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Hello!

This new edition of PaperCrafter is filled with all the things that make the festive season so darn wonderful. The Christmas pud is given a stamp of approval (quite literally) by Colette Smith on page 60, paper straws have been fashioned into a present and the like (p27), and **Advent calendar cards** – yes, they’re a thing! – steal the show on page 81.

There’s also a real nod to festive foliage, most notably with your incredible gift: the **Carnation Crafts 3D Decoupage Die Set**. Turn to page 13 to see the dies in action and learn how to layer with our expert guide. If you like taking your papercrafts even more 3D, you’ll be chuffed – we’ve got a **gorgeous wreath** (p35) and die-cutting project (p37) that’ll have you singing ‘Driving home for Christmas’ before you know it.

You’ll love your freebies this issue too. Bugaboo has kindly gifted you all with a mix of tip-top **digi stamps** (p32), plus your regular paper pack starting on page 45 boasts the cutest winter woodland designs by Jane Farnham. You’ll also notice that your dies come with accompanying **papers from Carnation Crafts** – don’t mind if I do!

Finally, I’d like to mention our survey on page 57. We would love to learn more about you so we can ensure your copy of PaperCrafter delivers everything you want and more. Oh and did we mention you’ll automatically be entered into an **incredible prize draw**?

See you next time!

Rosie

Rosie Savage, Editor



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"I craft with the Kaisercraft Peppermint Kisses kit"
SARAH JACKMAN READ



"Celebrate the traditional Christmas cracker with me"
CORINNE BRADD



"You need the Hero Arts stamp and die set I've used"
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FREE* Carnation Crafts decoupage papers worth £19.99



Striking yet simple, there's no need for extra additions!



Add a personal touch to your Christmas tree





ALONG
THE

write lines

Yes, it's flamboyant... and possibly completely over the top, but that's why we can't get enough of the art form. Not only is brush lettering pleasing on the eye, those satisfying flourishes pack heaps of goodness into each and every flick! As Rebecca Cahill Roots promotes in her new book *Brush Lettering*, the craft is both fancy and functional. Boasting positive effects on the mind and wellbeing, brush lettering is also a shared experience that can be enjoyed by everyone who sets their eyes upon it. Need we say more?



Brush Lettering by Rebecca Cahill Roots (£14.99, Batsford) is out on 24th October. Photography by Michael Wicks. pavilionbooks.com





Enjoy the beauty of nature's harvest

The essence of autumn days is captured in the Simple Vintage Autumn Splendor collection with an abundance of fall flowers and foliage in the season's palette of rust, crimson, moss, and marigold. Whether you're sending a fall greeting or documenting the blessings of family gatherings, your projects are sure to shine!

Simple Stories

www.simplestories.com



Take Note!

What's new in crafts for Christmas 2019?

GET ON BOARD

How's this for a festive feature wall? We can't get enough of Poundland's (poundland.co.uk) seasonal display of Christmas greetings. Forget the traditional mantelpiece style and opt for a feature wall of clipboards and let your cards take pride of place. Or, why not use this nifty storage solution as a moodboard in your craft room for those not-quite-finished projects?



FINAL FINISHES

You've got your Christmas gift wrapping down to a 't', but there's something missing... toppers! They're trending and becoming a must-have that will make your gifts stand out in the stocking. Obviously, we want to make our own and these paper-cut alternatives are ideal and easy to recreate. Plus, they double up as gift tags. Head to liagriffith.com and turn to page 29 for more genius ways to pep up your presents.

Dates for your Diary

THE CREATIVE CRAFT SHOW
31st October - 3rd November
2019, Birmingham

The largest craft event of the year, head to the NEC for this flagship show for a day packed full of workshops, shopping, demos and more!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
23rd November 2019,
Shropshire

Dudmaston will play host to over 70 local artists and talented craftspeople – why not take part in a workshop and take your creation home?

CHECK IT OUT!

Here's a little bit of crafty intel for you all... plaid is the print of the moment and Stampin' Up! (stampinup.com) has answered all of our Christmas wishes with this brand new cardmaking collection that proves just how versatile this pattern can be. Traditional yet fun, the Wrapped In Plaid range offers designer papers, stamps and craft punches to transform your makes into heart-warming showstoppers for the season ahead.





CRAFT A COUNTDOWN

Kids and adults alike are going to adore this DIY Advent calendar. The build-up to the big day has got to be the best part of the season, especially when we're accompanied with a countdown like this one. Hobbycraft's activity calendar includes individual envelopes revealing festive prompts to get the children feeling ultra festive. Shop all of these materials and more at hobbycraft.co.uk

FRAME GAME

Crafter's Companion has released an exciting collection of Gemini Photo Frame Stamp and Die sets in time for Christmas. The photo element will add a personal touch to any card and the range has been designed to transform a 5" x 7" card base into a frame to hold a 4" x 6" photo. Each set includes a combination of dies and stamps to create an aperture and photo holder. crafterscompanion.co.uk



ONLINE SHOP OF THE MONTH

Bringing together a mix of feminine and masculine designs, as well as a variety of products with the modern crafter in mind, Brutus Monroe has a unique range of papers, stamps, stencils and digi products on offer. Every crafter should have a little explore. Visit brutusmonroe.com



LET IT SNOW

We couldn't wait any longer to introduce you to Crate Paper's brand new cardmaking collection for Christmas 2019! Think stars, sweaters, skaters, leaves and snowmen to sweeten up your crafting. You'll find papers, stickers, thickers, paper clips, ephemera and plenty more in the range to play around with. Oh, and did we mention the luxury gold foil accents? Visit americancrafts.com for stockists.



Lower the tone

SHOP THE PASTEL HUES POPPING UP EVERYWHERE THIS SEASON



Pastel Snowflakes foil stickers, £1, visit docrafts.com for stockists



Izink Diamond Paint in Rose, £5.25, art-of-craft.co.uk



Dual Tip Illustration Markers in Pastel, £9.99, visit docrafts.com for stockists



Ranger Distress Oxide in Worn Lipstick, £4.99, joannasheen.com

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SNAP OUT OF IT

Cambridge Imprint's vintage-style Christmas crackers are made using the brand's iconic patterned papers. Expect to find a gold crown, joke and motto in each one, plus ultra cute gifts ideal for any avid DIY-er, including a mini notebook, self-adhesive labels, a skein of vintage-style ribbon, notecards with envelopes, a tree decoration or star printing block. cambridgeimprint.co.uk



CO-ORD CHRISTMAS

Stamp and die-cutting kits allow you to achieve professional results in seconds. Lucky for us, Lawn Fawn has released a brand new set for some seriously easy stamping. The Happy ho-ho-holidays range includes adorable festive characters including Santa, Mrs Claus and a flying reindeer for some classic festive cards. lawnfawn.com



PAPER MADE

Deck the halls with... paper decorations, such as these cute ideas courtesy of the National Trust (nationaltrust.org.uk). Give honeycomb paper ornaments a go or try simple paper-cut snowflakes with the kids. Thread them onto string to create a garland or position them atop a fireplace for added texture.



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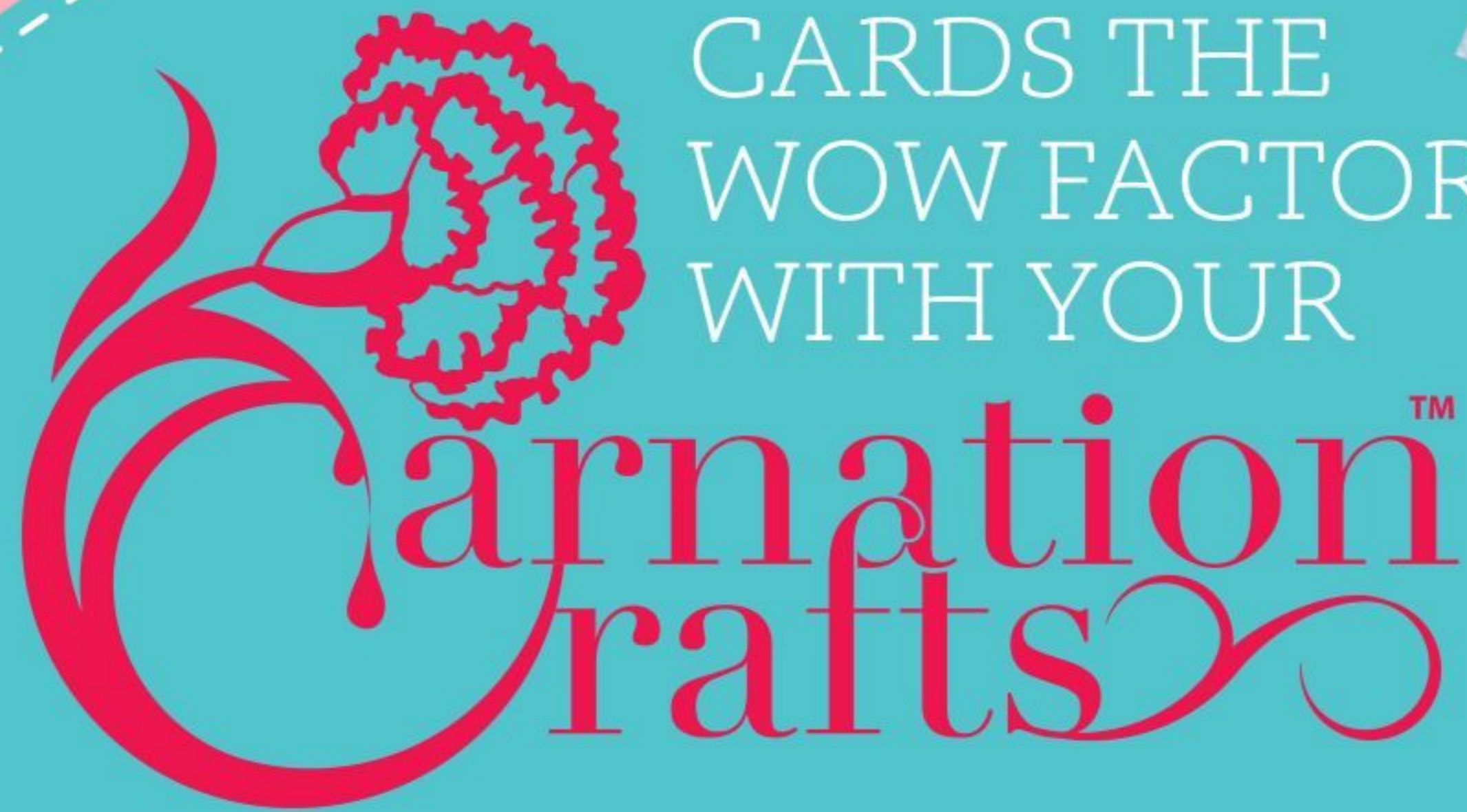
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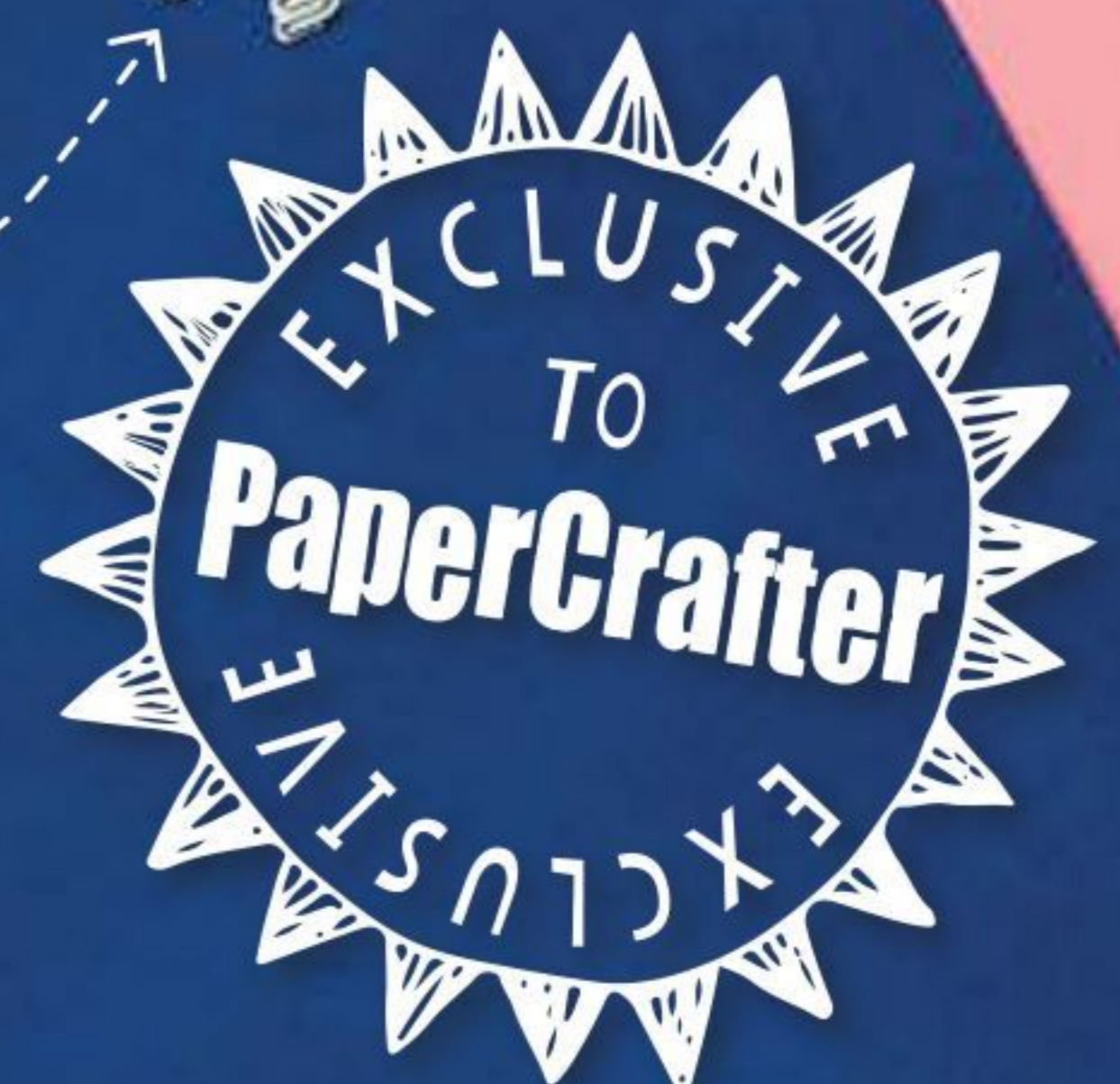
3D Decoupage Die Set

We're thrilled to introduce you to this issue's nine-piece Christmas die set from one of our favourite new brands, Carnation Crafts. With this smart kit in your crafty arsenal, you'll be able to put a creative twist on your die cutting with zero hassle. And, as always, we're here to make your Christmas crafting as simple as can be. The 3D layering key overleaf will ensure you don't put a foot wrong!

Find these papers in your bonus 64-page paper collection!



Sentiment die perfect for all occasions





How to... 3D decoupage

WITH CORINNE BRADD

For my layered pink and purple card opposite, cover a 5cm x 10.5cm blank with pink Scandi paper. Add a 1.5cm wide strip of pink foliage paper down the left. Matt navy snowflake paper, 7.5cm x 10.5cm, onto white card, leaving a narrow border. Fix at an angle towards the top of the card. Die cut the parcel design from purple and pink card. Cut the ribbon and tag element away from the pink die-cut and fix on top of the purple shape. Attach to the bottom-left of the snowflake panel. Die cut the large flower elements twice and the small flower elements once from light and dark pink card. Layer up the flowers using the layering key as a guide to establish the corresponding areas. Die cut 'For you' from pink and secure.



Corinne has paired this die set with your FREE Carnation Crafts paper collection – download more at **papercraftermagazine.co.uk!**

Gleever blanks

Score and fold green card, 15cm x 21cm, 7cm in from one end to make an off-set blank. Trim the height of the card to 14cm and cover the inside with pink snowflake paper. Glue snowflake paper, 5.5cm x 12.5cm, onto green card and trim. Cover the front of the blank with dark green paper and mount the layered panel on top with 3D foam pads. Die cut the parcel die from yellow card and colour in the scored parts of the design only. Fix to the front of the card, allowing it to overhang the edge.

Your 3D layering key

LARGE FLOWER

- ① = first layer
- ② = second layer
- ③ = third layer

SMALL FLOWER

- △1 = first layer
- △2 = second layer
- △3 = third layer

Seasonal sparkle

Cover a landscape blank, 10.5 x 15cm, with orange paper. Cut a 1cm wide strip of yellow card, matt onto burgundy paper and fix across the card, 3cm from the bottom. Make a multiple layered panel from burgundy paper and yellow card, measuring 8.5cm x 10.5cm. Fix to the bottom-left with 3D foam pads. Mount a yellow parcel die-cut on top. Add shading with colouring pencils. Cut the flower elements and a sentiment from burgundy and glue onto the card, layering up the flowers. Finish with red gems.



Pretty in pink

Cut lilac patterned paper to 9.5cm x 12cm and matt onto yellow card. Fix to the centre of a 10.5cm x 13cm pink blank with 3D foam pads. Die cut the parcel die from yellow and pink card. Cut away the ribbon and floral parts from the pink die-cut and fix on top of the yellow one. Add shading to the pink shape with colouring pencils. Cut the tag, sentiment, large flower and small flower from different shades of pink and yellow card. Layer together using the key as a guide.

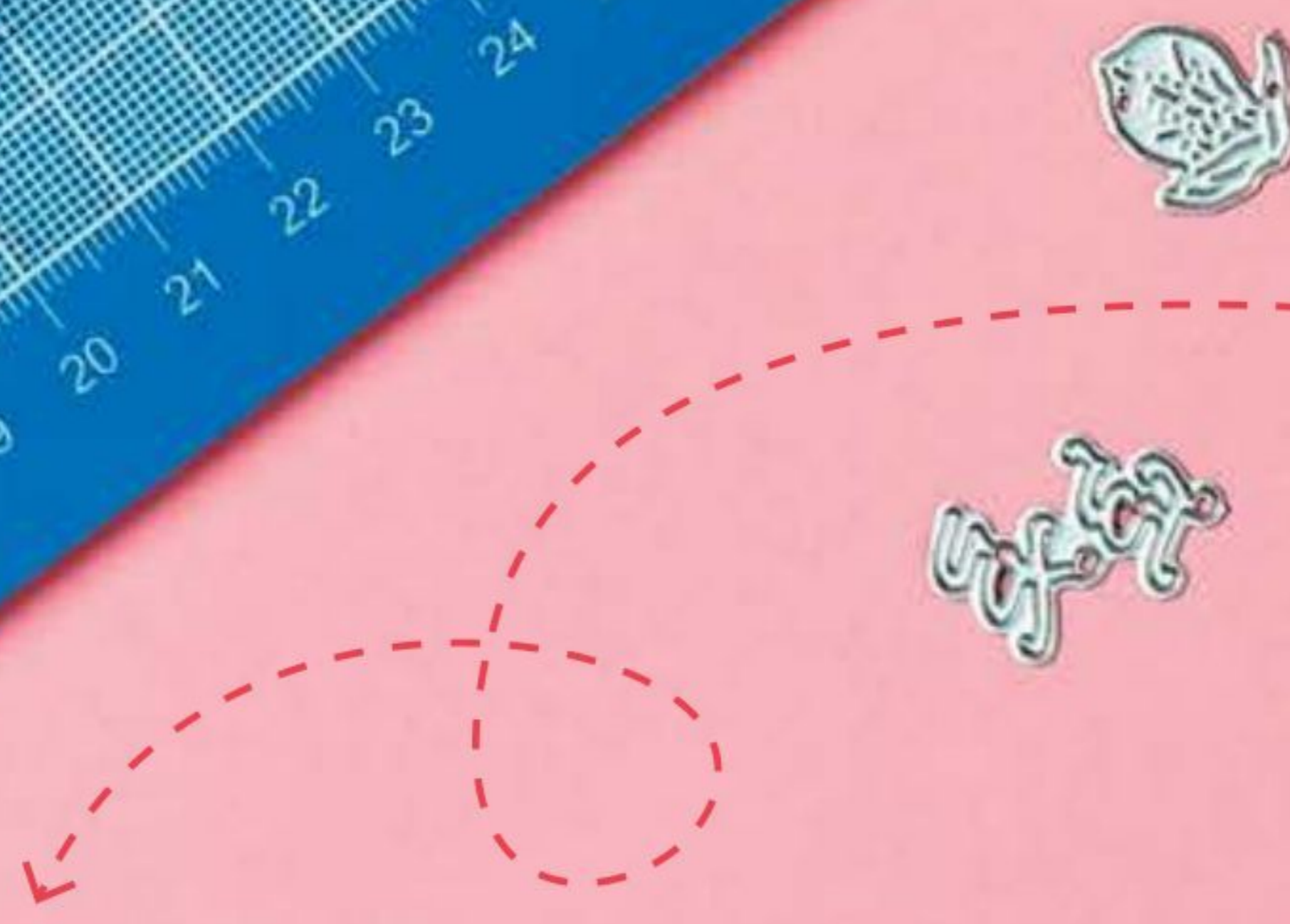
You can find these papers in your free Garnation Crafts paper book



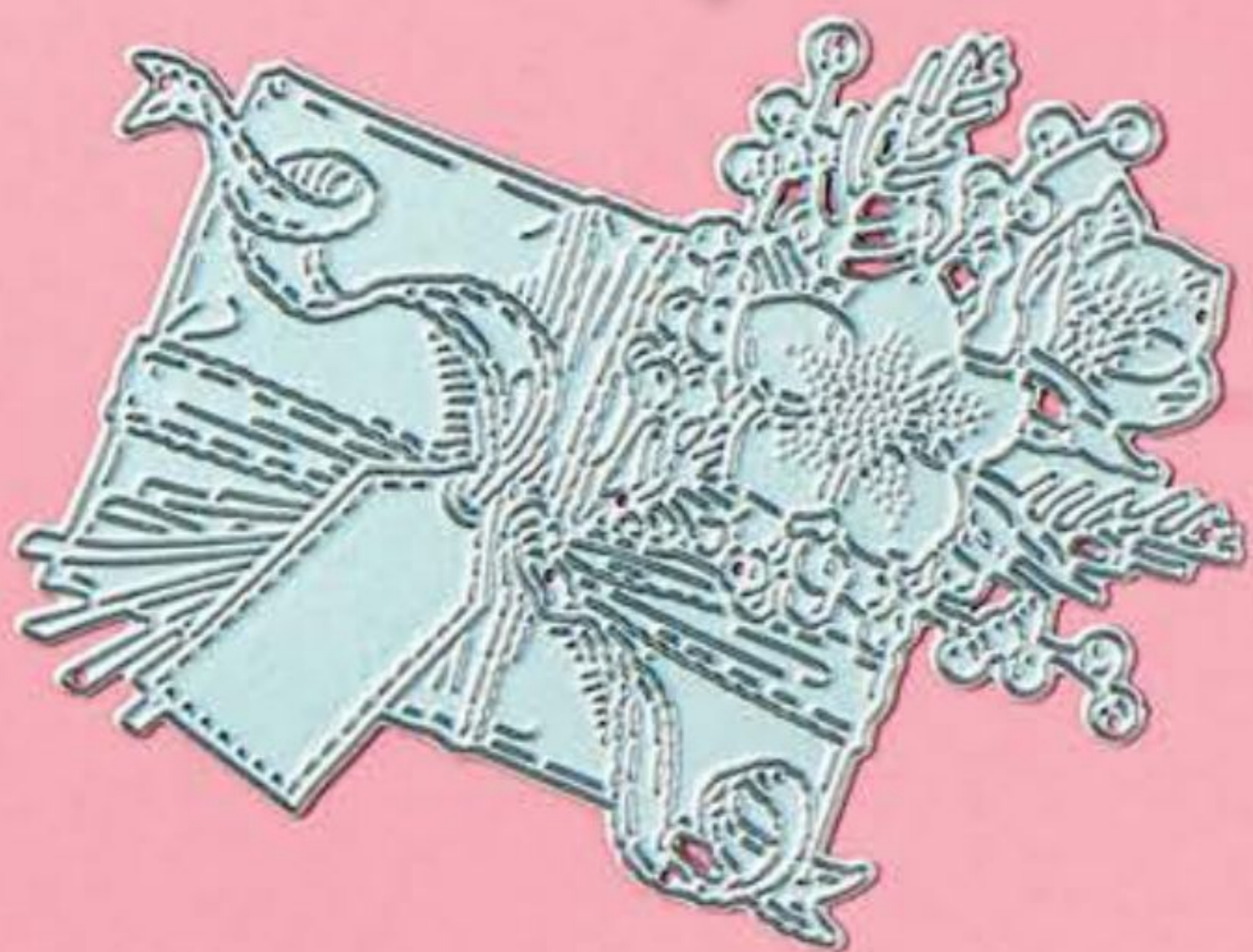


Festive rouge

Matt a 6cm square of white card onto gold mirri card and fix to spotty paper, layered onto white. Adhere onto a red blank, 10.5cm square, using 3D foam pads. Die cut the parcel die from red and white card. Trim away the ribbon and tag from the white die-cut and layer onto the red shape. Die cut the flower elements and sentiment from gold mirri card and attach.



Use the mini tag die all year round



Foil die-cuts

Cut a 1cm wide frame from gold mirri card to 9.5cm x 14cm and fix to the centre of a teal paper covered blank, 10.5cm x 15cm, with 3D foam pads. Die cut the parcel from turquoise, white and gold card. Trim away the foliage section from the white and layer onto the turquoise. Cut away the ribbon and flowers from the gold die-cut and secure to the card in the same way. Die cut the flower elements from gold mirri card and layer on top.



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NEXT MONTH...

Crafter's Companion

CHRISTMAS FAIRY SHAKER CARD KIT



Layered toppers

Mount navy spotted paper onto a blank, 10.5cm square. Double matt a 7cm square of lilac patterned paper onto turquoise and gold card, then secure to the blank using 3D foam pads. Die cut the parcel motif from turquoise and navy card. Trim away the ribbon pieces from the navy shape and glue onto the turquoise piece. Place in the centre of the layered panel. Cut a tag, sentiment and flower pieces from two shades of purple card and fix to the card.

Layer the flower dies or use alone as single petals



Five savvy ways with your kit

- 1 After you've finished, store the dies on their original packaging to ensure you know how to layer the flower motifs next time round
- 2 Try layering the flower die-cuts together with 3D foam pads for added dimension
- 3 Go vibrant by die cutting the various floral elements using different coloured card
- 4 Never throw away those negative die-cuts – they can be used as embellishments for your next project
- 5 Embrace the retro Christmas trend by pairing together clashing prints and colours

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Wow! Shaker card kit from the Signature collection by Sara Davies

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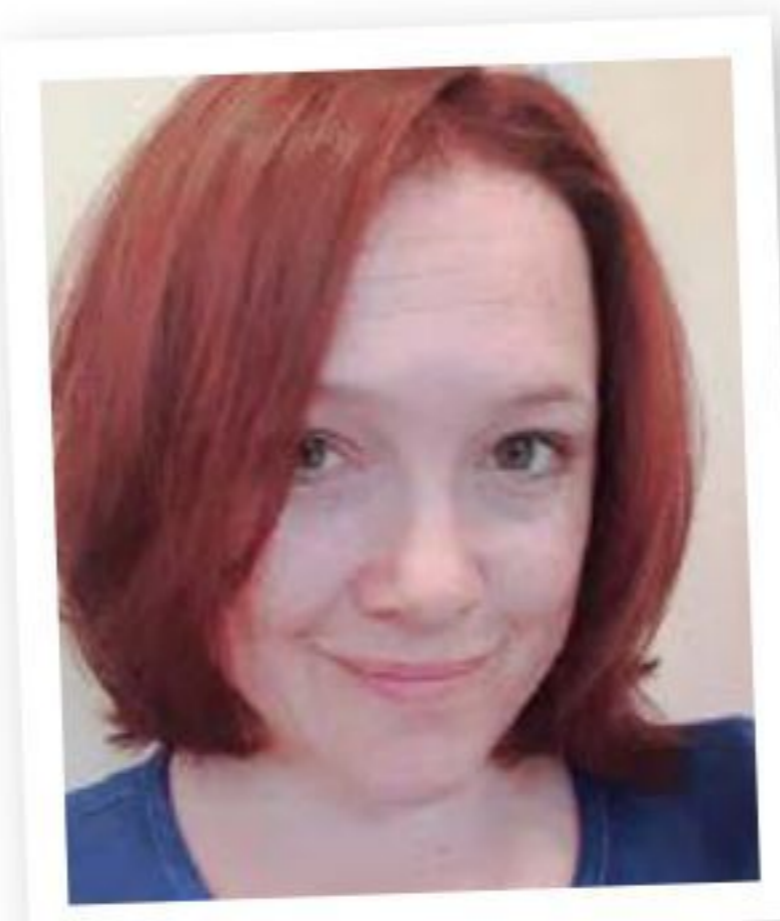


[youtube.com/thecraftschannel](https://www.youtube.com/thecraftschannel)



The Spooky Stamper

I'm part of a craft group on Facebook where we swap themed cards around the world. We decided on a Halloween swap and this idea popped into my mind straight away – I adore the cat's eyes from Visible Image's Curious Cats stamp set. I don't know who my swap partner is yet, but I know it could be heading to either the USA, Canada, New Zealand or Australia! A bit about me: I'm 38 and live in Weston-super-Mare with my four cats. I've been crafting for about ten years.



Nicky has won a crafting goodie bag



Over to you

WHAT STOPS YOU FROM CRAFTING?

Work! But I need to do that to buy my lovely craft stash...
Miriam Grazier

The garden!
Christine Graham

Chores after work, but when I keep on top of it all I get to do something crafty every day
Jacky Bouck-Standen

Kids and schools holidays!
Claire Newcombe

My husband having no work and wanting us to go out
Chris Marshall

Chores...
Sharon Reyburn-Kisbee

Trying to find my crafting supplies amongst the hoard
Theresa Lyden

My cat!
Emma Maiden

Meal times – I craft at the dining table, so have to clear away if we want to eat
Ellie Lane

Life!
Heidi McPherson

Noisy children!
Emma Buckley

The Moon And Back

I made this inspirational card for my son who is just about to start university. The card is defined by the sentiment, 'Shoot for the Moon', and the inside reads 'Even if you miss you will be among the stars'. I used distress oxide ink splattered with water to achieve the look of the moon and a screw hole punch to create the stars. I hope everyone enjoys it!
Jackie Jasper



WORDS TO CRAFT BY

Craft like no one is watching your bank account



52%

of you prefer stamps, the rest prefer dies... a close one!



The Bling Lover

I've been crafting for about 13 years. I'm lucky to have a full craft room. I love colour and as soon as I found your magazine I had to have it – I fell in love with the issue 136 kit and I couldn't wait to get started. I had a bit of a bling moment with sequins as you can see!

Jenny Edwards

More makes by you...



The Genre Mixer

Crafting a steampunk-themed Day of the Dead card really appealed to me, so I purchased the Sheena Douglass Day of the Dead embossing folder, and I immediately decided that I was going to amalgamate the skull and steampunk together. I felt that the skull needed a top hat to go with the cogs and gears to complete the look, and I'm really pleased with the overall effect of the combination.

Chris Forshaw



Funny on Facebook

Why are you happy you started crafting?

“There’s no point dying rich!”

CAROL HARRIES



The Master Spritzer

My name is Emma and I live in South Derbyshire with my husband Richard, and our 15 year-old Cocker Spaniel, Benji. I've been

crafting all my adult life. I particularly love using Lavinia Stamps products and learning new techniques at Amanda Branston's workshops. I created this card by spritzing different coloured ink sprays onto white card, drying it between shades. The finishing touches are done with white and glitter gel pens. It's amazing what a difference they make.

Emma Dickson

The Pro At Work

The flowers on this make were made by using die-cuts from foam sheets with a peony die. Then a bit of dark matching ink

was applied to the petal's tips with a dabber. The flowers were set in place for a few seconds using a craft iron on a medium heat to give them a natural shape. Finally, two sets of different sized flowers were layered together and secured to the card along with several green leaves.

Soraya Sueiro-Lara



KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR OUR INTERVIEW WITH KATE IN ISSUE 141...

Instagram



Sound advice... presented prettily @**danielhosoya**



Yes, they're really paper. No, you can't have them. We asked. @**theprettypaperpetal**



Fresh. In every sense of the word. @**everydaypattern**



There are paper flowers, and then there are Kate Alarcon's paper flowers. @**cobralilyshop**

Festive FEATHERS

Take inspiration from these opulent offerings for a truly luxe look

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- 2 Nuvo Pure Sheen Peacock Feathers Confetti, £9.99, tonic-studios.co.uk
- 3 Ranger Distress Oxide in Peacock Feathers, £6.99, hunkydorycrafts.co.uk
- 4 Prism markers in Darks, £9.99, hunkydorycrafts.co.uk
- 5 Dovecraft Twilight Wishes mini pegs, £2.99, thecraftblog.com
- 6 Gemini Majestic Peacock dies, £14.99, hunkydorycrafts.co.uk
- 7 STABILO GREENcolors 24 pack, £8.40, stabilo.com/uk
- 8 Indigoblu Luscious Pigment Powders in Ultraviolet and Blue, £4.99 each, indigoblu.com
- 9 Nuvo Gilding Flakes in Radiant Gold, £6.49, tonic-studios.co.uk
- 10 Dovecraft Twilight Wishes 12" x 12" paper pad, £12.99, thecraftblog.com

Peppermint wishes

We don't like to play favourites, but this month's card gallery is going to take some beating

Anyone that saw last issue's feature on peppermint-themed products knows we have a bit of a thing for the print and its hues. And after feasting our eyes on this stunning selection, frankly, we think it's about to turn into a full-blown obsession! Imaginative die-cuts, strategically-placed Santas, pitch-perfect sentiments – all topped off by an inspired bell embellishment. Enjoy!

You will need

- › Craft essentials (see p94)
- › Patterned papers: Kaisercraft Peppermint Kisses 12" x 12", Peppermint Kisses 6.5" x 6.5"
- › Dies: Kaisercraft Festive Card Frames, Squiggle Christmas Tree; square, stitched square
- › Stamps, Kaisercraft Peppermint Kisses
- › Embellishments: Kaisercraft Peppermint Kisses Sticker Book, Curios, Collectables, Wooden Flourish
- › Embossing powder, white
- › Punch, circle

STATEMENT TRIO

1 Make a 13cm x 17cm blank and cover with green wood effect paper. Trim grid paper to 11.5cm x 15.5cm, layer on black spotty paper, then attach to the card. Add poinsettia stickers towards the top.

2 Cut red striped paper to 6cm x 16cm and die cut three 3cm squares through it. Die cut three 4cm stitched squares from contrasting papers, then cut 3cm squares through them to create frames and secure.

3 Wrap baker's twine three times around the strip, then fix to the card with 3D foam pads. Attach curios stickers in each frame and finish with a sentiment, bell and silver gems.





ADD TO BASKET

Cosmic Shimmer embossing powder in True White, £3.49, joannasheen.com

POCKET PALS

1 Cover a 13cm x 17cm top-folding white blank with green paper. Layer dark green foliage paper, 12cm x 16cm, on top. Cut red foliage paper to 11.5cm x 15.5cm and die cut a 7cm square through it. Add three Christmas tree stickers under the aperture, then secure to the blank with 3D foam pads.

2 Stamp a sentiment onto grid paper, die cut into a 5cm stitched square, then attach inside the aperture. Run bauble stickers across the top. Die cut two 4cm stitched squares in bauble paper, punch semi circles from the top of each and fix to the bottom corners with 3D foam pads.

3 Tuck a nutcracker and Santa topper behind each stitched square and secure with 3D foam pads. Thread baker's twine through a jingle bell, tie into a bow, then attach under the sentiment. Add silver gems to complete.

EYE-CATCHING DIES

1 Create a top-folding white blank, 10cm x 12cm, and layer with black spotty paper. Snip grid paper to 8.5cm x 10.5cm, matt onto dark green and attach on top.

2 Die cut a 10cm square from red foliage paper, then cut an 8cm square through it to create a frame. Cut snow paper to the same size and embellish with silver gems and a scalloped border. Fix the panels together with 3D foam pads and add a sentiment tag in the top-left corner.

3 Attach a Santa topper in the centre of the frame with 3D foam pads. Die cut two Christmas trees from dark green and secure either side of the Santa. Glue the frame to the top of the card.

4 Trim a poinsettia border to 12cm and glue across the bottom. Wrap with baker's twine, then stick a sentiment on top with 3D foam pads. Make a jingle bell bow and fix to the right-hand side of the sentiment to finish.



Five more
CARDS
to come

WINDOW EFFECTS

1 Cover a 14.5cm square white blank with green paper. Trim black spotty paper to 13cm square and add a sentiment tag in the top-right corner. Layer onto green wood effect paper, then attach on top.

2 Die cut four 5cm stitched squares from various patterned papers and adhere to the front. Die cut four square frames in red foliage paper, then adhere around the squares.

3 Stamp a reindeer onto grid paper, colour in, then trim and stick to the centre of the greeting with 3D foam pads. Finish with a baker's twine bow, wooden holly embellishments and silver gems.



Sarah Jackman Read says...

“Peppermint is in demand this Christmas, and with good reason – why not try it with some non-seasonal makes, too?”



INTERACTIVE ELEMENTS

While the bells on each make are very 25th December, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate the power of interactive embellishments. We love adding extra layers (and extra fun!) to our cards, and especially strive to leave an impression in our recipient's mind. There aren't many better ways to do that than by adding interactivity to your projects.





OFF THE GRID

BOLD FRAMING

1 Create a 13.5cm square top-folding blank and cover with sentiment paper. Trim green wood effect paper, 12cm square, layer onto mint green paper and attach to the blank. Add a sticker in the

top-right corner.
2 Glue a heart border across the bottom of the card. Die cut an 8cm stitched square in black spotty paper, then a 5cm square through it. Layer onto grid paper with 3D foam pads and adhere to the card.

3 Die cut a sentiment square in red foliage paper and attach to the frame, then glue poinsettias, holly and foliage underneath with 3D foam pads. Add a curios sticker to the centre of the foliage. Thread baker's twine through a jingle bell, tie in a bow and attach to the foliage. Add silver gems to complete.

1 Create a 12cm x 18cm top-folding white blank. Layer with red foliage paper. Trim mint paper to 10.5cm x 16.5cm, then die cut a 7cm square through the left side.
2 Die cut a Christmas tree square from red foliage paper and fix onto a panel of grid paper. Secure the mint green panel on top with 3D foam pads, ensuring to line up the aperture with the square. Matt onto dark green paper using 3D foam pads, then add onto the greeting.
3 Trim snow paper to 5cm x 16cm, cut a wavy line along the top, then adhere across the bottom. Attach a sentiment sticker in the top-left and a large die-cut sentiment across the snow. Fix a camper van topper on the right side.
4 Secure a small reindeer sticker and two Christmas tree toppers to the card front with 3D foam pads. Thread baker's twine through a jingle bell, tie in a bow, then attach to the left-hand tree. Finish with silver gems.



ADD TO BASKET

Peppermint Kisses collection, from 85p
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CLEVER TAGGING

1 Cover a 12cm x 18cm top-folding blank with black spotty paper. Using white embossing powder, stamp and emboss poinsettias onto green wood effect paper, then cut to 10.5cm x 16.5cm.

2 Layer onto red foliage paper and secure to the

blank. Die cut a 7cm stitched square from black spotty paper and punch a semi circle at the top. Punch holes either side of a sentiment topper, thread through baker's twine, then wrap around the bottom of the square. Fix to the card with 3D foam pads.

3 Die cut a square sentiment in dark green paper and layer on mint green. Add alphabet stickers above the sentiment, then punch a hole through the top. Run baker's twine through a jingle bell, thread through the hole and tie into a bow.

Adhere to the back of the tag. Secure the panel to the greeting with 3D foam pads, then complete with stickers and silver gems.



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ME QUICK!

Straws at the ready

Tracey Daykin-Jones encourages you to get thrifty with paper straws; they'll take your makes to another dimension





ADD SHINE BY USING METALLIC STRAWS

Adhere a red strip of card onto a pink blank. Layer white onto teal card, 8cm x 10.5cm, and secure a straw in place centrally. Add a straw either side. Fix candle flames using 3D foam pads and glue three holly leaves to the candle base. Add berries and secure to the card to finish.



LINE UP YOUR STRAWS EVENLY

When trimming straws, roll the straw as you slice through them with a craft knife for a clean cut

Layer red, then white onto a green blank. Trim a small rectangle from card, cover with double-sided tape and add patterned straws, trimming to fit. Fix red ribbon, vertically and horizontally, then secure the ends on the reverse. Attach to the card and finish with two yellow stars.



ALTERNATE STRAW PATTERNS TO AVOID REPETITION

Take a red blank and layer pink and white card on top. Trim 14 straws, ensuring each one is 5mm smaller than the last. Glue to the card, starting with the longest straw. Adhere the remaining straws in size order. Add a plant pot below the tree and yellow star to the top. Finish with a green bow.



Why not try these festive straws from Pipii? Visit pipii.co.uk for more designs



CREATE THE ILLUSION OF ELF LEGS

Cover a white blank with wood effect paper. Trim a smaller panel of white and round off the bottom corners. Cut out shorts from green, adhere to the top of the white panel and add to the blank. Die cut two bauble toppers from green and trim the circle off the top. Cut out two rectangles from dark green and create elf shoes using circle dies. Adhere two straws in place and attach the shoes, embellishing them with tiny yellow circles.

Mix and match with a range of coloured cardstock to vary your creations



IT'S A WRAP!

Here's how you'll be adding a handmade touch to your Christmas gifting this year...

WORDS BY AMELIA BOLTON

Sure, you could just buy several rolls of wrapping paper, but where's the fun in that? The handmade look is always a winner in our eyes, so why not sport this style in your seasonal gifting? Not only does it beat store-bought wrapping paper, you'll be doing your bit to reduce the amount of non-recyclable materials ending up in landfill. Get your creative juices flowing, take some hints from some of the top pros in the industry and achieve head-turning results.





TOP IT OFF!

STEAL THESE TOPPER IDEAS FOR SOME IMPRESSIVE FINISHING TOUCHES – HEAD TO LIAGRIFFITH.COM FOR TONS OF HOW-TOS

- Be inspired by Lia Griffith's paper-cut designs. They're easy to make and require few materials. Why not opt for a festive sentiment to add a jolly touch to your gift wrap?
- After something a little different? Think outside the box and delve into your stash to use alternative materials. Perhaps you're a fan of knitting or crochet as well, so use any leftover yarn to make a pom-pom topper.
- Go flamboyant with a festive flourish to top off your gifts. Paper flower guru Lia Griffith has tons of seasonal foliage ideas to bring to life on her website.



“To make your gift wrap look more luxurious and eye-catching, I recommend adding jingle bells with ribbon or incorporating small decorations for that extra festive touch. Their delicate sound will add another exciting element for everyone to enjoy”

JANE MEANS, GIFT WRAPPING SPECIALIST



STAMPING STARS

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Sentiments aren't just for cards – you can now incorporate them into your gift wrap with this wooden rubber stamp from Hobbycraft (hobbycraft.co.uk). Pair it with your favourite coloured ink pads or mix and match with smaller motif stamps for heartwarming results.



Why not create your own bespoke Christmas stamp? Rico Design's stamp carving range boasts a brilliant six-piece tool set and stamp rubbers in a range of shapes and sizes. Plus, there are coordinating wooden handles to mount your finished stamp onto for super easy crafting.

rico-design.co.uk



Considering your stamping inks before you get started is important to ensure fail-proof results. These Memento Dew Drop ink pads are fast drying and fade resistant. What's more, they'll pick out even the finest details of your stamp for a precise and even coverage – perfect!

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Meet the experts



Lia Griffith, designer and author (liagriffith.com)



Jane Means, gift wrapping specialist, consultant and author (janemeans.com)



Fran Sherbourne, stamp designer and entrepreneur (littlestampstore.com)



“When carving your own stamps, it’s easy to forget which part of the design is positive or negative. Simply scribble over the areas with a pencil that need to stay as they are. The pencilled area is the image you want to print”

FRAN SHERBOURNE, LITTLE STAMP STORE



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“Be creative with your present toppers. Add a personal touch using a monogram or tuck in a sprig of evergreen to add a rich texture and fragrance. Remember, the wrapping can be as meaningful as the gift itself”

LIA GRIFFITH, DESIGNER

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STAMPING STORIES

One of the overlooked aspects of cardmaking is the storytelling possibilities, as demonstrated by Laura Bradley here. A snowman trying to clamber out of a card, a reindeer that may have had one too many candy canes and a bunch of over inquisitive mice around a present and baubles; they're the type of visuals that have you wanting to know what happens next.

CHRISTMAS ICONS - WITH A TWIST

You can't Christmas without Santa. Your recipient will have seen him appear on their cards a million times which means the same old designs aren't going to cut it. We love the look of Bugaboo's figures, precisely because they're fresh and exciting – they've got this wonderfully loose style of illustration, as if they've just stumbled into life.

PUTTIN' ON THE SPRITZ

Spritzing is a technique as old as crafting itself – and it makes sense when you see the effect it can have on cards. Be careful not to overdo it; it never hurts to start off sparingly, increasing the volume when necessary. But also don't be scared to experiment – maybe you'll find a new blotchy effect that you completely fall in love with!

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Light-up wreath

Let this nifty decoration light up your home and wow guests this Christmas

Interiors were made to be adorned; and there's not a better way to accessorise than by getting creative with paper. Perfect for hallways, living rooms, dining rooms, this illuminated wreath is an eye-catcher and a conversation-starter rolled into one. Oh, and it's fun to make – which makes crafting a few of them an exciting possibility.

You will need

- › Craft essentials (see p94)
- › docrafts Create Christmas Make Your Own Polystyrene Wreath
- › Embellishments: docrafts Create Christmas Frosted White Decorative Berries, Silver Star Wooden Shapes, Mini Pom-poms, Blue Jingle Bells
- › Dies, Xcut Leaves
- › docrafts LED Create Christmas light string

HOME ACCESSORY

1 Die cut a selection of larger leaves from white glitter card, then attach to cover the polystyrene wreath, tucking them around the back. Fix the battery pack to the top of the wreath and wrap the LED lights around it.

2 Cut smaller leaves from silver and teal glitter card and glue around the wreath along with white leaves. Use them to cover the wires whilst keeping the lights showing. Once completely covered, embellish with silver stars.

3 Trim the wire from several frosted embellishments and push them into the polystyrene. Fix blue jingle bells and white mini pom-poms across the wreath, then add a small hoop of silver ribbon onto the back.



Get the look!

Shop these wreath essentials from docrafts' seasonal range at docrafts.com



Gold star wooden shapes, £1.75



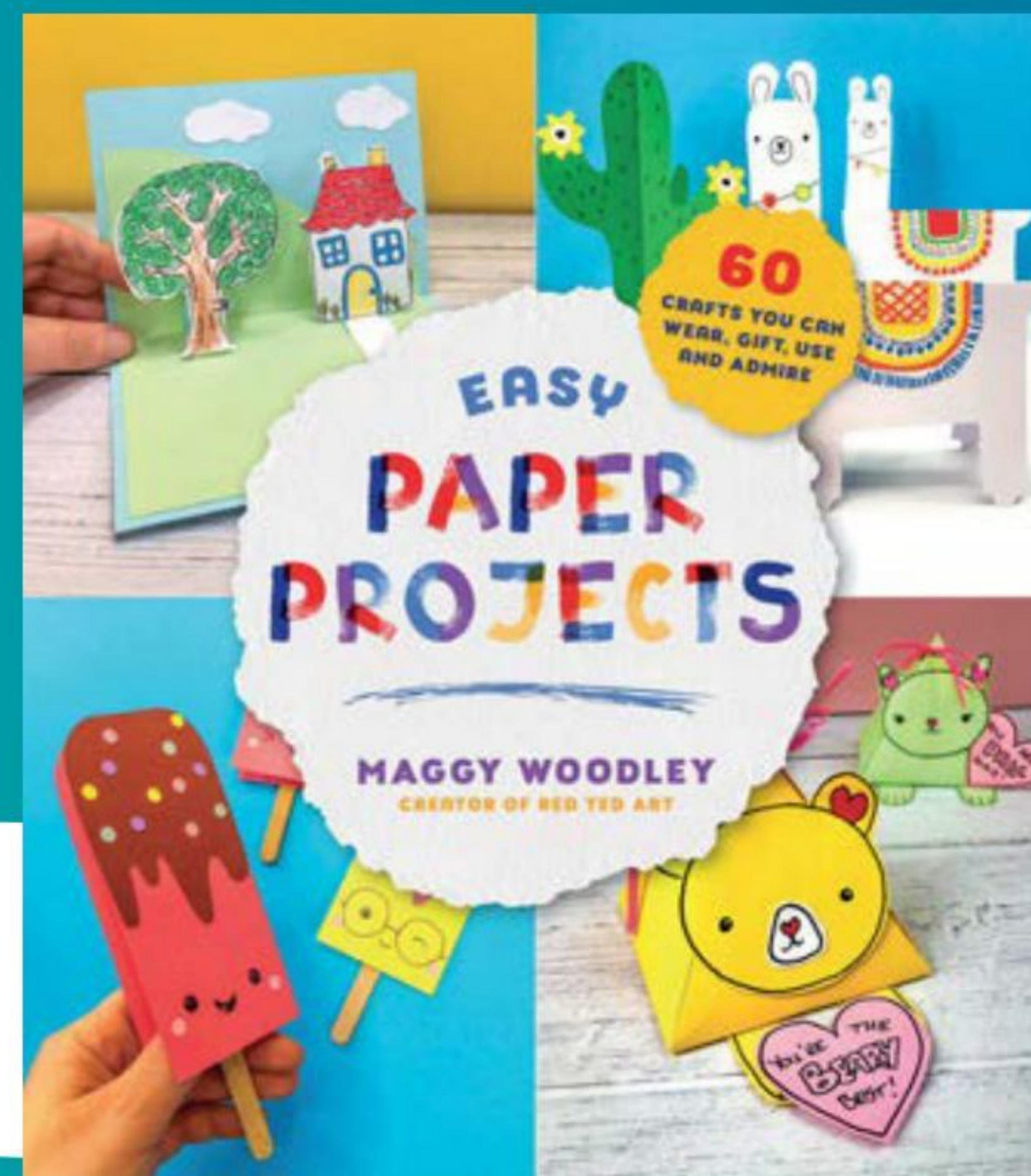
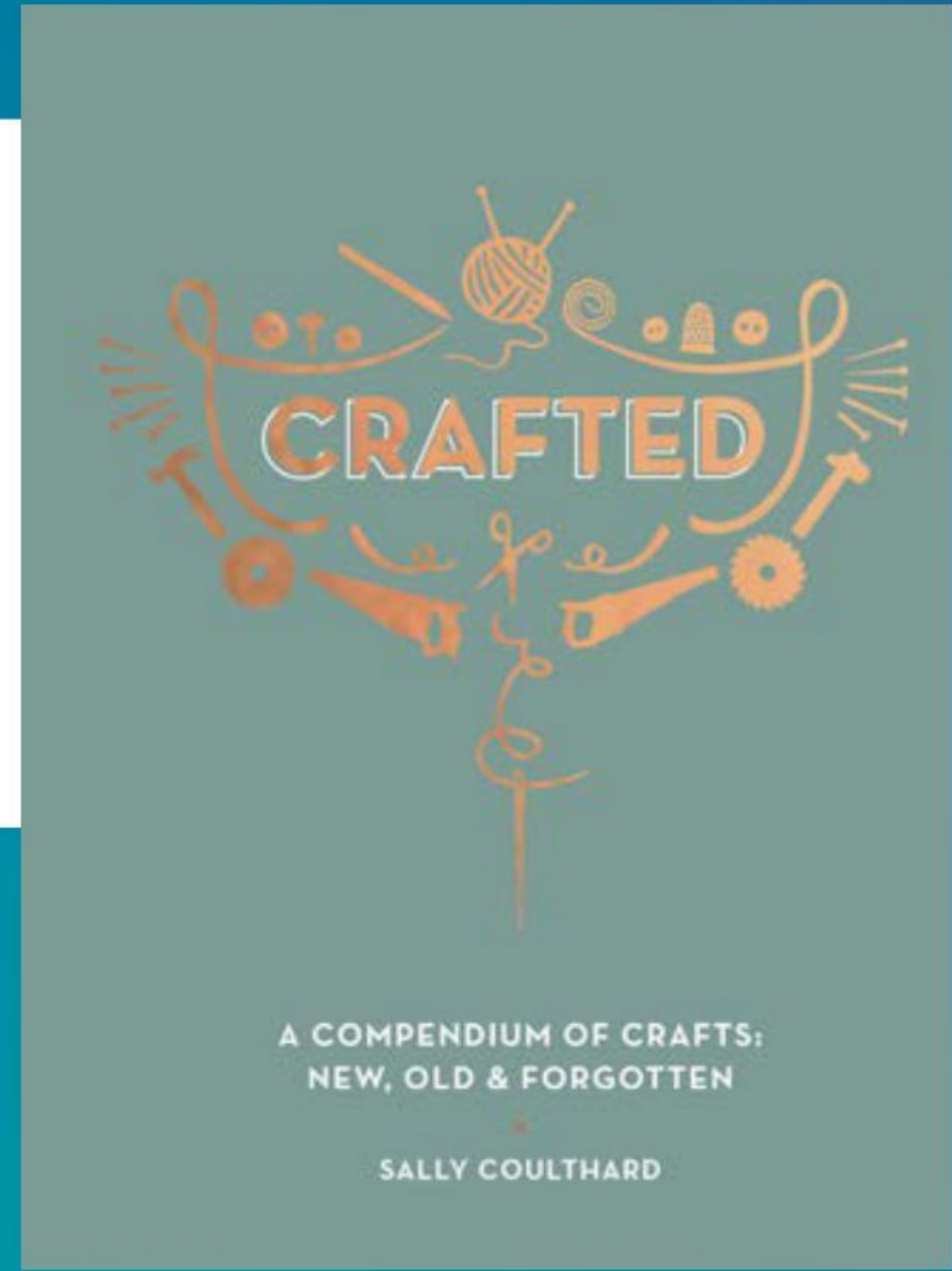
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20 LED lights in white, £5.99

Reading Corner

Colours, lettering, and toilet rolls – yes, toilet rolls



BRUSH GAME

Rebecca Cahill Roots is a big name in the world of lettering, and with good reason. Her upcoming *Brush Lettering* covers the basics initially, then moves on to more complex techniques, yet never gets stuffy, remains clear, fun, and is peppered with exquisite illustrations throughout. A whole section dedicated to Rebecca's 'pen pals' – fellow artists she's become friends with through lettering – extols the sense of community that crafts can bring. (£14.99, Batsford Publishing) pavilionbooks.com

COLOUR CODA

It's hard to sum up *The Pink Book* better than the front cover itself: 'An illustrated celebration of the colour, from bubblegum to battleships.' Among other things, it covers the etymology of the word, dissects the use of pink to signify femininity, its impact on the fashion industry, presenting everything in immaculately researched mini essays. As beautiful as the colour it celebrates, which is about the highest praise this book could be given. (£13.99, Chronicle Books) abramsandchronicle.co.uk

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DEFINITIVE TAKE

Crafted is a definitive text on the history of crafts. A lovingly-made ode to age-old practices, Sally Coulthard looks at crafts that have lasted and those that haven't. From origami to textiles and stained glass making, it's as comprehensive as anything else out there, with a relatable vein of passion running through it. (£20, Quadrille Publishing) hardiegrant.com

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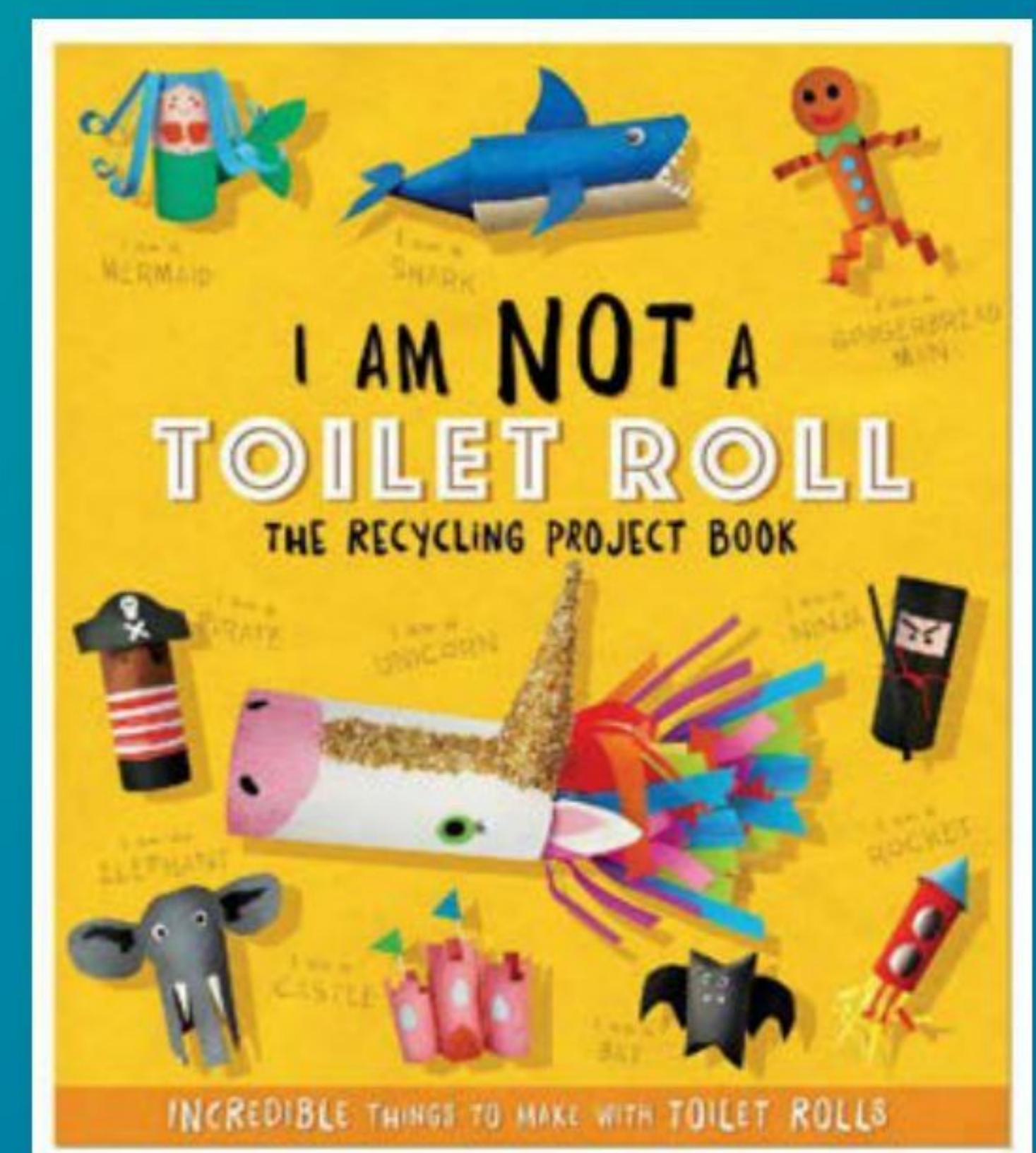
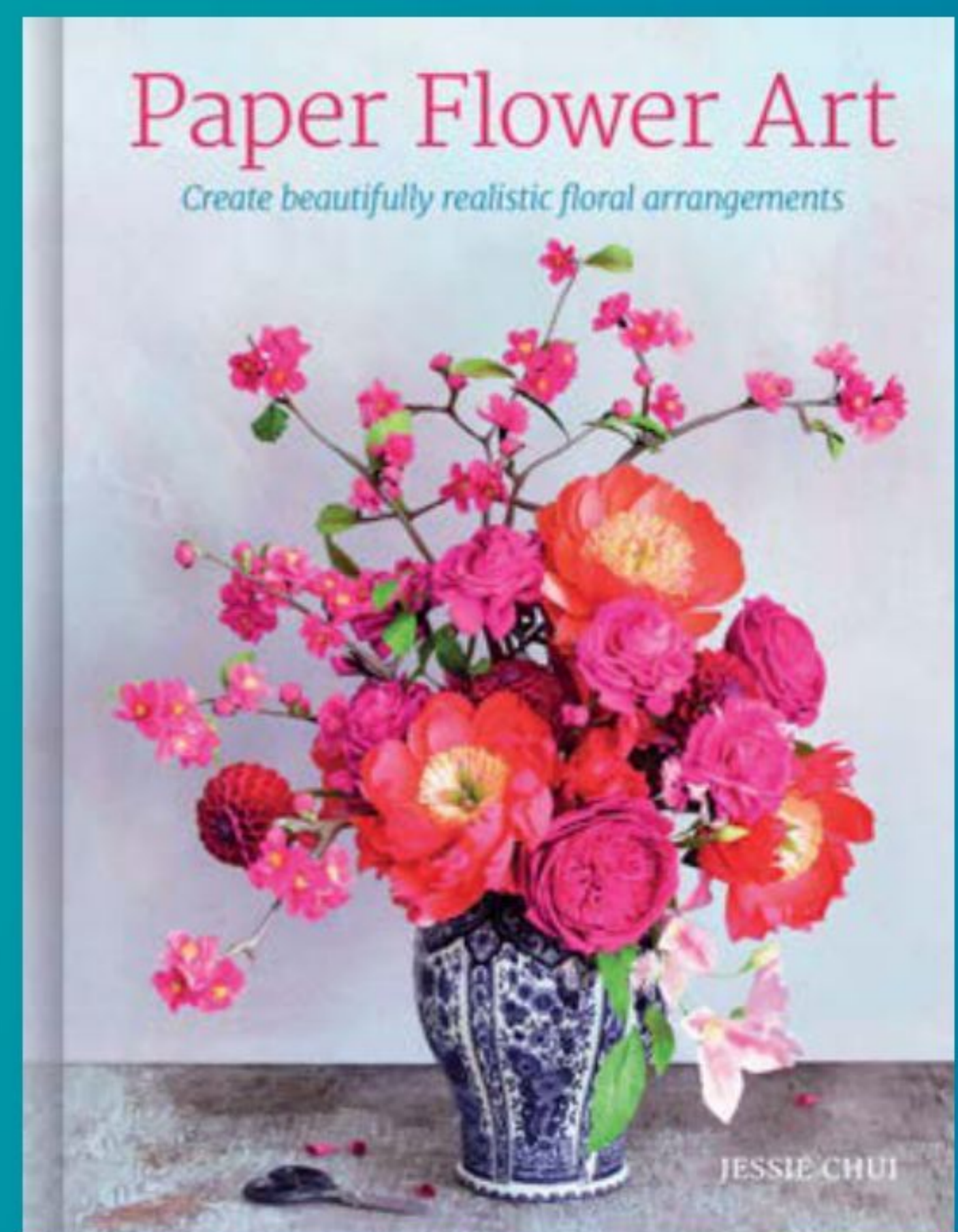
The possibilities of papercraft are such that it can be easy for books to get too excited and spew out an endless conveyor belt of projects that are fun, but lack any real focus. You won't find that problem here with *Easy Paper Projects* by Red Ted Art's Maggy Woodley – each piece has a clear use and value. Cute bookmarks, handy pen pots, tiger-face bow ties – it's weird, wonderful, and crucially useful papercraft. (£15.99, Page Street Publishing) amazon.co.uk

PHOTOREALISTIC FLORALS

With a focus on realistic reproduction, Jessie Chui's *Paper Flower Art* aims to provide you with ornaments that take the breath away. One mark of a good paper flower is how often people mistake it for a real, living bouquet – the book is filled with these moments, where you question how it's possible to produce something so authentic. Luckily, that question is answered with concise how-tos – you'll be wowing guests in no time. (£25, GMC) gmcbooks.com

BE KIND, RECYCLE

It's a well-known fact in the crafting world that even though we all love splurging out on supplies, quite often everything we need is in our craft room – or, as *I Am Not A Toilet Roll* suggests, our bathrooms too. Get stuck in with a menagerie of projects that kids will love (pirates, rocket ships, crocodiles) all using that little cardboard tube as a starting point. (£6.99, Carlton Kids) amazon.co.uk



On the road

Put a whimsical spin on your Christmas die cutting with Keren Baker's 3D makes



You will need

- › Craft essentials (see p94)
- › Dies: Stampin' Up! Truck Ride; circles
- › Stamps, Stampin' Up! Ride With Me
- › Inks: Memento Tuxedo Black; Tsukineko Versamark
- › Nuvo Crystal Drops, Ivory Seashell
- › Embossing powder, white
- › Alcohol markers
- › Gel pens: white, gold
- › Glitter, white
- › Punch, circle



HEAVY LOAD

- 1 Die cut the truck and wheel arches from red and the wheels from black. Stamp and trim the windows, registration plate and two Christmas trees. Adhere the windows and plate on the truck, stamp the headlights on the front, then assemble the vehicle.
- 2 Adhere the wheels and wheel arches to the truck using 3D foam pads. Die cut small circles from grey card and fix to the centre of each wheel.
- 3 Colour in the trees using alcohol markers. Punch mini circles from coloured card and adhere to the trees, then secure them to each side of the truck. Add detail to the wheels and registration using a white gel pen.

SNOWGLOBE SCENE

- 1 Create a 13cm square blank from red corrugated card. Layer a smaller white layer on top. Die cut a truck from green and cut out the front side only. Die cut a large circle from blue, wheel arches from grey and wheels from black.
- 2 Stamp a tree and window onto white, colour in, then trim. Adhere a thin strip of wood grain paper along the top and bottom of the truck. Fix the window, handle and wheel arches to the vehicle and attach the wheels using 3D foam pads.
- 3 Trim a strip of white card, snip into a wavy edge, then sprinkle white glitter on top. Cut grass edging from dark green card and adhere

behind the white wavy strip.

- 4 Adhere the blue circle onto the blank. Punch mini circles from coloured card and fix to the tree. Secure the tree behind the truck, then attach the truck to the card front. Fix the snow and grass strips with 3D foam pads, trimming to fit.
- 5 Stamp a sentiment onto red card in embossing ink. Sprinkle with white embossing powder and heat-set. Trim the sentiment and adhere to the card with 3D foam pads. Add Nuvo Crystal Drops to complete.

SPEED TO IT!

- 1 Die cut and assemble a truck from green card using the step-by-step opposite. Trim small leaves from green

- and arrange into a wreath shape. Punch small circles from red and fix to the wreath.
- 2 Attach strips of wood grain paper to the truck and adhere the wreath on top using 3D foam pads. Add details such as windscreen wipers and dashes using a white gel pen. Colour in the headlights with a gold gel pen, then add dots to the bumper.



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KEREN'S
TOP TIPS

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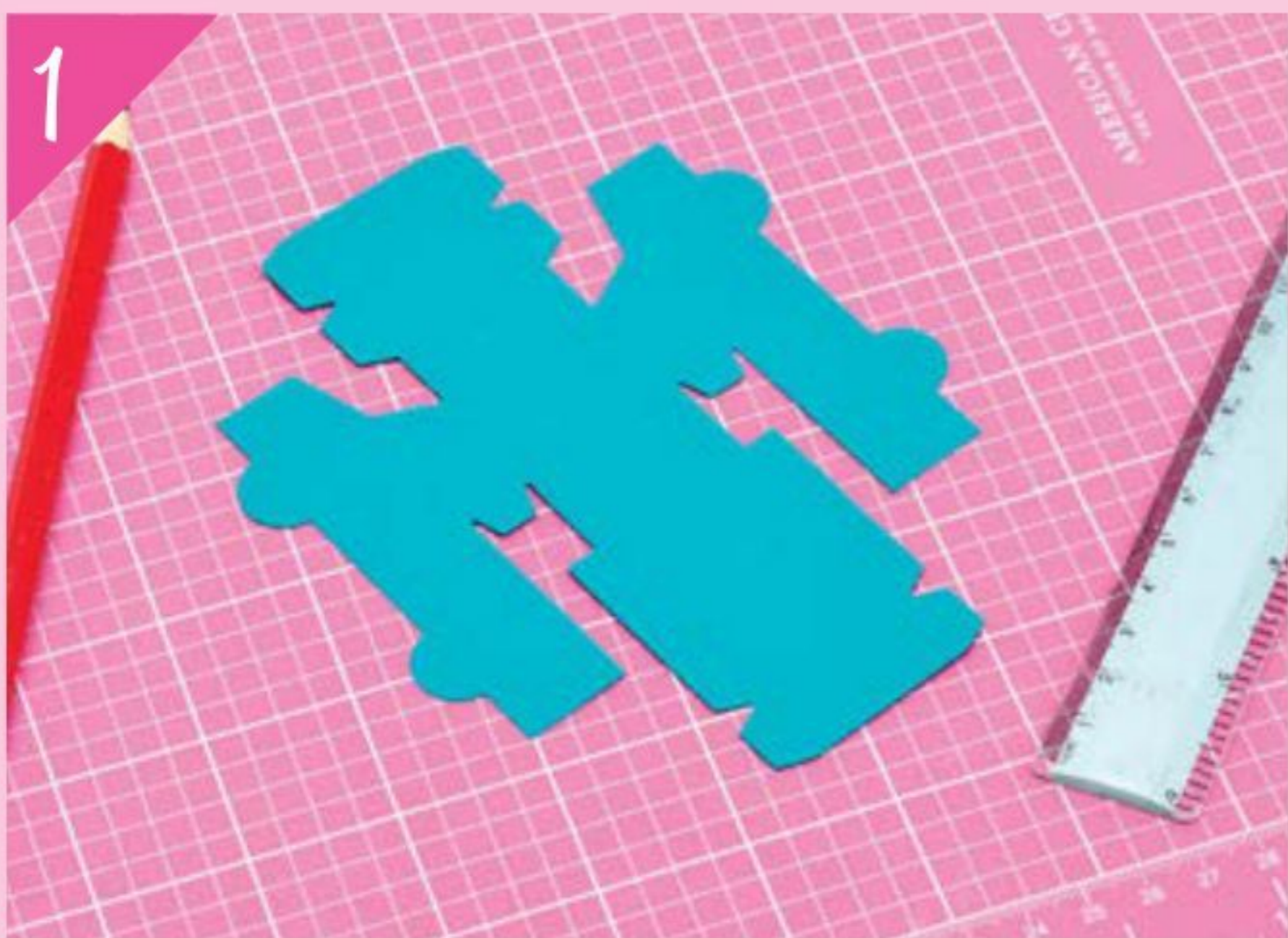
If you're hoping to impress with your die cutting this Christmas and take it 3D, then you'll most certainly want to invest in the Stampin' Up! Ride With Me bundle. The kit allows you to produce 3D trucks that make ultra cute home decorations. There are so many elements that you can adapt and personalise. My favourite way to customise my trucks is by writing a fun sentiment onto the registration plate. Why not add your recipient's name or an important date?

Multi-crafting

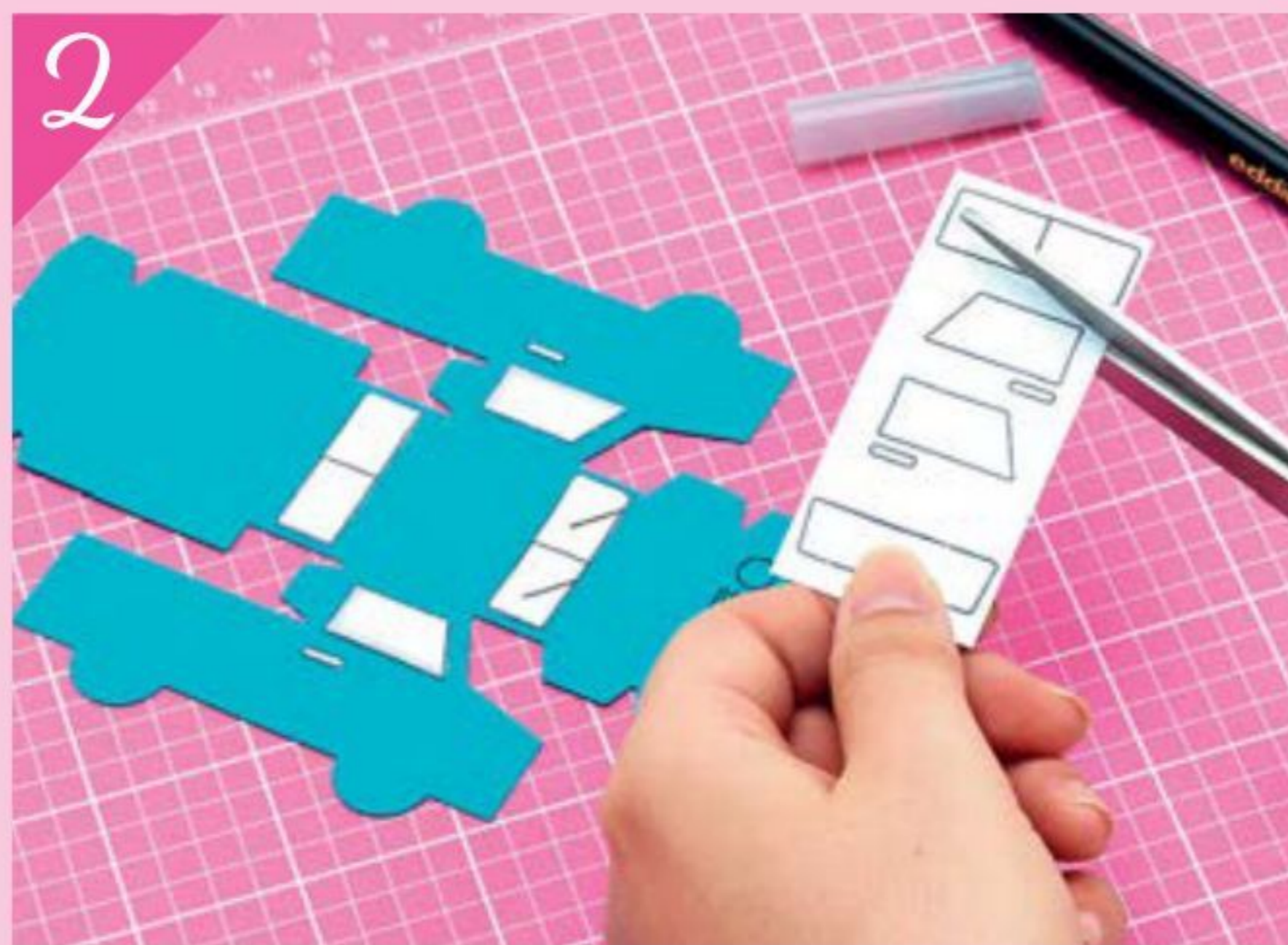
Despite these makes looking incredibly complex, you'll be glad to know that there's zero confusing folds or tricky tabs, and the assembly is super easy. You can also emboss details onto the truck for extra texture and there's an accompanying stamp set for you to add more details like windscreens and registration plates. I can't wait to make a set of them for my Christmas table to hold little favours in.



STEP-BY-STEP *Die-cut trucks*



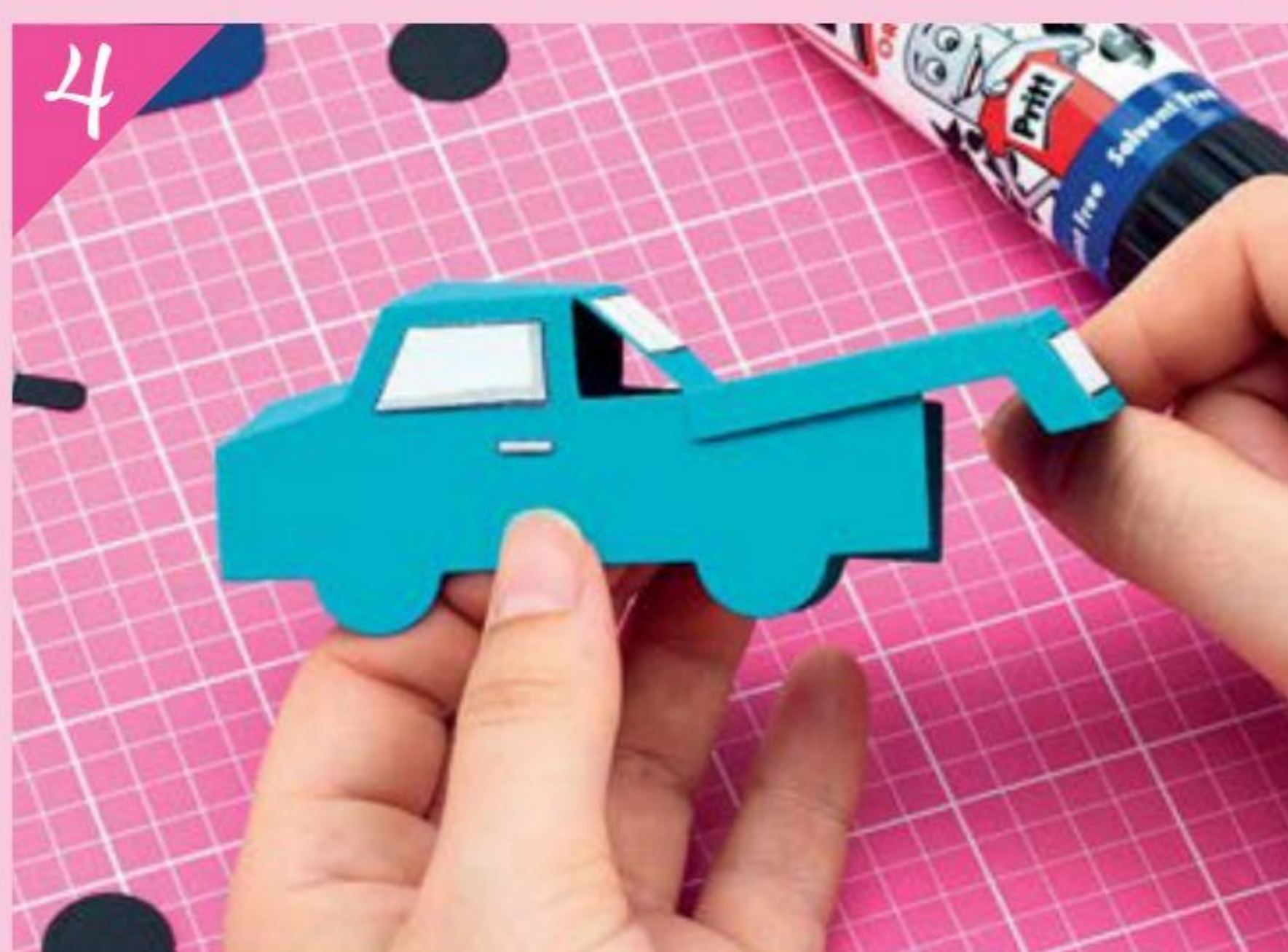
1 Die cut the truck layout from coloured cardstock



2 Stamp the windows, handles, registration plate and windscreen in black ink onto white card, then trim and adhere



3 Add details to the truck with a black fineliner. Die cut the wheels, bumper and wheel arches



4 Assemble the truck, gluing the flaps carefully and using the picture as a guide. Add the die-cut elements onto the truck

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You all know that love at first sight doesn't just apply to romance – we've all had a fluttery feeling when setting our eyes upon new goodies. This selection of dies from Crafter's Companion gave me that feeling – my mind was buzzing with ideas and colour combinations. Follow my instructions to create the makes below or use the dies to build your own stories – now go and get stuck in!

FIRST LOOK

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Create -a-card Christmas dies

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Die storage is important – it's worth investing in a sleeve for them, especially if you have loads like us



STACKED PINES

Die cut the Christmas tree from green and gold card, press out the smaller negative parts and layer the two pieces together, offsetting them slightly. Trim the edges evenly and mount onto patterned paper. Fix to a 10.5cm x 15cm green blank. Add metallic brads to the tree to finish.

Why not try...?

- ★ Inverting the colours on these makes – or just trying completely different combos?
- ★ A handwritten sentiment for that extra touch of personalisation
- ★ Pairing these wonderful dies with some embossing for extra depth
- ★ Adding glitter, glitter, and some more glitter – you can never have too much, we say

Mix and match different patterned papers to add your own touch



For added punch, vary the hanging gems – red and silver would be a strong look!

GEMSTONE DECORATIONS

Die cut the intricate bauble design from a 10.5cm x 15cm panel of navy card and trim the edges evenly. Glue to gold paper and snip to leave a small border around the outside. Matt onto a blue blank. Die cut individual baubles from red card, keeping the negative die-cuts. Glue the individual swirls and shapes into their corresponding shapes. Fix gemstones along the hanging threads to finish.



If you're feeling resistance when attempting to push a die through, remember not to force it – you could damage the machine!

CHRISTMAS DEPTH

Cut a Christmas tree from patterned paper and glue across the top of a blue blank, trimming to fit to create a branch. Cut baubles from three colours of card, single baubles from each, snipping them out from the main background. Fix one bauble to a piece of blue card and cut around the outside before placing over the branch. Hang the remaining baubles below the branch.

SENTIMENT CRAZY

Die cut the word collage die from cream card and mount onto a red blank, 10.5cm x 15cm. Cut smaller sections of the collage from green card and use the negative die-cuts to fill in the corresponding areas of the card. Use a craft knife to carefully trim out the complete words from the green card and glue over the top of the original.



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As Corinne Bradd demonstrates, you can use your papers alone without the need for any extra embellishments – the large character motifs alone make for ultra-cute toppers. However, if you fancy incorporating added adornments, why not opt for embossing powders or simple punched shapes? You can decide on the skill level and how ornate you want to go.

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You will need

- › Craft essentials (see p94)
- › FREE PaperCrafter patterned papers (see p49)
- › Punch, snowflake

PLEASED AS PUNCH

- 1 Trim green scene patterned paper to 9.5cm x 14cm and mount onto red card, ensuring to leave a narrow border. Layer onto a green blank, 10.5cm x 15cm, with 3D foam pads.
- 2 Cut out a snowman motif and matt onto blue card. Fix to the bottom of the card, then add a sentiment to the top. Punch small snowflakes from blue card and scatter across the greeting with 3D foam pads.



ADD TO BASKET

Embossing powder in White Puff, £2.75, wowembossingpowder.co.uk



TOP TIP
Why not emboss the snow-capped trees with glitter or white embossing powder for added texture?

CLICK & CREATE!



JOLLY TRIO

- 1 Glue snowflake and star border strips along the bottom edge of a red landscape blank, 10.5cm x 15cm. Add a sentiment panel to the top-left.
- 2 Cut out three penguin motifs and adhere each one onto red card. Arrange the penguins into a curve on the right and secure using 3D foam pads.

STATEMENT TOPPERS

- 1 Score navy card, 14cm x 21cm, at 7cm from one short edge and fold to make an offset blank. Cut blue snowy woodland paper to 13cm square and fix to the inside. Secure a sentiment to the top-right.

- 2 Close the card and layer a 6cm x 13cm piece of blue critter paper to the panel front. Cut out a fox motif and mount onto blue. Attach to the top-right of the card with 3D foam pads.

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STEP INTO CHRISTMAS

- 1 Score blue card, 21cm x 30cm, at 11cm and 22cm from one short end. Score again at 4cm from the other end, then concertina fold to make a stepper card.
- 2 Cover the front with snowman paper and fix border strips across the short front step. Cut out a sentiment, matt onto red and attach with 3D foam pads. Glue a snowman motif onto blue, trim and secure behind the step.

LAYERED EFFECTS

- 1 Cover a white landscape blank, 10.5cm x 15cm, with snowflake paper. Cut out two
- 2 Create a landscape scene by fixing one panel to the

mountains and polar bears. Matt the two panels onto blue card and trim around the design.

card front with 3D foam pads, 3cm up from the bottom. Layer the second over the top. Mount a sentiment onto white card, trim and attach to the top-left.



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JOLLY

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look a lot like
Christmas 

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one like you! 

Baby
IT'S COLD
OUTSIDE 



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PLEASE TICK JUST ONE ANSWER UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

ABOUT YOU

What other crafts do you enjoy aside from papercrafting? (Tick all that apply)

- Sewing
- Knitting
- Crochet
- Jewellery making
- Painting

Which cardmaking technique do you need the most help with?

- Die cutting
- Stamping
- Embossing
- Colouring
- Stencilling

Which cardmaking brand do you go to time and time again?

- Tattered Lace
- Crafter's Companion
- Tonic Studios
- Hunkydory
- docrafts
- Trimcraft
- Stampin' Up!
- American Crafts

What is your favourite mixed media technique?

- Watercolouring
- Paint pouring
- Gilding
- Ink blending
- Other (please specify)

What is your go-to brand for marker pens?

- Spectrum Noir
- Pentel
- Copic
- Nuvo
- Staedtler
- Edding
- Pilot
- Uniball
- Faber-Castell
- POSCA
- Sakura
- Winsor and Newton

Do you watch YouTube videos for how-tos?

- Yes, every time I craft
- Yes, every so often
- No

We want to hear from you!

Who is your favourite craft personality?

- Stephanie Weightman
- Joanna Sheen
- Nancy Watt
- Debbi Moore
- Sara Davies
- Paula Pascual
- Dean Wilson
- Julie Hickey
- Other (please specify)

Have you ever taken or would like to attend a craft workshop?

- Yes, I attend workshops already
- No, but I would like to attend one
- No, I have no interest in attending

Do you go to craft shows? If so, what is your favourite event? (Tick all that apply)

- Craft4Crafters
- Crafting Live
- The Creative Craft Show
- Knitting and Stitching Show
- Stamperama
- Other (please specify)

No

How often do you attend craft shows?

- 3+ times a year
- Twice a year
- Once a year
- Never

Have you ever been on a crafting holiday?

- Yes
- No, but I'd like to
- No, I'm not interested

THE MAGAZINE

How would you rate the overall clarity of PaperCrafter project instructions?

- Incredibly clear
- Good, but need more visual step-by-steps
- Difficult to follow

What do you think of our 'Coming Next Issue' page?

- It encourages me to buy the next issue
- It doesn't sway my decision to purchase
- I wasn't aware you had one

Have you heard of the Best of Craft Awards?

- Yes, I voted
- Yes, but I didn't vote
- No

Do PaperCrafter cover gifts encourage you to buy the magazine?

- Yes
- No

Which of these cover gifts do you prefer?

- Stamps
- Dies
- Cardmaking kits
- Paper collections
- Mixed media kits
- Tools i.e. quilling, scoring

Which gift would encourage you to subscribe?

- Cardmaking kits
- Die-cutting and embossing machines
- Stamping sets
- Foiling kits
- Embellishments
- Storage/tools/accessories
- I already subscribe

ONLINE

Are you currently subscribing to The Crafts Channel on YouTube?

- Yes
- No

How influenced are you to purchase a product after viewing a craft video?

- Very
- A little
- Not at all
- I don't watch videos

Do you subscribe to our newsletter? If so, what most excites you about the newsletter?

- Projects
- Free downloads
- Product promotions
- I am not subscribed to the newsletter

How often do you visit our blog?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Never

How often do you craft with our free online resources such as digi stamps?

- On a weekly basis
- On a monthly basis
- Never, I didn't know you had any

Are you aware of the archive of free SVG digital cutting files on our website?

- Yes, I have downloaded some
- Yes, but I haven't downloaded any
- No

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Yes please No thank you

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Designer for the day

Marianne Fisher



Having downtime and allowing yourself to indulge in your crafting is high on our agenda, and this issue's Designer for the

Day Marianne Fisher is lucky enough to escape to her own crafting den! Marianne's adorable card enables you to nail your layering techniques and branch out with stamp colouring, bringing little characters to life!

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING CHOSEN TO BECOME A DESIGNER FOR THE DAY?

It is such a pleasure to feature in PaperCrafter and see my card in print because I love making cards and enjoy sharing them amongst the crafting community on my blog, Facebook and Pinterest.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE CRAFTY BRANDS AND PRODUCTS?

My top products are rubber and digi stamps coloured in with Copic marker pens. I also love to use my Sizzix Big Shot die-cutting machine and have a very large stock of dies. My favourite stamps would have to be Lili of the Valley; I'm honoured to be a member of their design team.

HOW OFTEN DO YOU CRAFT?

I have my own dedicated craft room and spend time there probably around five days a week. It could be for just an hour or all day, depending on what else I am



doing. The joy of having my own craft room means if I am restricted for time, I can be flexible. Often I might start a project but leave it on my desk ready to complete another day.

ARE YOU PART OF A CRAFTY COMMUNITY?

I have my own craft blog called mariannescraftroom.blogspot.com, which I post on most days, and am also an active member of various crafting groups on Facebook.

SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS IN A FUTURE ISSUE!

If you'd like to see your paper project printed in PaperCrafter, email or write to us with your contact details to be entered into our random draw. If picked, you'll have a photo of your make published in the magazine and instructions on our website. Find our contact information on page 3. Good luck! For terms and conditions please visit papercraftermagazine.co.uk/designer-for-the-day

FIND OUT HOW TO CRAFT MARIANNE'S DESIGN AT
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STEP-BY-STEP

Pudding perfection

Learn to make your own stamp just in time for Christmas

If you're already as hungry as we are for Christmas pudding, why not try Colette Smith's festive card which is both easy and fun to make! Complete with a punny sentiment, this greeting is a bright and cheery project that will prove popular amongst your loved ones in its prize position on their mantelpiece.



1 Download the pudding image from our website, print out and trim to a manageable size



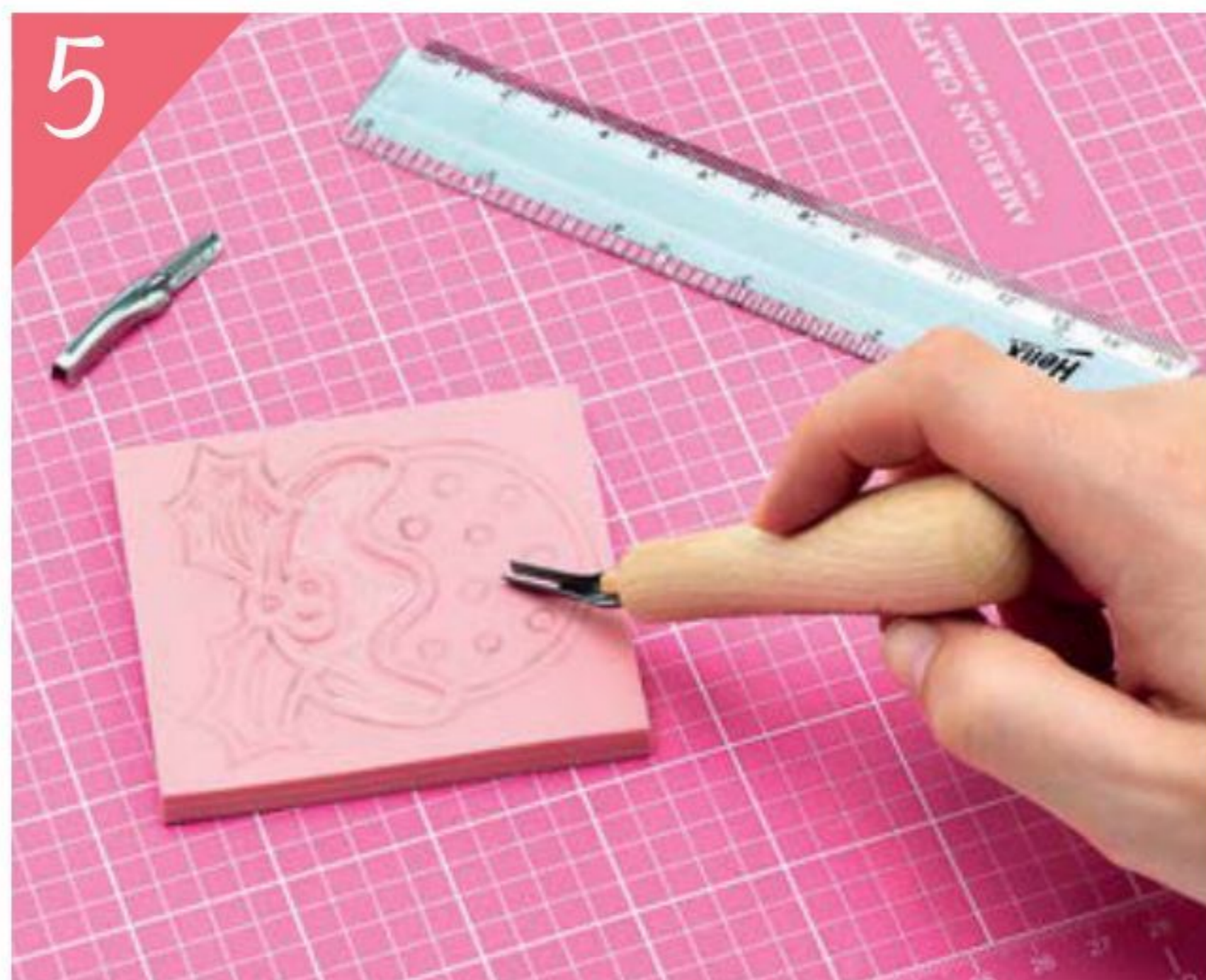
2 Trace the pudding onto tracing paper



3 Cut a piece of Speedy-Carve large enough to cover the image, leaving a 1/4" border



4 Trace the image onto the surface of the Speedy-Carve



5 Use the narrow blade to cut away the Speedy-Carve from around the inside edges of the image and the inner details. Use the larger, flatter blade to cut away the rest



6 Cut away the Speedy-Carve from around the outside and trim the excess to the shape of the image, leaving a border. Gently rub across the card with your fingertips to reveal the image



7 Cover the stamp with black ink and print it onto white card



8 Colour in the image using marker pens and trim the image to 9.5cm x 10.5cm, before fixing to the top of a 10.5cm x 15cm blank



9 Add patterned paper. Stamp a sentiment, then trim and attach to the patterned section. Tie a knot in a length of ribbon and fix over the paper join

You will need

- › Craft essentials (see p94)
- › Template from **papercraftermagazine.co.uk**
- › Stamp making kit, Speedball
- › Ink pad, My Favourite Things Extreme Black
- › Alcohol markers
- › Tracing paper



TOP TIP

If you make a mistake, providing you haven't carved too deeply, flip the block over and start on the other side

SNAP, CRACKER, POP:

THE HISTORY OF THE CHRISTMAS CRACKER (AND HOW TO DO THEM JUSTICE THIS NOEL)

WORDS BY CAYLE HOTENE

I had no idea of the long and storied origin behind a thing you'll find in the majority of households come Christmas; how that iconic 'snap!' was inspired by crackling logs in a fireplace, the multiple iterations it went through, and how it used to be called a 'cossaque' (which just doesn't have the same snap to it). Join me as we take a quick tour through the history of an item integral to Christmas, share some shopping ideas, filling suggestions, and even a few pointers on pulling.



CORINNE ON CRACKERS

"One of my favourite things about Christmas crackers is how they can bridge the generational divide; they're so essential, so intuitive, that you can give one end to grandma and one end to grandson and hear a pop, and laughter, in no time"

NIFTY NOTES

JOKES TO PUT IN YOUR
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS OF
A VERY CRAFTY FLAVOUR...

*What do you call
a room that looks
like it's been hit
by a bomb?*

A craft room!

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1847

FROM PARIS WITH LOVE

During a trip to Paris, Tom Smith encounters bonbons for the first time. He develops his own kind, twists the ends (a precursor to the cracker design) and includes a 'love motto' in the packaging.

1849

ALMOND TWIST

Tom Smith removes the bonbon and replaces it with different toys, trinkets, and jewellery. In its early stages it's called a 'cossaque'.

1850

THE BIG BANG THEORY

After spending some time by the fire and becoming inspired by the crackling logs, Tom Smith invents the mechanism that created a 'pop' as the wrapping paper was broken.

1860

TAKES FORM

The now-iconic shape of the cracker is solidified and the 'snap' is introduced.



HOW TO PULL

1 LOOK YOUR OPPONENT IN THE EYE

Like a crocodile sizing up a thirsty gazelle, let them know you're in it to win it simply by staring very intensely at them. Works especially well on young nieces and nephews

2 GRAB WITH PURPOSE AND INTENT

Readjusting is a sign of weakness! Just ensure your first grab is true

3 GO ANACONDA

Just before the moment of pull, bring the end of the cracker into a vice-like death grip

4 BE VOCAL

When it's time, shout 'MINE' as loudly as you possibly can, hopefully startling them into dropping the cracker

5 WIN GRACIOUSLY, LOSE LOUDLY

If the win occurs, be sure to thank your opponent for participating, while gently suggesting that they never had a chance. If you lose, moan about the quality of the cracker, accuse them of grabbing past their end, and steal the contents of the cracker when they nip to the loo

What's the best present you can give a crafter?

More time!

A woman tells her partner: 'See, I can fit all of my craft supplies into this box!'

Her husband replies: 'Stop calling our house a box!'

Why did the crafter cross the road?

To go to the craft store (for the fifth time that day...)

1880

LEGACY CHANGE

After the death of their father, Tom, Walter and Henry take over the family business. Henry is the one who introduces the paper hats we all love to look silly in, and continued touring the world for inspiration like his father did all those years ago.

1890

NEW CREPE

Crepe paper becomes the go-to material for the production of crackers.

1900S

ONWARD

The Christmas cracker becomes a staple of households everywhere, and forms the basis about constant arguments of who held the middle too much when pulling.

POP TO THE SHOPS

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› Craft essentials (see p94)

MINI CRACKERS

- 1** Cut patterned card to 13cm x 18cm and score across at 2cm intervals to create six sections plus a 1cm wide tab.
- 2** Score down the card at 3cm, 4cm and 5cm from either end. Fold along all score lines, concertina-folding the lines that form the ends of the cracker.
- 3** Keep the ends folded at the 4cm score lines and snip 'v' shapes from the fold to the next score line. Open the folds to reveal a series of diamond shapes on either side of the cracker.
- 4** Roll up the card and glue the 1cm wide tab to the opposing end creating a hexagonal tube. Push the ends of the tube towards each other, allowing the folds and diamonds to contract inwards.
- 5** Cut a length of baker's twine and wrap around one of the inward folds twice before tying securely into a neat bow. Fill your cracker with treats before tying the other end in the same way.

TOP TIP

Take care when scoring embossed or glitter cardstock to ensure the remaining paper is still usable for future makes

Get cracking

Impress the whole family this Christmas with these snazzy crackers that ooze opulence

If you're looking to be bang on trend with your festive décor and wrapping this season, then incorporating patterns and shades filled to the brim with richness and luxury is where you're headed. We're loving the purples, teals and sparkly golden detailing on Corinne Bradd's mini crackers. Serving a thoroughly modern Christmas, they're guaranteed to give your guests a champagne atmosphere on a bucks fizz budget!



Swan song

Play with toppers and form to achieve an outstanding layered effect

Decadence and innovation is the name of the game with this stunning project from Hunkydory. Pairing an inspired aperture technique with some topper experimentation gives this make an eye-catching effect – our first reaction was to wonder how it was done, and our second was to find out by making it ourselves!

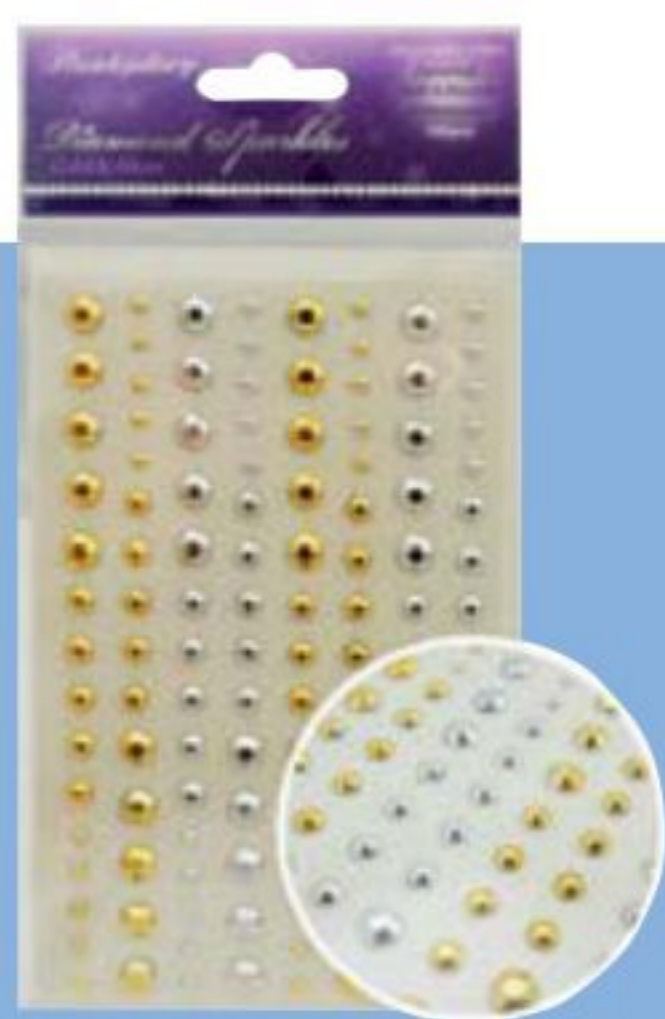
You will need

- › Craft essentials (see p94)
- › Hunkydory Christmas In Style Swan Lake topper set
- › Hunkydory Snowfall acetate sheets

ELEGANT APERTURE

1 Create a side-folding blank, 15cm x 21cm, then cover the front with silver mirri card and patterned paper. Pop out the central oval topper and use the shape as a guide to create an oval aperture through the card front.

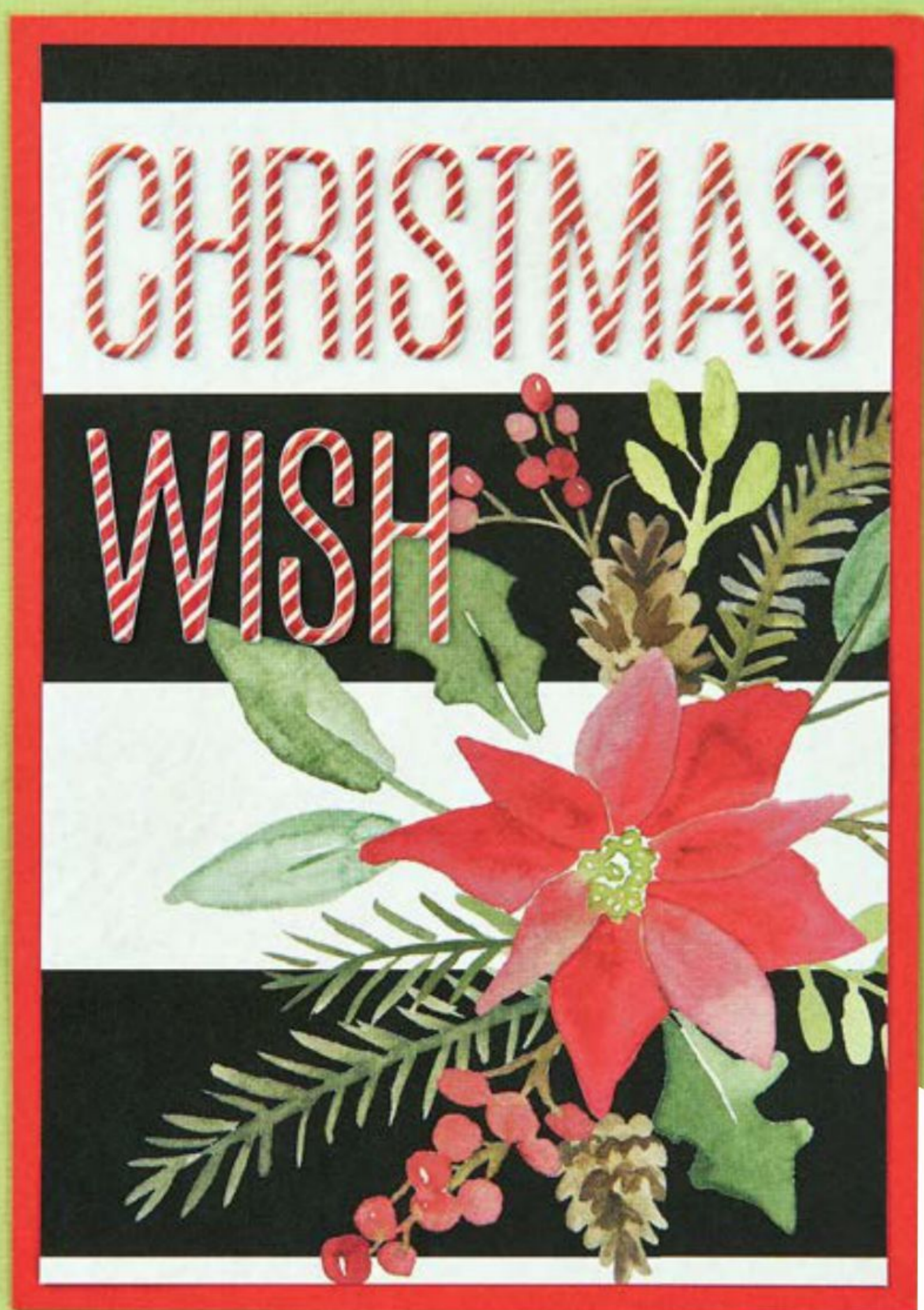
2 Die cut an oval through mirri card. Attach snowfall acetate between mirri card and patterned paper. Stick the outer frames over the top of the aperture with 3D foam pads, then add the topper to the inside of the card. Fix a sentiment to the bottom-right corner and finish with gems.



ADD TO BASKET

Diamond Sparkles gemstones in Gold and Silver, £1.99, hunkydorycrafts.co.uk



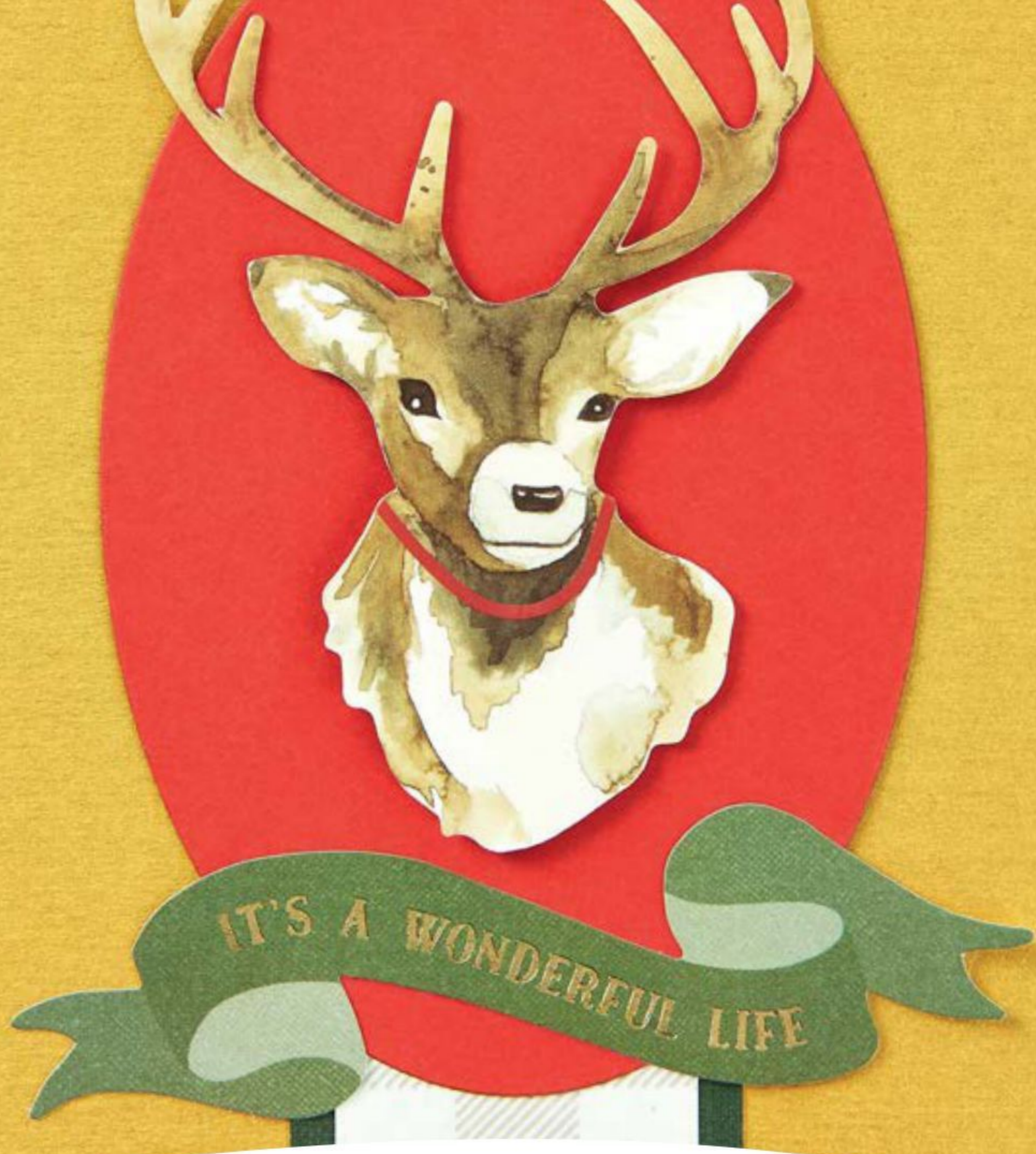


CRAFT
ME QUICK!

Winter wonderland

Create the traditional Christmas vision with these heartwarming designs by Tracey Daykin-Jones





USE RICH COLOURS TO ENHANCE THE FESTIVE FEEL

Cover a white blank with wood effect paper. Layer a strip of beige checked paper onto dark green and secure to the centre of a gold panel. Adhere to the blank and mount a red oval just above the centre. Add a reindeer topper and sentiment sticker on top to complete.

CHRISTMAS

WISH

SUPER QUICK & EASY!

Layer floral striped patterned paper onto a red blank. Add a sentiment using alphabet stickers to finish.



Heidi Swapp Winter Wonderland paper pad, £14.99, heylittlemagpie.com



LITTLE TOUCHES FROM AN UNEXPECTED STAPLE

Cover a white blank with star patterned paper. Cut out a tag from white and layer onto red. Add a sentiment sticker and bear topper on top, then staple red ribbon to the top. Fix to the card using 3D foam pads and embellish with gold star stickers.

Add a piece of double-sided tape to the ribbon before securing in place with a staple for a nice flat finish!



Heidi Swapp Winter Wonderland Cardstock Stickers, £3.99, heylittlemagpie.com



ADD A HOMELY FEEL WITH WOOD EFFECT PAPER

Neutral shades with occasional accents of warmth are ideal colour ranges for Christmas cardmaking

Cover the top third of a white blank with wood effect paper and the remaining area with berry paper. Secure red ribbon horizontally across the join. Adhere a sentiment sticker onto a red circle, then fix onto the card using 3D foam pads. Stick a gold bauble topper to the top to finish.

GOOD WREATH

Spritz your makes with an iconic Christmas classic

Garland-cuts

A Winter's Tale metal die, £9.99, crafterscompanion.co.uk



Sizzix Bigz Plus Hanging Wreath die, £34.99, therange.co.uk

Gemini Monogram Laurel Wreath Foil Stamp die, £9.99, crafterscompanion.co.uk

First (rate) impressions



Mama Makes Magical Christmas Wreath Stamp set, £16.99, mamamakesstore.co.uk



Many Blessings stamp set, visit stampinup.com for stockists



Seasonal wreaths 3D embossing folder, visit stampinup.com for stockists

Quick top-up

Felt Wreath toppers, £1 hobbycraft.co.uk



Assorted Wooden Wreath toppers, £1 hobbycraft.co.uk



Christmas Wreath Glitter toppers, £1 hobbycraft.co.uk

Extra, extra



Papermania wooden wreath shapes, £2.25, cuttingedgecrafts.co.uk

Artemio Secret Garden Wreath paper, 76p, craftelier.com



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YOUR Mixed media special STARTS HERE...



Enter a wonderfully messy world of new techniques this Christmas

Who loves mixed media? We do. You do. Santa does (well, we're pretty sure he does). Especially when it's used to such delightfully eye-catching effect, as Ingrid Vichova has done over the next few pages. Experimenting with a bold yet still totally Christmas colour palette, some nifty die-cutting and a couple of genuinely standout shaker cards, gifting anything from this collection all but guarantees your addition to this year's 'nice' list.



You will need

- › Craft essentials (see p94)
- › Templates from **paper craftermagazine.co.uk**
- › Dies: My Favourite Things Let It Snowflake Too, Stag Trio; Altenew Lace; Lawn Fawn Outside In Stitched Rectangles; Tim Holtz Thinlits Holiday Greens
- › Stamps: Altenew Love Peace Joy; Christmas sentiments
- › Stencils: Altenew Classy Stripes; Tim Holtz Latticework, Dot Fade, Stampers Anonymous Ledger Script
- › Ink pads, Nuvo Diamond Hybrid Merry & Bright
- › Embossing powders: Nuvo Sportscar Red, Turquoise Lagoon
- › Nuvo Crystal Glitter Drops: Blushing Red, Red Sunstone
- › Nuvo Shimmer Powders: Atlantis Burst, Lunar Rocket
- › Nuvo Embellishment Mousse: Fusion Red, Honeydew
- › Cosmic Shimmer Luna Paste, Moonlight Pearl
- › Liquitex light modelling paste
- › We R Memory Keepers Fusible sheet
- › We R Memory Keepers fuse tool
- › Vellum
- › Acetate

ADD TO BASKET

Cosmic Shimmer
Luna Paste in Moonlight Pearl, £5.50,
creative-expressions.uk.com



STRIKING COLOURS

- 1 Cut white card to 10.5cm x 15cm. Add Moroccan Teal ink onto a craft sheet, mist with water and smooch the card into it. Once dry, stencil light modelling paste through the Classy Stripes stencil and leave to dry.
- 2 Heat emboss the sentiment in the centre of a 10.5cm x 14cm acetate sheet using red embossing powder. Die cut several snowflakes and add Luna Paste on top of each one. Die cut a frame using an Outside In Stitched Rectangle die, then attach the acetate panel to the back of the frame.
- 3 Add iridescent glitter and small die-cut snowflakes over the inked panel, then layer the frame on top with 3D foam pads. Trim the edges and fix onto a slightly larger top-folding blank to finish.

SHARP STENCIL

- 1 Apply Fusion Red embellishment mousse through the Classy Stripes stencil onto a section of white card. Once dry, trim the panel to 8cm x 15cm and attach onto a 15cm square top-folding blank.
- 2 Die cut the Lace border and fix it to the top of the stencilled panel. Die cut the Holiday Greens from white and apply Luna Paste on top. Cut poinsettia leaves from white card using the template, then sprinkle Atlantis Burst shimmer powder on top and mist with water.
- 3 Once dry, stamp the Ledger Script using Moroccan Teal ink randomly over the leaves. Shape, assemble, then add red Crystal Glitter Nuvo drops to the centre. Stamp a sentiment near the top-right of the card, then fix the Holiday Greens and the poinsettia to the greeting.





POM-POM PARTY

- 1 Cut a panel of white card, 10cm x 14.5cm. Stencil modelling paste through the Lattice stencil and leave to dry. Sprinkle lightly with Lunar Rocket shimmer powder and activate it with a mist of water.
- 2 Once dry, add shimmer to the raised areas with Honeydew embellishment mousse. Die cut the Holiday

Greens and a deer shape from white. Add Luna Paste to the Holiday Greens and mint ink to the edges of the deer.

- 3 Adhere the die-cut pieces along with a pom-pom trim onto the stencilled panel. Heat emboss a sentiment onto vellum, trim, then fix onto the card panel. Attach to a top-folding blank to finish.

ONLINE ONLY
BERRY CHRISTMAS
 Head to papercraftermagazine.co.uk for details on how to craft this make

TOP TIP
 Mousse is a versatile medium, perfect for adding shimmer to festive projects



SMOOSHED EFFECT

- 1 Snip white card to 11.5cm square. Add Sliced Strawberry ink to a craft mat, mist with water and smooch the white panel into it. Once dry, lightly stamp with the same ink and the Ledger Script stamp. Stencil Luna Paste through the Lattice stencil and leave to dry.

- 2 Trim the edges and adhere onto a 15cm square top-folding blank. Die cut the Lace border, sponge the edges with Moroccan Teal ink and add to the panel. Stamp and cut out a heart and sentiment, layer together, matt onto vellum and secure to the card.

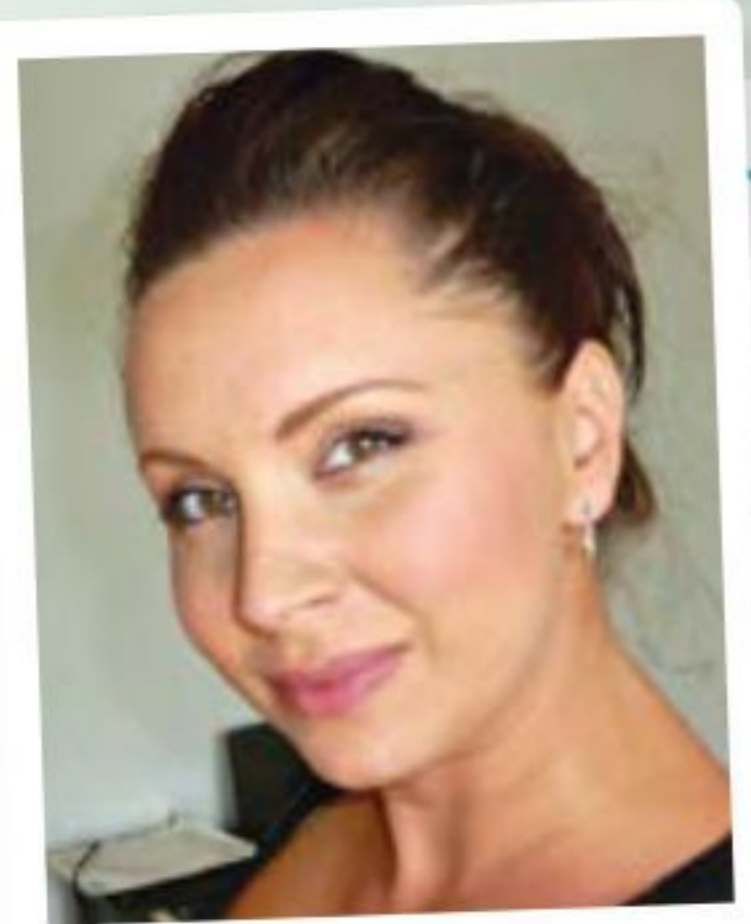


SENTIMENT CARD

1 Sponge Moroccan Teal ink onto a panel of white card and add Honeydew mousse through the Distressed Dots stencil. Leave to dry. Trace from our template or write 'Noel' across the panel and cut the letters out. Sponge around each letter with Moroccan Teal ink.

2 Adhere the letters together. Die cut snowflakes, add Luna Paste on top and leave to dry. Fix larger snowflakes onto the letters. Place between two fusible sheets and fuse around the sentiment.

3 Sprinkle iridescent glitter inside before fusing the plastic sheet all the way around. Secure a snowflake and a sentiment to the front of the letters. Adhere the word panel onto an 8cm x 19cm top-folding blank, then trim to finish.



3 quick questions FOR A MIXED MEDIA EXPERT

Q WHY IS MIXED MEDIA SO GOOD FOR CHRISTMAS MAKES?

A: Christmas is my favourite time of the year, and I think it's borderline essential to add shine and sparkle to your makes by experimenting with mixed media techniques. The amount of freedom mixed media offers is a reason I usually turn to it around this season – you're not limited to glitter to add a bit of shimmer.

Q WHY SHOULD SOMEONE TRY MIXED MEDIA IF THEY HAVEN'T ALREADY?

A: I made a few cards using different mediums to show the various ways you can approach mixed media. The possibilities are endless, and the materials you choose to work with or choose not to work with is entirely up to you – the bottom line is freedom, here! Don't be afraid to get stuck in and craft your own story.

Q WHICH MATERIALS DID YOU USE TO ACHIEVE THE GLOSSY EFFECT?

A: Nuvo Mousse is a great addition to any craft stash. It can be spread using your fingers, adding a touch of shine on top of dry embossing or dried modelling and other pastes. The mousse can be stencilled, diluted with water to paint with, or used to smooch cardstock into. And while heat embossing can provide a subtle shine, the Cosmic Shimmer Luna Pastes add a stunning effect.

IN THE CRAFT ROOM WITH...



MARION EMBERSON

Meet the creative connoisseur behind the brand we all know and love

“I’m often surrounded by mess when I’m on a deadline,” laughs Marion. Sound familiar? We thought as much. “I always clear up before I start on my next project though. Tidy space, tidy mind.” Okay, so perhaps we can’t all relate to Marion’s Marie Kondo-esque discipline, but the benefits she gets from her creative endeavours is a mutual feeling amongst the entire crafting community. “It’s my little bit of escapism. There’s nothing more satisfying than turning something from nothing into your own little work of art.”

“WHILST MY STUDENTS ARE LEARNING FROM ME, I’M ALSO LEARNING FROM THEM... CREATIVES LOVE TO SHARE”

Sharing is caring

The community spirit that’s so core to the world of crafts is something that Marion is proud to belong to and at the heart of her job as WOW! Embossing’s Creative Consultant. “Whilst my students are learning from me, I’m also learning from them...,” she reveals. Despite being one of the leading ladies in crafts, Marion still thrives off the inspiration she gets from fellow crafters. “Creatives just love to share!”

Of course, we had to ask the maestro herself to reveal the secrets behind embossing success. “Clean, dry hands. All of our embossing powders and SPARKLES come in static-free jars, but they don’t like moisture so I always recommend keeping the powders in their jars. Never decant them into plastic containers or use plastic spoons as this will just put the static straight back in. And, as always, heat from underneath to achieve a much smoother finish.”

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WOW! Eco Sparkles Glitter, £4.90 each



Wow! Dual Speed Heat tool, £21.60

Trending blends

Aside from her busy teaching schedule, Marion is one of the leading creatives behind WOW! Embossing’s kaleidoscopic range of blends. “I came up with SPARKLES a few years ago. They’re not just glitters, they’re WOW! glitters and boy are they stunning,” she laughs. Continually keeping a close eye on upcoming trends, Marion’s design process is somewhat methodical. “I either start with a stamp design and imagine what colours would suit the motif, or choose a single colour and go from there.”

When asked what particular blend has proved to be the most successful, she reveals that the Trio range has soared. “Maybe it’s because we put the colours together. The customer can then feel confident that the combo will work perfectly.” As for the next big thing in crafts, the team at WOW! Embossing certainly has some exciting releases coming up. “Oh my, do we have anything exciting coming up! We certainly do, but if I told you...” Marion whispers. Intrigued? Watch this space at wowembossingpowder.co.uk.



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**CRAFTING WOMAN
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STEPHANIE WEIGHTMAN

DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

STEPHANIE WEIGHTMAN



“I’m so thrilled to be nominated! The Best of Craft Awards mean a great deal to us in the crafting world – they show us that what we do is appreciated and that we’re going in the right direction. I’m overwhelmingly thankful for the support from members of the community and I hope you’ll follow us even further into the future as we keep innovating and creating. Thank you!”

STEPHANIE WEIGHTMAN

PROUDEST LAUNCHES IN 2019

Our gorgeous **Pastel Haven Collection** was a big success, launching in May in anticipation of the summer wedding season. The appropriately soothing pastel colours of the Charisma were perfectly suited to these floral die sets, and the reception was fantastic.

The Tattered Lace **Raspberry Roses Collection** (shown here) was also a huge success, incorporating 3-D decoupage whilst being informed by past collections to give crafters the greatest mix-and-match potential between the dies. The collection included an amazing USB of Charisma too!



All our winners are chosen by YOU!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

Back in February, our **Lemon Verbena Collection** introduced an ingenious concept that made fantastic use of Tattered Lace's Link System. The Lemon Verbena Circle, Square and Rectangle die sets included carefully designed edges that lined up and slotted into notches built into the mat dies, allowing the crafter to cut unique mats that could include frames of varying sizes and thicknesses, with total accuracy every time.



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Our **Oasis Floral Garland Collection** earlier in the year included the Foundation Nested dies, which marked the return of essential basic shape dies to the Tattered Lace range. The nine different Foundation

sets each contained 30 dies and comprised useful everyday shapes like squares, labels, and diamonds. You can't overstate the usefulness of simple shapes in a wide range of sizes!

We really outdid ourselves this year with our Christmas collections, but Tattered Lace's **Over the Mantelpiece Collection** really does contain everything a crafter needs when ploughing through that long Christmas card list! It included festive sentiments, fantastic focal point dies with mats, and an absolute wealth of decoupage dies.

WHAT'S NEW FROM TATTERED LACE?

Our **Russet Wreaths Collection** is perfect for rustic and folk-art inspired projects! Also, keep an eye out for our **Reflections die sets**, which take essential shapes and make them more versatile and convenient than ever before, providing split edges for cutting card fronts and making partial cuts to give your projects fascinating dimension.

While we can't give away too much for the near future of Tattered Lace, look for new ways to make partial die-cuts and cut matt layers with even more ease. We're also creating colourful Charismas with renewed focus, to give your dies accompanying artwork that's ready to go.

All our winners are chosen by YOU!

PaperCrafter Bumper Giveaways

Prizes worth £7,000+
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FIVE STIX2 CALENDAR ASSORTMENTS

worth £50 each

Get ready for 2020 and customise your own mini calendar thanks to Stix2 (stix2.co.uk). Included in this selection is biodegradable glitter, a Hot Melt glue gun, the all-important glue sticks, and a calendar. Fill up your decorated diary with birthdays and events so you'll never be making a last-minute project again!



FOUR CRAFTER'S COMPANION KITS

worth £155 each

Take the hassle out of cardmaking and get your hands on the new Gemini Cut & Emboss folders from Crafter's Companion (crafterscompanion.co.uk). Simply pass through your die-cutting machine once for embossed card and an aperture, all in one single product.



ONE TWO-DAY COURSE WITH ACCOMMODATION

worth £500

Have you ever wanted to learn a new skill from an expert? This is the perfect opportunity to indulge that desire and master a fresh craft. West Dean College (westdean.org.uk) is giving one lucky reader the chance to take part in a weekend or two-day short course and stay at the onsite accommodation.



FIVE JEJE PRODUKT ADHESIVE SETS

worth £100 each

JEJE Produkt (jejeprodukt.com) is offering five people the chance to win enough adhesives to complete their stash, with 24 products in each bundle. Perfect for every crafter, there's foam tape, adhesive cut 'n' stick sheets to use alongside dies, cardmaking packs and not forgetting, peel-off stickers to complete your projects with a jazzy touch!

ONE MAKEBOX + CO. SUBSCRIPTION BOX

worth £250

Have handpicked crafts delivered straight to your door when you enter to win a year's subscription to MakeBox + Co (makebox.co). Created by crafter extraordinaire Hannah Read-Baldrey, the boxes are collaborated on by fellow crafters and designers to deliver the most on-trend projects.



FOUR WINSOR & NEWTON PROMARKER SETS

worth £130 each

Alcohol markers are a must-have for every crafter – the crisp colour and translucent ink in Promarkers make for smooth application, and each pen is dual-tipped. Get your hands on one of four packs on offer to have every shade in the Winsor & Newton (winsornewton.com) Promarker collection.



FIVE MAMA MAKES MAGICAL CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

worth £112 each

Prepare for a truly wonderful Christmas, courtesy of Mama Makes (mamamakesstore.co.uk). The beautiful papers, washi tapes and stamps complement each other for a stylish set, or use them separately for colourful greetings.



THREE LAWN FAWN PAPERCRAFTING SELECTIONS

worth £157 each

Create extra cute cards when you win one of three bundles from Lawn Fawn (lawnfawn.com). Inks, dies, stamps and glue are included for each winner, making for a crafty prize you wouldn't want to miss! Use the stamps on their own, or co-ordinate them with the dies for a complete set.



ONE 12-MONTH STRAND AND DELIVER EMBROIDERY SUBSCRIPTION

worth £540

Make the most of your downtime and get this Strand and Deliver (strandanddeliver.com) subscription box sent straight to your door, courtesy of Dizzy & Creative. The innovative embroidery subscription service brings your hobby to you, so you can relax, unwind and create from the comfort of your own home, minus the hassle of having to go to the shops.



TURN OVER FOR MORE!



THREE SPA DAYS FOR TWO

worth £200 each

If you're feeling in need of a little me-time, one of these spa days for two has your name on it! Take a friend or loved one with you to a participating top UK spa on Buyagift (buyagift.co.uk) for this relaxing day with a treatment, full use of the spa facilities and afternoon tea or lunch at your chosen location.

11 CRAFTASCOPE SETS

worth £66 each

Fancy getting your hands on some new dies to liven up your papercrafts? Craftascope (etsy.com/shop/craftascope) is presenting 11 people with the opportunity to add to their collection by giving away six of its Retro Collections and five of the Triskaidecagon nesting and layering die sets. Plus, receive 25% off orders over £50 until 12th December using the code 'CBPC19' at the checkout.



FOUR MAGNOLIA CARDMAKING COLLECTIONS

worth £100 each

Magnolia flowers are beautiful, so why not adorn your papercrafts with them? Stampin' Up! (stampinup.com) is giving away five sets of the collection, worth an amazing £100 each. If a new stamp set and dies, ribbon and plenty of card packs are on your crafty shopping list, then be sure to enter this giveaway pronto!



ONE TRIMCRAFT BUMPER PRIZE

worth £500

Trimcraft (thecraftblog.com) is giving one lucky winner the chance to get a whopping craft bundle with 40 items inside! This insane collection of goodness includes die packs, paper pads, washi tapes, glue pens, and stickers, to name but a few of the amazing items included.



FIVE AMERICAN CRAFTS BUNDLES

worth £100 each

Revamp your stash with the ultimate collection from American Crafts (americancrafts.com). Showcasing some of its most-loved brands, get your hands on a We R Memory Keepers cutting mat, American Crafts card pack, Moxy glitter, a handy Bloom Pouch to keep your tools safe, and there's a selection of crafty accessories thrown in too.

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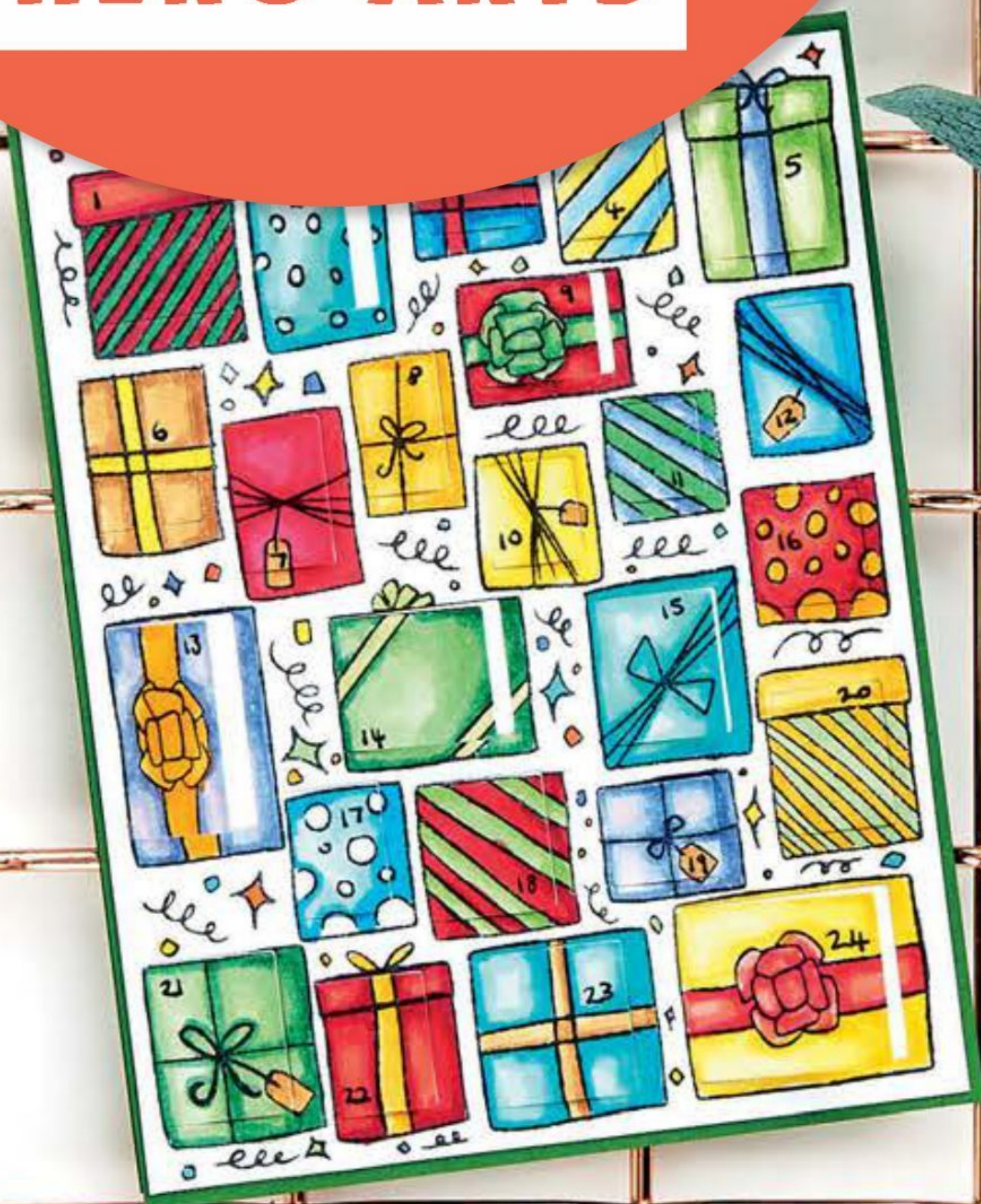
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Peek-a-boo

HERO ARTS

Have a go at the mixed media trend that every crafter is talking about

Advent calendar cards:
we show
you how!



The excitement of counting down the days to Christmas is one of the greatest festive traditions, and with this clever die from Hero Arts, you can now easily incorporate this into your cardmaking. Whether you want to hide Christmas messages, motifs or treats behind your doors, the die gives you a range of options and doors of all sizes to play with. Hero Arts makes coordinating stamps to use on the front which line up to the die and window apertures perfectly. Children and curious adults alike are sure to love these fun, interactive Christmas cards.

Use plenty of water to ensure your watercolour paints blend



GET CRAFT CONFIDENT WITH... CLAIRE RICHARDS

- 1 Bend the doors up slightly before you send your card so that the recipient knows there's something exciting to be found inside
- 2 Stamp your numbers onto the doors in a random order to give your recipient a challenge
- 3 Die cut the Peek-A-Boo die from scrap card first and use as a stamping guide
- 4 Stamp a sentiment letter by letter behind the doors so your recipient can reveal the word as each day goes by

Smart surprises

Following the step-by-step opposite, trim white card to 10.5cm x 13.5cm. Stamp motifs inside the apertures using the guide. Stamp the presents background onto white card, then colour in with marker pens. Line up the Peek-A-Boo die over the top, then die cut. Trim to 10.5cm x 13.5cm. Use a black fineliner to add numbers one to 24, from top-left to bottom-right. Secure the die-cut onto the stamped panel and attach to an 11cm x 14cm green blank.



Be sure to align your stamps and dies carefully for perfect positioning

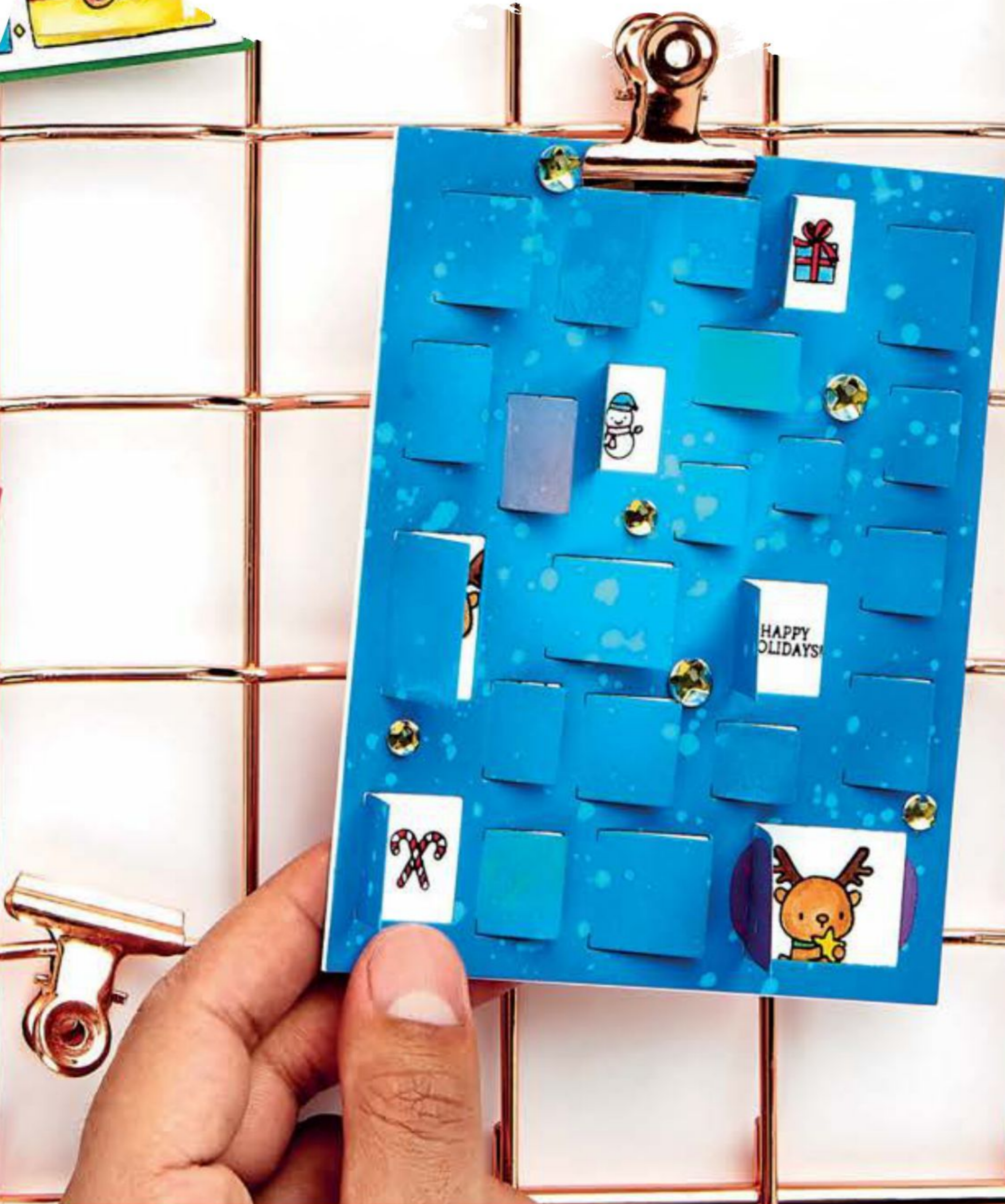
Ink blends

Using the step-by-step below, stamp 24 motifs onto white card using the guide. Die cut the Peek-A-Boo layout from watercolour card and blend with watercolours. Leave to dry, then splatter on drops of white paint. Stamp numbers from one to 24 onto the doors in black, then stamp alternating red and green circles around each one. Stamp snowflakes and sentiments around the doors. Trim to 10.5cm x 13.5cm, line up the die-cut with the stamped panel and adhere.

Attach to a red blank, 11cm x 14cm, to finish.

Spot the reindeer

Using the step-by-step below, cut white card to 11cm x 14cm and stamp reindeers within the large door apertures and mini motifs within the smaller windows. Trim blue card to 11cm x 14cm. Using various shades of blue distress inks, blend from the outside in. Flick on water droplets, then leave to dry. Stamp 'Merry Christmas' in the bottom-right corner. Die cut the inked panel using the Peek-A-Boo die. Mount onto the stamped panel, then adhere to a white blank, 11cm x 14cm. Add sequins and clear dome beads to embellish.



Step-by-step

CLAIRE RICHARDS WALKS YOU THROUGH HER ADVENT CALENDAR GREETINGS



1 Cut white card using the Peek-A-Boo die, then cut off the doors to use as a stamping guide



2 Trim white card to 10.5cm x 13.5cm, then use masking tape to hold the guide in place and begin stamping



3 Add a sentiment or motif within each door aperture, then colour in. Remove the stamping guide



4 Die cut the Peek-A-Boo design again from white, decorate and layer onto the stamped panel, ensuring to line them up perfectly

In 2017...

18 billion

CHRISTMAS CARDS ENDED UP IN THE BIN WHEN THEY COULD HAVE BEEN RECYCLED

The amount of wrapping paper used for presents was enough to wrap around the equator nine times

1 Colourful confetti

Tired of finding little end pieces of card that are never quite big enough to use? Make your own confetti, perfect for filling shaker cards, as well as events like weddings, bar mitzvahs, parties and more. Use a heart-shaped punch to create little shapes and scatter them across your guests' tables.

MINI MEMORIES

Kill two birds with one stone by using scrap bits of material to create a birthday gift guaranteed to be cherished. Fill an old jam jar (yes – more recycling!) with little pieces of paper, detailed with personalised messages written on them. Compliments, funny stories or even daily reminders can make great pick-me-ups for someone close to your heart.

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Rehash YOUR STASH

Five nifty tricks on how to reuse your crafting stock

WORDS BY AMY ARFI

We owe it to our planet to think green this Christmas and make use of the bits and pieces we already own. Refuse to spend more and reuse what you've got is our latest mantra. Now repeat after me – I will not buy more cardstock!

You can't beat the feel-good factor of actually using materials you've hoarded for years... just resist the temptation to replace them immediately!

CORINNE BRADD, DESIGNER

3 Life in miniature

To make maximum use from teeny tiny scraps of material and thread, you can put together miniature bunting. Ideal for inside a doll's house or even to use on a card, all you need to do is cut small triangles and glue or sew on the thread. Add lettering for a personalised touch. Easy peasy.

5 Present TAGS

With the received cards that don't quite make it to the beloved memory box, try cutting up and dismantling the best ones to turn into gift tags. This will save costs and waste by reusing some of the beautifully designed cards and put a stop to your spending. Add ends of ribbon and you've made yourself a whole new set.

Pop a piñata

4 We all know the drill when it comes to paper mâché. Blow up a balloon, cover in paste, stick layers of paper on and then leave until dry. Why not use multicoloured scraps to make a piñata? Make sure you fill your balloon with treats to start with and, once popped, they will remain inside the colourful hard shell. Remember to decorate the outside!

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IS HOW MUCH MORE WASTE THE UK PRODUCES AT CHRISTMAS

Masterclass

TECHNIQUE
Ornate
quilling

Bauble showstoppers

Become a quilling master and add a new dimension to your Christmas cards this season



You will need

- › Craft essentials (see p94)
- › Quilling papers, 3mm wide: pink, red, purple, green, ivory, gold
- › Dies: circle, oval



SENTIMENT BAUBLE

Adhere a purple oval shape onto a cream blank and quill 'Joy' from metallic edged paper. Glue two branches of quilled leaves and fix open coils, adding tight coils around. Create holly leaves from 40cm lengths of green and secure to the corners of the card.



ADD TO BASKET

3mm quilling strips in Begonia, Mid Green, Pink and New Lilac, £1.75 each, jjquilling.co.uk

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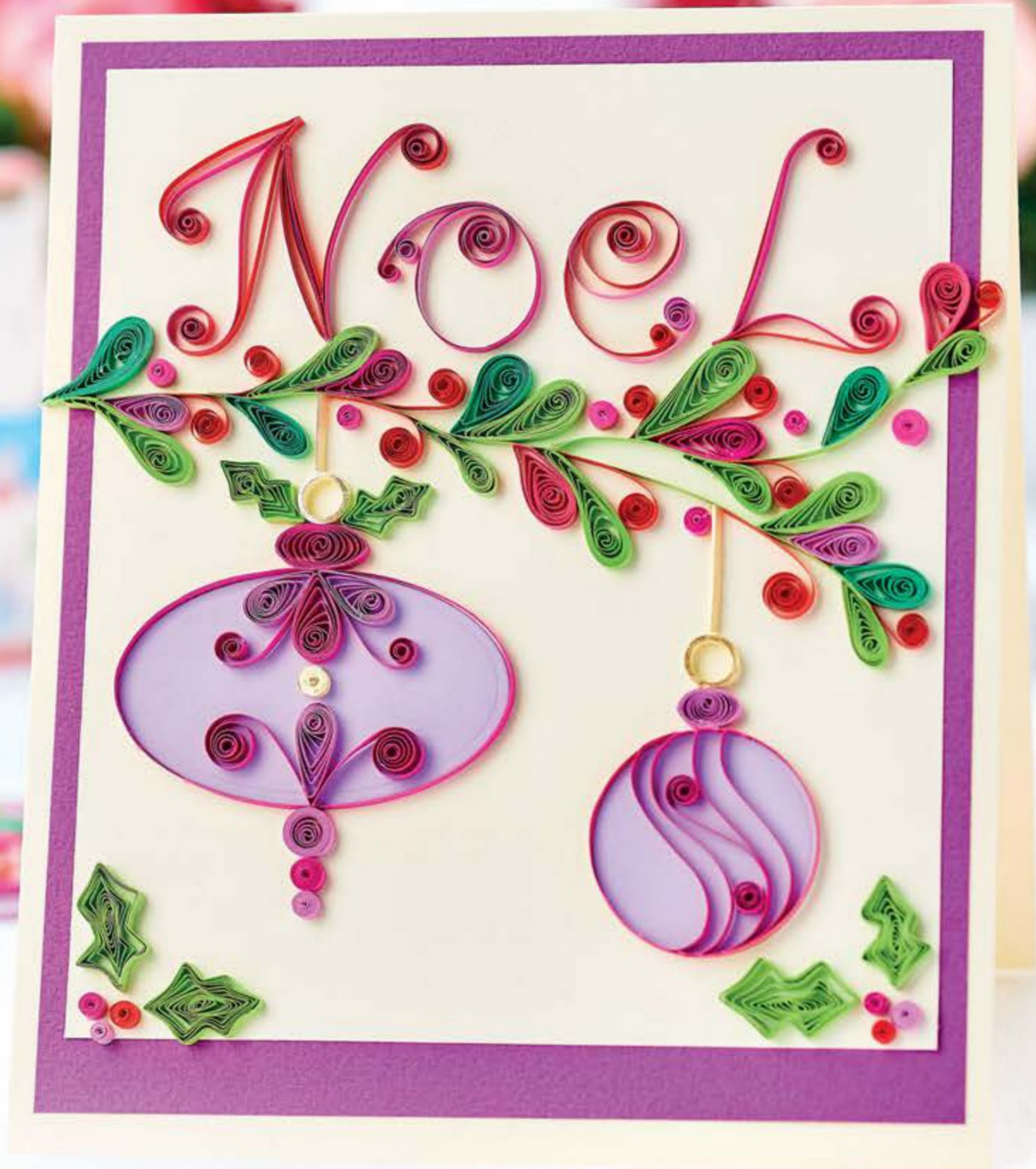
Create a 'Noel' sentiment and adhere to the top of a cream blank. Make oval and circle bauble bases, then wrap with paper. Add a branch between the sentiment and fill the baubles with quilled coils, then embellish the decorations to finish.

TOP TIP

Say goodbye to bulky scissors and use a pair of thread snippers for precise cutting instead

ORNATE DECS

Make oval and circle baubles, then decorate. Fix tight coils and strips of paper to achieve a wave effect on the oval bauble and add a flower shape onto the circular one using open coils.



TECHNIQUE Ornate quilling



ELIZABETH'S TOP TIPS

Vibrant paper strips

Taking pride of place on our Christmas trees, baubles are a seasonal staple, but nothing beats handcrafted ones. Now you can make your own quilled decs with me as I show you how it's done! Simply dig out your basic shaped dies to create the bauble base, then adorn with quilled motifs. We've opted for bright colours to complete the look, plus metallic edged papers to add a warm festive glow.

Tackle the technique

When creating words or sentiments out of quilling strips to embellish your cards with, remember that it is often easier to divide the words up into sections that join letters together. This enables you to create a group of letters with one strip. This is particularly easier when creating a soft, flowing script sentiment as there are no harsh corners to perfect. For achieving rigid, more structured fonts, use a lightweight cardstock instead of quilling strips to create a stronger shape.



STEP-BY-STEP Quilled Christmas baubles



1 Die cut three shapes from cream card, stack, glue and fix onto a lilac disc. Take a 3mm wide strip of pink paper, wrap around the oval twice and adhere



2 Take a 40cm length of green and make a loose closed coil. Pinch into a teardrop, bend the end and attach to the purple card with a strip of green. Add green, purple and pink coils



3 Using a needle tool, make open coils from short lengths of red and glue to the branch. Add a purple coil to the top of the bauble, then secure a strip of paper to join the bauble to the branch



4 Add a sentiment by coiling paper strips into letters, then glue to the oval. Mount the lilac circle onto a larger circle of purple card, punch a hole in the top and thread ribbon through to finish

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Joanna Sheen Signature Dies

A lovely birthday card made with Joanna Sheen's Signature Dies – Elegant Cat SD693 and Essential Words – Bravo Set Small SD452 – simple to make with such good dies.

joannasheen.co.uk



Butterflies and more...

Have you checked out Artisan Designs latest rubber stamps? Here are just two of many designs for you to add to your craft stash this month.

artisandesigngroupuk.com



Papermaze

This beautiful range of 8x8 papers from Authentique are now available online along with many more products perfect for your festive projects.

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ASK THE Experts

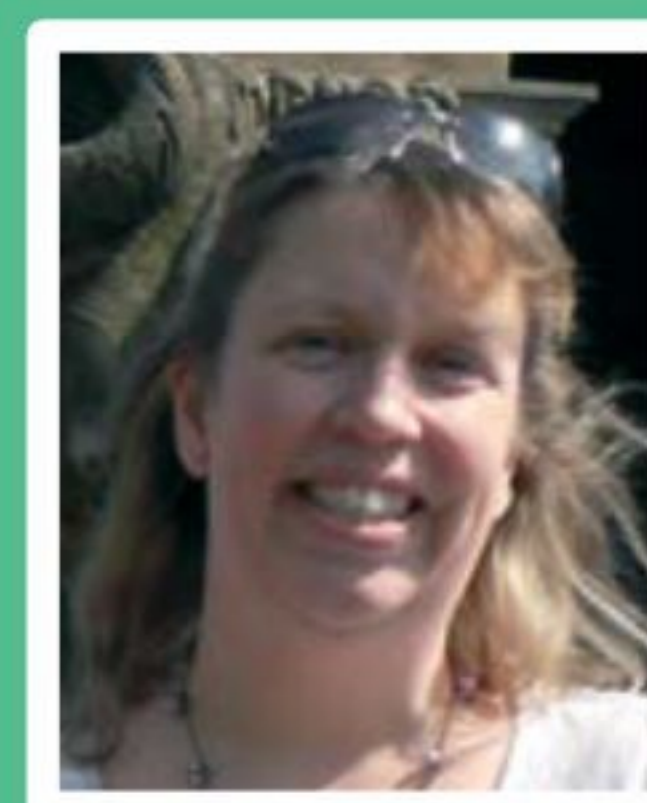
Here to answer your crafty queries



VICKI BOUTIN



JOANNA SHEEN



HELEN FITZJOHN



I've got shaped wooden toppers in my stash.

How can I use these on my Christmas cards?

HELEN FITZJOHN SAYS:

Wooden shapes are perfect for achieving a lovely festive folk art style. To make my easy card, simply create a white blank, 15cm square. Matt grey card on top followed by white and another layer of red. Apply a white base coat of paint to a 10cm wooden circular embellishment, then leave to dry. Download the bird motif from papercraftermagazine.co.uk and trace the design onto the decoration, then paint. Leave to dry, then thread with ribbon and tie to the card. Finish with a strip of grey along the bottom and fix a sentiment on top.

Helen Fitzjohn shows you how to play with textured toppers with a twist



TOP TIP

Why not allow your recipient to remove the wooden decoration from the card to keep and hang on their tree?



Can I print onto vellum and acetate from my printer at home?

JOANNA SHEEN SAYS:

It is possible, but there are a few things you should consider beforehand. Vellum is tricky because you must not allow too much ink to go on the sheet, so be sure to adjust the print quality setting to low. Printing on acetate is a little bit easier to grasp,

however you should ensure you are using inkjet acetate and print on the rough side only. Normal printer settings are a good place to start. If you experience feeding issues, simply attach a sheet of standard printer paper to the acetate or vellum along one of the shorter edges with double-sided tape. Ensure this end feeds into the printer first to act as a carrier sheet.

Technophobes, rejoice! Joanna Sheen tackles your printing problems

How can I add depth to my stencilled motifs?

COLETTE SMITH SAYS:



Stencilling has become very popular in the craft world, especially when used with

cardmaking and also for home décor. It's easy to get started – a thin sheet, usually made from Mylar with a design cut out, is laid onto a surface, then ink or paint applied using a brush or sponge. I have chosen a stencil with bold bauble motifs and teamed it with bright, punchy colours to create a decorative background. This Claritystamp stencil uses an ingenious wheel, so that only one image is exposed at a time, meaning you are less likely to go over the edge and ruin your work. A simple sentiment is then added to create a bright, jolly card for Christmas.

Take note of Colette Smith's top stencilling secrets for the Christmas season

TOP TIP

To build up your colours gradually, dab any excess paint onto scrap paper to prevent the initial layer from being too dark



STEP-BY-STEP *Brush stencilling*



1 Trim stencil card to 11cm x 15cm. Position a bauble stencil onto the card, top-left. Using a stencil brush, lightly tap lime paint over the image



2 Pick up more paint with the brush, then work around the edges, blending lightly into the centre to create highlights



3 Repeat with teal, pink and red paint until the entire card is covered with stencilled baubles



4 Cover a white blank, 10.5cm x 14.5cm, with teal card. Trim the stencilled panel to 10cm x 14cm, then matt onto the blank. Finish with a sentiment and green bow

QUICKFIRE question

Who influenced you to get into cardmaking?



"My wonderful sister got me into crafting. We now share an amazing hobby together"

DOTTY BOUCK-STANDEN, READER



"My mother. She's always working on something creative and it didn't take long for the artistic gene to pass on"

DANIELLE DE GRUCHY LORD, READER



"Crafting has always run in my family. I used to craft with my nan when I was younger"

LYN CLIFTON, READER



"I was inspired to take up cardmaking after picking up a craft magazine - I've never looked back since"

REEDA SARDAR, READER



"I got into papercrafting after watching Dawn Bibby on QVC. Her demos and passion blew me away"

SHARON NOBLE, READER

Next month's question:

What have you crafted for your home this Christmas?

Share your answer by tagging us on Facebook @papercraftermag or emailing

amelia.bolton@aceville.co.uk

What effects can I create using watercolour brush markers?



VICKI BOUTIN SAYS:

These colourful pens are multi-functional tubes of magic! The watercolour is deeply pigmented and they have a nylon brush tip for easy application. The base of the pen contains a push valve to aid flow and prevent dripping. All of these features come together to create a marker that can be used in a variety of fun ways. You can use them for hand lettering and colouring in stamped

motifs, but I love making arty backgrounds with them. Simply create a painted background with the markers, water and a piece of plastic, then place a stencil on top and lift some of the colour off with a baby wipe to reveal a fun pattern. Watercolour brush markers also blend beautifully with other mediums like Creative FX Iridescent Glaze.

Fancy giving Vicki Boutin's brush markers a go? Visit americancrafts.com for stockists



I would like to use washi tape on my cards, but I'm unsure of what to do with it. Can you give me some ideas, please?



CORINNE BRADD SAYS:

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Quick jargon buster

- › **BRADS:** paper fasteners with split pins that pierce paper then pull apart to secure on the reverse
- › **DECOUPAGE:** strips of paper are pasted to cover an object, or creating a 3D image by layering paper, where the smaller parts of a repeated image are cut out and added to the original image for a raised effect
- › **DIE-CUTTING:** a die-cutting machine cuts out shapes from paper, card and other materials. Sandwich a metal die over your material then feed it through the machine. The pressure on the die creates the cut
- › **MATTING:** the method of layering different sizes of paper or card pieces together
- › **ORIGAMI:** the traditional Japanese art of folding paper to create 3D shapes
- › **SANDING:** using a sanding block to create a rough texture on the face or edges of a piece of card
- › **SCORING:** the method of running a scoring tool over a piece of card to create a straight line that can then be folded

Measuring, folding and cutting tools

- › Bone folder
- › Craft knife
- › Cutting mat
- › Decorative-edged scissors
- › Die-cutting machine
- › Scissors
- › Scoring board
- › Steel ruler

Craft essentials

- › Adhesives
- › Card blanks
- › Cardstock, different colours
- › Eraser
- › Gems
- › Patterned papers
- › Pen and pencils
- › Ribbons
- › Twine



Top tips for... **BETTER BRAYING**

- › Always ensure that your brayer is cleaned thoroughly before use as they pick up dust or dirt very easily, which can affect the quality of your print
- › It's important to always brayer on a flat surface to ensure an even ink spread
- › Using hand sanitiser mixed with inks creates a good gel consistency which dries quicker
- › You can also use your brayer to press down paper when die cutting or for rolling out ink for speed

STEP-BY-STEP

BRAYER BLENDING



Apply three to four drops of hand sanitiser gel to a Stampendous Creative Palette and spread with a brayer



Using ink refills, add three drops of each on top of the gel and mix in. Using a blunt tool, bubble wrap and a plastic fork, create patterns in the ink. Lay white card on top and smooth down. Peel off and dry



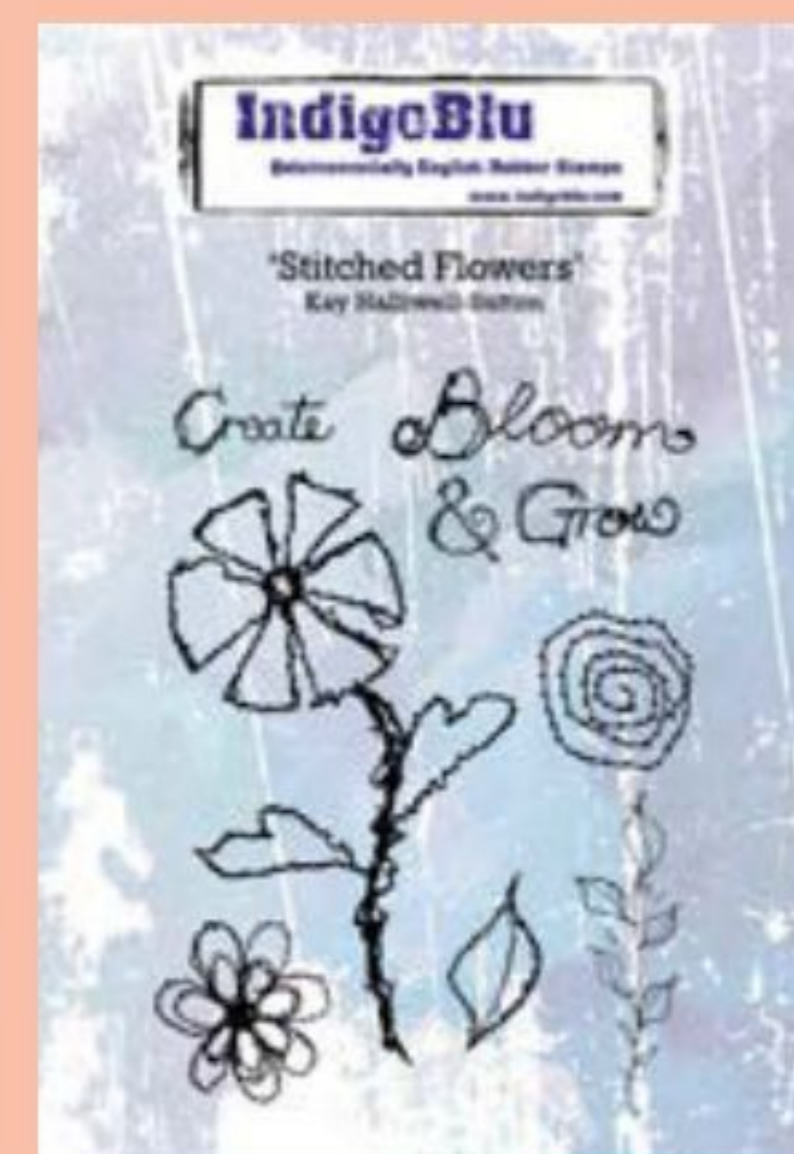
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Layer the stamped image onto red. Edge a white blank with ink and attach the image to the front. Finish with a sentiment and add liquid pearls

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CHRISTMAS CRAZY

When we sat down to talk with Jo Bray, it wasn't long before Christmas started to dominate the discussion.

As Managing Director of West Design, a worldwide manufacturer and distributor of art and craft, education and stationery products and home to some of your favourite brands including Papermania, Xcut and Craft Planet, you would expect a certain level of excitement in the run-up to craft's most important season – but they're obsessed, in the best possible way. "We work closely with all the major art and craft retailers – it's their busiest time of the year so it's ours too. We start work on our Christmas ranges over a year ahead of time; in fact, we've just started looking at Christmas 2020! Our Product Development team is buzzing with great ideas. We have our own team of designers creating beautiful paper packs and embellishments."

That team has been working around the clock and as such, we here at PaperCrafter have more must-have products to add to our wishlists. "We're excited, and we're sure your readers will be excited to see our latest paper collections hit the shelves! Merriest Christmas by Papermania takes traditional festive themes and gives them

a folksy twist. We've combined soft sage greens and warm reds to give a heart-warming, classic look. Santa and his woodland animal companions are embellished with intricate details, giving every paper design, die-cut or decoupage a lovingly hand-crafted feel. The Enchanted Swan by Papermania is our magical new collection, sparkling with white iridescent glitter. Our very own

"Craft is such a tactile and interactive experience; it's our mission to get our lovely products in people's hands"

designer, Aimee, has used a muted palette of pastel shades to give the whole collection a serene, fairytale feel. If you love feathers, florals and snowflakes, you'll love this!"

It doesn't stop there. Fans of the wildly popular Santoro's Gorjuss range take note: "We've released another 20 designs of collectable rubber stamps. And for the first time this year, we've gone fully festive, welcoming some unique Christmas themed Gorjuss girls! We haven't forgotten the core stash either, extending our range of massively popular craft essentials, Create Christmas. We have 60 new additions, including some great light-up shadow boxes and assorted packs of wooden shapes. Craft kits are really on the up. They're such a great way

to dabble in a new craft, and they're a perfect Christmas gift. Our popular hands-on range Simply Make is now over 40 kits strong, with everything from needle felting to candle making, and even pyrography. Starting at just £4.99, they make a great stocking filler!" Jo gushes.

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