papers: Juliet Tribute, Juliet Full House
- Gold Glimmer spray
- Gold Pearlescents
- Stamp, sentiments
- Ink-pad, Licorice

OTHER PRODUCTS:

- Twine
- Inking tool
- Paper trimmer
- Foam squares

See our Shopping List below

Birthday Card

- 1** Create a top-folding card blank, 14.5cm x 20cm, from Juliet Tribute paper. Cut another piece, 14.5cm x 20cm, and adhere to the face to reinforce. Ink if desired.
- 2** Cut four playing cards from Juliet Full House; ink and add Gold Glimmer spray to the ones with pictures and Gold Pearlescents to the patterned designs.
- 3** Adhere the cards to the base, adding foam squares underneath the patterned cards – refer to the picture for placement. Twine can be added by running it behind the top two playing cards before sticking down.
- 4** Cut a banner, 4.5cm x 6cm, from the front of Juliet Tribute paper. Stamp a sentiment, ink the edges, then add to the top-left of the card using foam squares. CB



Shopping List

All materials used for this project are available from BoBunny stockists. Visit bobunny.com to find your nearest retailer.



SARA NAUMANN'S MASTERCLASS

Faux Textured Backgrounds

GIVE YOUR CARDS A UNIQUE FINISH USING PAINT AND PACKING PAPER

Simple to use and available in a wide range of fun colours, acrylic paint is great for creating fantastic textured backgrounds without the bulk that some other materials may give.

For this technique, my applicator of choice is a humble piece of brown packing paper. This paper is sturdy but lightweight, crumples easily and results in beautiful patterns when painted and pressed onto card like a stamp.

I've used Ranger's Dylusions paints for both greetings. These bright pigment fluid paints dry quickly so you can put your embellished papers to use right away. The paints are designed for papercrafting, and have quickly become my go-to for this technique and others!

Crafts Tip

YOU CAN QUICKLY PRODUCE SEVERAL PAINTED BACKGROUNDS AT THE SAME TIME BEFORE CUTTING THEM INTO CARDS, TAGS, SCRAPBOOK PAGES AND MORE. NOTHING GOES TO WASTE!

"Layered circles can look very effective – I like to punch two of the same size and attach them slightly offset for a shadow effect"

Good to know... Faux Texture Painted Backgrounds

- ✳ Loosely crumple packing paper, then uncrumple and smooth out slightly.
- ✳ Lightly paint the raised areas of the packing paper.
- ✳ Immediately press onto white card.
- ✳ Lift the paper off quickly and leave to dry.



Start with...

- Paint, acrylic, Ranger Ink, Dylusions: Postbox Red, Vibrant Turquoise
- Card: white, black
- Paper, brown packing
- Embossing powder, Wow! Embossing, Primary Ebony Superfine
- Stamps, Wow! Embossing: Everyday Sentiments, Funky Border Stamps
- Embossing ink
- Ribbon: red, black
- Circle punches: 7/8"; 1"; 1.75"
- Toothbrush
- Paintbrush
- Adhesives

Coming next month...

Create quick cards using beautiful watercolour effects!

Sara says...

"Dylusions paints are fast-drying, so you'll want to replace the lid as soon as you're done"

Happy Birthday

- 1 Use Vibrant Turquoise paint to create a textured background onto white card, A4. Once dry, use an old toothbrush to spatter Postbox Red paint on top.
- 2 Cut a panel from the painted card, 11cm x 16.5cm, and mount onto black. Repeat this process with a 5cm x 11.5cm section, then secure across the first one horizontally.
- 3 Stamp and emboss a script border onto white, adhere to black and stick to the textured panel. Secure the embellished section to the centre of a white blank, 12.5cm x 16cm.
- 4 Stamp and emboss a 'Happy Birthday' sentiment onto a 1.75" white circle. Make a second one from black and fix the two together, slightly offset, then attach using foam pads. To finish, add a red ribbon bow above the wording.

With Thanks

- 1 Use Postbox Red paint to create a textured background onto white card, 10cm x 15.5cm. Leave to dry, then mount onto black. Paint Vibrant Turquoise onto white card using a brush.
- 2 Once dry, trim a strip of turquoise, 1cm x 18cm, and set onto white, 2.5cm x 18cm. Stick the length onto black and glue horizontally across the decorated panel, securing the ends at the back. Create a blank, 12cm x 16.5cm. Trim turquoise card slightly smaller than the card front and adhere before fixing the panel on top.



- 3 Stamp and emboss black dots onto white card, then punch out three 7/8" circles from the sheet and stick onto 1" black ones. Adhere to the right in a line using foam pads. Stamp and emboss a 'With Thanks' sentiment, mount onto black and attach at an angle near the middle circle using foam pads. Add a black ribbon bow to finish. CB



Shopping List

Dylusions Paint, Art from the Heart,
01423 873739, afth.co.uk

WOW! Embossing Powder and
stamps, 0870 777 8781,
wowembossingpowder.co.uk

What a hoot!

Kids will love these cute pine owls
designed by Lia Griffith

Our owls have three different personalities and, with our online templates, you can mix and match them to make your own little characters. Felt is such a great material for kids to craft with, and if you have yet to try a luscious wool mix felt, you need to treat yourself and buy some. The wool blend is nice to the touch, easy to cut and looks great when it is crafted into something delightful!

Start with...

- Felt sheets, blues, greens, greys, brown, black, white
- Pipe cleaners
- Pine cones
- Hot glue gun
- Scissors

Download templates
from our website

Festive Owls

- 1** Cut out the owl shapes from different coloured sheets of felt.
- 2** Use a hot glue gun to stick the pieces for the faces and wings together.
- 3** Take the cones and brush off any loose pieces. Start to stick down the facial features and wings using the glue gun.
- 4** Trim pipe cleaners into strips, 2.5cm, and fold them over into a U-shape to make the feet. Glue one on top of the other, then position the feet to the front at the base of your pine cone. CB



Shopping List

Wool felt sheets,
CoolCrafting, 01539
561928, coolcrafting.co.uk
Coloured pipe cleaners,
Pullingers, 01372 741811,
pullingers.com



"Though I perched these little owls in my tree, you can easily add ribbon or string on the tops of their heads to hang them"

Lia Griffith, Designer, liagriffith.com



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Make a wish

Create Tracey Daykin-Jones' fun, festive cards using the Spellbinders Sapphire machine



Crafts Tip

DOUBLE THE FOAM PADS ON THE YELLOW PRESENT TO MAKE IT REALLY STAND OUT

Start with...

- Paper collection kit, Bella Blvd Christmas Cheer, 12" x 12"
- Card: white, red, pink, yellow, green
- Dies, Spellbinders Sapphire Celebrate: star, present
- Die-cutting machine, Spellbinders Sapphire
- Embellishments: bakers twine, red and white; gem, clear
- Mat, embossing
- Thread, white
- Tool, paper piercing
- Adhesives

See our Shopping List below



Christmas Stars

1 Trim a 5mm vertical strip off the front edge of a blank, 9.5cm x 18.5cm. Adhere a blue border to the left edge and cover the remaining area with snowflake patterned paper. Stick a red text border to the outside of the inside right panel.

2 Die-cut nine stars from patterned papers. Fix three shapes to the card in a vertical line. Position the remaining stars on top and, using a ruler as a guide, pierce a straight row of holes going down through the centres of each.

3 Sew the top stars into place using white thread, then pull up their sides to create a dimensional effect. Tie bakers twine along the spine of the card and secure on the inside to finish.

Presents Card

1 Trim yellow dot paper to fit the inside panel of a gatefold blank, 12.5cm square, then adhere. Create a large circle from white and glue to the centre of the yellow. Fix purple card to both panels on the front and add a horizontal strip of striped paper to each. Make and matt a scallop-edged green circle onto a large red pattern one, then stick a smaller circle made from snowflake paper on top.

2 Die-cut three presents from yellow, pink and red card using a Spellbinders Sapphire machine. Pass through the machine a second time using the embossing mat to add detail to the shapes. Glue the gift boxes to the circle, starting with the pink one at the back, then use foam pads to attach the remaining red and yellow presents. Fix the section to the front-left panel using

"Run a bone folder down the middle of the stars to create crisp folding lines"

Tracey Daykin-Jones, Designer

double-sided tape. To finish, add an inverted Christmas tree arrow sticker to the top-right corner and embellish with a small gem. CB

How to make... A GATEFOLD CARD



Shopping List

Bella Blvd Christmas Cheer collection, Papermaze, **01473 892195**, **papermaze.co.uk**
 Spellbinders Sapphire and dies, Create and Craft, **09056 480480**, **createandcraft.tv**

Ask the experts

Clever solutions and creative know-how from our top team of talented crafters

Meet our Panel...



JOANNA SHEEN

Joanna's whimsical brand of stamps and papercrafting CDs are top of every card maker's wish list. She has a wealth of crafting experience to share and is a talented card maker and designer. joannasheen.co.uk



ELIZABETH MOAD

Quilling queen Elizabeth Moad is a popular author and regular CB contributor. Elizabeth has written many books on quilling and is one of the UK's leading experts on the technique. elizabethmoad.com



CORINNE BRADD

Our lovely crafty owl Corinne can knock up a quilt in an evening and loves to upcycle all manner of objects, whatever the size. Her work with old tyres is legendary!



What is the best way to cut out intricate pieces of a decoupage design?

JOANNA SAYS... There are so many beautiful illustrations available for decoupage these days, and it is really important to make sure that you can trim around each piece without spoiling it. I like to use specialist scissors called decoupage snips. They have short

blades and you snip away with the ends, nibbling at it like a mouse! If you are trying to cut out a 'land-locked' piece, then push the point of the blades through from front to back, to make a hole, then start snipping around the outline of the design from there.

How do I remove the coil off the end of the quilling tool without it unravelling?

ELIZABETH SAYS...

Well, there are many factors to consider when answering this question! Firstly, quilling dexterity is needed when handling all shapes of coils. For a tight coil, glue the end in place whilst it is still on the tool, then remove it.

If you want a looser shape, the coil should be removed and allowed to unwind - this will take some practise! The type of quilling tool used is critical for the easy removal of the coil without it unravelling. I use a tool that has a fine metal prong bedded into a short handle; this allows me to coil at the end of the prongs and leaves space for my fingers to push the shape off whilst holding it with the other hand.



What are the best quilling papers to use? I get confused by all the different sizes.

ELIZABETH SAYS... Quilling papers come in different widths and lengths. The weight of paper also needs to be right for quilling; if it's too thin or too thick the coils will not have a good shape. I'd recommend 3mm wide strips as they are easier to handle. Those narrower than 3mm, whilst giving lovely delicate results, can be fiddly for beginners to use. American quilling papers tend to be longer in length than the UK versions, but can easily be trimmed if required.

I want to start on my Christmas cards – can you recommend an easy way to make several cards with the same design?

JOANNA SAYS... Batch making is definitely the way to go if you want very similar cards to send to a lot of people. It's important to make your design easy to replicate and best to use dies and embossing folders for consistency. Otherwise, you can spend a fortune on die-cut decoupage or complicate your life with tricky folding techniques. I find a nice simple shape like a filigree tree die can be an excellent starting point for a generic design to suit all tastes.

How do I gauge which weight of yarn I need to use for my knitting projects?

CORINNE SAYS... The weight of the ply will determine how thick your finished garment or make will be and what size needle you will need to use. As a rule of thumb, 2 ply is very fine, almost lace-like, so you would use a needle size of approximately 2.25mm - 3.25mm. The 4 ply yarn is a heavier weight and suitable for socks and baby garments. Aran and super-chunky yarns are used for jumpers or scarves with needles ranging from 5mm to 8mm in size. If in doubt, always check the band on your wool for information on tension, weight and recommended needle size.



WHERE CAN I FIND...

CHRISTMAS STAMPS

IndigoBlu's A6 cling stamps come in a selection of seasonal designs to suit all themes. Priced £8.99, indigoblu.com



SCANDI-STYLE RIBBON

A fun way to add a professional finishing touch to your Christmas wrapping. Red Reindeer ribbon, £4, The Contemporary Home, tch.net



COMING NEXT MONTH... TRY BIG HOOK CROCHET AND YOUR CARD MAKING QUERIES ANSWERED

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Christmas Makes & Bakes

KICKSTART YOUR CHRISTMAS WITH A FEW OF OUR FAVOURITE DESIGNS AND IDEAS

'Tis the season to be planning! We think that the little details are important at Christmas, and what better way to show this than with a few handmade items? Whether you're making trinkets for your abode or creating a special gift for someone, we've decided to share these wonderful ideas and hope that they spark your festive imagination.

1 Stamped Gift Set

Make your own rubber stamps to decorate cards and gift wrap by using the templates and instructions in *Handmade Christmas* (CICO Books, £14.99). Once the stamps are cut, you can use them time and time again to create an array of seasonal goods. rylandpeters.com



2 COOKIE WISHES

Setting out milk and cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve is an incredibly exciting custom for children, so why not make a new tradition and tie a few snowflake biscuits with ribbon to make a pretty parcel?



"Challenge yourself by setting craft completion goals on a calendar and reward yourself when they're met"

Jecelyn Latimer,
Editorial Assistant



4 Nature's Gift

Natural elements are all the rage this Christmas, so this gorgeous rose hip and hawthorn wreath is right on trend. All you need to do is cut the flower stems short and push into a floral foam ring. Find foam rings at floristsuppliesuk.com



6 FESTIVE FROSTING

There are so many creative possibilities using Renshaw ready-to-roll icing, and this impressive cake certainly doesn't disappoint! Edible glue and cocktail sticks are used to hold the figurines together and a green cone has been cut into using small scissors to create a tree.

3 REINDEER HOOP

Give your walls a modern update this season with a colourful folksy reindeer hoop or two! This project is made using appliqué elements and simple embroidery skills and is perfect for someone looking to make a statement piece quickly. From Sew Scandinavian by Kajsa Kinsella (CICO Books, £12.99), rylandpeters.com



5

Winter Village

Want to adorn a mantel or shelf on a budget? You're in luck – this free tutorial from A Beautiful Mess looks at creating a strip of pretty houses using templates from the site. You could even pop electronic lights behind this piece to bring the vellum windows to life! Find it at abeautifulmess.com



TOP 10

Christmas Makes & Bakes

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Bobble Bakes

Keep your heads and cakes bundled up this winter with bobble hat treats! Top cakes with buttercream, add a large marshmallow and cover that with buttercream. Cut circles from rolled out Renshaw icing slightly bigger than the cake circumference, then use them to cover the tops and add a bobble. Embellish using sugar crystals. renshawbaking.com

LET IT SNOW

8

Think outside the box and into the mason jar with a clever Santa trinket from The Contemporary Home! You could make a recycled version with the kids by sticking festive figurines and an electric tea light to the bottom of a jar lid and adding a little artificial snow inside before securing the top on. Buy this decoration at tch.net

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9

Snowflake Treats

Perfect for festive parties, these pretty bakes are decorated with colourful icing circles and white snowflakes. A light dusting of sugar at the end adds to the wintry look. renshawbaking.com

10

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Making your own decorations with the family is a great way of creating lasting memories. Pompoms are perfect for older children to try, and this Santa one couldn't be any more ideal! You can find this project and more in the book *Pompom Christmas* (Search Press, £4.99). searchpress.com



Dear Santa, I would like...

Renshaw icing, £1.79,
01517 068200,
renshawbaking.com



Penguin party gift wrap, £2.80, Martha And Hepsie, marthaandhepsie.com



Wooden reindeer gift tags, £5, Berry Red, 0845 450 3937, berryred.co.uk



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Heidi Swapp, Minc Creator



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The Minc works by applying heat which causes the foil to fuse to the toner in your printed project. It heats up in less than a minute and passes card through quickly, making it perfect for speedy crafting. There is also an inbuilt safety function which causes the machine to turn off after 90 minutes of non-use.

TOP FEATURES

- ✓ Applies foil quickly and efficiently to your crafts
- ✓ Projects can be made out of anything from glassine, vellum and more
- ✓ Allows for different thicknesses
- ✓ Pre-printed products to make your crafting a breeze
- ✓ Timed safety feature for peace of mind

3 PAPER PROMISES

This machine comes with instructions, a foil sheet, three tags and two transfer carriers so you can get crafting straight away. There's a myriad of gorgeous foil colours to choose from, so you'll never be stuck for ideas. This is an exciting opportunity to try something new and give your craft projects a lustrous, professional finish!

Shopping List

Get your Minc Foil Applicator, £99.99, at createandcraft.tv

Watch online on Freesat 813, Virgin 748, Freeview 36, Sky 674 or at facebook.com/createandcraft

How to use the Minc



Bear buddies

Sew and cross-stitch these delightful creatures and string them together to make a decorative garland



"You could make a single bear as a gift for a baby! Just make sure to use French knots for eyes instead of beads"

Helen Philipps, Designer





Crafts Tip

IF YOU FIND IT
PREFERABLE, USE AIDA
INSTEAD OF LINEN FOR
THE BEARS' LABELS

Start with...

- Fabric: cotton, spotty, pink; blue; linen, 28 count, white
- Felt, white
- Thread, embroidery
- Ribbon: pink, red, blue
- Beads: black, pink, blue
- Bakers twine, pink and white
- Fusible webbing
- Toy filling
- Card, thin
- Pinking shears

See our Shopping
List below

Cross-stitched Bears

1 Follow our chart for the heart and stitch over two threads of linen. Use two strands of cotton for the cross-stitch and one for the backstitch. As the thread is variegated, it's best to complete each whole cross-stitch before moving on to the next to allow the colour

to grade. When the stitching is complete, iron fusible webbing onto the back of the motif and cut out using pinking shears.

2 Trace the bear template onto thin card and cut out. For each bear you will need two pieces of spotty fabric, 20.5cm x 25.5cm. Place the spotty fabrics right sides together and lay the template on one side. Trace around it. Sew around the bear shape, then trim the fabric carefully, clip the curves, and make a small slit in the centre of the back for turning.

3 Turn the bear out to the right side and push out the arms, legs and ears. Stuff firmly with toy filling and sew up the slit in the back neatly. To make the face, trace the muzzle from the pattern onto card and cut out. Draw around it onto white felt. Cut out the shape and sew a little black nose in the middle, then stitch to the bear's face. Add two black beads for eyes.

4 Take the cross-stitched heart and peel off the fusible webbing backing. Iron it in place on the front of the bear. Add a few stitches to it using white sewing cotton if

you wish. Tie ribbon around the neck. Make two more bears in this way.

Make The Garland

1 Cut a long length of pink and white bakers twine. Tie a knot with a loop at one end and begin threading pink and blue beads alternately. When you have eight threaded on, take the first blue bear and push the needle through the left arm, through the body and out the right arm.

2 Thread on four more beads, then repeat with the pink bear. Add more beads followed by the second blue bear. Finish with eight beads, then tie a knot and loop at the end to finish. CB



Shopping List

Spotty fabrics, The
Homemakery,
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thehomemakery.co.uk

Embroidery threads, Sew
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Capitalise on trends and incorporate them into your craft work using **Camilla Westergaard's** hints and tips

What is it all about?

Incorporating trends in your work can be difficult to get right; it's a tricky balance between spotting a trend on the up and understanding how to use it without compromising your style and brand identity. So how do you do that? Trends can be split into different types. There are trends that define the current age or zeitgeist.

It's really useful to have an understanding of these because they filter down into specific types. For example, in the 80s the get-rich-quick culture led to power dressing which filtered down to shoulder pads. Contrast that to today, when we're more concerned with the 'provenance' of the products we're buying, then local, organic, sustainable and handmade goods become the defining factor.

Be a trend spotter

Pinterest is the perfect place to start as you can get a sense of what's popular by what people are pinning. Keep an eye on Pantone too, as they publish a 'colour of the year' which sets the benchmark for the design industry. Instagram and Twitter hashtags are a brilliant way to see what people are loving, buying and talking about right now. Google Trends is my favourite tool of all: type in any search term and see how a trend has increased or decreased.

Make them work for you

Ideally as a designer and maker you're aware of the trends in your market. However that doesn't mean every single one - it's much better to pick a few elements that fit into your ethos and style as a maker. For example, you can take inspiration from next season's catwalk and create a range of oversized hothouse blooms, or maybe a cushion in the most-pinned colour combinations? The aim is that the trend works for you by generating more views, press coverage and sales. Remember to add keywords to all product titles and descriptions to make the most of social media.

As well as shifting trends, there are simple things you

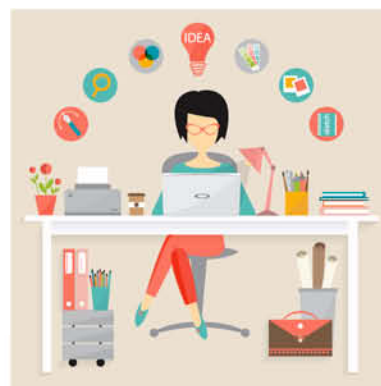
can do to tie your work into zeitgeist trends. For example you can tap into the trend for 'provenance' by talking about your making processes and emphasising your craft skills wherever possible. Even just adding the word 'handmade' to your listings and filling in the profile section so people can read about your 'maker story' can help.



But which trend to follow?

In contrast to the relative longevity of zeitgeist trends, fashion has new styles every season. Thankfully, in practice most trends don't turn around quite that quickly. Some things are huge for a short time (did you see how many watermelons were around this summer?), but usually trends stick around for a bit longer. For example, the trend for geometric jewellery started several years ago, but it's still going strong now.

Hot trends can be themes (tropical), colours, materials (copper), shapes (triangles), patterns (checks, florals), artists (Frida Kahlo) or taken from pop culture. Luckily there are lots of ways you can find out what's hot. Magazines will give you a great indication as will fashion shows.



Case Study



Kayleigh O'Mara makes illustrated and laser cut jewellery and stationery.

folksy.com/shops/kayleighomara

- Read magazines, especially trend specific ones such as Mix Magazine. These can often pinpoint trends in designs, colours and themes a year or so before they hit the mainstream.
- Use Pinterest - it's a great source of inspiration. I follow interiors magazines, clothes and jewellery designers - simply typing

in 'trends' will bring you a feast of beautiful imagery.

- Follow the bloggers who spot trends (and set them) in all fields of making and design.
- Trade shows tend to work a season ahead, which can sometimes seem weird when they're decked out for Christmas in July, but they are great for seeing what will be in the shops.

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Patchwork stocking

Our stitched stocking is a real crowd-pleaser that'll look fantastic hung from the mantelpiece

Christmas stockings can be sewn and embellished in numerous ways, but we've decided to take the patchwork route. The result is a bright, beautiful creation that anyone would be happy to receive. For a traditional finish, a white fur cuff has been added along with jingly, jangly bells – the sound alone makes you feel festive! So enjoy our copyright-free project and get your Christmas crafting kick-started.

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Start with...

- ✿ Fabric, Christmas 2015 Festive collection, Makower
- ✿ Fake fur, white
- ✿ Craft wadding, 2oz
- ✿ Ribbon
- ✿ Bells

Stocking

1 Cut the fabrics into 29, 8cm squares. Arrange them on a flat surface creating a grid of five squares by three, then add two rows of seven below this to make an inverted 'T' shape. Make sure no two squares of the same design touch.

2 Stitch the squares in pairs, right sides together, with a 5mm seam allowance. Sew the pairs into blocks and join them together to make a complete panel, matching up the seams carefully each time. Press.

3 Lay the fabric onto craft wadding and pin in place. Topstitch the two layers together along the patchwork seam lines. Fold it in half, right sides together, then pin our stocking template to it and cut out.

4 Stitch the two pinned shapes together around the edges, leaving the flat top unsewn. Clip the curves of the outline and turn the stocking out. Cut white fake fur, 10cm x 40cm, and pin the right side of the fur to

the inside of the stocking along the top, folding in the raw edges at each short end.

5 Stitch the fur to the top of the stocking and fold out to make a cuff. Fold under 1cm along the bottom edge of the cuff and hem the ends and bottom with running stitch to neaten. Pin ribbon along the top edge of the cuff, sew in place and add a loop to the back edge. Tie Christmas bells to narrow ribbon and stitch the ends below the loop. CB



"Cut fake fur on its wrong side with a small pair of sharp scissors - this way you only cut the backing fabric and not the pile"

Corinne Bradd, Designer



3 of the best **Fabrics**

Looking for gorgeously bright Christmas prints? We love these designs from the Christmas Dreams collection by Wendy Kendall, available at purple-stitches.com



Snow princess

Create Amanda Walker's fairytale dolly for your little one using a simple three-piece pattern

Start with...

- * Fabric: cotton jersey, flesh-coloured; scraps, assorted colours; lace, pale blue
- * Toy filling
- * Yarn, pale yellow
- * Gems, clear
- * Sewing machine
- * Sewing kit
- * Pens, felt tip, permanent

Find the templates on our pattern pages



"Years ago I worked for Hasbro and designed Cindy's clothes - this brought back very fond memories of working on a tiny doll!"

Amanda Walker, Designer

Cutting Guide

From cotton jersey: One pair of the body piece, one pair of legs and one pair of the doll's head.

For the doll's clothes, cut out on the fold: One front skirt and one pair of the back skirt. Two front bodices and two pairs of back bodices.

For the cape: A half circle, diameter 25cm, from pale blue lace.

Make The Dolly

1 Stay stitch across the base of the two body pieces and the top of the two legs. This is to stop the fabric stretching too much. Sew two leg pieces together from one side, down and up both legs to the opposite side, with a 3mm seam allowance. Clip the curved seam between the legs, then turn out and stuff

with toy filling. Take care not to overfill.

2 Sew the body pieces in the same way: stitch from the base on one side, up around the arms and the neck, and down to the opposite side. Clip into the thumb, under the arms and up into the curve of the neck on both sides. Turn out and stuff. The body and the legs can now be stitched together. Turn in the raw edges along the stay stitching lines and hand slip stitch the two together.

3 Draw eyes, a nose and mouth onto one of the head pieces with felt tip pens. Stitch the two heads together, leaving the top open; turn out and stuff. Fold in the raw edges on the top of the head and close the seam by making a running stitch, gathering up the top of the head as you sew. Hand stitch the head to the front of the neck.



Dolly's Hair

Wind yellow yarn around card, 35cm wide. Ensure the strands lay next to each other and measure 6cm across. Cut through them at one of the card edges and carefully machine stitch through the fold line across the length of the hank. Position on the doll's head; the stitching line in the centre of the hank

should run around the outer edge of the head, just in front of the head seam. Half of the yarn should be hanging over the doll's face while it's hand stitched in place. Draw all of the hair over to one side, then divide into three and plait. Secure the end with more yarn and trim the end of the plait to neaten.

The neck should extend up the back of the head; the stitching will be covered when the hair is secured. You may need to make a couple of invisible stitches through the neck and into the chin.

Dolly's Dress

1 Make darts in both of the front bodice pieces, then stitch two of the back bodices to one of the fronts. Repeat the process with the remaining front and back pieces. Open the side seams and, with right sides of the bodices facing each other, match the side seams together and stitch from the base of

the back centre back seam, up and around the top of the bodice, back down to the opposite centre back.

Stitch with a 3mm seam allowance; clip around the bodice front, turn to the right side, and press.

2 To make the skirt, match and pin the two back pieces to the front piece and stitch together. Next, sew this to the base of the bodice; the skirt will need to have a couple of pleats at the back and front to fit the waistline of the bodice. Match the back seam of the skirt pieces together and stitch around, leaving 2cm unstitched at the waist.

3 Dress the doll and hand stitch the centre back bodice together and the top part of the centre back seam. Either overlock the hem of the skirt or make a roll hem. Finally, wrap the straight edge of the lace cape over the doll's shoulders and secure in place by hand stitching under the arms. CB

Crafts Tip

THE DOLL CAN HAVE WIRE INSERTED INTO HER LIMBS TO GIVE MOVEMENT - HOWEVER, IF SHE'S FOR A YOUNG CHILD THE WIRE SHOULD BE OMITTED

Shopping List

Flesh-coloured jersey fabric, Myriad, myriadonline.co.uk
Yellow yarn, Outback Yarns, outbackyarns.co.uk



Start with...

- Knitting needles, 4mm
- Yarn, DK, Stylecraft Special: Matador, Teal, Turquoise, Candyfloss, White, Silver, 25g each
- Toy filling
- Felt, brown
- Thread, brown
- Stitch holder
- Pompom maker

To fit: 0-3 months
To fit head
circumference: 38cm

Rudolph hat

Knit this charming festive accessory to celebrate a baby's first Christmas

Abbreviations

fol following
k knit
kfb knit into front and back
k2tog knit two together
p purl
rnd(s) round(s)
RS right side
ssk slip stitch knit
st(s) stitch(es)
st st stocking stitch

Hat

Note: carry unused yarn up side of work

Cast on 72 sts in Silver
Rows 1-2: (k2, p2) to end
Cut Silver, change to White
Row 3: k
Rows 4-6: (k2, p2) to end
Work in foll stripe sequence:
four rows Turquoise, two rows White, two rows Teal,

two rows Silver, two rows Teal, four rows White, two rows Turquoise, two rows Candyfloss, two rows Turquoise
Rows 7-28: starting with a k row work in st st
Change to White
Row 29: (k7, k2tog) to end. 64 sts
Row 30: p
Change to Turquoise
Row 31: (k6, k2tog) to end. 56 sts
Row 32: p
Change to White
Row 33: (k5, k2tog) to end. 48 sts
Row 34: p
Change to Teal
Row 35: (k4, k2tog) to end. 40 sts
Row 36: p
Change to Silver
Row 37: (k3, k2tog) to end. 32 sts
Row 38: p
Change to Teal

Row 39: (k2, k2tog) to end. 24 sts
Row 40: p
Change to White
Row 41: (k1, k2tog) to end. 16 sts
Row 42: p
Row 43: (k2tog) to end. Eight sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

Ear

Make four (two in each colourway)
Cast on eight sts in Silver (Candyfloss)
Rows 1-4: starting with a k row work in st st
Row 5: k1, ssk, k2, k2tog, k1. Six sts
Row 6: p
Row 7: k1, ssk, k2tog, k1. Four sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry

needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

Antler

Make two
Cast on nine sts in White
Rows 1-10: starting with a k row work in st st
Row 11: k1, kfb, k1, sl three sts onto st holder, k1, kfb, k1. Eight sts
Rows 12-14: starting with a p row work in st st
Row 15: k1, (k2tog) to last st, k1. Five sts
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off
Sl sts on st holder back onto needle. Three sts
With RS facing rejoin White
Next row: k
Next row: p
Next row: k1, kfb, k1. Four sts
Next row: p
Cut yarn leaving a long tail, thread tail onto tapestry needle and thread through rem sts, fasten off

To Make Up

Sew in ends. Sew side seam of Hat. Sew each Candyfloss Ear to a Silver Ear. Sew Antler seam, lightly stuffing as you sew. Use Matador yarn and pompom maker to make pompom. Sew Ears and Antlers to top of Hat, ensuring Hat seam is at centre back. Attach pompom to centre of front. Cut two 2cm circles from brown felt and sew on as shown for eyes. CB



Skill Level
1
Easy

Shopping List

Stylecraft Special DK yarn,
Love Knitting, 0845 544 2196,
loveknitting.com

Crafts Tip

CAST ON 63 STS INSTEAD OF 72 FOR A SMALLER HAT. THE REPS WILL STILL WORK BUT THE STITCH COUNTS WILL VARY. YOU WILL BE LEFT WITH SEVEN STS ON THE FINAL ROW



Reader Details



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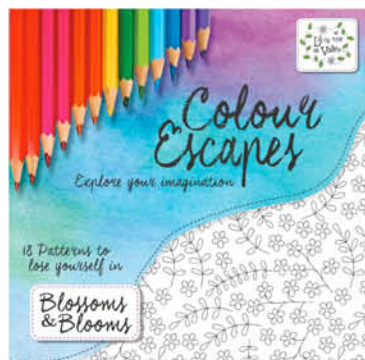
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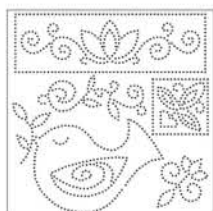
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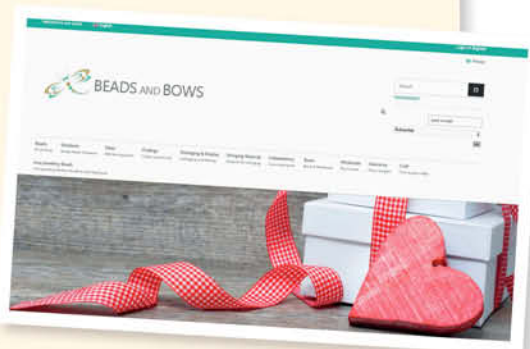
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Project alert!

Winter animals are the focus in this gorgeous jewellery project, which you can find on our website at crafts-beautiful.com. Learn how to encase images of foxes, birds and deer using resin and bezels, then finish things off with some pretty glass beads. You can also find a project for a vintage postcard, which has a bird brooch attached to it for a two-in-one gift!



Forest Finds

Woodland-themed jewellery is a must-have at this time of year



"The biggest woodland motifs for AW15 are hedgehogs and stags, so why not try and include them in your jewellery making?"

Rosie Savage, Deputy Editor

In the foliage

Yellow and green flower charms, 42p each, beads.co.uk



8mm fire polished Czech glass beads in Earth Tone, thecrystalphoenix.com



Alouette necklace kit, £17.50, spellboundbead.co.uk

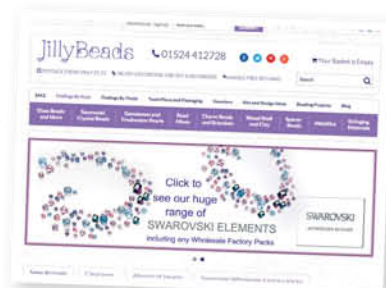
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Find out how you can make leaves from polymer clay with our online tutorial. The gold shimmer really adds a seasonal touch to these designs and the faceted crystal drops are delightful. Visit crafts-beautiful.com for the how-to.



SHOP OF THE MONTH: JILLYBEADS

Are you after a range of gorgeous beads and findings? Looking for tools to tackle your next jewellery project? You'll discover everything you need at JillyBeads. The website is extremely easy to navigate and is host to a plethora of wonderful beading products. We especially love the freshwater pearls, which are ideal for creating classic accessories. Visit jillybeads.co.uk to see for yourself.



Save the date: 25th October Harrogate Beadwork Fair, ukbeadfairs.com

Just like new!

Corinne Bradd shows how to give old and vintage jewellery a fresh lease of life



Start with...

- Vintage necklaces, assorted
- Vintage brooches
- Coloured pearls, assorted
- Coloured crystals, assorted
- Fine wire
- Jump rings
- Multi loop clasp
- Chain
- Diamanté cupchain (optional)
- Diamanté or plain metal headband
- Fine wire

See our Shopping List opposite

Layered Necklace

1 Sort and gently clean your vintage jewellery. Select several strings of beads or pearls and lay out on a bead mat in decreasing length. Remove any original clasps to leave a single jump ring at each end.

2 String new pearls and crystals in your chosen colour to create a length that will fit in the middle of your arrangement. Add appropriate lengths of chain in between the vintage strands. You will need a total of eight strands for the necklace to hang well without it appearing too crowded.

3 Fix the strands to a multi loop clasp with small jump rings, doubling up on the loops where necessary and placing them in the order they have been laid out. Check the

hang of the necklace around your neck. If any pieces look too long, either shorten them or move their position on the clasp until you are happy with the look.

4 While wearing the necklace, add two or three vintage brooches to one side of the strands. Do this by opening the clasp and threading the pin through loops of chain and behind beads. Check the brooch is sitting straight before refastening the clasp.

Headband

1 Add accents to a simple diamanté headband by fixing a diamanté brooch to one side with fine wire, wrapping it through the design of the brooch and around the headband several times to secure it. Disguise the

wraps of wire with loops of pearls and crystals threaded onto wire.

2 If you can't find a diamanté headband, you can embellish a plain one with a length of cupchain. This features rhinestones in individual settings that are joined together with little strips of metal to form a flexible chain. Simply cut the cupchain to the desired length, snipping the link between two rhinestones. Secure one end to the top of the headband, by wrapping fine wire between two end rhinestones a few times. Continue wrapping the wire along the cupchain between the stones, then wrap a few times at the other end to secure, before attaching the brooch and accents from Step 1. CB



"The best way to make your vintage jewellery shine is to wash it gently in warm water and a squirt of liquid detergent"

Corinne Bradd, Designer

Shopping List

Similar metal hair bands and rhinestone cupchains, 01509 218028, beadsdirect.co.uk

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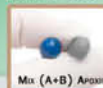
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Lasting impression

Make Ellen Kharade's beautiful embossed polymer clay set, coloured with alcohol inks

This gorgeous necklace looks as though it has been created from pieces of decorated china. In fact, alcohol inks have been used to apply intense coloured areas to embossed sheets of polymer clay. Once baked in the usual way, the thin sheets are cut up and used to create eye-catching pendants. They can also be set into jewellery blanks to create a matching bracelet and earrings.



Turn over



Start with...

- Beads, blue, 6mm x 4
- Polymer clay: Fimo Effect, aqua; Fimo Soft, white
- Fimo texture sheet, Baroque
- Alcohol inks, Tim Holtz Adirondack Brights: Pool, Sailboat, Citrus
- Tim Holtz Alcohol Blending Solution
- Choker wire necklet, blue
- Pebeo Accessories: Fantasy square bracelet, Fantasy square earrings
- Pliers: round-nosed, flat-nosed, chain-nosed
- Wire cutters
- Scalpel
- Metal ruler
- Ceramic tile or glass chopping board
- Fine beading needle
- Hobby drill
- Wet and dry fine sanding pad
- Two-part epoxy resin adhesive
- Bake and Bond adhesive
- Marker, non-permanent

See our Shopping List opposite

Choker

1 Working on a flat ceramic tile or glass chopping board, condition a quarter block of white clay until soft and workable, then roll out into a 2mm thick flat sheet. Press a texture mat into the clay until you get a good impression and lift away. Squeeze a few drops of alcohol blending solution in various places over the clay – it will naturally spread out as you do so. Apply a few drops of Sailboat, Pool and Citrus alcohol inks randomly over the clay. The blending solution will help the inks spread out evenly over the surface, creating areas of intense colour; this can be diluted by adding more blending solution if required.

2 Leave the inks to dry out, then bake on the tile to the manufacturer's instructions. Add a little water to a wet and dry sanding pad and gently rub

over the embossed polymer clay sheet, taking off the colour from the raised areas until the pattern is clearly exposed. Rinse and dry the clay sheet. Draw irregular rectangle templates onto card and cut out. Place a small one onto an interesting area of the embossed clay and draw around it using a non-permanent marker. Cut the shape out with scissors. In the same way, trim two small embossed shapes for the two smaller pendant pieces.

3 Condition three quarters of aqua clay and roll out into a 6mm thick sheet. Place a larger template for the central pendant onto the clay and cut the shape out using a scalpel. Place the larger template for the smaller pendant pieces onto the clay and cut out two sections. Bake and allow to cool, then sand the corners until they are nicely rounded and

Crafts Tip

IF THE BEAD HOLES ARE TOO SMALL TO THREAD THROUGH THE NECKLET END, PULL IT OFF WITH PLIERS, THREAD ON THE BEADS AND GLUE IT BACK ON

smooth to the touch. Apply a little Bake and Bond adhesive to the backs of all pieces, stick to the front of the aqua sections, and bake to the manufacturer's instructions.

4 Mark the position for the holes 5mm down from the top edge of the aqua pieces. Next, using a fine drill bit, pierce a hole through each of the beads horizontally, large enough to slide onto a wire choker. Thread a blue bead onto the wire, followed by a small embossed pendant. Repeat until all the pendants and four blue beads have been threaded on.



"Use light-coloured or white clay to create a good contrast between the ink embossed pattern and the base"

Ellen Kharade, Designer

Bracelet

1 Condition white clay and roll out into a 4mm thick sheet, 5cm x 12cm. Emboss the surface and apply alcohol blending solution and inks as before, then bake. Use sanding pads to reveal the motif. On the back of the embossed sheet, mark out six 21mm squares, then carefully score through the clay with a scalpel and metal ruler to cut them out.

2 Once you have all your tiles, sand the edges and round off the corners. Using a cotton bud, apply a little Pool alcohol ink to the white edges. Mix up two-part epoxy resin and apply a little to the backs, then set each tile into a bracelet bezel, keeping them in the order that they were cut in for design continuity.

Earrings

Make up an embossed sheet, 4mm thick, as for the bracelet, ensuring that the sheet contains two sections of the pattern that are the same. Bake and finish. Cut the sheet into two 21mm squares, making sure that the pattern matches for each earring. Cover the backs of the tiles with a little epoxy and glue into earring bezels. CB

Shopping List

Fimo Soft polymer clay and texture sheet, Cooksongold, **0845 100 1122, cooksongold.com**

Pebeo Accessories Fantasy jewellery bezels, **pebeo.com**

Blue wire choker necklet, Adam Venture, **adamventure-craft-shop.co.uk**

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Basic Findings



1 CALOTTES

Also known as clam shells, these are used to hide knots and raw ends of thread, wire or fine ribbon and are closed with pliers.



2 CRIMP BEADS & COVERS

Tiny little metal tube beads are used to connect clasps and space out beads; simply squash with pliers to secure. Add a cover on top for a neat finish.



3 EYE PINS & HEAD PINS

Eye pins are thin wires with a loop at the end, linking sections together. Head pins are similar but feature a small disc to stop beads from sliding off.



4 CLASPS

Used to join up necklaces and bracelets, there are various types including S-shaped toggle and lobster clasps, ranging from practical to decorative shapes and designs.



5 EARRING WIRES

The most basic type of earwire is the fish hook variety for single drop or cluster designs, or try a chandelier component with multiple loops.



6 JUMP RINGS & SPLIT RINGS

The basic jump ring is a loop that can be twisted apart, while split rings have two loops, similar to a keyring.

How to make easy layered necklaces



Natalia Colman is the Head Designer at Bead House and runs courses covering a wide range of techniques tailored to suit all skill levels. For booking details on courses or to find the latest beads and tools, visit beadhouse.co.uk

"Layered necklaces are really popular, is there an easy way to make one without having to invest in a lot of materials? I'd really like to have a go and create several in different colours"
Samantha King, Coventry

Natalie says... The easiest and most cost effective way to create a layered necklace is to use a good quality chain as the main 'parent' necklace, then suspend other ones from it. At each end of the main necklace, attach a jump ring, then add as many additional layers to this as you like. Use different textured chains, add interesting charms and pendants to the chains or use half lengths of beads. The key to creating the perfect layered necklace is to ensure you combine texture and colour. Make the layers different styles, so each of them stands out in its own way.



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"It's always worth ironing on the reverse after each step of this project to give a professional finish"

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Turn over



Start with...

- ✿ Fabric: patterned, house; bicycle; ditsy floral, green; floral, various; crosshatch, blue; plain, mint; grey; royal blue
- ✿ Felt, scraps
- ✿ Thread, various colours
- ✿ Ribbon, chevron
- ✿ Interfacing, fusible
- ✿ Wadding
- ✿ Tissue paper, white
- ✿ Card, white
- ✿ Frame, to hold 7" x 5" without a mount
- ✿ Embroidery hoop
- ✿ Adhesives: glue stick, acid-free; glue, glitter; tape, masking; foam pads, 3-D

See our Shopping List opposite

Bicycle Sampler

1 Cut pale pink house fabric, 18cm x 23cm. Stitch a green ditsy floral print, which is 5cm tall at the left-hand side and 3.5cm at the right, to the bottom to create a slope. Iron. Trace our bicycle template onto white tissue paper and pin in place, so that the wheels rest on the 'grass'. Set aside.

2 Make separate templates from paper for the two mudguards, chain guard, saddle, basket and handle bars. Use these to cut them out in corresponding colours and back with interfacing. Back each in turn with acid-free glue and place them underneath the tissue bicycle template. Allow to dry.

3 Insert the fabric into an embroidery hoop. Using navy thread, machine or hand stitch over all the pen lines of

the bike, making sure you catch all the appliqué pieces beneath. Carefully tear the tissue away. Stitch over the wheels again and add a zig zag stitch to both handle bars. For the bicycle frame, fill in between the navy lines you stitched earlier with orange machine stitching. Iron on the reverse.

4 Cut out several printed fabric flowers and three felt blooms, then fill the basket with them, machine or hand stitching in place. To mount, cut white card the same size as the discarded glass and lay wadding on it that is cut slightly smaller. Place this onto the wrong side of the stitched picture and fold the excess fabric around the edges, up and over onto the card. Pull taut and secure with masking tape. Insert into the frame to finish.

Crafts Tip

WHEN INTERFACING THE FABRIC FOR THE WHEEL, DO SO FOR THE WHOLE THING AND CUT OUT THE MIDDLE AFTERWARDS - IT'S MUCH EASIER!

Live Simply

1 Use the template provided to cut an oval from thin white card. Cover it with house print fabric using acid-free glue, then allow to dry. Trace the words onto white tissue paper, place it onto the fabric-covered oval, and machine or hand stitch over the words and through the card. Tear the tissue away and sew over the words again.

2 Cut out several different fabric and felt flowers and arrange across the top and

bottom as shown. Machine or hand stitch in place. Sew a curved green line down both sides of the oval and set aside.

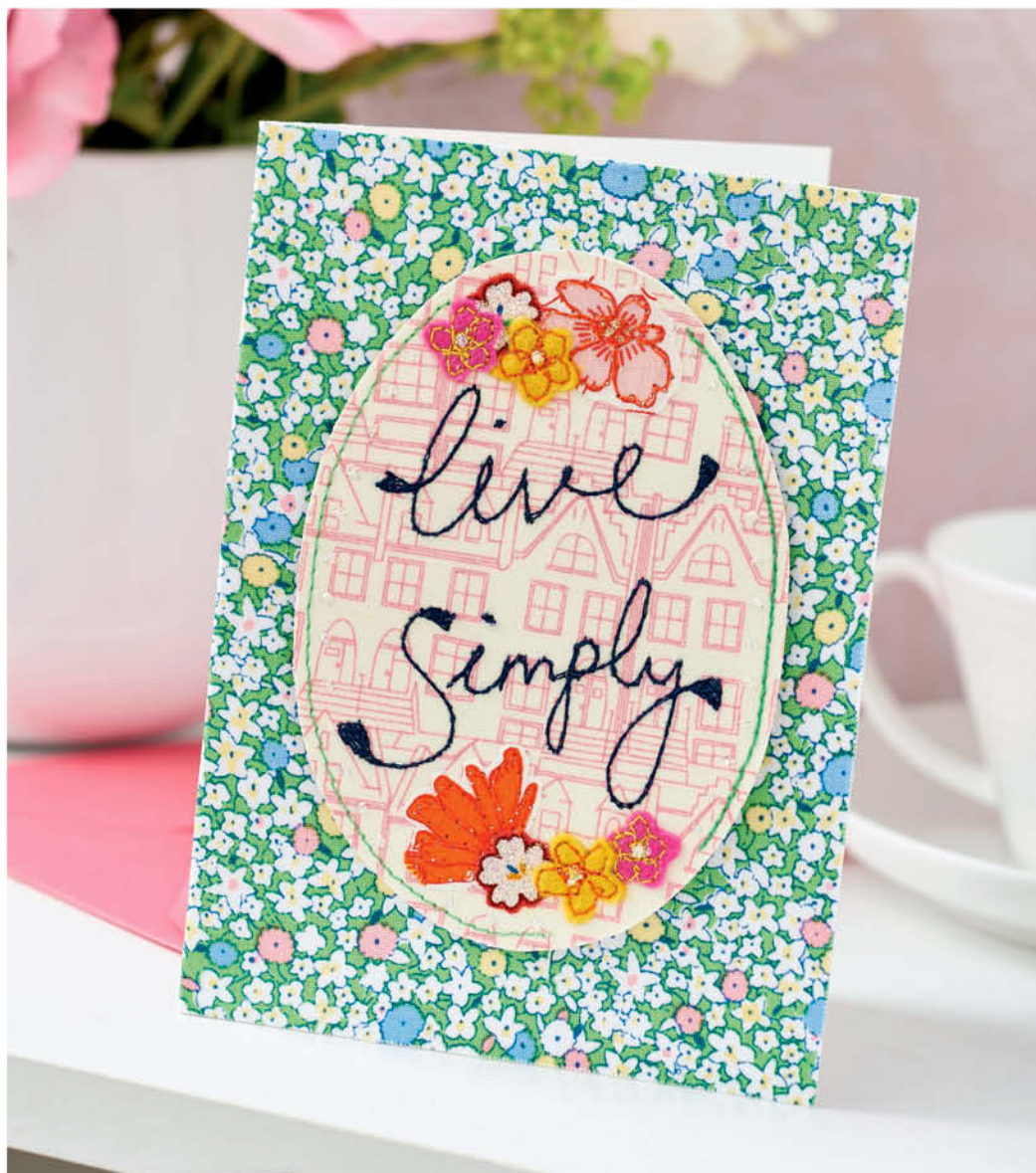
3 Take a white card blank and cover it with green floral fabric. Overlap by 1cm onto the back for a neat finish down the spine of the card. Mount the oval onto it using 3-D foam pads. Add glitter glue to highlight.

Gift Tag

Trim our tag from white card. Cover it with bicycle print fabric. Fix orange chevron ribbon across the bottom, securing the raw ends onto the back. Cut three flowers from fabric, arrange as shown, and add spots of glitter glue. Punch a hole in the top for hanging. CB

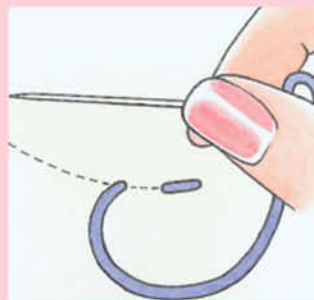
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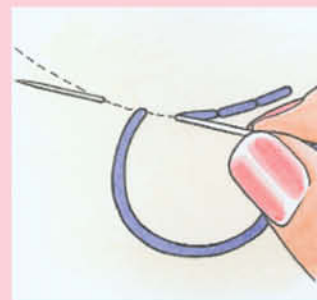


Want to sew by hand?

If you'd rather not use your machine for this project, back stitch is a clean and neat way to embroider the bike details



1 Secure the thread on the wrong side of the fabric and bring the needle through to the surface to start the first stitch. Move a stitch length backwards along the sewing line, take the needle back through the fabric, then bring it to the surface at the end position of this stitch.



2 Moving back along the stitching line, take the needle down through the same hole as the previous thread. Bring it to the surface for the end position of the stitch. Repeat along the sewing line to create even stitches.

Happy hauntings

Invite your pals to a crafty Halloween party with Ellen Kharade's quirky clay makes

Start with...

- ✿ Polymer clay, Fimo Soft: tangerine, black, apple green, red, white
- ✿ Jam jar
- ✿ Lollipop sticks, two
- ✿ Papers, patterned
- ✿ Card: green, orange
- ✿ Stamps, alphabet
- ✿ Ribbon
- ✿ Adhesives: Bake and Bond; PVA; foam pads

Find the templates on our pattern pages

Crafts Tip

CONDITIONING THE CLAY CAN TAKE UP TO TEN MINUTES - SO BE SURE THAT IT IS SOFT AND PLIABLE BEFORE YOU TRY TO ROLL IT OUT

Party Invitation

1 Condition a block of green clay and roll it to a thickness of 1cm on a glass chopping board or similar. Transfer the cat motif onto paper and cut the design out using a scalpel. Place the paper cut motif onto the polymer clay, and cover with a sheet of paper. Press the pattern into the clay with a rolling pin.

2 Carefully trim around the clay shapes, removing the cut out pieces as you go. Place a clean sheet of paper over the clay motif and rub it gently with the palm of your hand. Add RIP to the tombstone. Leave the piece on the chopping board and place in the oven to bake. Allow to cool down in the oven. Rub a little white acrylic paint into the letters to highlight them. Assemble a card blank and attach the cat as shown.



Spider Place Setting

1 Transfer the spider motifs onto polymer clay and trim around the shapes with a scalpel. Using a round cutter, press out three circles from the body and replace with red discs of clay. For the eyes, create two small white balls with black centres. Stamp a name into the clay. Place the spider in the oven to bake.

2 Rub acrylic paint into the stamped name and wipe away any excess. Trim green card, 12.5cm x 25.5cm, then fold in half. Stick orange patterned paper, 11.5cm square, onto a base card.

3 Glue green patterned paper to card and cut out a circle, 11cm. Cover the back of the spider motif with a little PVA and position in the centre of the circle. Fix the motif to the front of the card using foam pads.

Bat Cake Toppers

1 Apply a little Bake and Bond adhesive to the end of a lollipop stick. Roll out a 2.5cm oval of black clay and make a slit on the underside, then push the lollipop stick into the slit.

2 Roll out a 1.5cm oval of black clay for the head and stick to the body with a little Bake and Bond adhesive. Add two little ovals for the feet. Roll out two

balls of white and stick to the front of the face for the eyes. Add two smaller balls of black for the pupils. Take a black oval for the nose and stick to the front of the face. Pinch two black balls into ears and attach to the head.

3 Roll out a small ball of black clay; pinch points at the top, bottom and side to model the wings. Trim and stick the wings to the body. Place the bat in a glass or jam jar to support it and bake. Make several other cake toppers in the same way. CB



Why not try this?

Decorate jam jars with ghost shaped clay motifs and stars – just secure them in place with a little Bake and Bond adhesive. Finish with a length of spotty ribbon.



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01656 778668,
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"Work on a small glass chopping board that can also go in the oven, as it will make it easier to move the pieces around"

Ellen Kharade, Designer

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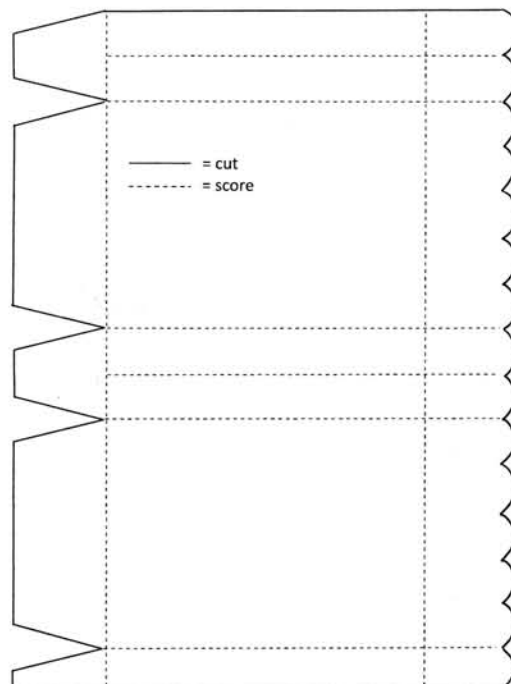
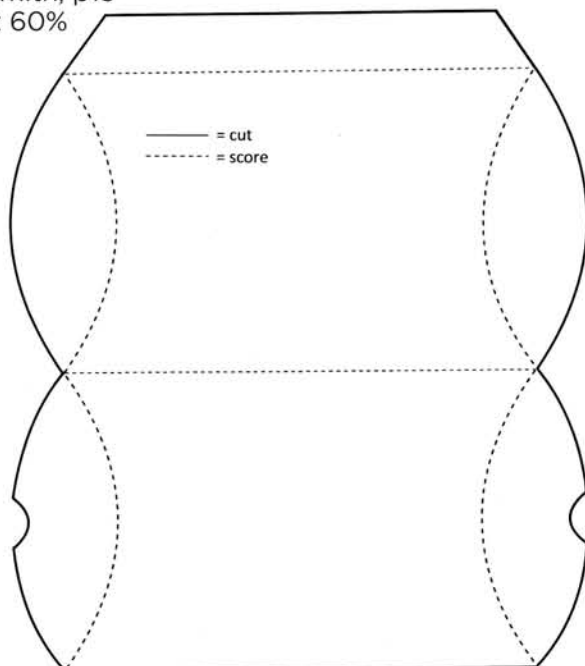
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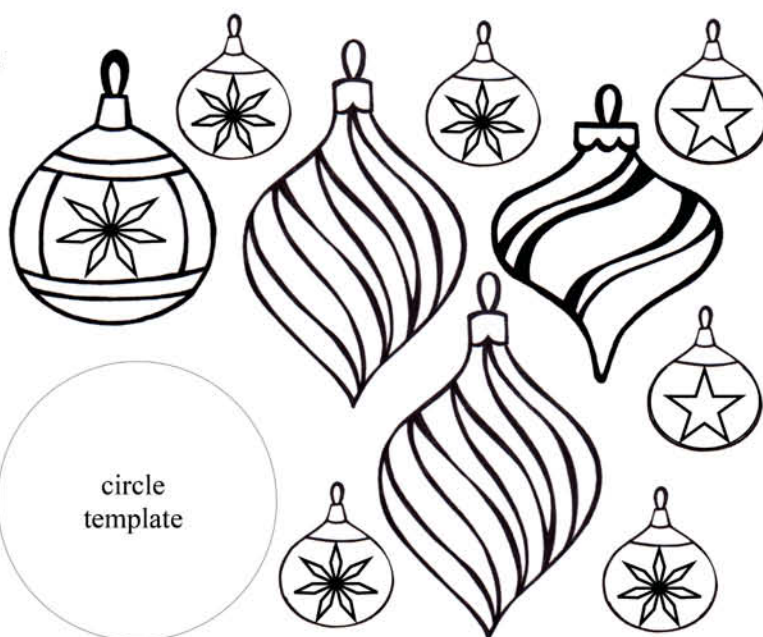
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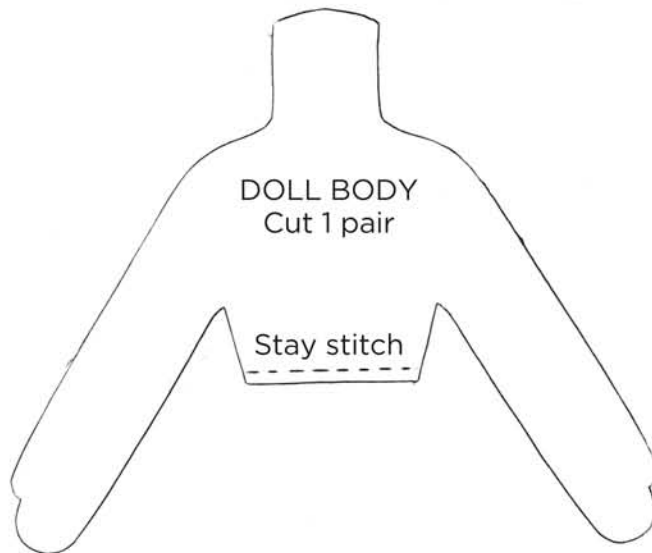
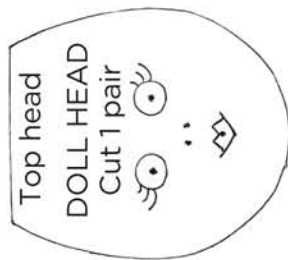
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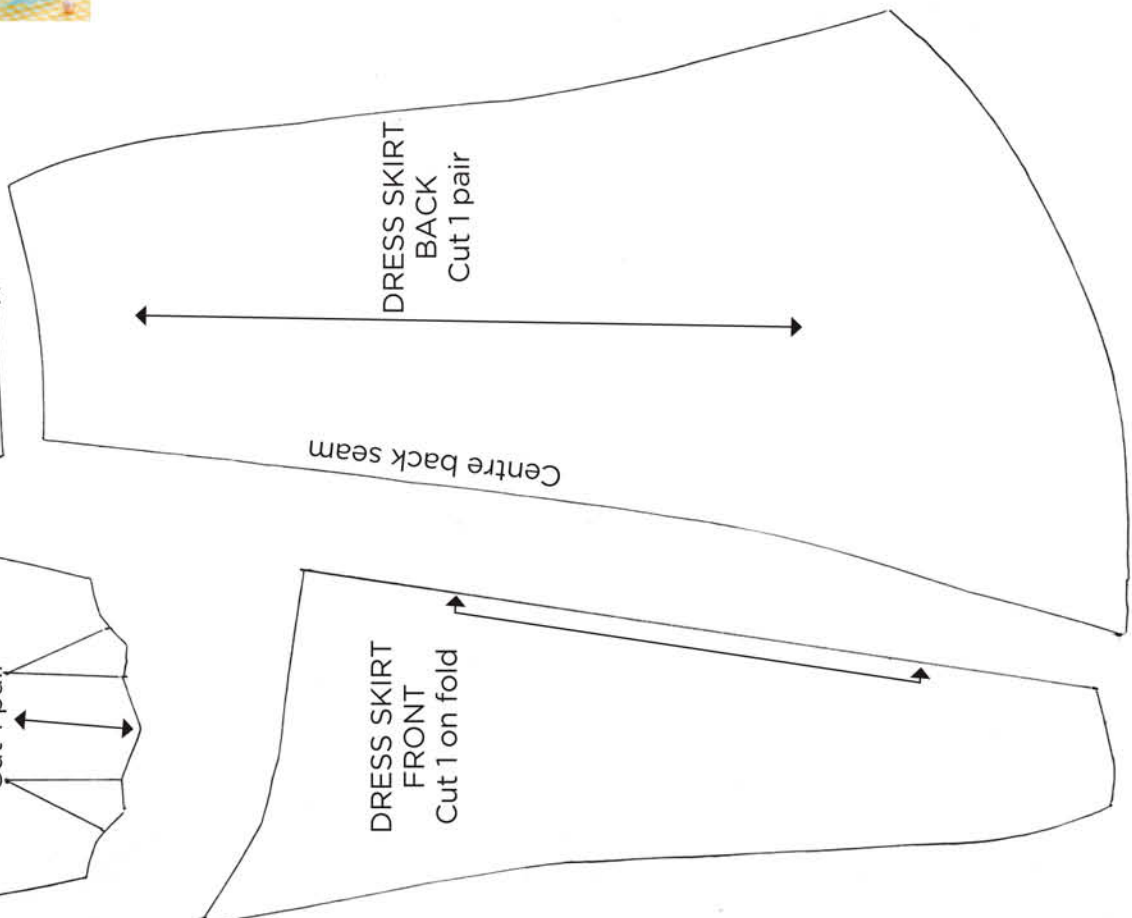
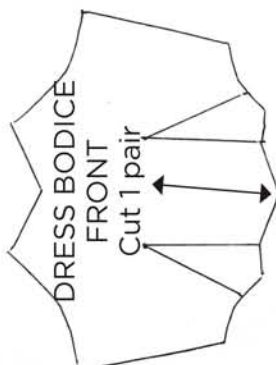
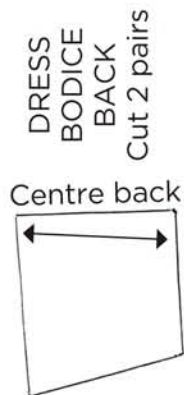
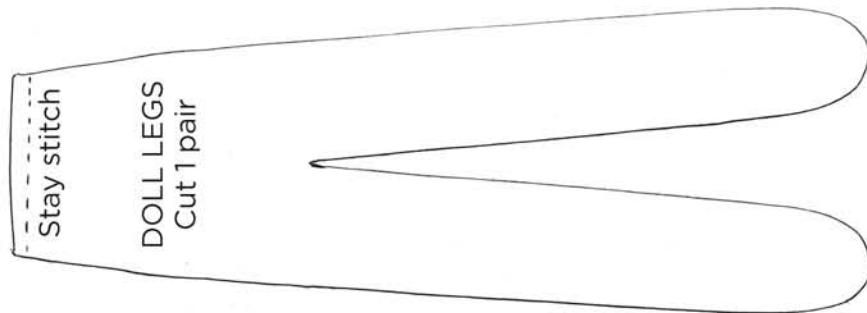
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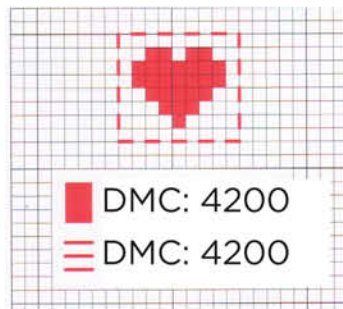
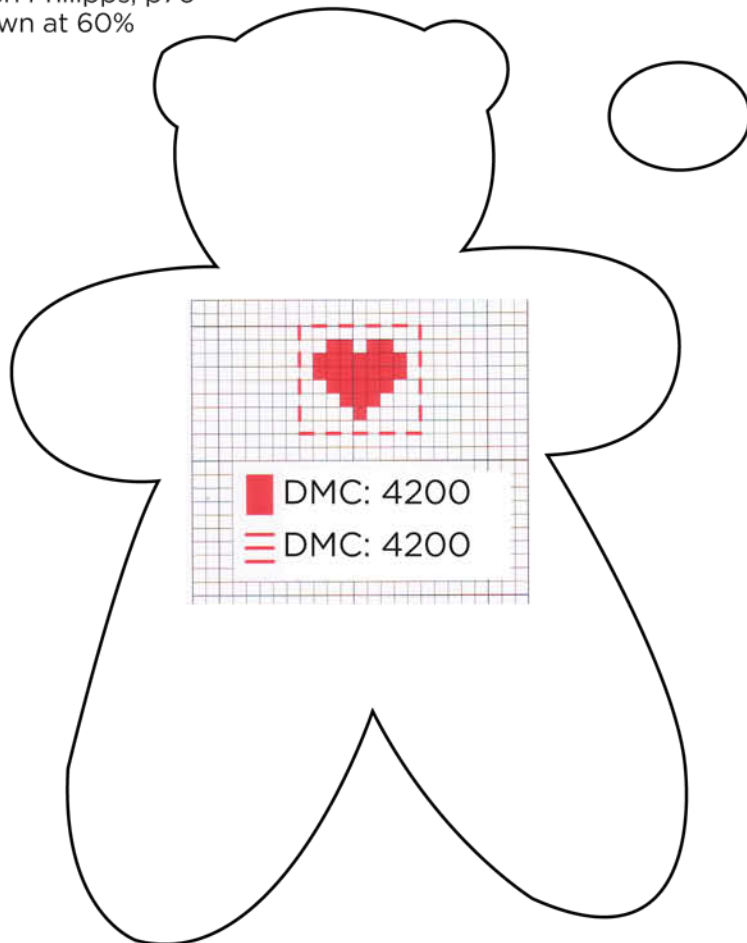
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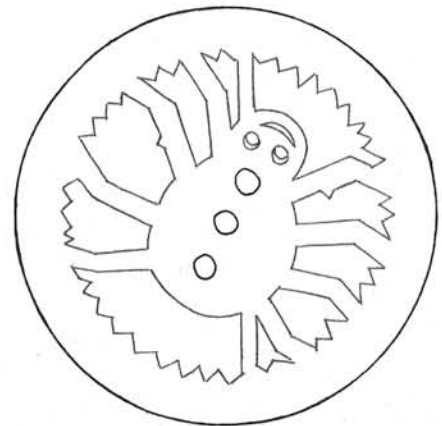
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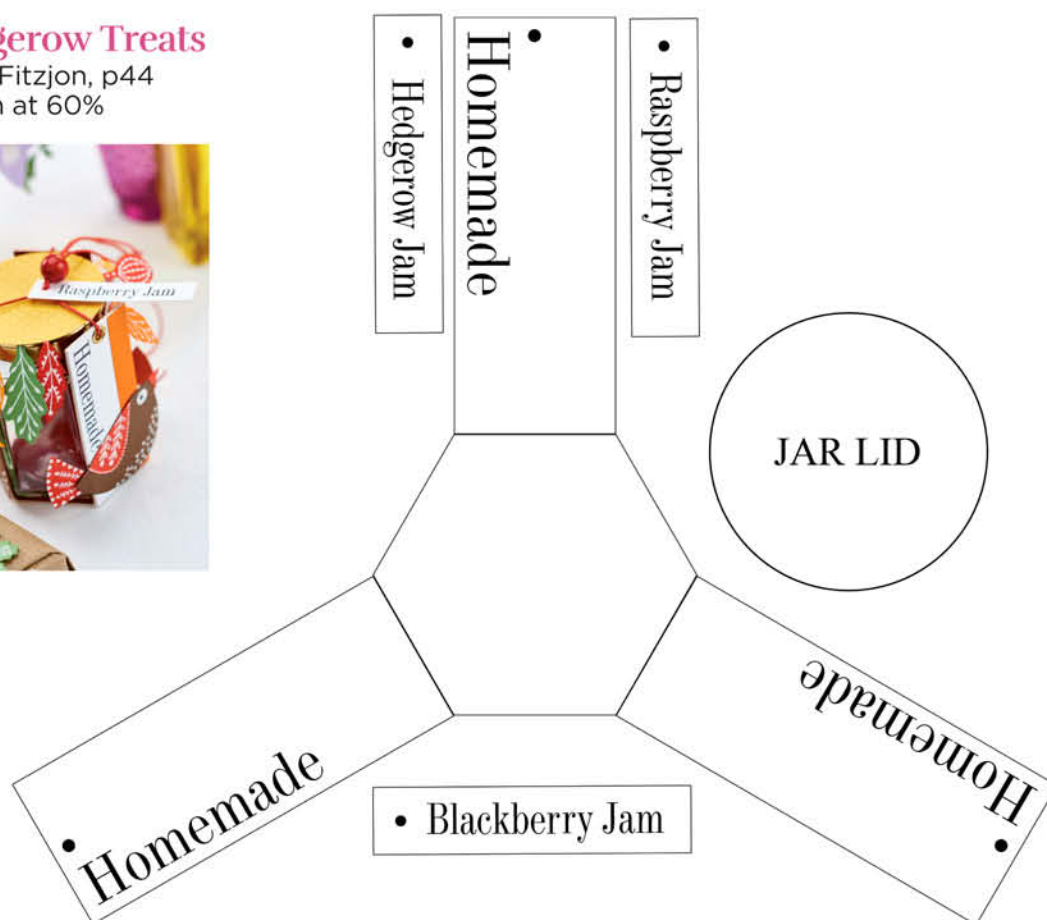
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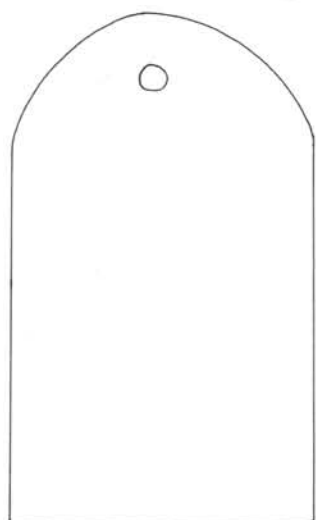
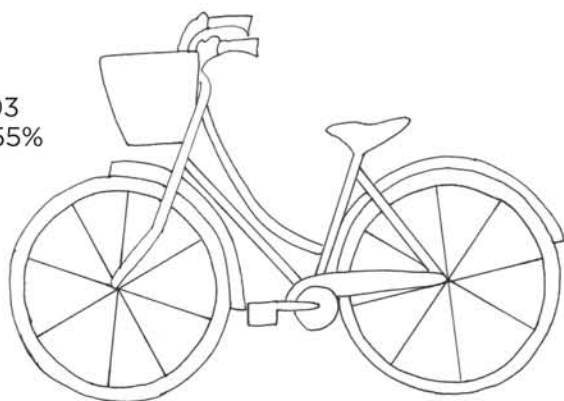
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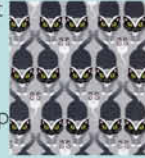
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Behind the CAMERA

Leonie Pujol is loving the TODO machine and shares her craft essentials



MY TREAT THIS MONTH...

...was colourful hair dye! I think it was a good job it didn't work properly with hindsight

MY CRAFT ESSENTIALS

✓ **SCISSORS.** I like to have a small, sharp pair for detailed work and a large pair for cutting decoupage images and trimming. If you love ribbon, dedicate a pair so you don't end up 'chewing' it.

✓ **PAPER TRIMMER.** Invest in a good trimmer or guillotine. I've always been a paper trimmer girl myself and I do like a 12" one, so I can use all my lovely 12" x 12" papers.

✓ **ADHESIVES.** I always have 3-D foam, Pinflair, Cosmic Shimmer and double-sided tape. You will find you need different adhesives for different jobs.



CRAFT OF THE MONTH

I love crafting for October – it's a month of gorgeous autumn colours and, my favourite, Halloween. Try your hand at carving a pumpkin or use the Brother ScanNCut to make lots of bats. It's a great time to get the kids involved in crafting as well. Have you tried wrapping a substantial amount of cellotape around your hand (sticky side up!) then cutting it off? You can make some great spooky hands!

Something I've learned...

This month I learned how to use the TODO machine by trying the letterpress and hot foiling. The latter is a brilliant technique, which will allow me to use all of my existing dies to create some incredible results for my cards and altered art.



FAVE THING!

Zentangle! I love this relaxing hobby – the pattern building and designing mixed with colours or without. The effect is stunning and it's so very, very addictive. Plus, anyone can do it! I like the fact it makes me look at my stamps and dies differently as well, to see if I can add a tangle.

Hot Product

I love Flexi Light Air Drying Modelling Clay. It can be used to make shapes and 3-D figures, and can be cut with both metal and plastic cutters. If you roll it out and leave it to dry, you can even use dies or punches with it! How great is that? Visit createandcraft.tv to find out more.



Look what I made!

The TODO machine is quite new to me, so I had a little play with the hot foiling setting. Here I have used the butterfly plate on some printed paper from Craftwork Cards. Distress inks were used to colour tint the paper and the foil acts as a resist, so the butterfly still shines. I added some words from the paper, a bow and glossy accents to finish.



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