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Hello Crafters...

Welcome to this **bright and fresh** spring issue. We have the perfect excuse to craft this month with Mother's Day falling at the end of March. Our designers have been busy coming up with **wonderful cards** and gift ideas to celebrate mums and grannies of all ages in true handmade style! Turn to page 14 for Kitty Frampton's classic floral greeting using **pretty printables**, plus there's a **gorgeous stitched pamper set** (p83) and some aptly named 'Mother Hen' pebble painting on page 19.

Fancy something different? Fantasy film, metal embossing, making your own gift wrap, as well as decorating with chalk paints are all included in this month's menu. Be inspired by our round-up of the **best crafty breaks**, courses and workshops on offer this summer (p58). And that's not all, we also announce the champions of the **International Craft Awards** – find out if your favourite has won on page 91.

The ladies at the WI share their highlights and campaign news (p26) – why not find a local branch and join up? It's a great way to get involved and meet like-minded folk.

Our **lovely songbird stamps** will make cards and papercrafts to suit all sorts of celebrations from a birthday to just saying 'hello'. So, what are you waiting for? Put on the kettle and tuck in!

Sarah x

Sarah Crosland, Editor







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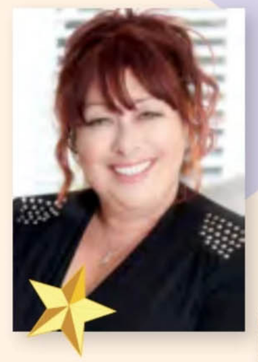


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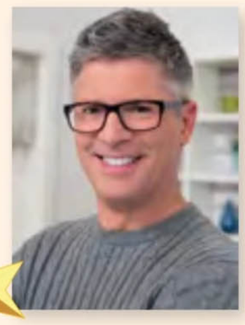
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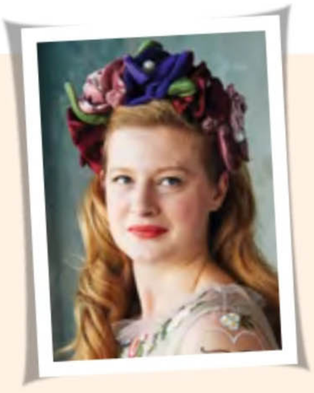
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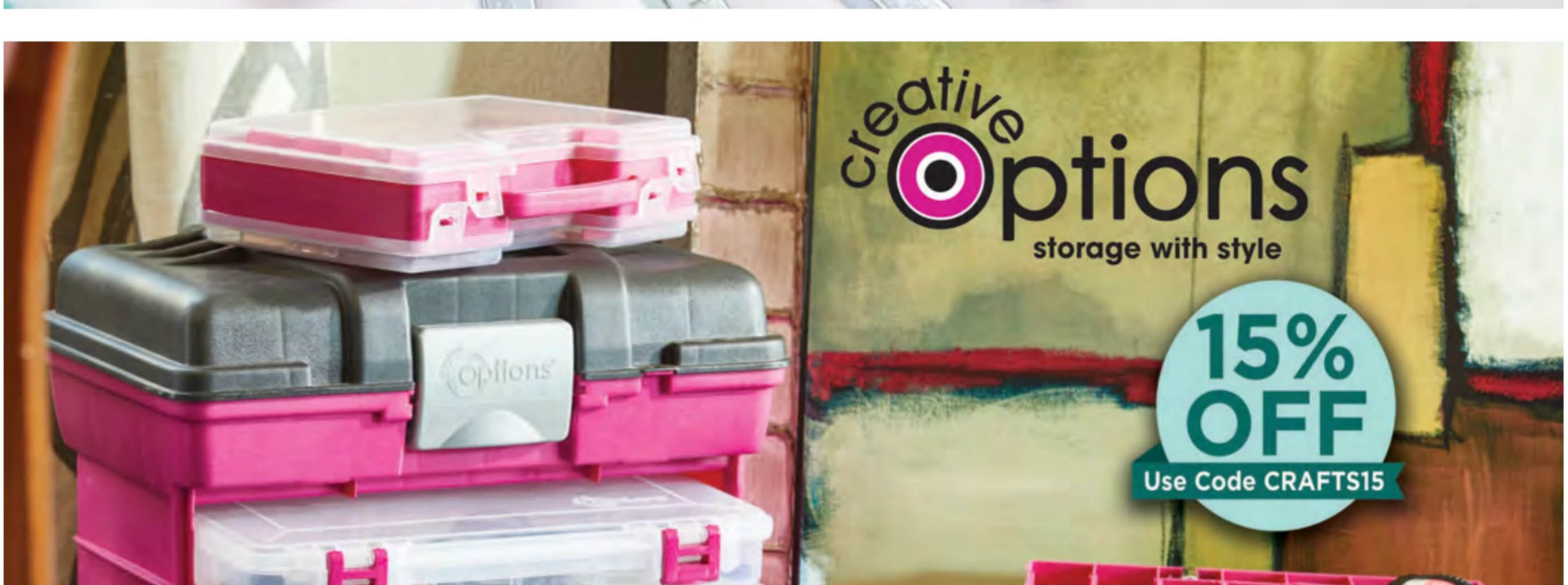
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Welcome to my world

Sewing Bee's **Stuart Hillard** gives his mum the recognition she deserves and encourages you to do the same

Mother's Day is celebrated on the 31st March and it's really a religious rather than a secular holiday, falling every year on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Traditionally, this special day had little to do with one's biological mother, rather it was the day when all Christians were expected to visit their 'Mother church' – the largest church or cathedral in their area – rather than the 'Daughter church' they visited every other Sunday. This naturally led to family reunions and the opportunity for children who might have moved away for work to see their parents. Girls, in particular those working in service, were able to return to their family homes and visit their mothers, causing the tradition that we recognise today to become a formal holiday and a celebration of motherhood.

ONE IN A MILLION...

Talking about Mother's Day set me off thinking about my own mum and the reasons I'm so very grateful to her and the things she's taught me. It was this wonderful lady who, when I was just three, taught me to hold knitting needles in my podgy fingers and make a very loose and loopy garter stitch. Money was tight growing up and we didn't have a well-stocked craft stash as I do now but she always managed to find the bits and pieces I needed to make whatever I had planned. She'd unpick old garments and unravel knitting so that I could have yarn to work with, she made do with what was available and taught me to do the same. Mum showed me how to make pom-poms and braids, and she passed on her love of growing things and helped me to create miniature gardens with seedlings and cuttings from the



backyard. She also taught me to cook, everything from little cakes and jam tarts to boiling potatoes and proper gravy, and every time I put a meal on the table I'm reminded that it was mum who inspired that love of home cooking and the ability to feed myself and others so well.

LIFE LESSONS...

Mum taught me how to hold a conversation, the value of good table manners and the importance of not speaking with my mouth full. She taught me how to say important things like 'thank you' and 'sorry', and she always believed that something would turn up no matter what the challenge might be. Regardless of what life has thrown my way, the things mum taught me have stood me in good stead and Mother's Day is a great opportunity to show her how much she still means to me.

HANDMADE HEART...

Making a gift for Mother's Day is a great way to show your mum how important she is, but aren't the very best gifts the ones that are really personal? If you're a papercrafter, then scrapbook pages, photograph montages, framed prints, a keepsake box or even an old baby picture in a personalised frame are great presents that take just a little time but absolutely recognise the bond between a mother and her children. If you've gotten into the current trend for brush lettering and calligraphy, a framed list of the top ten things mum taught you combines your love of craft with your admiration for family. Not every lesson my mum taught me was something fun like knitting or sewing but those lessons were valuable nonetheless. It's the perfect way to acknowledge that some of the hardest battles were for a very good reason!

PRECIOUS MOMENTS...

Another great gift is to spend quality time together through crafting; whether that's by making something special, a joint project or taking a class that you'll both enjoy. Perhaps your mum tried to teach you something years ago and gave it up, so maybe now would be a better time. I know that my mum still wants me to need her and indeed I do, but sometimes in my grown-up life, I forget that she still has good advice to give and will always have my back and best interests at heart. If your mum isn't around to share Mother's Day with, spend time with the women in your life who fill that role and show them how much you care.

Stuart xx



Coffee break make

Floral Fancy

The best way to show your mum how much she means to you? With a handmade card of course! Kitty Frampton's pretty pink design has a wonderfully elegant look which is surprisingly simple to re-create at home. Plus, with several patterned papers used to make an interesting background, it's a great stash buster too!

Essentials...

- Printed Art Sheets, Lili Of The Valley, Pretty Flowers
- Card: white, beige
- Paper, assorted pink patterns
- Punch, butterfly
- Embellishments
- Adhesives

1 Create a white blank, 12cm x 13.5cm. Mount pink patterned paper to beige card and glue to the face of the blank.

2 Fix spotty paper, 10cm x 11cm, at the centre of the greeting. Matt striped pink paper, 4cm x 11cm, to white and secure in place as shown.

3 Mount the floral topper onto beige and attach with foam pads. Print a sentiment, then trim and back with card. Fix in place with foam pads.

4 Embellish with adhesive gems and a pink bow. Punch two butterflies from white and glue at the right-hand side to finish. **CB**

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Lunch Date

This summer get together with friends and neighbours for a Big Lunch weekend to share food, refreshments and a chin-wag. It's a glorious moment of fun that everyone, anywhere can share, so bookmark 1st and 2nd June, 2019 and do your bit for the community. Starter packs, tips and ideas are available at **thebiglunch.com**



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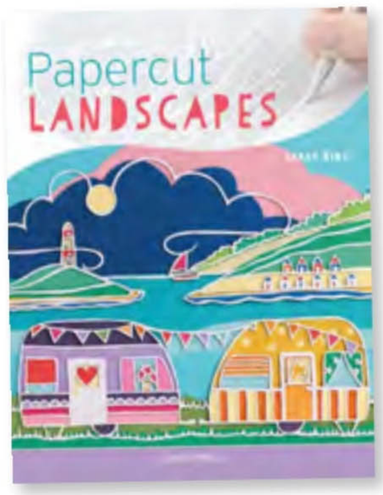
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2 *Making Soap* by Kathryn Landmann, £8.99. **searchpress.com**



3 *Garden Stitch Life* by Kazuko Aoki, £18.99. **waterstones.com**



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Magic Moments

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PLACES to see

LOOK FORWARD TO THESE DAYS OUT IN 2019

28th Feb - 3rd March, Knitting & Stitching Show, Olympia: The perfect opportunity to re-stock your yarn stash, learn to knit, master the art of tailoring and more at this action-packed event. **theknittingandstitchingshow.com**

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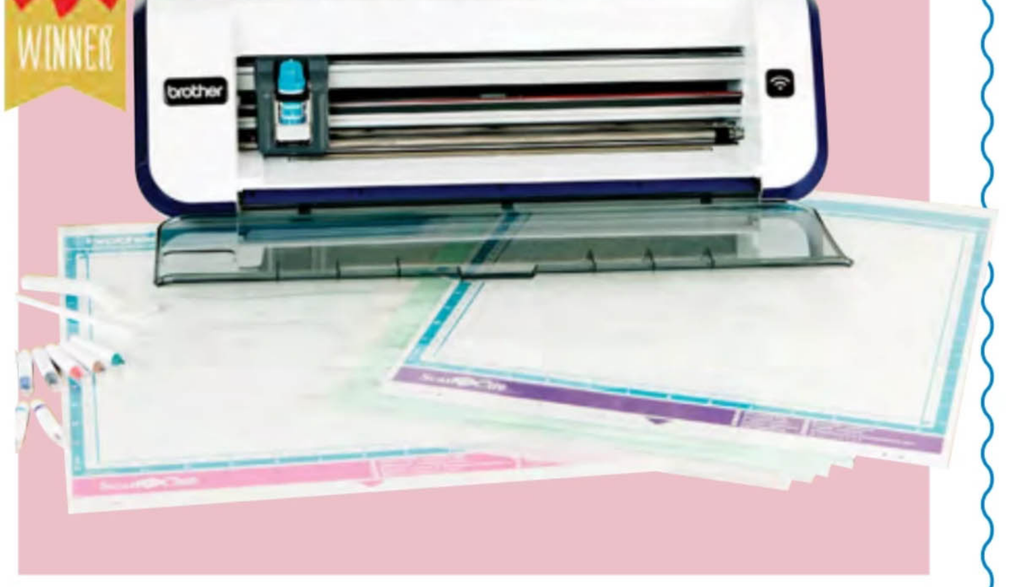
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Paint springtime motifs

Mother Hen Duo

Surprise your mum with a greeting which has its own secret. When you pull the tab under the delicately painted mother hen and her chicks, mini photos of you both are revealed. Match your card and gift by crafting some handpainted pebbles too – the sweet message and flowers are sure to impress!



Essentials...

- Card: white, pale blue
- Paper: yellow patterned, watercolour
- Mountboard
- Acrylic paint: yellow, green, red, blue, orange, brown
- Varnish
- Wooden pebbles
- Adhesives

Mother Hen Card

1 Using the templates, trace the hen and chicks onto watercolour paper, 5.5cm x 14cm. Paint using watery acrylic. Add cornflowers, then stick to pale blue card and cut out with a narrow border at the top and bottom.

2 Trim a scallop border from watercolour paper and paint on blue cornflowers and hearts. Fix behind the main panel. Glue mountboard strips, 1cm wide, to the reverse to create a channel for a hidden photo.

3 Cover mountboard, 5cm x 14cm, with yellow and blue, then add the photo motifs and your own images. Fold a white blank, 15cm square. Matt yellow patterned paper, 14cm square, to the front.

4 Fix the main panel to the card front, then slot the photo panel in place. Add 5mm strips of blue to the top and bottom. Print the sentiment and attach to the card front to finish.





Painted Pebbles

1 Cover the pebbles with white paint, then use the templates to trace a design in pencil. Fill in with paint, then add a freehand scallop around the edge.

2 Print the Mother's Day verse onto white paper. Cover with varnish and wait for the paper to become translucent. Wipe off the varnish, then leave to dry upright.

3 When dry, cut the verse out and glue to the wooden pebble. Add dots of blue paint and cornflowers to finish. **CB**



"To create cornflowers, paint a simple crosses. Finish with a tiny dot of darker blue in the centres"

Helen Fitzjohn, Designer

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Best of Friends

Afternoons spent with pals drinking a cuppa are the best – there's nothing quite like a warm brew and talk of crafting. Kitty Frampton's sweet design uses stamps and stencils to dream up a delightful scene that you can gift to your bestie to show how much you enjoy their company.

Essentials...

- Card, coloured
- Stamps, My Favorite Things, Friends At First Sip
- Stencil, My Favorite Things, Brick
- Distress Ink, Aged Mahogany
- Copic Markers
- Embellishments
- Adhesives



1 Cut and fold white card to create a blank, 10cm x 14cm. Trim white card, then attach the stencil onto it and brush brown ink through using a tool, brush or sponge.

2 Mount onto coloured card and fix onto the front of the blank. Cut a strip of white and gently blend grey ink, making it darker at the top, then glue onto the greeting.

3 Stamp the images onto white stamping card and colour with alcohol markers. Carefully cut out the images and attach onto the card using foam pads.

4 Stamp the sentiment onto white card and attach in place with foam pads. Attach two enamel dots either side and add pearls to the corners to finish. **CB**



"I fix my stencils in place with low tack masking tape or washi tape; this prevents the stencil from moving"

Kitty Frampton, Designer

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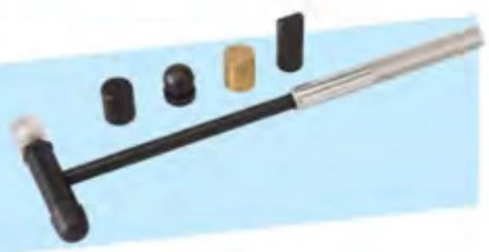
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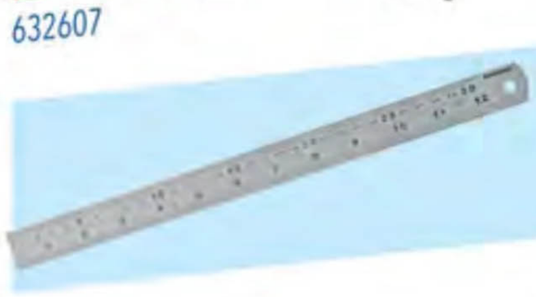
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Essentials...

❤ Stamps, My Favorite Things, Adorable Elephants, Fairy Happy, Ewe Are The Best ❤ Dies, Die-namics, Stitched Clouds, Wish, Celebrate ❤ Ink-pads, Distress Oxide, Peacock Feathers, Evergreen Bough, Cracked Pistachio ❤ Pens, Copic ❤ Sequins ❤ Ribbon

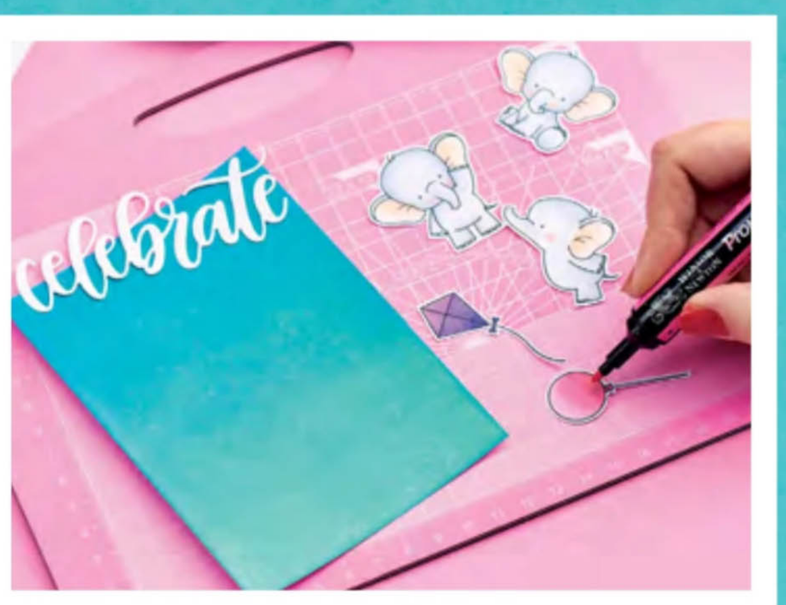
HOW TO...



1 Trim white card, 10cm x 14cm. Gently blend the darkest ink using a distress tool or stencil brush onto one end of the white card; this should cover one third. Make the edges dark by applying extra ink and slightly more pressure.



2 Blend the next colour by going over a small part of the first. Work by using circular motions with the brush. Blend the third lightest colour at the bottom of the panel again, going over the second slightly.



3 If needed, add more of the darker shade. Stamp the images onto white card, then colour and cut out. Die-cut 'Celebrate', then attach foam pads to the back of the images and sentiment.



4 Add ribbon onto the panel and stick to the card. Adhere all the images and sentiment in place. Glue sequins onto the background to complete the greeting.

TOOL KIT

Get the look with Kitty's must-have products



Distress Oxide ink-pads, £3.95, **craftydevils papercraft.co.uk**

My Favorite Things Stitched Clouds die, £9.25, **sevenhills crafts.co.uk**



My Favorite Things Adorable Elephants stamp set, £13, **diestodiefor.com**



Copic Original Marker Pen set of 12, £65.50, **cultpens.com**



Mix it up

Using an assortment of tools allows for even better results; my favourites are distress tools and stencil brushes but you can also try Ink Dusters, dusting brushes or sponges.

Get it right

The best ink to use for alcohol-based marker pens is Memento as this doesn't bleed or smudge and is fast drying. If you are using water-based products with watercolours, then try Versafine as it will not bleed the images; it takes a little longer to dry but no more than a few minutes.

Time to experiment

Don't be afraid to mix different colours together, just play around with the shades until you are happy with the end result.

Next month...

Julie Hickey provides the answers to her commonly asked question: "Which ink-pad for which application?"

Your WI *Highlights*

Discover what crafty campaigns the **Women's Institute** have been up to







OUR CRAFT HEROES

"I am a member of Kilsby WI and I run contemporary felt picture making workshops in the Midlands," says Karen Wyeth. "These are half day sessions where I teach small groups how to work with pure merino wool to create a picture using the traditional wet felting method. It's lots of fun, with plenty of chat and homemade cake! I started teaching these workshops with my own WI as guinea pigs – now they are open to all."





Denman Diary

LEARN SOMETHING NEW AT THE WI COLLEGE

26th April 2019
Crochet Pattern Reading
Discover how to unpick simple and complex written instructions, as well as writing and drafting your own patterns!

28th-30th April 2019
Ribbon Embroidery: Landscapes and Seascapes
Sew silk ribbons combined with threads to create beautiful scenes, which can be framed, or used as book or cushion covers.

28th April-1st May 2019
Watercolours: Glorious Tulip
Go through all the basics of watercolour painting, plus the history of tulips in art which includes a morning at the Ashmolean Museum.

For more course information, call 01865 591991 or visit denman.org.uk



THIS MONTH WE ARE MAKING...

If you played with a spirograph toy as a child, this colourful greeting will bring back some serious nostalgia! The spiral motif is stamped on, then embellished with glittery embossing powder. Find the full instructions at **thewi.org.uk/what-we-do/craft**



All a glow

These paper lanterns were made by Nottingham City WI Craft Club for Nottingham Light Night 2019 which took place on 8th February.



TAKE A LEAF

"To celebrate the Federation Centenary, all Bedfordshire WI's were requested by the Board of Trustees to make a leaf," says Elizabeth Cochrane of Bedford WI. "A small group of our members spent several months designing and making a banner to attach the leaves to – this was taken to a Service of Thanksgiving in January to begin the celebrations and will be displayed at many events during our Centenary year."

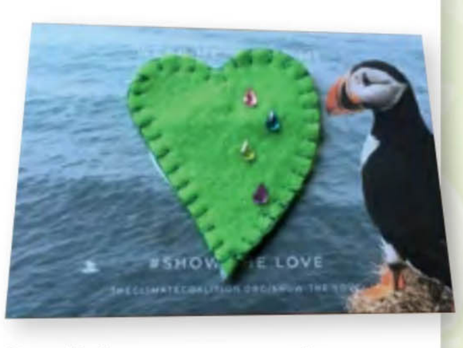


Craft Club Winner

Congratulations to Carnegie Girls WI in Glamorgan Federation for winning the Craft Club's latest competition! Craft Club is a national campaign that champions groups in schools, galleries, libraries and anywhere else you can bring people together to share skills. In fact, many registered Craft Clubs are WIs! Find out more about registering as a Craft Club at **mywi.thewi.org.uk/interests/craft/craft-club**

Out and About

Discover how WI members joined in the Climate Coalition's Show the Love campaign in February



Linda Bevan from Sturmer and District WI made a green heart and attached it to the Climate Coalition postcard which was sent out in WI Life. These were to be sent off to MPs so they can show their commitment to the #ShowtheLove campaign, and start important conversations about climate change, by wearing a green heart badge.



"These are a few of the green hearts that were made by members of the Ashington WI craft club for Show the Love."

Lynda Smith, Ashington WI



"At London West End WI Craft Club recently, we were making gift boxes and also a selection of woven paper hearts to #showthelove for all the things we want to protect from climate change"

London West End WI

TO FIND YOUR LOCAL WI... Use the postcode search tool at **thewi.org.uk** where there's a list of federations and details on how to make contact with your local WI Advisor.

Date with Die-cutting

PIECE TOGETHER ALL THE BRIGHTEST COLOURS FOR THE MOST UPLIFTING MAKES

An all-in-one card wrap is the perfect die if you're hoping to simplify the cardmaking process. Let the die do all the work and create unique designs in a flash! The wrap can go around the whole card to make a surprise element or you can simply use the design as an intricate focal on your greeting.

Essentials...

❤ Card: white, yellow, purple, red, green ❤ Dies, Tonic Studios, Dahlia Sleeve, Heart Sleeve, Dazzling Droplets Sleeve ❤ Stamps, Clearly Besotted, Modern Calligraphy ❤ Paper: yellow striped, blue ❤ Ink-pad, Tonic Studios, Black Nuvo Hybrid ❤ Nuvo Drops, Tonic Studios, Dandelion Yellow, Bohemian Teal ❤ Pen, Sakura, white gel ❤ Adhesives



KEREN'S TOP TIPS

Add a double-sided adhesive sheet to your card before cutting to make creating multi-coloured images easier. Transferring pieces this way is much quicker than faffing around with glue.

Fill in as much or as little of the base design as you like to create different looks.



Bow Greeting

1 Trim yellow striped paper, 12.5cm x 14.5cm. Use the bow outer to cut white A4 card along the longest edge, then score and fold so the piece measures 14cm across.

2 Die-cut the inner bow from yellow, green, purple and red card. Glue the yellow piece in place first, then fix the others as shown.

3 Adhere blue paper centrally on the striped panel and wrap the bow sleeve around. Secure with glue on the back, then fix to a white blank, 13cm x 15cm.

4 Add foam pads under the centre of the bow, then highlight with white gel pen and finish with blue drops.



You're Invited!

1 Trim white card, 11cm x 16cm, then cut using the Dahlia Sleeve die so you are left with a detailed band.

2 Slot red behind as shown. Mount yellow card to a white tent-fold blank, 12.5cm x 17.5cm, then secure the red panel on top with foam pads.

3 Fix the coloured pieces in place. Stamp a sentiment on white card, then trim and glue to the right-hand side. Finish with yellow and blue drops.



Beautiful Birthday

1 Fold a white blank, 14.5cm square, then layer with yellow. Use the outer Dazzling Droplets die to cut white A4 card along the longest side. Fold around the base card and stick together at the back.

2 Trim red, purple and green using the inner die. Fix the purple piece in place, then add the red and green shapes on top.

3 Stamp the sentiment on blue, then trim and stick to the card wrap with foam pads. Use a white gel pen to add highlights, then embellish with blue and yellow drops to finish. **CB**

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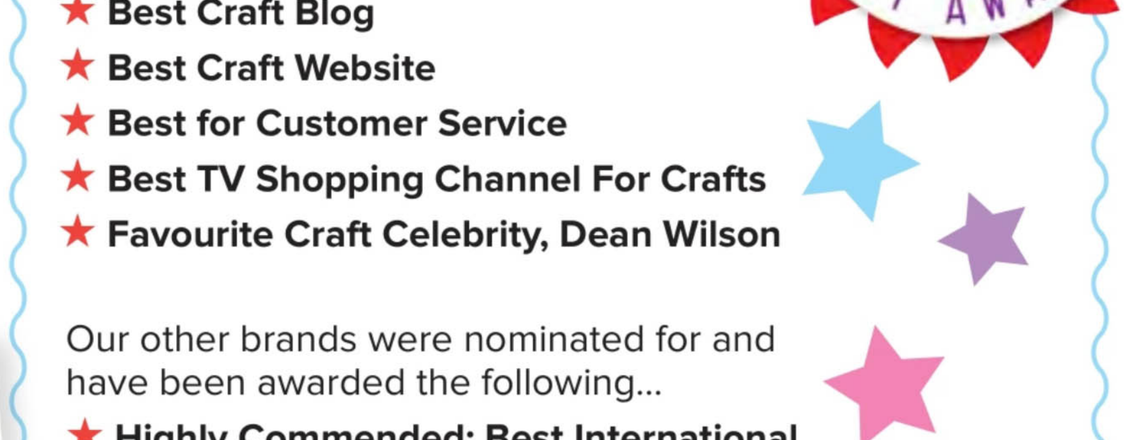
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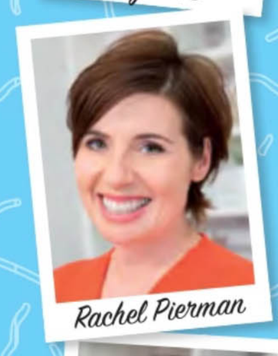

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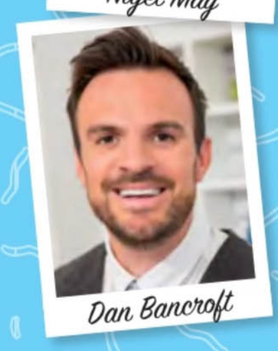

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Lou Collins Brush Lettering Pen Set – Warm Tones (464213) £14.99, Club Members £13.49



So Romantic

Create ultra-feminine projects with this kit which provides 12m worth of mixed lace and ribbons in pretty shades. You'll also receive three jars of Shaker Shapes sequins for added sparkle!

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Steph's Tip of the Month

"Add a pretty and thoughtful greeting to your cards with this Thinking of You flourish die. Not only does it look elegant, it has a non-stick coating and fits most die-cutting machines, size permitting"

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The Adorable Scoreboard and Crafting Handbook 2 Bundle (442825) £29.98, Club Members £26.98

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This set of beautiful flowery dies offers three different design variants – Vintage, Persian and Lacy Scrolls – and can be combined or used as focal points. All are made from high quality materials to ensure fantastic results.

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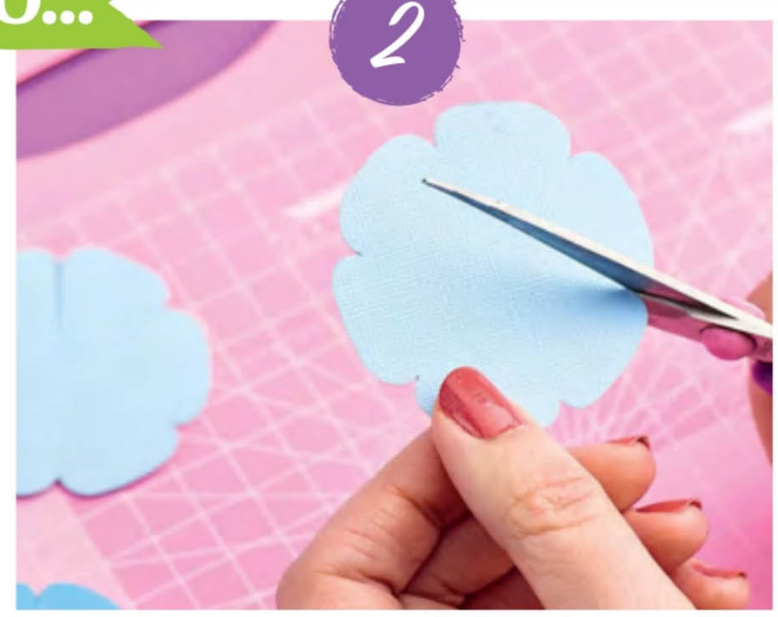
Bold, three-dimensional flowers are so on trend right now. An easy way to achieve the look is with basic templates – then you just need to shape the petals using a ball tool. I've designed a simple anemone template which isquick and easy to cut out and beautifully full when finished.

Essentials...

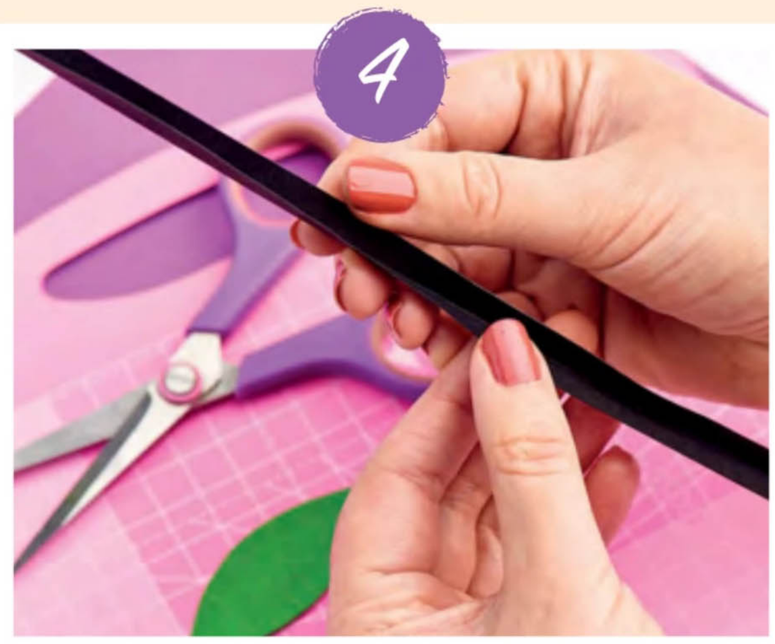
- Card: greens, lilacs, blues, aquas
- Patterned paper
- Embossing tool, 8mm/12mm
- Adhesives

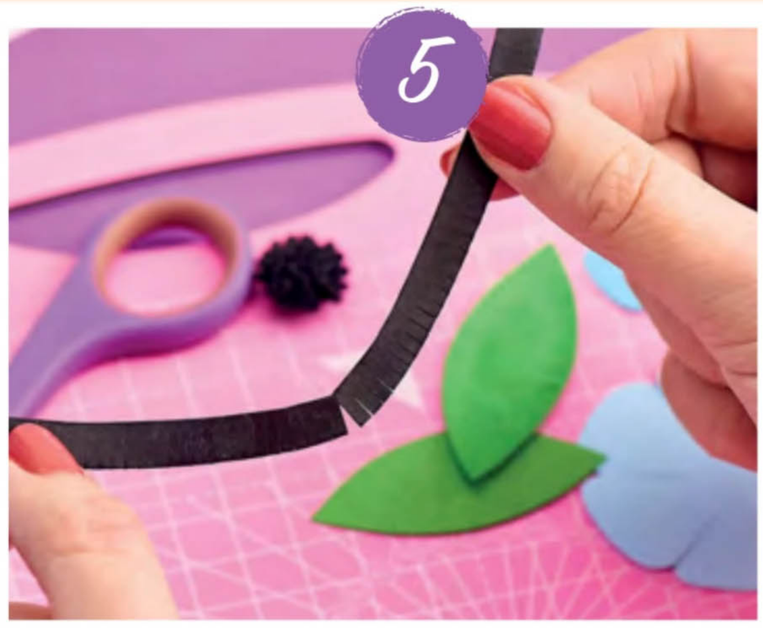
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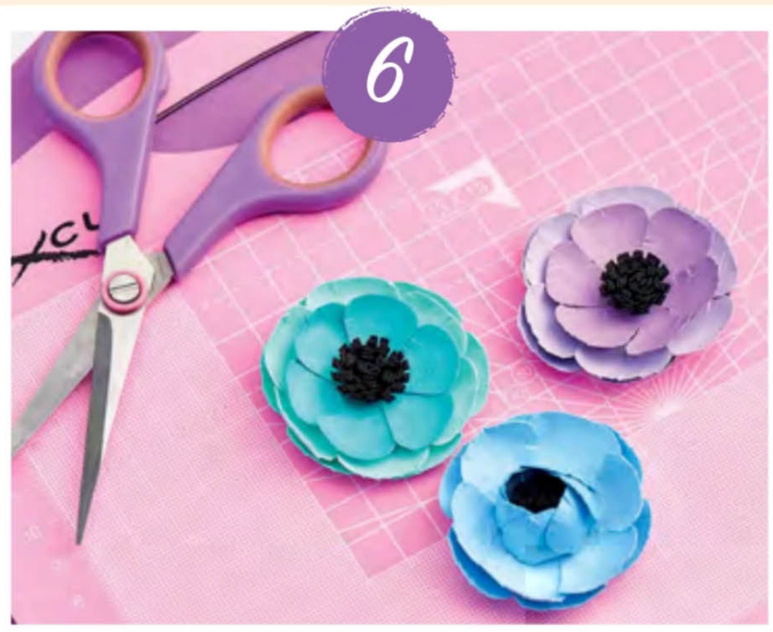












1 Download and cut out the templates. Draw two large flowers in each pale blue, pale lilac, and pale aqua. Copy one small flower in a darker blue, darker lilac and darker aqua.

2 Trim out the flowers using the template as a guide to snip between the petals. Shape them using a ball tool and foam mat. Trim three leaf shapes from green and curl with the tool.

3 Fold black paper, 1.5cm x 21cm, along the length. Snip along the folded side so the cuts are about half the width of the strip. Roll up tightly and secure with glue. When dry, spread out the cut sections.

4 Assemble by layering two large and one small flower with a black centre in the middle. Matt patterned paper, 10cm x 14cm, onto a blank, 10.5cm x 14.5cm. Fix the flowers in a cluster as shown and attach a sentiment to the top-left. **CB**

Colette's Top Tips

- A foam mat is helpful when shaping the petals. If you don't have one, use several layers of kitchen roll or a folded clean tea towel to create a soft surface.
- Alter the shape of the flowers so that some look like they are just beginning to open – this will give your card even more interest.
- If you can't find any paper that is black on both sides, colour a sheet of white printer paper with a black ink-pad or alcohol markers.
- Don't be too precise when cutting out the flowers; the template is just a guide and real petals are unique.

"Paint an old picture frame, then add some of the flowers and leaves to a corner for a unique and pretty present"

Colette Smith, Designer



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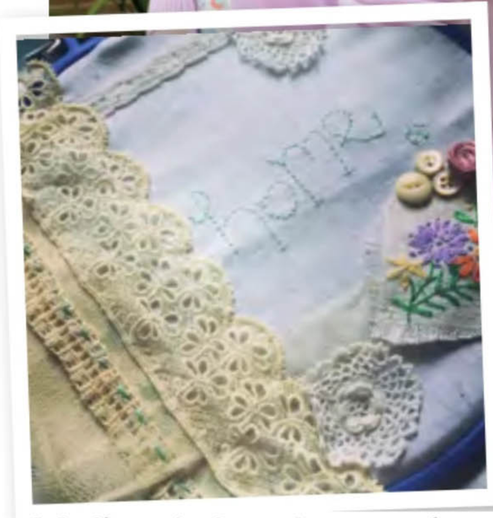


Melissa showed Julie how to make this cute teacup diorama



Wendy's heart artwork





Melissa's lovely creations take their design cue from bygone eras



Enchanting mementos in minature

CRAFTY BEGGARS

On The Road

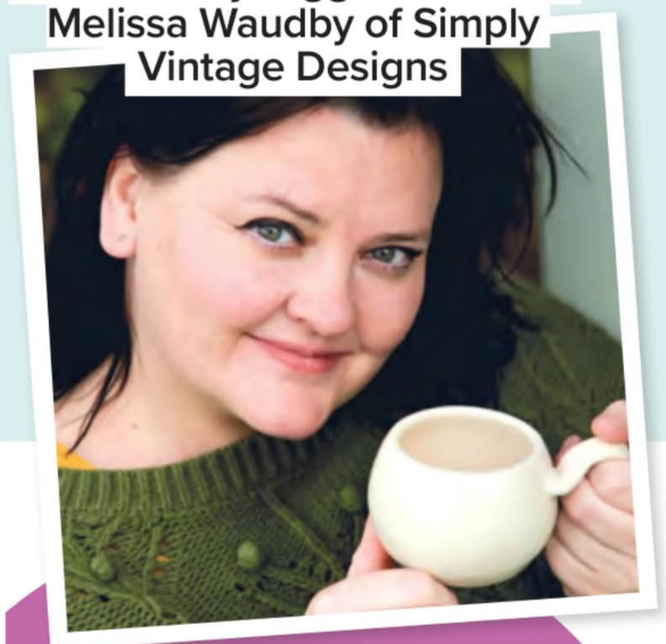


The Crafty Beggars invite us to meet fellow designer and member of #Team CraftyBeggars, Melissa Waudby from Sew Vintage

Melissa's crafty beginnings

I was born in York and started crafting when knee high to a grasshopper – I was obsessed with my mum's button box and constantly played with the contents. Fast forward to my post drama school career and my obsession started up again as I threw myself into learning new skills such as cardmaking, sewing and jewellery.

#TeamCraftyBeggars member Melissa Waudby of Simply Vintage Designs



"My projects often include words or quotes, so letter tiles and printed text are very effective"

The real inspiration for my company, Simply Vintage Designs, came from my wedding. I'm a big fan of the 40s and 50s, so our celebrations were hugely influenced by a bygone era. I made pretty much everything for our reception; the cake, flowers, decorations and more! These were loved and admired, and from that Simply Vintage was born.

After living in the hustle and bustle of London, the call of the countryside became too strong and we now live near Peterborough where I'm lucky enough to have my own studio. Over the last few years I have diversified and currently sell vintage crafting kits on Etsy.

Julie teacup diorama

I've always admired this month's #TeamCraftyBeggars member, ever since I first met her at the Country Living Show in Islington. There was always a crowd around Melissa's 'Simply Vintage' stand where she sold everything from little rocking horses and teddy bears, to retro fabrics, lace and delicate china. Yes, I do collect all of those... how did you guess?

Melissa makes lovely pincushions in china cups, which she taught Wendy and I to do during her appearance on *Crafty Beggars In The House!* a few years ago. She also creates enchanting teacup dioramas and I learned this skill from her onboard our recent Supercraft Cruise. My little scene sports a washing line with tiny clothes in amongst the buttons and lace. Now I can't stop thinking of miniature landscapes to house within such a novel environment!

Wendy's anniversary mementos

Melissa's talk of weddings made me think back to my own special day, and I can't believe that this year will be mine and Gary's 20th anniversary! The 'memory cork' is a souvenir from the occasion and the blackboard heart shows how effective it can be to scour magazine and newspapers for keywords in different fonts and colours. My projects often include words or quotes, so letter tiles and printed text are an effective way to get any message across.

In case you are wondering, the 'symbol' for a 20th anniversary is China – either the country or the ceramics. Hold on a mo... Jules, I may have just given you an idea for a romantic little scene in one of those vintage teacups. You know I'd treasure it forever!

Places to See

- The amazing Peterborough Festival of Antiques is held twice a year and it's a treasure trove of delights. You'll need both days to see all the fabulous vintage offerings from the huge number of traders. **festivalofantiques.co.uk**

- Swanspool Ceramics is a fabulous Northamptonshire studio dedicated to all things clay. It's the first open access studio of its kind in the area; attend a course or pay a fee and you can go in as often as you like. The creativity is amazing and Sarah is a wonderful teacher. **swanspoolceramics.co.uk**

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Where the heart is

New Home Gifts

Know someone who's on the move this season? Celebrate by crafting this adorable set from Cathie Shuttleworth. With gift bags and a simple greeting along the same colourful theme, you're sure to brighten a friend's day, as well as their brand new mantelpiece!





Essentials...

- Paper pad, Trimcraft, Fiesta Fever
- Paper: blue, orange
- Card, white
- Gel pens: white, black
- Wooden clothes pegs
- Liquid pearls, lavender
- Embellishments
- Adhesives

House Gift Bag

1 Print the template onto coloured paper and trim out, then score all the dotted lines. Crease the folds, then join the edges together using the side tab. Glue the base tabs and fold together, ensuring the bottom is square.

2 Make a top-fold blank from decorative paper for the roof. Lay the card over the top of the house and draw a tapered line in pencil. Cut to shape, then secure the back of the roof to the rear of the house.

3 Cut windows and doors from offcuts and edge with contrasting papers. Draw on details in gel pen, then attach to the face of the house. Embellish with gems and ribbon.

4 Print a sentiment and cut out, then layer with patterned paper. Cover small wooden pegs with co-ordinating paper, then clip to the roof, adding a cloud or sentiment. Finish with liquid pearls.



"Create taller houses by adapting your template, then decorate the front with any style of window and door to match the recipient's new home"

Cathie Shuttleworth, Designer



Craft Savvy

Use shaped, decorative scissors to add detailing to the roof line

New Home Card

1 Make a top-fold blank, 9cm x 17.5cm, then add a strip of decorative paper to the base. Cut four rectangles and roof shapes from co-ordinating papers and layer them to create small houses.

2 Trim smaller rectangles for doors and add detail with a black pen. Use gems for handles. Attach the houses along the top of the card in a row and clip a peg to each roof, then glue a white cloud behind one.

3 Print a sentiment and matt with patterned paper. Fix in place with foam pads. Dot liquid pearls around the card and embellish with strips of self-adhesive ribbon. **CB**



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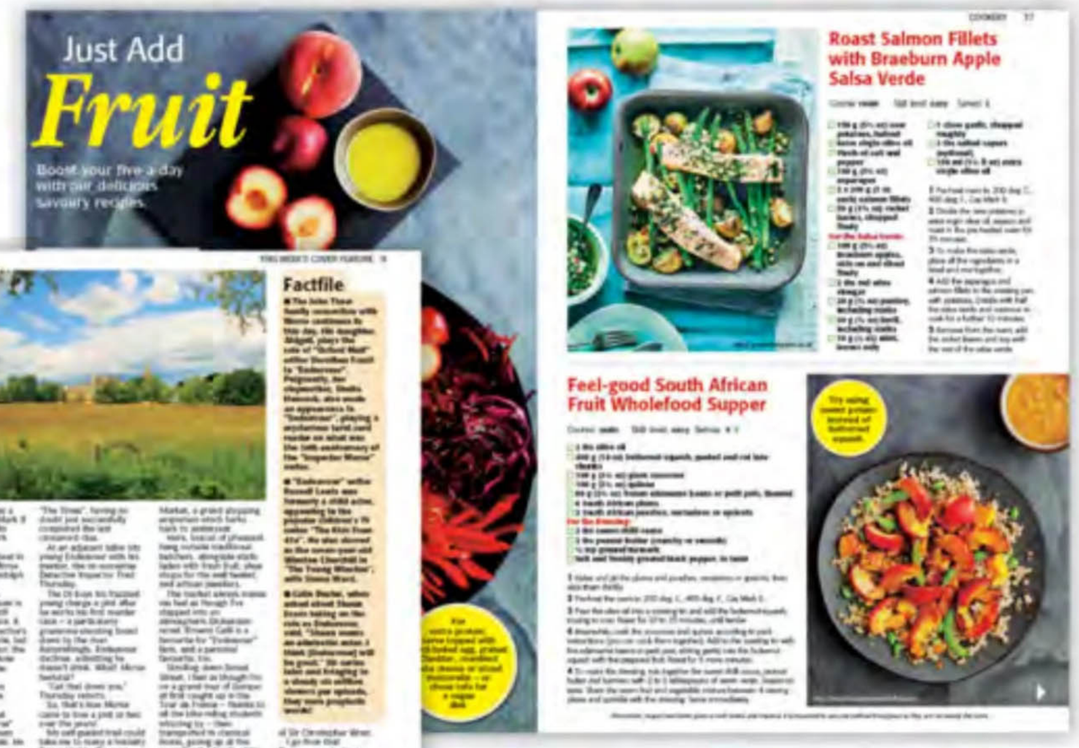
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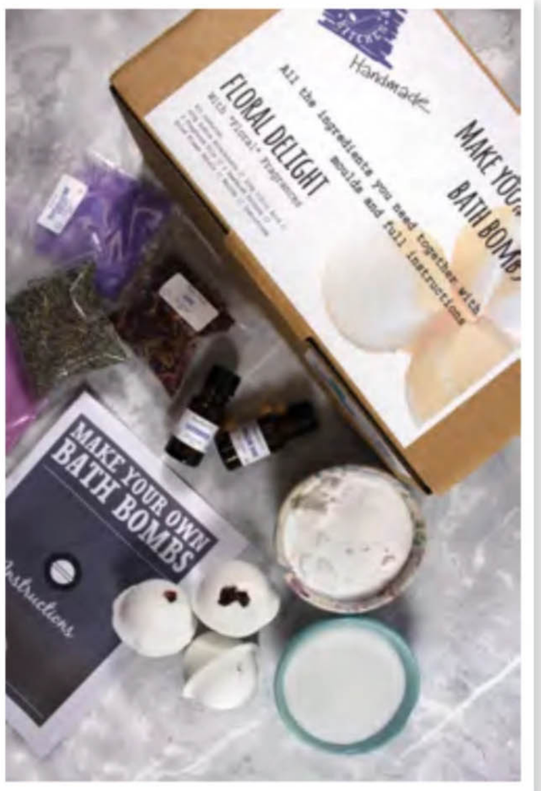
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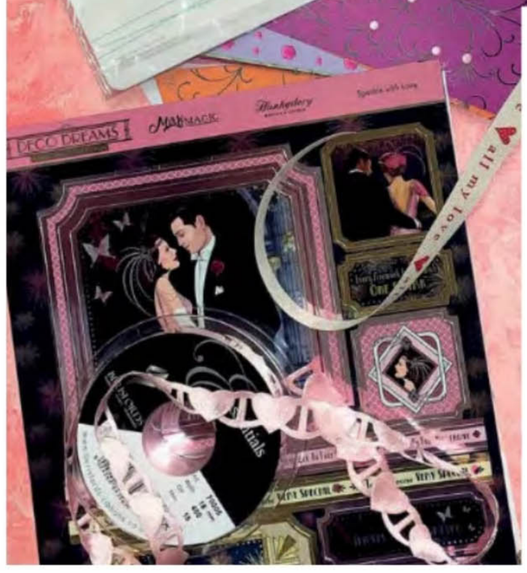
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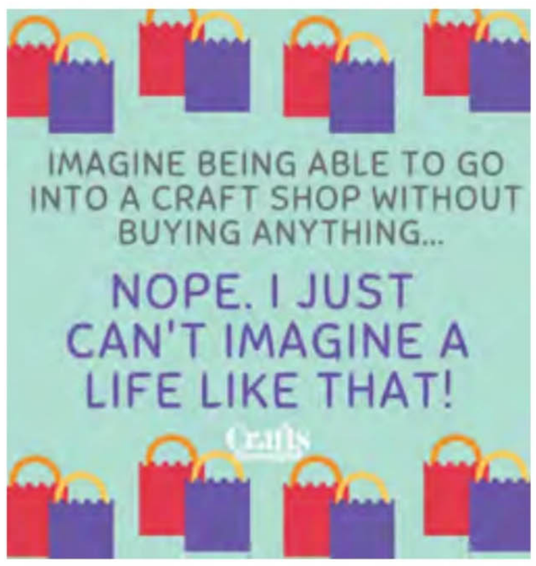
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ESSENTIAL GREETINGS

BE PREPARED FOR ANY OCCASION WITH A STASH OF PRE-MADE CARDS

The year flies by quickly, so it's easy to get carried away and lose track of birthdays and other significant events! By thinking ahead and creating Tracey Daykin-Jones' stash of essential cards that you can use for a multitude of occasions, you'll banish the panic of forgetting.







Essentials...

- Card, coloured
- Patterned paper
- Dies: Lawn Fawn, Mother's Day; Xcut, Mini Butterfly; balloons, circles, large and medium flowers, scallop-edged circles, square
- Clear sticker, Congratulations
- Stamp, Penny Black, Every Day
- Ink-pad, black
- Embellishments

1

Love You

Take a square, top-fold card and cover with light pink. Layer red on top. Die-cut 16 squares from patterned papers and adhere to the card. Secure tiles in place using double-sided tape to finish.





2

Happy Mother's Day

1 Hold card, 15cm x 21cm, in a portrait position and score horizontal lines at 7cm and 14cm, then fold to create an easel greeting. Die-cut the sentiment from white and adhere to dark pink. Trim and add to the bottom front using 3-D foam pads.

2 Add light pink card to the rectangular section, then adhere green on top. Die-cut two large daisies and four smaller ones from white. Curl the petals and layer using 3-D foam pads, then secure to the card. Add scallop-edged yellow circles to the centres to complete.

3

Say Congrats

1 Take white card, 15cm x 21cm, and in a portrait position, score horizontal lines at 3.5cm, 7cm and 14cm, then fold and cut off excess. Cover the front panels with striped paper.

2 Die-cut several balloons from coloured card and adhere to striped panels, laying the first layer in place using double-sided tape and subsequent layers with 3-D foam pads to create depth. Stick the clear sentiment onto dark pink, then trim and add in place.



Floral Tag

1 Cover card, 10.5cm x 15cm, with yellow, then layer floral patterned paper on top. Draw freehand or print a sentiment onto card and trim to create a template. Make a tag shape from light pink, then lay the template on top and cut out.

2 Pierce two holes above 'i' and sew the yellow button in place. Attach light blue behind the tag using 3-D foam pads. Add a dark pink semi-circle to the top of the tag, then punch a hole and tie white ribbon through. Secure to the card to finish.

Butterfly Wishes

1 Take card, 10.5cm x 15cm, and cover with light pink, then layer patterned paper. Stamp the sentiment onto blue and die-cut a butterfly from the space above.

2 Adhere yellow behind the blue and add to the card. Die-cut a butterfly from floral paper and score vertical lines either side on the centre. Glue the central section in the aperture and fold the wings forward for added dimension. **CB**



Craft Clever

Glue the yellow button in place prior to sewing to make sure that it's in an accurate position





"On fiddly die-cut sentiments, dab glue on with your finger to ensure light and even coverage!"

Tracey Daykin-Jones, Designer

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Star Letter

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I always seem to struggle with making greetings cards for men so in 2019 I have resolved to expand my collection of masculine stamps and design repertoire. This is my latest attempt, a card for my brother-in-law in Germany. Hopefully, he will appreciate the handmade greeting!

Daniela Abram, via email

That's a challenge for lots of us Daniela so it's a very good resolution for this year! This travel themed card is a beautiful start.



GET WELL SOON!

I've made a glistening wreath using Craft Buddy shimmer paints, glitter glazes and Dawn Bibby fusilier flower dies.

Sharon Holden, via Facebook



MARVELLOUS MUM

A Mother's Day card I made using one of the bonus gifts from *Crafts Beautiful*.

Vanessa Shanahan, via Facebook

SWEET TREATS

How yummy do my felt cake creations look?

Denise Beech, via Facebook



BONUS GIFT MAKE!

I absolutely loved the Floral Fancy Foiled Kit from the January issue!

Roseanne Sanders, via Facebook





My faves this month...

Editor **Sarah Crosland** handpicks her favourites...



SHAKE AWAY

Using embossed cards in a few different colours, I crafted a pretty springtime shaker greeting.

Janet Roberts, via Facebook



BOTTOMS UP

Cheers to the New Year! I've completed my first handmade card for 2019.

Jane Roy, via Facebook



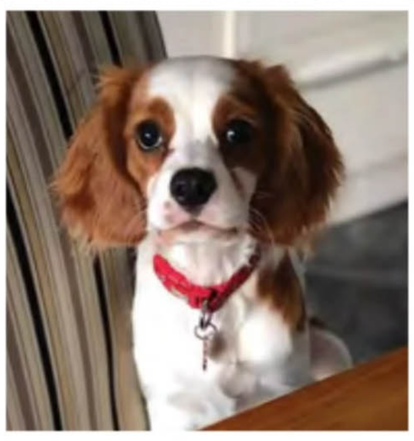
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A few goodies and confetti wrap for Valentine's Day.

Antonella Grossi, via Twitter

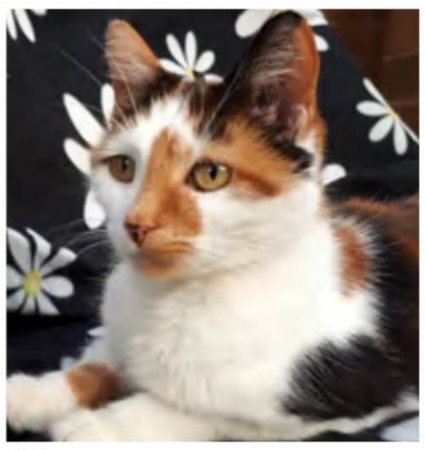
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We catch up with CB readers and their fluffy friends



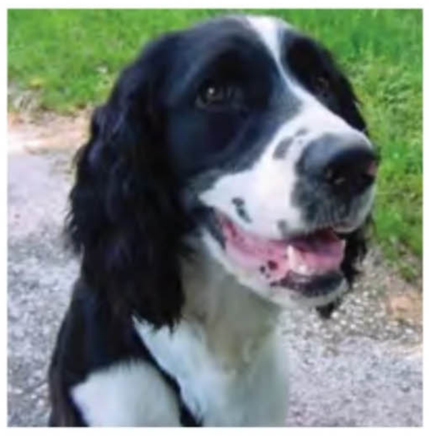
"This is Millie – she'll let you craft as long as it's on her terms!"

Helen Buckley, via Facebook



"Our gorgeous cat soon has her nose in anything that looks interesting"

Bella Maynard, via Facebook



"My dog, Juke, loves to keep me outdoors but I wouldn't have it any other way"

Susan Moran, via Facebook

Find a crafty friend



SWAP HINTS, TRICKS AND STORIES WITH NEW PALS

Jean Hancox, 71

Hearing news from pen friends all over the world is a fantastic experience! I like cross-stitching too so if either interests you, write to me.

F2 Station Mews, Lion Street, Overgates, Telford, Shropshire, TF2 6AF

Joanna Andrews, 32

I'd love to hear from someone around my age who I can swap ideas with – cardmaking, painting and drawing are among my favourite hobbies!

26 Laurel Close, Southcrest, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 7EP

Laurian Houlford, 71

Crafts, animals, reading and music are my passions. If you've written to me before, please write again and new pals are always welcome!

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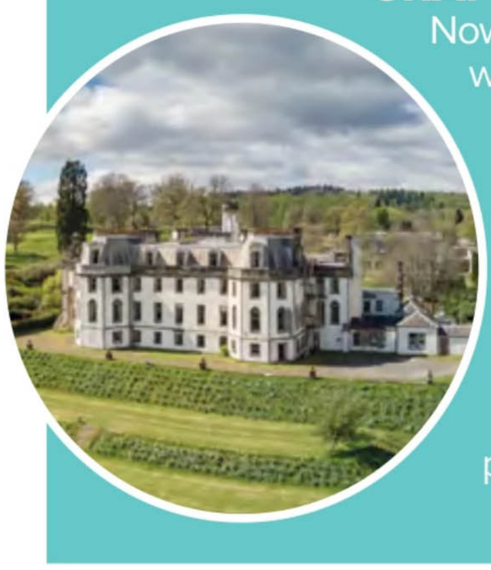
MUM'S THE WORD

A handmade greeting is the perfect way to show how much you care as the all-important Mother's Day approaches. Find a simple make on page 14



PAPER PLANTS

These ones will last a lifetime! Expert papercrafter Raya Sader Bujana shows us around the studio where her tiny on-trend sculptures come to life on page 74



CRAFTY ESCAPES

Now that we're all working harder and longer than ever, surely we deserve to upgrade our downtime. Why not with a little extra crafting? Find out more on page 58

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Happy quilling, Liz x



Happy Mother's Day

1 Take cream card, 10.5cm square, and mount to orange. Fix the panel to a cream blank, 11.5cm square. Cut strips of turquoise paper measuring between 13cm and 15cm, and create a seed head design as before.

2 Make orange heart-shaped coils from 13cm strips of paper, then fix across the card front. Print a sentiment onto cream card, then trim to measure 11.5cm across. Fix to the greeting with foam pads to finish.

Craft savvy

These designs can easily be adapted for other occasions – just change the colour scheme and sentiment

Essentials...

- Quilling papers: 3mm wide, orange, deep orange, turquoise, deep turquoise
- Card: cream, turquoise, orange
- Dies: Xcut, Alice Alphabet, small frame
- Ribbon
- Adhesives

To Mum

1 Tear orange strips into lengths between 6cm and 8cm. Form a tight coil at one end of each piece, then glue to secure, leaving a tail of paper. Repeat until you have around 12 for each seed head.

2 Trim cream card, 12.5cm square. Stick the coils in place as shown with two extra pieces at the base of each seed head. Add a stem by fixing one long strip from the seed head to the bottom of the panel.

3 Create a loose coil with a 13cm strip of orange paper, then pinch to a heart shape. Repeat until you have 12. Attach these heart-shaped leaves either side of two stems. Wind three larger hearts, then fix to the front with their own stems as shown.

4 Die-cut 'MUM' from turquoise, then secure in the top-right. Mount the cream panel to a turquoise blank, 14cm square, to finish.









Pretty Tag

A quick matching tag is made with a single orange seed head and three hearts.

Gift Bag

Make your own mini gift bag by scoring a long strip of orange card and folding into a triangle shape. Insert a present and secure with ribbon. Decorate the bag with a single turquoise seed head mounted on cream card. Add orange heart coils to finish the design.

With Love

1 Cover a blank, 13cm x 17.5cm, with orange. Layer turquoise, 11.5cm x 17cm, and then cream, 10.5cm x 16cm, on top. Create orange and turquoise seed heads, then add two stems with heart-shaped leaves.

2 Form open coils in deep orange paper, then pinch in half. Layer several strips to create a thick stem, then fix leaves either side. Pinch coils to teardrops and fix in clusters at the top of the turquoise stems. Print a sentiment and cut out using a frame die. Glue in the top-right to finish. **CB**



"A quilled design can always be mounted into a picture frame for a longer lasting gift"

Liz Moad, Designer

Craft SHOP



BEACHY BRIGHTS

Take inspiration from Liz and quill natural shapes in vibrant oranges and turquoise tones. From £1.85, **jjquilling.co.uk**



LOVELY LETTERS

Trim your own sentiments with ease using this set of bold alphabet dies. £9.99, **therange.co.uk**

WIN WIN win WIN WIN win WIN WIN

FOUR Hunkydory Bundles
worth £65

We've got the ultimate Hunkydory Adorable Scoreboard bundle just for you! Included in this brilliant prize is the must-have double-sided scoreboard, two handbooks on how to make a variety of unique cards, plus the Limited Edition Jewel Collection which contains 100 sheets of card in gorgeous shades.

hunkydorycrafts.co.uk

Tick **Hunkydory**





FIVE Pairs of This Morning Live Silver Tickets
worth £65 each

This Morning Live returns to the NEC Birmingham, from 16th-19th May, and to celebrate we have five pairs of tickets to win! This brilliant event brings the essence of the award-winning ITV show to life, all whilst in the company of your favourite presenters. With an abundance of entertainment, you'll live and breathe everything the programme is famed for embracing. T&Cs apply, see online for details.

thismorninglive.co.uk

Tick **This Morning Live**

WIN *all you need to craft into spring!*

There's **£1,270** worth of prizes waiting to be won!

FIVE IndigoBlu Stamp Sets
worth over £35 each

We're thrilled to be giving away five sets of IndigoBlu stamps by Kay Halliwell-Sutton. Designed to mimic stitching, these motifs are sure to add texture to any project yet are super simple to work with – a papercrafter's dream! These rubber stamps can either be mounted or machine-trimmed, the choice is yours.

indigoblu.com

Tick **IndigoBlu**





TWO Tilda Stitching Bundles
worth £75 each

Mix and match to your heart's content using the delightful 100% cotton fat quarter bundles from the new Tilda Bird Pond range. You're guaranteed to find a perfect palette for every season with designs ranging from florals to wildlife and bright berries. Both winners will also receive a pair of Klasse scissors to ensure perfect cuts.

groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk

Tick **Tilda**

win WIN win WIN

PRIZES WORTH £1,270

TWO Craftpod Subscriptions
worth £84 each

Craftpod is a quarterly, creative subscription box filled with surprises delivered to your door each season. Available as a yearly subscription or as a one-off box, they each include two seasonally inspired embroidery and craft projects, with all the materials and instructions included – plus some extra treats and always tea. We've got two yearly subscriptions to give away!

craftpod.co.uk

Tick Craftpod





FOUR Pilot Pintor Fineliner Packs
worth £15.92 each

No longer do you need to worry if you make a mistake adding colour and drawings. With the Pilot FriXion Fineliner you can write, draw, colour, erase and then start again! Simply rub out your mistakes with the eraser stud and watch the ink disappear as if by magic! The unique ink responds to the heat generated by the rubbing out and lets you write over your mistake. Available in up to 12 colours, there's a FriXion Fineliner for everyone!

cultpens.com

Tick Pilot Pintor





SIX Stix2 Essential Sheets
worth £8.99 each

We're always on the lookout for craft products that stand the test of time! Stix2's Non-Stick Crafting Sheet withstands high temperatures, is non-porous and won't let any paint or heat through. When finished, simply wipe down, roll up to store and it's ready to use again and again. Embossing enamel, candle wax, soap chips and even hot glue won't distort its smooth finish.

stix2.co.uk

Tick Stix2



ONE Miffy Fabrics Bundle
worth over £123

Miffy fans, get excited! A new range of fabrics has been designed by The Craft Cotton Company in time for Easter and spring, and we've got a bundle for one winner! The 100% cotton designs are available in a fresh and vibrant palette of colours and can be bought individually by the metre or in fat quarter packs.

craftcottonblog.co.uk

Tick Miffy Fabric

HOW TO ENTER

Visit our website at **crafts-beautiful.com**, click on the 'Giveaways' section in the panel, select a giveaway and enter your details. Or turn to page 110 to fill out the form

UPGRADE YOUR *Downtime*

Welcome on board to a craft experience like no other

Words by Elena Thompson

Imagine immersing yourself in a few days of distraction-free crafts. Hours packed with your favourite hobby, learning new skills, chatting with like-minded crafters and best of all, having a jolly good time! Well, dream no more, as this can become a reality thanks to the hundreds of amazing workshops and courses on offer. Here's where to unwind and enjoy some of the UK and beyond's most thrilling craft retreats.





PURE *bliss*

Relaxed Retreat

WHERE? Birds of a Feather, Leicestershire
WHEN? October 2019 & March 2020

Birds of a Feather run exclusive, relaxing scrapbooking retreats at The Woodlands in Hothorpe Hall. The classes, along with many other crafting activities, can be done at leisure, leaving you time to explore this amazing venue with its beautiful grounds and 'get away from it all' feel. With plenty of fun and laughter over the weekend, you're guaranteed to have a fabulous time with many happy crafters! Prices from £275, **birdsofafeather.uk.com**

Self-Reliance Crafts

WHERE? Wild Harvest, York
WHEN? July & September 2019

Now in its fifth year, the Wild Harvest Self-Reliance Crafts retreat is the perfect opportunity for you to become empowered with plenty of practical crafts all suitable for beginners whilst getting to relax with yoga, massages and building new friendships around the campfire. This course is jam-packed with bite-sized workshops and talks on all things natural and self-reliance with the aim of empowering you to provide for yourself and your family. £329, **wildharvest.org**

READER OFFER

Use the code **CBMAGDISCOUNT** to get a discounted rate of £299 for the summer retreat (8th-12th July) or the autumn retreat (16th-20th September). Available for single ticket purchases or off two tickets bought in the same order. While stocks last.



MAGIC *moments*



Splash OUT!

Summertime Fjordland Quilting Cruise

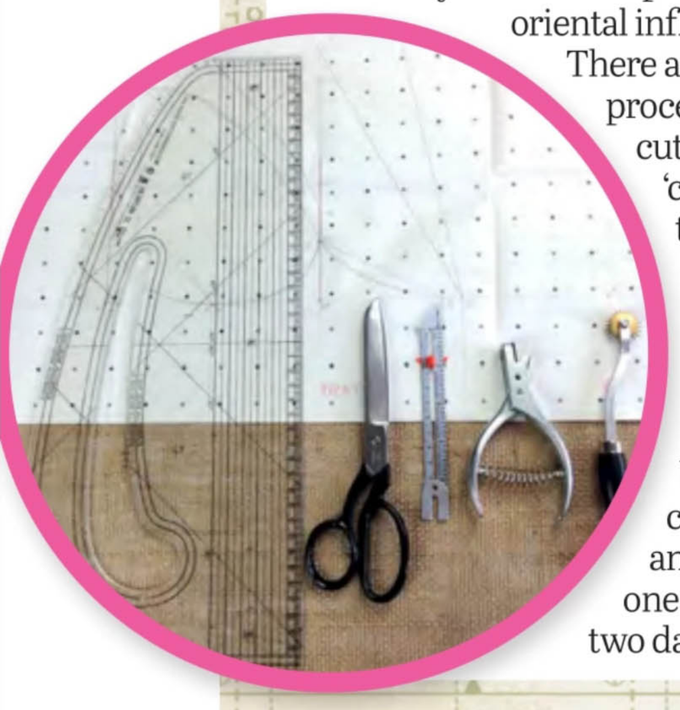
WHERE? Scandinavia, Dublin & Shetland
WHEN? 18th-29th August 2019

Known for its awe-inspiring beauty, Norway's fjordland is a spectacular and dreamy place for a quilting cruise adventure. Explore delightful cities and travel around deep blue fjords, surrounded by majestic mountains. Finishing the trip, you'll stop off in Dublin and Shetland, visiting the highlights of both areas. Well known for her Celtic designs, Angela Madden will join you for two full-day and two half-day workshops. During these, you'll be taken through her fun and easy method of creating, which you'll hand quilt for use as a cushion or bag front, quilt block or wall hanging. Prices from £1,995, **arenatravel.com**

GREAT BRITISH *escape*

Japanese Inspired Pattern Cutting

WHERE? Sew Me Something, Stratford-upon-Avon
WHEN? 4th-5th May 2019



Try out creative pattern cutting with a slightly oriental influence at this unique workshop. There are really only two basic processes involved in flat pattern cutting: dart manipulation and 'cut and spread'. Using these two techniques, experiment and create something unusual but wearable. The only requirement is that you have some experience of pattern cutting or creating your own patterns before. It's a very relaxed but creative way to design as you go and come up with something no one else will be wearing! £220 for two days, **sewmesomething.co.uk**



Mosaic Course

WHERE? Zantium Studios, Derbyshire
WHEN? 16th-18th May 2019

Design and make your own mosaic using beautiful glass and ceramic tiles. Zantium Studios' workshops in the Peak District have been described as 'the perfect combination of learning, doing and eating – being nourished all round'. Professional tuition and a wonderful array of materials will help inspire your own project. This brilliant experience is open to both beginners and those who have tried the craft before. £95 for one day or £190 for two days, **zantium.co.uk**



GIVEAWAY! Love the sound of Curious House? They're offering a place on one of their courses for one lucky reader! Head to **crafts-beautiful.com** to enter or fill out the form on p110

Creative Courses for the Curious

WHERE? Curious House, East Sussex
WHEN? Various Dates

Held in the arty home of creative Philippa King, Curious House courses bring like-minded people together for a day of mindful crafting. Collaborating with some extraordinary teachers, have a great time with tea, chat, delicious lunch and something wonderful to show for it. If you fancy trying your hand at creative writing, painting in the garden, creating a Charleston-inspired lampshade, learning modern calligraphy and more, this could be the place for you. From £65, **curioushouse.net**

Travel Sketching Adventure Holiday

WHERE? Sketch Languedoc, France
WHEN? 6th-9th June 2019

Looking to get away to sunnier climes? Annette Morris is on hand in the beautiful South of France to take you on a creative journey. These short breaks capture the very essence of this beautiful area whilst learning a new set of artistic skills. As you sketch your surroundings, you'll discover the best local foods and wines, and learn about the region. When not sketching, you can explore, shop, swim and relax in your own time. No previous drawing skills or painting experience is needed – just a desire to learn, have fun and be creative! From €340 **sketchlanguedoc.com**



GO ON AN *adventure*



ULTRA *luxury*



Embroidery Workshops

WHERE? Manor House Hotel, Devon
WHEN? Various Dates

Looking to touch up your embroidery skills? Look no further than Manor House Hotel. As well as being a superb place to stay and relax, when it comes to learning how to operate Brother's new embroidery machines, their tutored sessions boast expert knowledge and fantastic versatility for both the beginner and experienced sewer. With fifteen machines, over one-hundred designs and an outstanding choice of items to embroider on, Manor House Hotel will shape your urge for creativity through their contemporary Brother Innov-is 800e, V3 and M280D machines. **crafty-breaks.co.uk**

Weekend Quilt Retreat

WHERE? The Old Bakery, Norfolk
WHEN? Various dates

At the award-winning The Old Bakery, they know how to look after you. Spend as much time as you like on quilting projects and they'll do everything possible to ensure that you have the chance to relax, sew and chat. A variety of retreats are available from two to five days, ideal for small groups to get away from it all. There are four workstations in a dedicated quilt studio, each with adjustable height desks and chairs, and storage for all your sewing bits and bobs. From £195, **theoldbakerynorfolk.co.uk**







Creative Escapes Weekend Craft Retreats

WHERE? The Crafty Owl, Northamptonshire
WHEN? 19th-20th October 2019

Whether you're a seasoned papercrafter or would like to try something new, a Creative Escapes retreat weekend has something for everyone. Joanne James is an experienced independent Stampin' Up! demonstrator who teaches everything from cardmaking to home décor. Held at Highgate House, the package includes an overnight stay, meals, snacks and two days of crafting. Create a variety of handcrafted projects, learn new techniques and meet other like-minded people. From £305, **thecraftyowl.co.uk**

BEST OF *luxe*



Knitting and Crochet Holiday

WHERE? Gartmore House, Stirling
WHEN? Various dates

Gartmore House is a historic 18th-century country home located in Scotland's beautiful Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. It is the ideal place to unwind and enjoy a residential knitting and crochet holiday. All breaks include full board, freshly prepared meals using local produce where possible. The course is suitable for all levels, and is led by friendly tutor Samira Hill – you are welcome to bring along your own project or choose from a selection of themed workshops. From £385, **gartmoreestate.com**



GET ON *board*



Dirty Weekends & Secret Retreat

WHERE? Various locations WHEN? Various Dates

Indigo Blu's Dirty Weekends are held in various cities throughout the year and use their own product range on two mixed media projects. These are taught in bite-size chunks so they are suitable for beginner or experienced crafters alike. If you're looking for even more fun, head to the Secret Retreat held at Retford Town Hall on 27th-29th September. The format is two full-day projects followed by two smaller ones and you get to relax in the evening by having dinner with the rest of the group. From £50, **indigoblu.com**

Short for time?

These superb one-day courses from craftcourses.com are just what you need!



Learn the Art of Papercutting – Southampton

Practise the basic techniques of paper-cutting, choosing from a range of beautifully coloured and patterned papers. Take home a finished papercut to display or use as a greeting card.

Beginners Sewing Workshop – Worcester Park

A complete introduction to sewing on a machine with plenty of tips and tricks, then walk away with a shopping bag you made yourself and lots of confidence to carry on.

Modern Calligraphy for Beginners – Surrey

A relaxed workshop where you'll learn beautiful modern calligraphy. There's plenty of time to practice before choosing words or even your own name – signing in your own style is a joy!



Mixed Media Painting Workshop – Brighton

Enjoy a day of creativity and fun, ideal for beginners or intermediate artists. It covers many mixed media techniques and materials including layering, stamping and texturing.

Discover these and thousands more courses at craftcourses.com

ask the EXPERTS

Our pros are on hand to solve your crafty woes once and for all

"How can I use the same toppers but make them look different to each other?"

Sheila says... There are many ways to achieve a different look using the same toppers. Try card blanks in a variety of sizes and shapes; a little change like this can make a big impact on your final design. You could even experiment with a different placement of toppers to make a new focal on your greeting – aperture cards allow you to get really creative with extra depth and dimension. Pick out different colours from the topper for backgrounds to make every one look new.



"I've taken up hand lettering but am struggling to develop my own style – any tips?"

Hannah says... Brush lettering is really lovely; it's great for stationery, weddings, festive wording and, of course, just a posh letter! I was taught by superstar calligrapher Becki Clark who told me to repeat letters over and over on a page until I got used to the amount of pressure applied to the pen and was happy with the design. So it really is a case of practice makes perfect. One little trick is to create elements slowly and separately, joining up the letters as you go – this is so much simpler than creating a whole word in one movement!



"I struggle to come up with designs for men's cards – how do you get started?"

Sheila says... Men's cards can be a little tricky, but to help, pick out masculine colours to work with – dark green, grey and blue are ideal. It's best to start with a focus for the card; you can achieve this by looking at different themes or hobbies that interest your recipient. Once you establish this, you will find creating the greeting much easier! Why not centre your make around gardening, driving, sports or the outdoors? Hunkydory have all sorts of collections and embellishments which tie into these themes and promise to make your greetings impress.



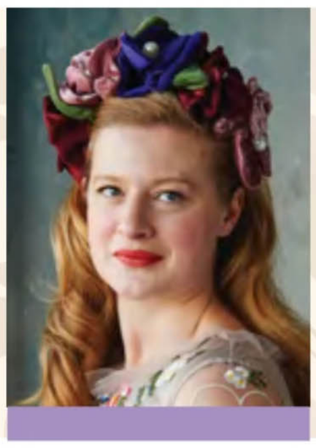
Do you have a question for one of our crafty experts?

Send it to: cbfriends@aceville.co.uk

meet our PANEL



Sheila Halliwell
Working hard with **Hunkydory**, Sheila knows her stuff when it comes to papercraft



Hannah Read-Baldrey
A **crafter** who can turn her hand to practically any project, Hannah has tons of tips to share



Amanda Gardner
Known for their range of art supplies, **Bright Ideas**' Amanda is here to get the kids involved



"How can I use my stash of papers to make pretty spring decorations?"

Hannah says... Well, I'm totally obsessed with paper flower making – it's so satisfying and the results can be stunning. How about cutting out petal shapes and leaves, then creating a range of blooms and mounting them onto a sewing hoop to make a wreath? Alternatively, you could build a garland by fixing petals to thin wire. I created a stunning one using crepe paper for my book *Flowerbomb!*, I just love making oversized flowers, they have such an impact.

How can I get my children involved in crafting and away from digital devices?

Amanda says... Having another fun activity lined up is key to enticing your child. Warn them in advance, rather than expecting them to abandon a complicated Minecraft build immediately! Be mindful of your child's attention span; some will be more than happy to craft for hours but others will become bored quickly. For those children slightly more wedded to their online or screen world, why not combine the two? You could craft their favourite video game or cartoon character from beads, cardboard or perhaps create a new model world for their favourite digital hero. The Bright Ideas website has everything you need to create some amazing crafts with your little ones.





Any advice for keeping kids busy with crafts on a budget?

Amanda says... Keep an old box somewhere and use it to store any used items you think would be fun to craft with, whether it's cardboard tubes, scraps of patterned wrapping paper or a swatch of material. This can become your 'go-to' box for craft time. Get the kids involved by asking them to look out for used packaging and have them thinking about how they might transform a squash bottle into a submarine or an egg box into an Easter chick. Budget crafting is all about seeing the potential in items you might ordinarily throw away.

LEND A CRAFTY HAND

We asked our readers...

Who's your favourite person to craft a greeting for?

"My wonderful husband! He's severely sight impaired and can't see much detail so I try to add either texture or an interactive element to his cards"
Sarah Wilks

"Definitely my children. I always create something handmade for them, I'm not allowed to buy cards!"
Laura Jane

I love making greetings for my nieces and nephews – the joy on their faces when they receive a handmade card is priceless!
Wendy Aston





EYES ON YOU

Add a bold touch to scrapbook pages, embellish papercraft projects or even have a go at upcycling with a set of striking washi tapes. £2.50, **hemashop.com**



MARK MAKER

Graphik Line Painters are a paint pen like no other. Achieve detail with the fine nib and deliver on the colour front too – this set includes five complimentary shades. £15.69, **derwentart.com/en.gb**



ALL THAT GLITTERS

We can't resist anything that shines like this glossy rose gold self-adhesive film from D-C-Fix. It sticks to practically any surface so the only limit is your imagination. £5, **wilko.com**



COLOUR *Notes*

Find your creative flow with our favourite mixed media picks



Ed's Picks

SPRAY PLAY

Experiment with abstract and quickly add colour to projects using Tulip's fabric spray paints in an array of rainbow shades. £12.95, **cassart.co.uk**



SEND A NOTE

Everyone loves receiving post, even more so when it's got a handmade touch. Paint straight onto Hobbycraft's thick watercolour postcards to make your own mini works of art. £2, **hobbycraft.co.uk**





TRENDING TOOL

Pyrography is set to be the craft of 2019 so it's about time to get your hands on the kit! This Artist's Pyrography Machine creates beautiful textures, designs and patterns. £114.95, **turners-retreat.co.uk**



5 minutes with...

Zeena Shah

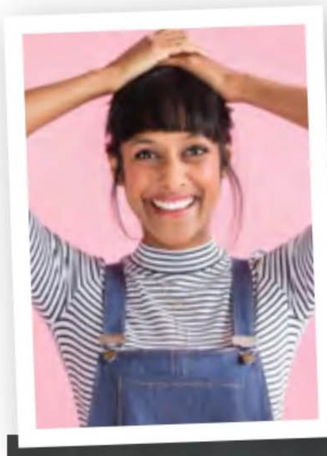
London based print designer, illustrator and author

Tell us all about your journey into print design.

"I studied Printed Textiles at Chelsea School of Art and Design and fell in love with printmaking instantaneously! When I graduated, I had absolutely no idea what to do next so I went off to work for as many brands as I could and learnt how to be creative in the real world. Quickly, I realised that my passion was in selling screen printed and handcrafted goods for the home so I quit my jobs and gave it a go. Eight years on and I am a published author and illustrator, and continue to design prints for clients as well as teaching creative workshops to share my skills!"

Follow Zeena on Instagram **@heartzeena**

Fanni Williams Photography



"I find inspiration everywhere because it truly is everywhere"





COLOURING HACKS
From Tonic Studios

◆ Aqua Flows are more than just pens. Squeeze down the barrel to create droplets, then mix with glycerine and blend over paper with a sponge to create a soft background colour.

◆ Don't be afraid to mix colours both directly on the paper and on a palette. Experiment with different uncoated papers like watercolour or ultra smooth to create a variety of effects.

◆ Use the Midas Touch Aqua Shimmer pen to add a gentle shine and sparkling detail to any project.



3 OF THE BEST...
Ways to add lettering

Struggle with brush pens and writing in ink? Never fear, that's what stamps were created for! These script letters give you a calligraphy look in seconds. £8.79, **craftyarts.co.uk**

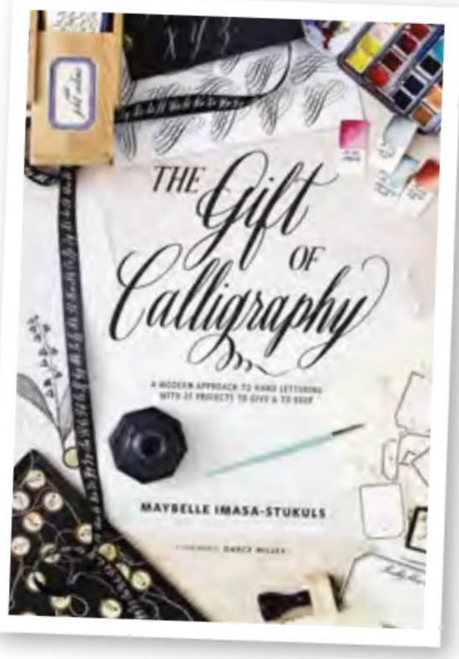




No one can ever have too much sparkle! Stickers might just be the easiest option to add lettering to any project and probably the tidiest way to use glitter. £2, **hobbycraft.co.uk**

Make card and paper your medium of choice and trim out letters in any colour imaginable using this simple but bold alphabet die set. £22.95, **sevenhillscrafts.co.uk**





Learn basic strokes, then develop your own style of lettering before following along with a wonderful selection of projects that will delight your family, impress your friends, and beautify your home in *The Gift of Calligraphy* by Maybelle Imasa-Stukuls. £21.99, **thegmcgroup.com**



PAINT A GEOMETRIC DESIGN

Patterned Tea Tray

Nothing beats an easy upcycle project, and this gorgeous tray is just the ticket for an instant style update. As spring ebbs ever nearer, our thoughts turn to entertaining and, if we're lucky, we can take our tea parties outside. Impress your guests with this seasonally spot-on serving tray, and you need never mention how simple it was to make!

Essentials

❇ Gouache paints ❇ Wooden tray ❇ Foam sheet ❇ Double-sided tape ❇ Flat paintbrushes, three ❇ Clear acrylic stamping blocks, three ❇ Water-based matte varnish

GEOMETRIC TRAY

1 To make a stamp, mark out three triangles on a foam sheet using a pencil and ruler; each triangle should have a base measuring 3.5cm and two 3cm sides. Cover one side of each triangle with double-sided tape and cut off any excess. Use the tape to stick them onto the acrylic stamping blocks.

2 Plan the design for your tray. Use the pattern in the image as a guide, and take into account the size. In the top-left corner of the tray, place two triangles together along their bases to make a diamond shape, keeping as close to the edge as possible.

3 Use a pencil to mark the four corners of the diamond. Using these marks as a guide, move the diamond vertically to start building a vertical row. Repeat, building the column down the left-hand edge of the tray first, then moving horizontally across until the whole design has been mapped out.

4 Use a brush to apply paint to one of the foam triangles and press against the tray, starting in the top-left, with the triangle pointing upwards. If you apply just a little paint, the motif will look soft and stippled. In contrast, a heavier application will print a much bolder shape. Alternate these two effects to give the design variety. Switch between the three colours.

5 Repeat the process to create the second row of triangles, this time pointing downwards. Keep alternating the three colours. Repeat to make five more rows of triangles, filling the tray completely. Paint the edge to create a coloured border. Apply a coat of protective varnish to the surface to finish. **CB**



Paint Perfect

Make sure any wooden projects are cleaned thoroughly before painting by using sugar soap





Discover even more brilliant ideas in *Stamping & Printing: 20 Creative Projects* by Émilie Greenberg and Karine Thiboult-Demessence (£9.95, Thames & Hudson)

Craft Shop

ART STAPLE

Daler Rowney Designers' Gouache bring you brilliant, opaque colours that are perfect for professional quality work. £35 for 12, **hobbycraft.co.uk**





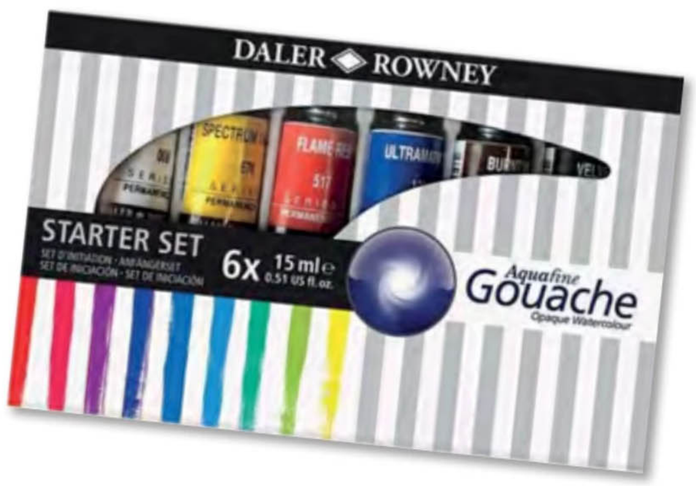
TIME FOR TEA

Rejuvenate an old wooden tray and turn it into a modern-day delight for your home. £4, **cc-craft.co.uk**



FABRIC FUN

Screen Sensation inks are water-based and work perfectly with all fabric types from cotton to burlap and towelling. £9.99, **crafting.co.uk**



WATER MARKS

Create smooth opaque watercolour effects with Daler Rowney Aquafine Gouache. Six pack, £12.99, **saa.co.uk**



HIGH RISE

Add texture to a range of projects from paper to fabric using Tulip Dimensional Paints. £2 each, **hobbycraft.co.uk**



PAINT Spots

Upgrade your project work with these handy craft room essentials

DESIGNER DECOR

Stylish chalky effects will keep your craftwork on trend, Annie Sloan, Decorative Paint Sets, £29.95, **anniesloan.com**





ROCK STARS

Give glass and ceramics the wow factor using an application of acrylic enamel. Liquitex Glossies. **liquitex.com**



LUXE LOOKS

Apply lustre and sparkle with little drops of this magic colouring medium. Nuvo Crystal Drops, £2.50, **macrafts.com**

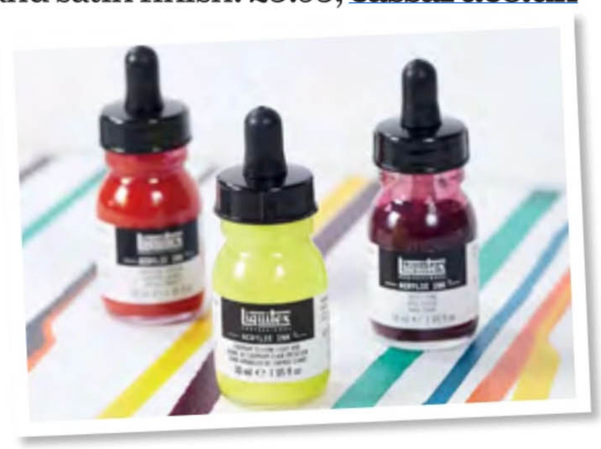


COLOUR STORY

Pebeo Setacolor Opaque fabric paints come in 45ml pots in a selection of 23 colours. Fixed with an iron, they are ideal for natural or synthetic textiles. £2.95, **pullingers.com**

LIGHT TOUCH

Liquitex Professional Acrylic Ink dries quickly to a permanent, water-resistant and satin finish. £3.95, **cassart.co.uk**



3 of the Best... Stencils for Crafts & Decor

BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES

Enhance plain surfaces with delicate patterns designed by CB's Sara Naumann. Stencil, £4.60, **paperartsy.co.uk**



TAKE A NOTE

Use letters to add a personal touch to projects. Decoart Stencils, seven pack, £15, **hobbycraft.co.uk**



FLORAL FANTASY

Apply intricate detail to cards and papercrafts. Enchanted Forest, Flowers and Vines stencil, £4.99, **crafterscompanion.co.uk**



MAKE YOUR OWN

Printed Gift Wrap

Finish off your present to mum with something really individual by printing and painting your own paper. Amanda Walker's design can be stamped onto paper or card, plus the background is painted as well so you're not limited to papers that are only available in certain colours.

Essentials

❇ Poster paper, white ❇ Card, A4, white ❇ Rubber stamps: butterfly, flower, leaf ❇ Ink-pads, assorted colours ❇ Acrylic paints, assorted colours ❇ Sponge ❇ Tape, double-sided

PRINTED WRAP

1 Squeeze paint in your chosen background colour onto a plate, then dab a sponge onto it until it has an even covering of paint. Make bold strokes across white paper or card to cover, working quickly as the paint will begin to dry almost immediately. The paper will bubble a little but should flatten as the paint dries.

2 When dry, stamp your design across the diagonal of the paper or card, alternating between rows of flowers with a leaf both sides, followed by a row of butterflies again with a leaf on either side. The rows are staggered and the leaves and butterflies turned in different directions across the design. Leave to dry, then use to wrap a parcel in the traditional way, or make a gift bag or box (below).

GIFT BAG

1 Cut a rectangle from your printed paper, then stick double-sided tape down one of the shorter edges. Fold the taped edge over onto the wrong side of the paper. Fold the opposite shorter edge over onto the taped flap and press the paper flat.

2 At the base, fold up what becomes the gusset. This will depend on the size of your gift; our bag has a 7cm fold. Open out the folded area and fold the flap so that two arrow heads are formed, the points being on the outer edge corners of the bag.

3 Fold the horizontal straight edges at the base up towards the original fold, slightly overlapping the fold line, then repeat on the adjacent straight edge and stick with double-side tape to secure the base. The gift can be placed inside and the top folded and sealed with a small wooden peg and a gift tag.



PILLOW BOX

1 Stick double-sided tape along one of the shorter edges of printed A4 card on the right side. Score a line along the edge of the tape, then fold the taped area onto the wrong side of the card; find the centre of the long edges from this point and score a line across the card parallel to the shorter edges. Fold the remaining shorter edge over onto the taped area and press the card flat.

2 Cut the two open ends of the box into curves, using a china side plate as a guide. Mirror the outside curves with the plate, this time scoring the curved lines on both the front and back of the box. Carefully fold along the scored line, forming the pillow shape of the box. Complete by tying a ribbon around it with a bow and add a gift tag. **CB**



Craft Savvy

If the painted paper or card is still a little curled up when dry, place face down on a clean surface and apply a weight

Colour Clever

The leaves are printed using acrylic paint, which is squeezed onto a clean sponge to create a pad for the stamps



"When making up the bag and box, cover the areas being folded with a piece of clean paper to prevent smudging and marking the printed paper"

Amanda Walker, Designer



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FLIGHTS OF FANCY

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WORK SIMPLE PATTERNS ON FOIL

Petal Frames

Create your own stylish gift ideas using metal foil that can be shaped into pretty covers for frames or greeting card décor. The technique is straightforward, so if you haven't worked with metal before and would like to try something new, this is the ideal project to get you started. Simply follow Jill's guide to create a set of stunning gifts ideas for your mum or a loved one.

Essentials

- Frames, wooden; heart shapes, wooden
- Embossing metal, silver
- Embossing mat
- Punches: daisy 25mm, leaves, 25mm; 38mm
- Acrylic paint: magenta, green
- Piercing tool or thick needle
- Beads, silver, small
- Card: pink, green



"Practise the pattern first on a scrap of embossing foil, it will help you gauge the correct pressure"

Jill Alblas, Designer

SQUARE FRAME

1 Tape the foil onto the sheet of foam or an embossing mat, then secure the pattern on top. Using a ruler and piercing tool or ballpoint pen, work over the folding lines as indicated on the template, then pierce a series of holes to form a pattern. Cut out the foil shapes as shown.

2 Wrap the foil round the frame. If necessary, go over the fold lines again to ensure a neat finish, taking care not to split the foil. Fix the foil to the back of the frame using double-sided tape, then cut off the excess.

3 Sponge a piece of scrap foil with magenta acrylic and leave to dry. Punch daisies from silver and painted foil. Secure the daisies with a spot of glue and press into position. Add a silver bead to the middle of each for decoration. Place a square of pink card in the aperture and suspend a small painted wooden heart in the centre.

Colour Savvy

Sponging is perfect for painting just about any surface, evenly and quickly. Use the paint sparingly and apply the sponge in a gentle bouncing motion

GREETING CARD

1 Cover a blank, 13cm square with green card, then cut a window aperture, 7cm square in the centre. Position pink card inside. Fix a peel-off decorative border round the window and a sentiment at the bottom.

2 Stick the painted flowers and leaves in place with spots of glue. Fix silver beads in the centre of the flowers. Allow the glue to set, then add a length of ribbon finished with a bow.

RECTANGULAR FRAME

1 Make the foil frame as described before. Sponge green and pink acrylic onto a piece of scrap foil and leave to dry. Punch out daisy and leaf shapes from the coloured foil.

2 Punch more daisies from unpainted foil and glue them into place as shown, then fix the pink daisies on top. Place a silver bead into the centre of each one. Arrange the punched leaves and allow to dry. Add green card in the centre and a red heart suspended with silver cord for decoration. **CB**



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Let's MEET...

Raya Sader Bujana

Cutting and shaping intricate sculptures from a crafting staple, Raya reveals her greatest inspiration



We step into a sunny Barcelona studio with Raya to learn more about the artist beyond her papercrafting credentials

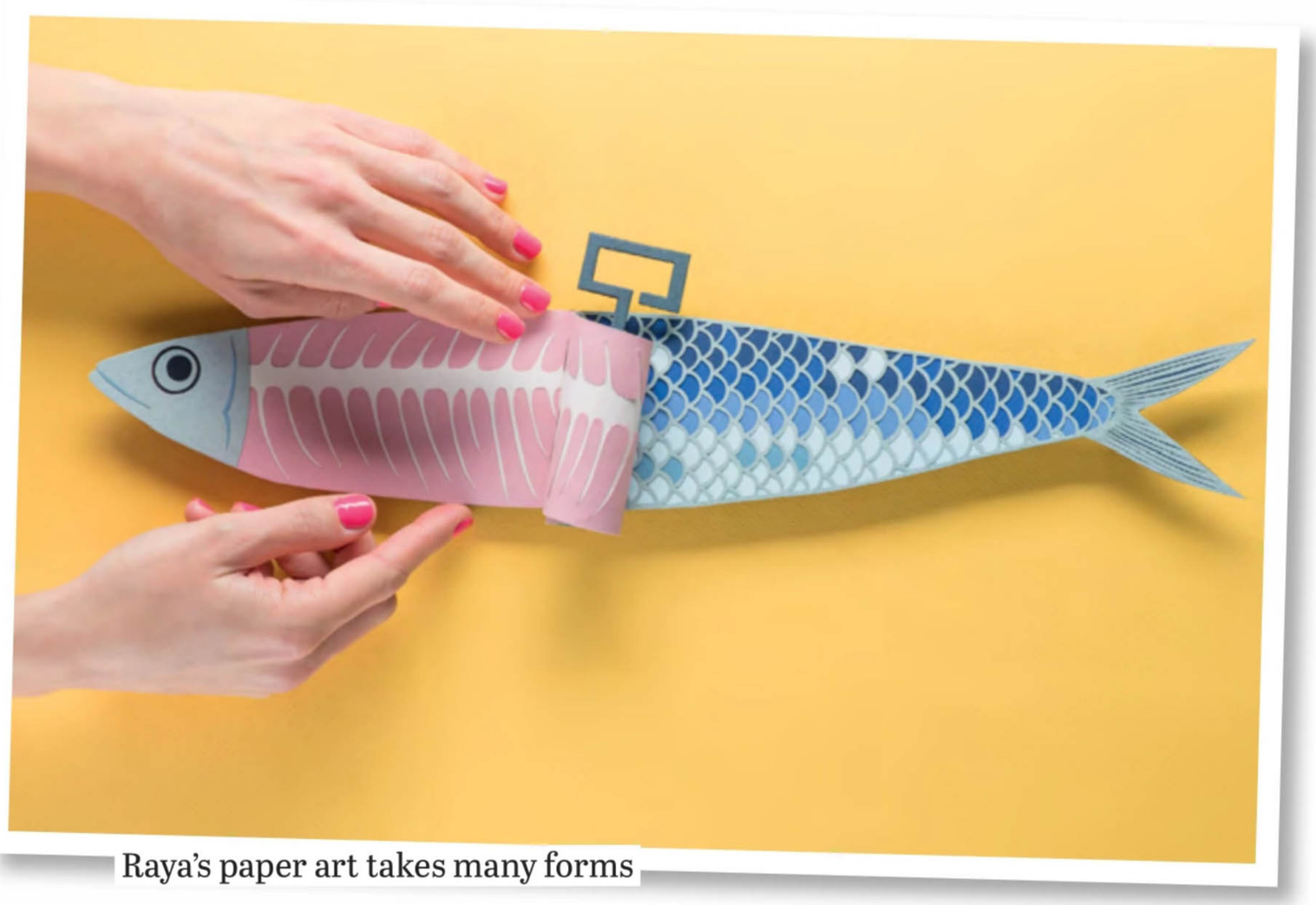
Marvel at more of Raya's creations on Instagram **@littlerayofsunflower**

There's no hiding the fact that we love papercrafting here at *Crafts Beautiful*, but we've never made anything quite so intricate as our new favourite paper artist, Raya. Working from a sun-drenched studio in Barcelona, Raya found a love for papercutting by chance around two decades ago but her success is certainly no accident. We stopped for a chat with the artist to find out how her eye for design led her to that old favourite, paper.

FIRST THING YOU DO IN THE MORNING? Easy, I have a cup of coffee. Otherwise, I would be grumpy all day!

MOST USEFUL ADVICE YOU'VE RECEIVED?
My grandmother used to tell me to turn my tongue inside my mouth before saying what's on my mind. That's always proved helpful for keeping stressful situations calm.

BEST GIFT YOU'VE EVER BEEN GIVEN?
Absolutely anything made by my nephew!



Raya's paper art takes many forms

Is there a big difference between working on a commission compared to making something for yourself?

That totally depends on the commission and on the freedom they give you. Sometimes I'm pretty much free to do as I like but personal pieces are always going to be more about experimenting which is something I love! One of my favourite ways to work is just trying new techniques and ideas, and making things for pleasure alone.

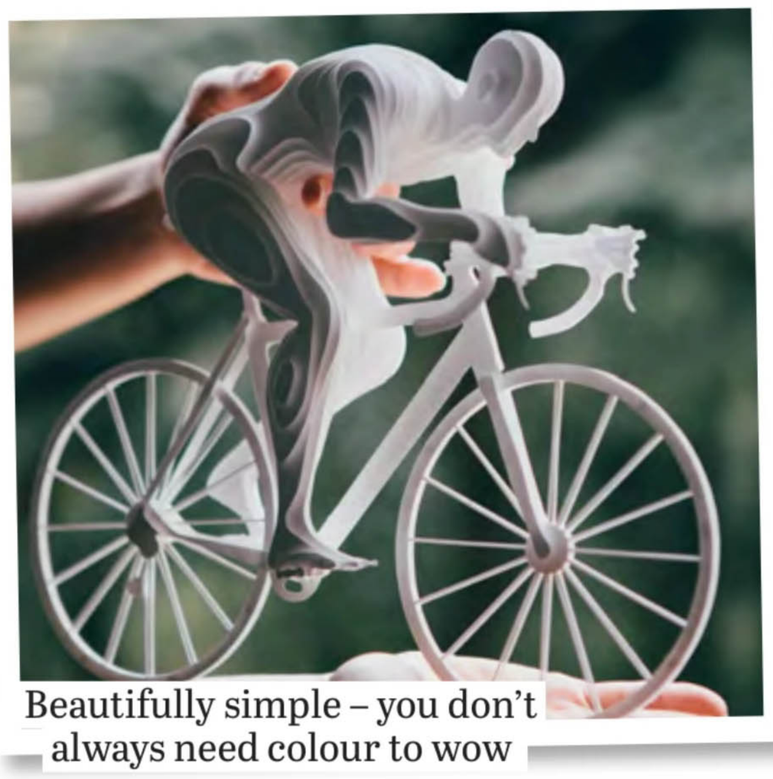
Where do you find your inspiration?

I'm a very observant person so I often find it in the things around me. The slightly more difficult bit comes when I try to translate them to paper! Architecture and nature are among my favourite things so, naturally, I draw a lot of inspiration from them and I think it shows.

We love your recent paper plant series! Can you tell us a little more about it?

Of course, that's a good example of a personal project where I've just been able to make whatever I like! It all started because I found a plant I really wanted and

"I love trying new things and will always continue to experiment"



Beautifully simple – you don't always need colour to wow

didn't have so I thought, 'Why not make one from paper?'. Adding detail to such small pieces is definitely a challenge but it's a lot of fun for me – I like pushing my limits!

How do you transform your ideas into a finished product?

Usually, I'll start with a sketch. It sounds simple enough but if someone else saw that first drawing I doubt it would make any sense to them! Most of my pieces are then drawn out by hand before I start cutting and shaping but with some, I'll start cutting straight away with just an idea in my head. Then it's time to develop the all-important texture – that's easily the most vital element for me.

After your first cup of coffee, what sort of shape does the rest of your day take?

After that much-needed brew, I get ready and walk down to my studio where I'll most probably make a second coffee before I sit at my desk and get started with the rest of the day! I'll answer any important emails and then go straight to work on either a commission, whatever that may be, or the admin side of the business. That bit can be annoying but it's super necessary.

Have you ever been tempted by any other crafts?

I love crafting – I just don't really show my other attempts to anyone or post them so readily online! Illustration, weaving, painting, knitting, embroidery, model making and wood burning are all things I've tried over the years and there's nothing I wouldn't test out if the mood struck me. I love trying new techniques and will always continue to experiment – I find it very enriching.

Have you noticed any trends you'll be hopping on this year?

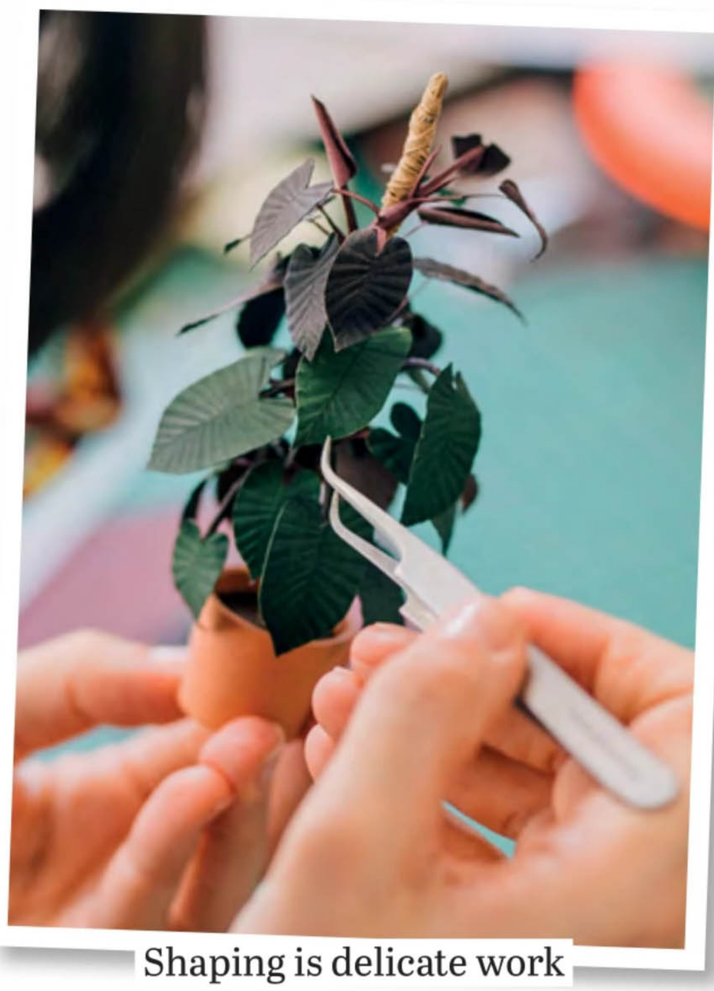
I am working on a couple of personal projects at the moment which I will be putting out into the world when they're ready but I'll admit I'm not the best at spotting trends. I wish I was better at it. If I've ever managed to do something really on trend it was sheer luck I think!

Making THE CUT

* Don't be afraid to start. It's often the hardest bit of the whole process and papercutting is definitely something that gets better with practice. Nothing can replace the hours you put into it!

* Watch your fingers! Always protect them and be mindful while cutting – in my experience, working in a hurry will probably not produce good results.

* Get familiar with your materials. There are so many kinds of paper out there, try a few types and figure out what works best for you.



Shaping is delicate work



We can hardly *be-leaf* these are made from paper!



Sara Naumann's

CRAFT SECRETS

Block Print Embossing

Simple Stamping

Looking for a fun and easy background? All you need are a few ink-pads and embossing powder!

This way of printing is one of my favourites for a few reasons. First, it's quick and easy to do. Second, you can adapt it by simply swapping out the ink colours. Plus, it can be used to make a complete background or strips for a paper pieced look.

As we're using glossy card, you'll need dye-based ink-pads. These aren't normally used for embossing as it dries quickly, but if you use glossy card, then there's still a good window to add the powder. And since we're not going for complete powder coverage, the combination is perfect!



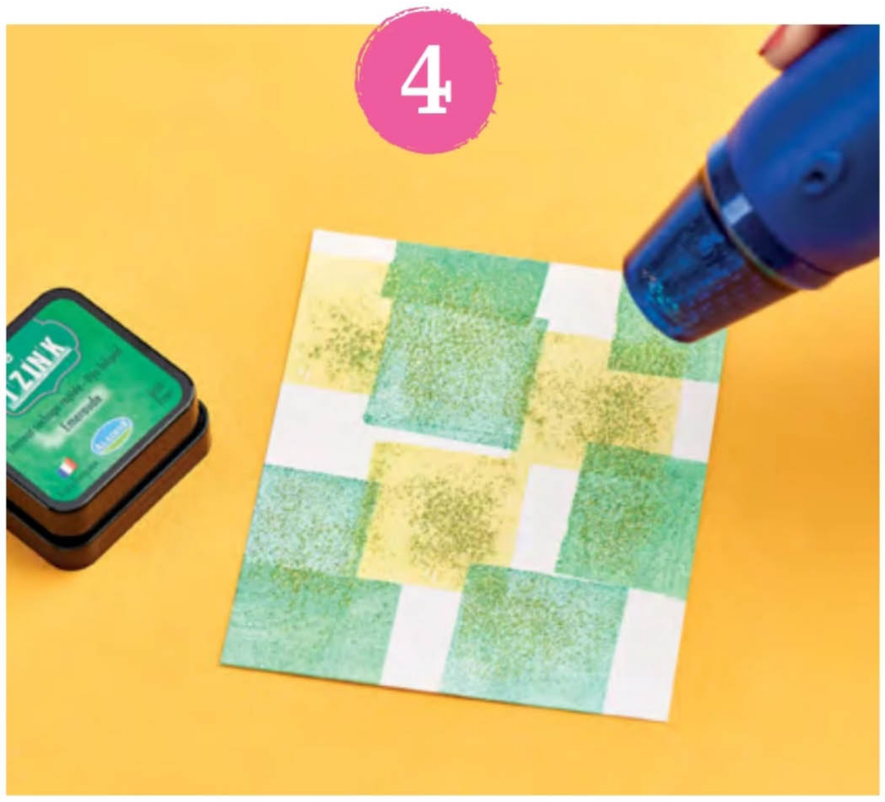
Press the ink-pad directly onto glossy card.



Repeat with two more colours, overlapping some squares.



Tap on a little embossing powder in a few areas.



Use a heat gun to set the powder.

Essentials

- Stamps: PaperArtsy, Eclectica ESN 34
- Ink-pads: Aladine Izink, Emeraude, Menthe, Verveine, Reglisse
- Embossing powder, WOW! Embossing, Sea Turtle
- Dies, nesting circles
- Card: white glossy, black, white
- Embellishments
- Adhesives

Colour Clever

Overlapping the squares will result in even more shades and tones. Experiment on scrap card to see the different combinations you can make!





LAYERED INKS

1 Print a background onto glossy white card, 11cm x 11.5cm, as shown. Ink the edges with Emeraude and emboss. Mount onto white, then black card and wrap with blue cord. Form a white blank, 14cm square. Glue the embossed panel to the centre.

2 Die-cut a circle, 6.5cm, from white. Stamp the bird in black, then mount to a larger circle. Fix to the card front and finish with a cord bow.

SPATTER AND SPARKLE

1 Make a block print background on glossy white card. Trim into eight strips, 1cm x 1.5cm. Mount onto black card, 9cm x 11.5cm. Stamp leaves onto white card, then spatter with a wash of watery green. Buff the edges with Emeraude, then layer with black card.

2 Form a blank, 12cm x 17cm. Glue the stamped piece in the centre, then layer the embossed background on top. Stamp the image onto white and spatter with green. Trim and glue to black, then fix to the card front. Embellish with a bow. **CB**

"I used greens for springtime cards but imagine how pretty this background would be in autumnal shades or cool blue and silver for winter"

Sara Naumann, Designer

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Sara Davies Expert Advice

1 Keep baby wipes handy for cleaning stamps quickly. This works brilliantly on dye-based and pigment inks but if you're using other mediums, wash the stamp with warm water and gentle soap.

2 Line up the centre cross on our stamping mat with the centre cross on the stamping platform to aid in accurate placement and use a low-tack tape to secure the card to the mat.

3 Post-it Notes are great for masking techniques – stamp an image once onto card and again onto a Post-it Note, trim around the image on the Post-it Note and use the sticky end to secure the mask onto the original image for perfect results!

CREATE DECS FROM WIRE AND FILM

Flights of Fancy



There are many exciting products on the market that entice adventurous crafters to try techniques that will expand their skills. Enter Fantasy Film, a liquid resin that once dry can be trimmed and shaped into a selection of dazzling creations. It's easy and fun to use, simply dip and dry! The amazing results are bound to make your friends say 'wow'!

Craft Clever

If a hole forms in the film when the wire shape is dipped, simply dip it again



Essentials

- Dip-It Fantasy Film, transparent: red, yellow, green
- Wire: 0.35mm, 0.60mm
- Card: red, cream
- Cabochons
- Ribbons
- Beads, small
- Florist's foam
- Craft knife
- Pot, 5cm diameter
- Paint, acrylic, gold



GOLD POT

1 Take a glass tea-light holder, apply a coat of gold acrylic paint to the outside and leave to dry. Place some florist's foam inside the glass to act as a base for the Fantasy Film and wire decoration.

2 To make a butterfly, shape the thick wire into four loops, then twist together and bind with a length of thinner wire. Leave a tail of about 10cm. Dip into the Fantasy Film and leave to dry as before. Firmly, twist the tails of wire together.

3 Create the antennae for the butterflies by threading small beads onto a short length of wire, then twisting to secure. Place the butterfly flat on some non-stick paper and glue the antennae into position. Fix a cabochon in the centre and leave to dry. When the flowers and butterflies are ready, arrange them in the gold pot, by pressing the wire ends into the florist's foam.

GREETING CARD

1 Shape the first flower by winding five coils of thick wire around a large pen or your little finger. Remove the coils and knot together using thinner wire, then twist firmly in place. Trim the wire, leaving a length of 5cm, then open the coils to make five petals.

2 Holding the length of wire, dip the flower into the pot of Fantasy Film. Allow to drain, then gently wipe against the side of the pot to remove any excess drops. Push the wire into florist's foam and leave to dry for about an hour. Repeat to make a second flower.

3 For the butterflies, bend thick wire into four petal shapes. Pull the petals into shape to make the wings. Trim the wire and repeat to make four smaller wings. Dip into the film as described, then push the wire into florist's foam and leave to set. Make leaves with shorter lengths of wire and pinch the ends into points.

4 Cover a card blank,11cm square, with red card. Cut an aperture in the centre, 7cm square, then overlay using cream card. Trim the wire flush with the butterfly wings, and use spots of craft glue to fix them in place. Place the smaller wings on top and complete with a cabochon.

5 Thread about 4cm wire with small beads and glue in place to make the butterfly's body. Attach a couple of short lengths of wire for the antennae and finish with smaller beads. Fix a ribbon bow at the base of the body. Trim away the excess wire from the flowers and leaves, glue in place and add a small cabochon to finish.

GIFT BOX

1 Bend thick wire into a petal shape, 3cm long. Pinch to make a gentle point and twist the ends of the wire, leaving a length of 5cm. Make twelve petals, then six smaller ones, bending them all upwards. Dip in the Fantasy Film and leave to set.

2 Cover the top of the pot with a circle of cream card and the base with red. Tie ribbons around the rim and attach small cabochons round the bottom. Trim the wires flush with the base of the petals.

3 Fix the ends of the straight petals into a blob of glue on the lid. Leave to set, then add the large curved petals in the same way followed by the smaller ones. When dry, decorate with cabochons.





"Wire is usually measured by gauge, so always select the correct width and length to suit your project"

Jill Alblas, Designer

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Surprise your mum with this delightful Mother's Day set

This lovely gift collection by **Sophia Palmer** is a great way to treat someone **special**, and perfect for beginners and experienced sewers alike. It features simple **quilting** techniques, which look great on thick **interlined** items, plus you'll be making your own bias binding to finish your projects neatly. Create a useful pot holder, a **sweet** mug **cosy**, plus matching lavender bags for the **home**



1

Lavender Bags

Sew lovely sachets to scent your home

YOU WILL NEED...

Fabric: floral; solid pale pink

Plain canvas

Machine thread: white, pink

Thermal batting

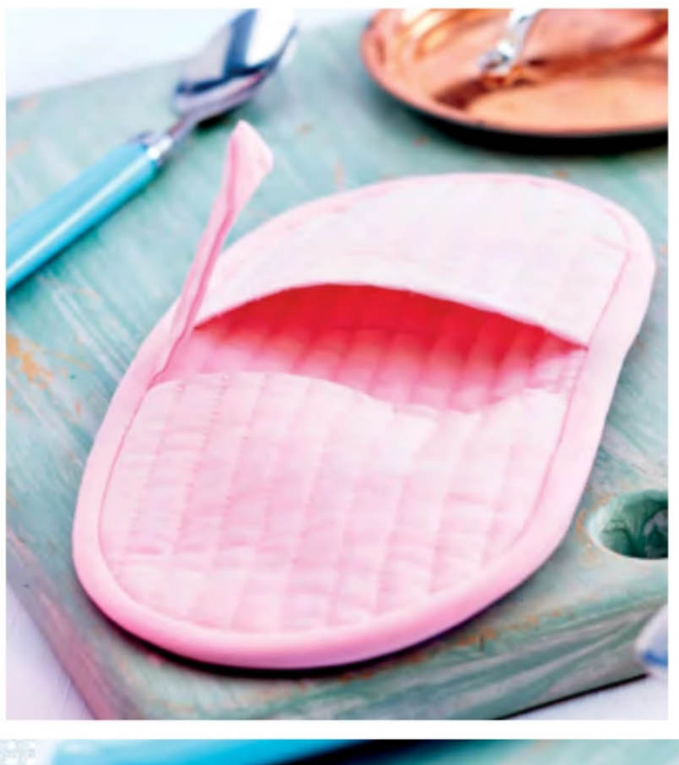
Satin ribbon, cream, 5mm

Dried lavender

1 Cut rectangles from canvas, 8cm x 16cm. Fold in half lengthwise and sew up the outer two sides. Turn right sides out and press. Fold the open raw edges inside by 5mm and press again. Fill the canvas bags with lavender through the open side. Pin the pressed raw edges together and topstitch or hand sew closed.

2 Snip two floral rectangles, 10cm x 13cm, place right sides together and sew up three sides. Turn right sides out and press. Fold the open raw edges inside by 5mm and press. Repeat again to create a small rolled hem and topstitch this carefully.

3 Pin a length of ribbon, 40cm, to the centre back, roughly 2cm from the top. Sew a little line of stitches to hold in place. Place the canvas lavender pouch inside the floral bag and tie the ribbons in a bow to close. When the scent fades, just undo and re-make the canvas bags inside.





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2

Mini Pot Holder

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YOU WILL NEED...

Fabric: floral; solid pale pink
Machine thread: white, pink
Thermal batting

1 Cut one floral outer and three pink 'pill' shapes. Press two pink pieces in half, wrong sides together. Trim three more pills from batting, snip one in half, and place between the two pressed half pieces. Layer the floral outer on top of the other two batting sections with the last pink one on the bottom, all wrong sides together. Pin in place.

2 Quilt the layers together with simple straight lines. Measure the centre and stitch down the middle first, then work outwards with your machine foot lined up against the previous line. Repeat on the half pressed pieces, then cut a tab, 3cm x 15cm. Fold the long sides into the middle, press, then fold in half lengthwise and press again. Sew the tab with two lines of stitching.

3 Lay the halves on top of the outer piece, wrong sides together, place the tab in the centre, pointing downwards, and sew all around, 5mm from the edge. Trim a long diagonal piece, exactly 45° and 3cm wide, from matching fabric; this is your bias cut piece. Fold the long sides into the middle, press, then fold in half lengthwise and press again.

4 Using the pressed lines, open out the bias and hand sew or topstitch on one of the outside pressed lines, matching raw edges together. Leave a small piece at the beginning to fold back against itself, then when you come back round to the end, continue to sew a little further than this to neaten the join. Fold the rest to the other side, fold the outside edge under and hand stitch the bias to finish.

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Take your quilting further to create 28 hand-quilted totes, purses, pouches and more. *Sew Beautiful Quilted Bags* by Akemi Shibata (Search Press, £14.99), **searchpress.com**



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3

Floral Mug Cosy

Style up your cuppa with this pretty sleeve

YOU WILL NEED...

Fabric: floral; solid pale pink

Machine thread: white, pink

Thermal batting

Elastic, 5mm wide

Button

1 Cut one long pill shape each from floral and plain pink fabric, plus a third from batting. Layer the floral outer onto the batting with the pink piece on top, right sides together, and pin.

2 Place a length of elastic in the centre of the curved ends in between the outer and lining fabrics to form a loop, ensuring it's long enough to pull to the other end of the cosy around your mug.

3 Sew all around the edge with a 5mm-10mm seam allowance, securing the elastic at one end and leaving a 5cm gap on one of the long edges. Turn the cosy right side out and press.

4 Machine stitch around the outside, right to the edges, closing up the gap as you go; alternatively you can hand sew it instead. Stitch a button at the other end of the cosy, wrap it around your mug and hook the elastic loop over the button. **CB**

Home Sweet home

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Decorate our pretty box and gift tag with cross-stitch

YOU WILL NEED...

Aida, 14 count, white
DMC stranded cotton
Tapestry needle, size 26
Blank box, 9cm x 22cm
Paper: blue and white floral, blue spotty
Felt
Card: white, red
Bakers twine, red and white
Adhesives

This pretty design by Helen Philipps is inspired by **vintage** sampler style and **folk art** – simply cover a blank box with decorative paper, then cross-stitch the panel to go on top. It would make a **lovely gift** for **Mother's Day** or a birthday, especially when accompanied with a little matching gift tag. You could also **cross-stitch** the little house on its own to create a **new home** card.

1

Cross-stitch Box

1 Trim 12cm x 24cm of Aida, fold in half twice to find the centre and begin working here from the centre of the chart. Stitch over one block of Aida, using two strands of cotton for the cross-stitch and one for the back stitches and French knots. When complete, press the panel carefully and cut to fit the top of the box lid.

2 Cover the sides of a blank box with blue floral paper using PVA. Measure the base and cut a piece of felt to fit, then stick with fabric glue. Adhere the cross-stitch panel to the top of the box lid.





2

Birds & Heart Tag

1 Follow the chart and stitch the red heart with two birds either side. Use two strands for the cross-stitch and one for the back stitch (beaks) and the French knots (birds' eyes).

2 When complete, trim the fabric away from the design, two holes away from the stitching at the sides and three holes from the top and bottom. Back the design with white card and double-sided tape, then matt onto red card.

3 Cut a tag from blue spotty paper, 4.5cm x 8cm, and punch a hole in the top left corner. Attach the cross-stitch design with sticky pads, then tie a length of red and white bakers twine through the hole. **CB**



"This design can be fitted onto the top of any rectangular box as the outer margin of fabric can be varied. Simply cut the Aida to size and start stitching in the middle, working outwards"

Helen Philipps, Designer

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THANK YOU...

to **Clara Constantine** and **Paula Smith**, who helped us name Flora via Instagram – great minds think alike!

As soon as this little **sweetheart** landed on our desks here at Crafts Beautiful, we were all instantly smitten! Corinne Bradd has used bold **floral** and sunny yellow **fabrics** to create an **eye-catching** contrast, then finished off Flora's look with a smart leather collar. You could even make her for a very young **child** – just leave of the collar and **embroider** her eyes instead.

YOU WILL NEED...

Fabrics, Art Gallery Fabrics: Floral Elements Sunflower, 0.5m, Bijoux Divine Gypsy Rosewood, 0.25m

Felt, grey

Fusible adhesive webbing

Toy stuffing

Buttons: 10mm black x 2; 2.3cm decorative

Leather strip, 1.5cm wide



"Always iron your fabric before cutting and sewing. It will make appliqué and gusset positioning much easier"

Corinne Bradd, Designer

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Flora the Basset Hound

1 Trace the side panels onto fusible adhesive webbing. Roughly cut out the shapes and iron onto the back of brown floral fabric. Trim accurately to the traced line and remove the



backing paper. Cut two body pieces from yellow fabric and position the contrast panels on each one. Fuse in place before securing with a small zigzag stitch in a complimentary thread.

2 Cut two gusset pieces from yellow fabric, fold the top of each leg section right sides together and stitch the darts. Unfold and sew each gusset to the lower half of each body piece without sewing across the bottom of each foot. Stitch the top line of the gussets together.

3 Pin and stitch the rest of the body pieces together from each end of the gusset and clip all curves. Fold the muzzle inside the head and stitch a shallow dart across the bridge of the nose where indicated on the pattern. Turn the dog out through one of the feet.

4 Fold in 5mm around the bottom of each foot and tack the hem. Firmly stuff through the foot tubes, using a knitting needle to get right to the tip of the tail. Once filled, cut four 3.5cm wide discs of grey felt and oversew to the hemmed feet with small stitches. Remove the tacking stitches.

5 Cut two pairs of ears from brown floral fabric and one pair from felt. Layer the pieces, right sides together, with the felt underneath and sew all around, leaving a 3cm gap. Trim the felt close to the seam before turning each ear right sides out. Fold in the raw edges of the gap and slip stitch closed.

6 Oversew the tops of the ears to either side of the head and add two black button eyes across the head dart. Oversew a felt nose in place, adding a little extra stuffing underneath if desired. Sew a 1.5cm x 22cm strip of leather into a ring and add a decorative button to the join before slipping over the dog's head as a collar. **CB**

Sew Clever

Try reducing the template to make a pocket pooch, or enlarging for a friendly footstool

Fabric Love



IN BLOOM

Create contrast with this bold Gypsy Rosewood fabric from the Bijoux Divine range



BRING ME SUNSHINE

This vibrant yellow Sunflower fabric from the Floral Elements collection really stands out!

Both fabrics are by Art Gallery Fabrics; visit **artgalleryfabrics.com** for stockists.

Sew it with... SINGER

Stitch your own Flora with the aid of the Singer Fashion Mate 3337. Not only are there 29 stitch options to choose from, it also has a built-in needle threader and LED light to make stitching easier and comes with four sewing feet, with many more available. The heavy-duty frame ensures smooth sewing, plus it's easy to adjust the stitch length. Typical price £189. Visit **singerco.co.uk** for stockists.



Prepare for spring days with

Garden Markers

Identify your blossoming plants, herbs or even vegetables using nifty metal labels. There's nothing more exciting than seeing your little seeds turn into fully-fledged greenery and thanks to these adorable labels you'll always know what's in your plot! With spring approaching, there's no better time than now to make sweet markers.

"Everyone's garden is unique. Personalise yours with a hand stamped marker!"

Rita Pannulla, ImpressArt Designer



Essentials...

ImpressArt Tools and Supplies: ❤ Ergo-Angle™ Metal Stamping Hammer ❤ Steel Block ❤ Stamp Enamel Marker™ ❤ Sticker Guides™ ❤ Stamp Straight Tape™ ❤ Letter Set ❤ Design Stamp ❤ Aluminum Garden Marker Kit ❤ Polishing cloth

1 Place the blank on a stamping block. Adhere a straight Stamp Guide at the bottom portion of the garden marker blank to assist in spacing out letters and aligning stamp impressions, ensuring the block is on a hard, sturdy surface.

2 Write your desired message directly onto the stamp guide and utilise the guideline marks for spacing. Place the first letter flat on the blank and lightly drag the stamp downwards towards the stamp guide. When resistance is felt, strike the stamp once with medium force. If the stamp has an ImpressArt logo, make sure it is facing you, so the impression is stamped in the correct direction.

3 Repeat until the desired message is impressed into the blank. Remove the Stamp Guide.

4 Highlight the impressions with the Stamp Enamel Marker. Wait 3-5 minutes, then wipe away any excess. **CB**

Meet the Winners!

WE PRESENT THE HEADLINERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRAFT AWARDS 2018

The International Craft Awards is your chance to nominate and vote for your favourite brands, designers, retailers and personalities, giving them the recognition they deserve. We'd like to thank every one of you who took the time to enter and have your say – now read on to discover your winners!



"We are thrilled to have won a raft of awards, including Best International Brand and Best for Quality. At Hunkydory, we endeavour to bring you the highest quality crafting products at great prices and it is an honour to be recognised for this"

Anne-Marie Catterall, Hunkydory



SHOPPING

BEST UK CRAFTS CHAIN STORE

WINNER: Hobbycraft

Highly Commended:
The Range
Crafter's Companion

BEST FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

WINNER: Create and Craft

Highly Commended:
Hochanda
Hunkydory



BEST INTERNATIONAL BRAND FOR CRAFTS

WINNER: Hunkydory

Highly Commended:
Crafter's Companion
Tattered Lace

BEST FOR QUALITY

WINNER: Hunkydory

Highly Commended:
Tonic Studios
Tattered Lace

BEST NEW PRODUCT

WINNER: Adorable Scoreboard, Hunkydory

Highly Commended:
Tim Holtz Stamp Platform, Tonic Studios,
Memory Book and Dies, Tonic Studios

BEST TV SHOPPING CHANNEL

WINNER: Create and Craft

Highly Commended:
Hochanda
QVC



"I'm simply overwhelmed to have won this special award again. I cannot thank our wonderful viewers enough for their continued support. A huge thank you to the Create and Craft team who make my 'day job' an absolute pleasure"

Dean Wilson, Create and Craft

All our winners are chosen by YOU!

Meet the Winners!

PRODUCTS

BEST DIE-CUTTING RANGE
WINNER: Moonstone Dies, Hunkydory
Highly Commended:
Die'sire, Crafter's Companion
Memory Book Dies, Tonic Studios

BEST CRAFT/GADGET MACHINE 2018
WINNER: ScanNCut CM900, Brother
Highly Commended:
Gemini, Crafter's Companion
Big Shot, Sizzix

BEST RUBBER STAMPING RANGE
WINNER: For the Love of Stamps, Hunkydory
Highly Commended:
Fine Line Stamps, Claritystamp
Sentimentally Yours, Phill Martin

FAVOURITE PAPERCRAFT RANGE
WINNER: Adorable Scorable, Hunkydory
Highly Commended:
Little Books Series, Hunkydory
Designer Paper Pads, Claritystamp

BEST ART RANGE
WINNER: Tim Holtz Distress Oxide Inks, Ranger
Highly Commended:
Spectrum Noir Pens, Crafter's Companion
Chameleon Pens

BEST SEWING/ HABERDASHERY RANGE
WINNER: Debbie Shore Sew & Craft Range
Highly Commended:
Threaders, Crafter's Companion
Hobbycraft Fat Quarters

BEST KNITTING/ CROCHET RANGE
WINNER: Sirdar, Baby Yarn
Highly Commended:
TOFT Yarns
TOFT, Edward's Menagerie

BEST SEWING MACHINE BRAND
WINNER: Brother
Highly Commended:
Singer
Janome

BEST CRAFT STORAGE AND ORGANISATION
WINNER: Really Useful Boxes
Highly Commended:
Tonic Studios Die Storage Folder
Everything Mary Craft Totes



'We are delighted to have won the International Craft Award for Best Baking range. Our passion for baking borders on obsession and we're completely over-the-moon that our customers love our range as much as we do! Thank you to all of the Craft Beautiful readers for voting for Lakeland.'

Samm Swain, Lakeland's Buying & Merchandising Director



"I'd like to thank all of you who voted for me in the awards, it's exciting just to be nominated so winning is the icing on the cake! The new category of 'Social Media Influencer' is very special. My Half Yard Sewing Club is really growing online and is full of projects, tips and techniques, with so much more to come this year"

Debbie Shore, Favourite Social Media Influencer

BEST CRAFT BOOK
WINNER: Hunkydory Adorable Scoreboard Handbooks
Highly Commended:
Half Yard Bags and Purses by Debbie Shore
Stamps by Chloe Project Books

BEST PEN & LETTERING RANGE
WINNER: Spectrum Noir Sparkle Pens, Crafter's Companion
Highly Commended:
Pens & Colour Tops, Chameleon
ZIG Pens, Kuretake

BEST JEWELLERY RANGE
WINNER: Swarovski Crystal Beads
Highly Commended:
Beads Direct Findings Kits
Riverside Beads Angel Kits

BEST BAKING RANGE
WINNER: Lakeland
Highly Commended:
Katy Sue Designs
Mary Berry Baking Range

ONLINE

BEST CRAFT WEBSITE
WINNER: Create and Craft
Highly Commended:
Hochanda
Hunkydory

BEST CRAFT BLOG
WINNER: Create and Craft
Highly Commended:
Barbara Gray
Hunkydory

FAVOURITE SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER
WINNER: Debbie Shore
Highly Commended:
Jodie Johnson
Barbara Gray

MISCELLANOUS

BEST OVERALL DESIGNER
WINNER: Stephanie Weightman
Highly Commended:
Barbara Gray
Sue Wilson

FAVOURITE CRAFT CELEB
WINNER: Dean Wilson
Highly Commended:
Leonie Pujol
Jodie Johnson

FAVOURITE UK CRAFT SHOW
WINNER: The Creative Craft Show, Birmingham
Highly Commended:
Crafting Live, Doncaster
Crafting at Ally Pally, Alexandra Palace

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25th Anniversary Crafts Beautiful

All-time Favourites

We have had the pleasure of enjoying many products over the years, and want to celebrate those that we feel have really enhanced the crafting experience of both readers and our designers. Here are the champs picked by the editorial team and our guest judge, Sonia Bownes, founder of The London Craft Club.



BEST ALL-ROUNDER

WINNER: Sizzix Big Shot: A quality die-cutting machine that has revolutionised cardmaking and papercrafts. **sizzix.co.uk**



Runner Up: Chameleon Pens: This inspiring colouring system offers a wealth of creative possibilities. **chameleon artproducts.com**



BEST VALUE PRODUCT

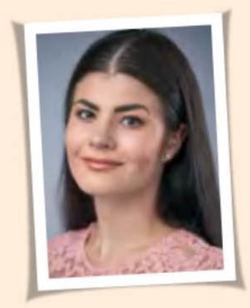
WINNER: Hunkdory's Adorable Scoreboard: There is no end to the versatility of this trusty tool – every crafter should have one! **hunkydorycrafts.co.uk**

Runner Up: Tonic Studios Die Folder: We love the design of the folder, it's smart, practical and great to take to workshops. **tonic-studios.co.uk**

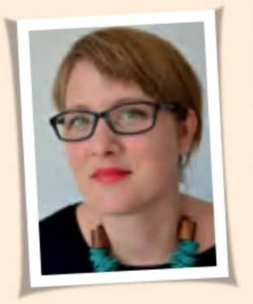


The Judges

Sarah Crosland, Editor, loves to craft in her spare time and has been working in the industry for 20 years.



Elena Thompson, Deputy Editor, is always on the lookout for the latest trends and hot products.



Sonia Bownes is the founder of The London Craft Company and has a wealth of knowledge of many different crafts.

BEST COURSES/ WORKSHOPS

WINNER: Phill Martin Craftathon

Highly Commended:

Barbara Gray Clarity Retreats

IndigoBlu Dirty Weekend

BEST LOCAL INDEPENDANT STORES

SCOTLAND

WINNER: Stampers Grove, Edinburgh

Highly Commended:

Handmade at Helen's, Dumfries

McOyster Papercrafts, Cupar

NORTH OF ENGLAND

WINNER: Kanban Crafts, Elland

Highly Commended:

Chloes Creative Cards, Durham

Inspirations Craft Store, Preston

WALES

WINNER: Craft of Hearts Community Craft Centre

Highly Commended:

The Craft Bug, Chirk, Wrexham

Craft Age, Llandudno

IRELAND

WINNER: Crafty Angels, Newbridge

Highly Commended:

Craft World, Belfast

Little Craft Shop, Kells, Co Meath

MIDLANDS

WINNER: Riverside Beads and Crafts, Market Deeping

Highly Commended:

Sunrise Crafts, Wordsley

Mountain Ash Crafts, Bobbington

SOUTH WEST OF ENGLAND

WINNER: Crafty Devils, Barnstaple

Highly Commended:

Emerald Crafts, Lyndhurst

HixxySoft, Frome

SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND

WINNER: Crafts U Love, Charlwood

Highly Commended:

The Art of Craft, Farnborough

Keep On Crafting, Bury St Edmunds



OUR LUCKY PRIZE WINNER

"Wow, what a surprise and a shock as I never win anything! I look forward to spending some downtime in the hotel – I've contacted them to book and they were so pleasant. It is my birthday soon so it will be a nice treat to go away for it. Thank you so very much."

Karron Wheeler wins a Moorland Garden Hotel Break

Worth £1,000!

Watch this space for our 2019 Awards!

They're launching in the June issue of Crafts Beautiful, on sale 23rd May 2019

Meet the Winners!

Tattered Lace®

Designed by Stephanie Weightman



"I'm so thrilled with our results in the International Craft Awards, and I cannot thank our voters enough for their passion and their belief in what we do! Being voted as Best Overall Designer is such a tremendous honour for me and it's amazing to know that the crafty community appreciates my work! I'm also delighted with our Highly Commended results for Tattered Lace and Crafting Live. If you're one of our voters, then thank you ever so much, and keep your eyes peeled for even more from us in the coming months and beyond!"

Stephanie Weightman

Highly Commended

BEST INTERNATIONAL BRAND FOR CRAFTS

Tattered Lace

BEST FOR QUALITY

Tattered Lace

BEST UK CRAFT SHOW

Crafting Live Doncaster

Winner

BEST OVERALL DESIGNER

Stephanie Weightman

We chat to Stephanie about the fantastic year she's had...

How will you celebrate the awards?

I'll be celebrating the awards by sharing the fantastic news with my team and congratulating us all on a job well done, and at the end of the working day I think I'll put my feet up and cuddle with my dogs. I might even treat myself to something sweet!

The Make Your Own Screen system

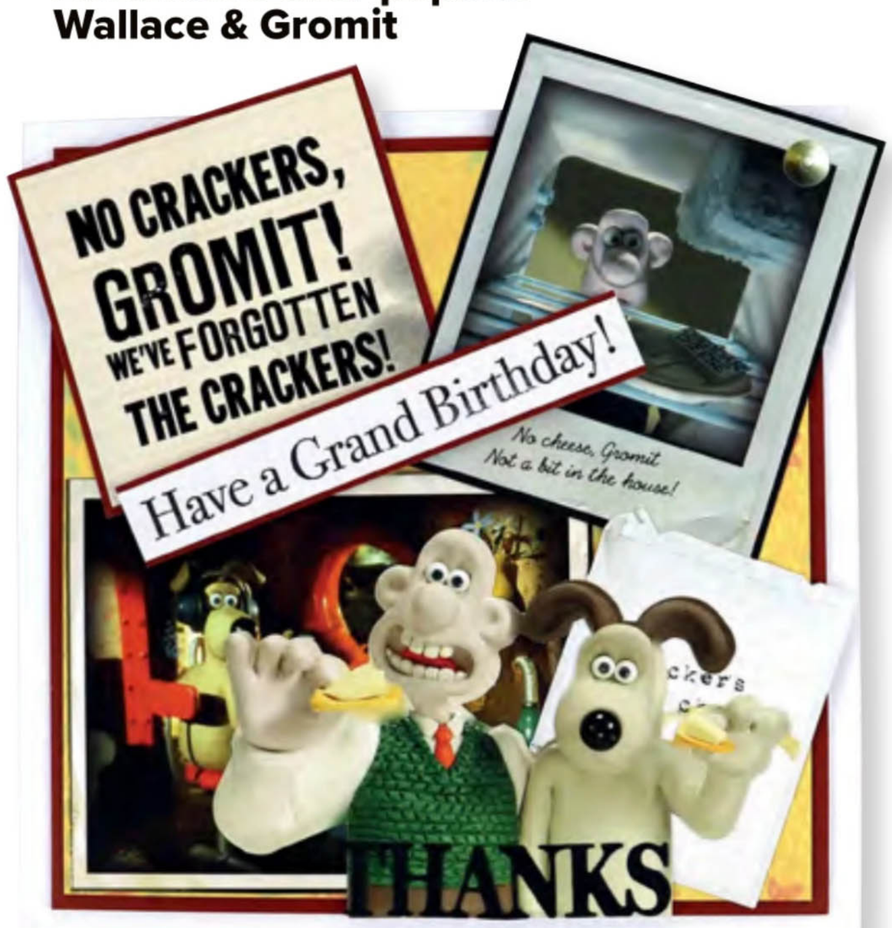


Highlights from 2018

One of my highlights is most definitely developing the **MYOS280!** The **Make Your Own Screen** system is an incredible companion to the Screen Sensation and it's something I've been excited about for a very long time.

I think my second highlight has to be our new partnership with **Aardman Studios,** they're such an incredibly talented bunch of people and their passion for what they do is utterly infectious! Their unique characters are such a joy to help represent and I'm really proud of our relationship with them.

Aardman's ever-popular Wallace & Gromit



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Meet the Winners!

Proudest launches in 2018



I'm delighted with the **Signature Collection** dies that launched just at the end of 2018. They use our **Unity system** to bring the optional detail closer to the edges than ever before, so my designs were brought to life with even more intricacy.



Another launch of which I was really proud was the **Screen Sensation Compact.** The Screen Sensation is the culmination of so much work and redrafting, so to have been able to improve upon it and make it even more convenient felt incredible! I was very happy with that launch.

Crafting Live 2019

Our award-winning Crafting Live shows bring in thousands of enthusiastic crafters from all over the country. They're the ideal place to shop for supplies, chat with likeminded crafters, and even have a chance to meet and greet your favourite crafting celebrities! I'm immensely proud of what Crafting Live represents and how it brings so many people together to share their passions. I've always loved the community in the craft industry, and Crafting Live just brings it all together.





Any sneak peeks for 2019?

I can't give too much away, but we've got brand new products and developments with some of our top brands such as Fleurs Flower Forming, Cutting Craftorium, and Tattered Lace. My team and I are constantly hard at work in our Innovation Hub for ways to push the boundaries and bring sensational new ideas to our crafters! Look out for new ways to get the most from die- cutting and crafting!

THANKU19
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Meet the Winners!

Winner

BEST SEWING MACHINE BRAND



brother
at your side

Thank you to everyone who voted for us in the International Craft Awards 2018 We are so proud to be crowned winners of Best Sewing Machine Brand and Best Craft Gadget/Machine - 'ScanNCut'

Winner

BEST CRAFT GADGET/ MACHINE



ScanNCut

Click & Browse



See all the news and your favourites online at the **International Craft Awards website**. Log on to find a digital copy of this year's winners, plus scroll through the official photos of the awards ceremony held at the CHSI Show at the NEC Birmingham in February. You will also be able to view previous winners and runners up, flick through past galleries and receive up-to-date news on the 2019 International Craft Awards. **www.craftawards.com**

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Meet the Winners!

We are a family run business with over 20 years' experience in the craft industry. We pride ourselves on producing some of the finest quality and innovative products in the marketplace. Thank you so much for voting for us!

Winner
BEST DIE-CUTTING RANGE

Winner
BEST RUBBER STAMPING RANGE

Winner
BEST NEW PRODUCT



Hunkydory
CRAFTS LIMITED

Plus 4 more Winners and 5 Highly Commended!

Highly Commended
BEST SEWING MACHINE BRAND

JANOME

Thank you to all who voted for Janome, your kind endorsement for our lovely sewing machines is much appreciated. Keep in touch at **www.janome.co.uk**

Sewist Series



Winner BEST BAKING RANGE LAKELAND

Founded over 50 years ago, Lakeland offers customers an unrivalled collection of cook and bakeware.

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BEST LOCAL INDEPENDENT STORES

Highly Commended SCOTLAND

Mc Oyster Paper Crafts



Thank you so much for your support and votes for us, we are so grateful to receive this award and look forward to seeing you all in 2019.
Find us on Facebook McOyster Paper Crafts at Poles Apart
Tel 01334 654606'

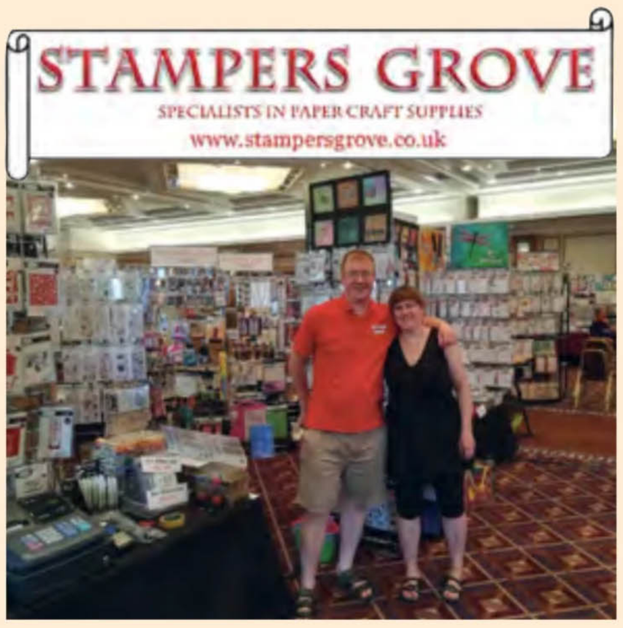
Winner MIDLANDS

Riverside Beads & Crafts
for all your craft & beading supplies



Thank you to everyone who voted for us, it's an incredible honour to win Craft shop of the region and highly commended for our angel kits.
Feel free to pop in and see what we have to offer, open 7 days a week!
Tel:01778344550
riversidebeads.co.uk

Winner SCOTLAND



We are delighted and grateful to have been given the award. We no longer have a bricks and mortar shop – closed 22 Dec 2018, however Stampers Grove lives on! We attend lots of craft shows – details on our website and still sell many of of our favourite brands online. Visit
Stampersgrove.co.uk

Winner SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND



Crafts U Love are delighted to have received this award for the 3rd year in a row! Thank you to everyone who voted and for your continued support!
www.craftsulove.co.uk
01293 863576

Winner WALES

craft of hearts



Craft of Hearts is very proud to have been voted Best Independent Craft Store in Wales. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last 6 years and especially you for voting for us! **Jo and the Team.**
Tel: 07917467103

Winner NORTH OF ENGLAND

kanban Crafts®

It is an absolute honour to be crowned winner of best independent shop in the North of England. We would like to thank all of our loyal customers for giving us this opportunity and your constant support.
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Turn the page to find your four springtime papers by **Elena Essex**



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WANT EVEN MORE?

- There's an enormous range of projects for every occasion online – you're guaranteed to find something to try!
- Need some expert inspiration? We've got just the trick with fabulous blogs from your favourite crafters.
- Our online hub is constantly being updated, so be sure to keep checking back for brand-new content.

BLOGS OF THE MONTH







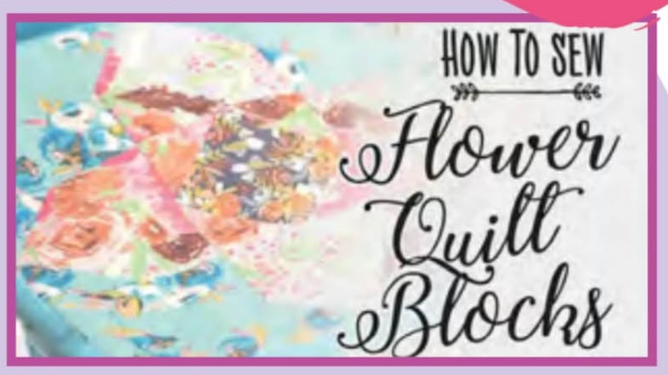
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Watch our expert Corinne Bradd talking and demonstrating all things crafty

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These four papers from **Jane Farnham** can be cut out right away, then head to **crafts-beautiful.com** to download more to keep as part of your online template pack.





With Love

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Birthday

Thank You!

Good Luck

HELLO!

Thinking of You

March Template Tasters

Copy, resize or trace these patterns to make the projects that appear in the magazine. You can also visit **crafts-beautiful.com** and download them for free!

Click & Craft

1 To download actual-size templates for this issue's makes, visit **crafts-beautiful.com**, then click on the tab to view our archive of craft templates.

2 Select the March issue's templates and click 'Download Template' on the new page. The pattern folder will automatically transfer onto your computer. Follow the instructions to print all or selected templates.

3 If you haven't already registered, you'll need to create a log-in for our website to allow you exclusive access to all of our free downloads and the masses of craft templates we have up for grabs.

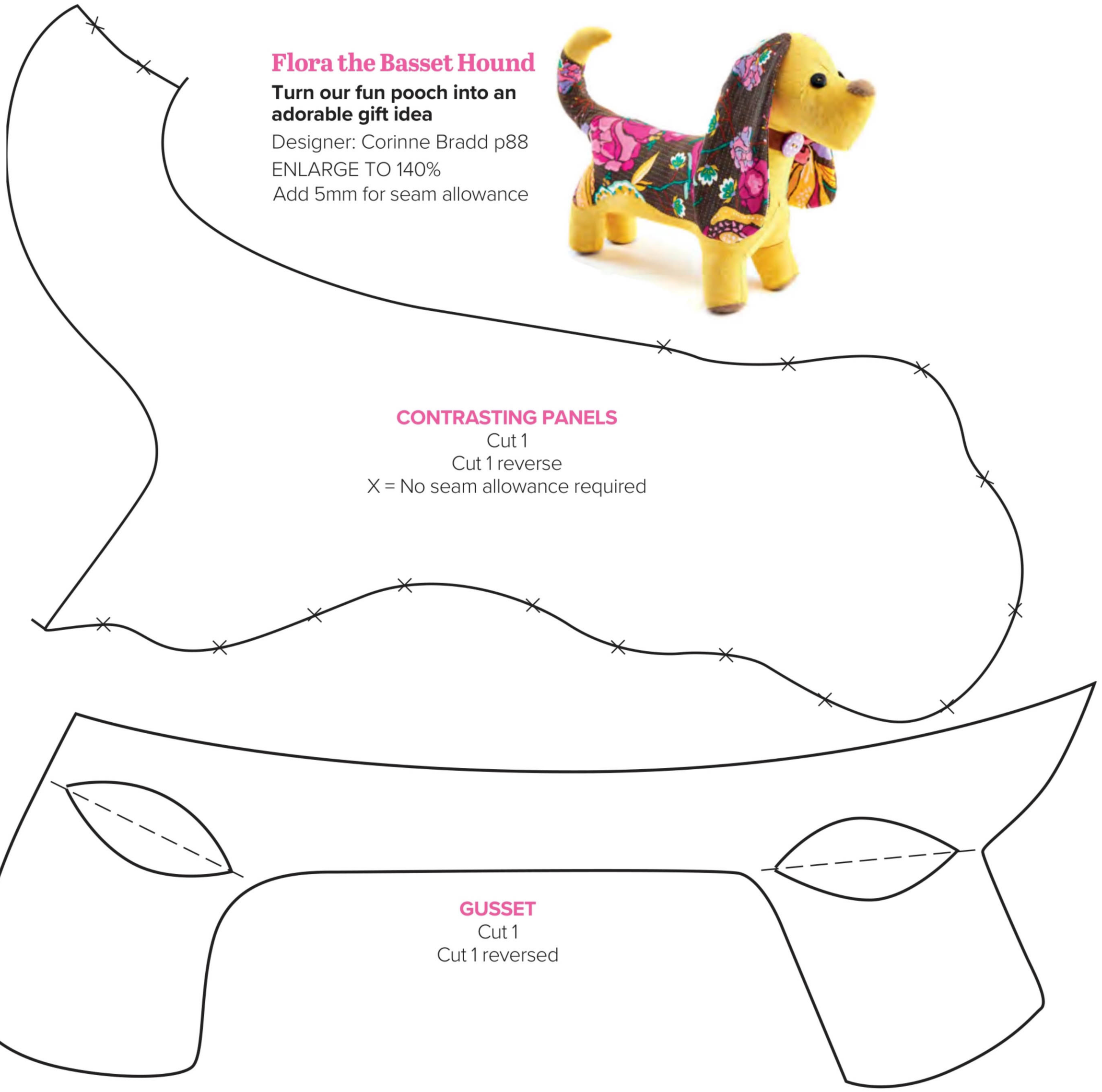
Flora the Basset Hound

Turn our fun pooch into an adorable gift idea

Designer: Corinne Bradd p88

ENLARGE TO 140%

Add 5mm for seam allowance



CONTRASTING PANELS

Cut 1

Cut 1 reverse

X = No seam allowance required

GUSSET

Cut 1

Cut 1 reversed

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FOOT
Cut 4 from felt
No s/a required

NOSE
Cut 1

BODY
Cut 1
Cut 1 reversed

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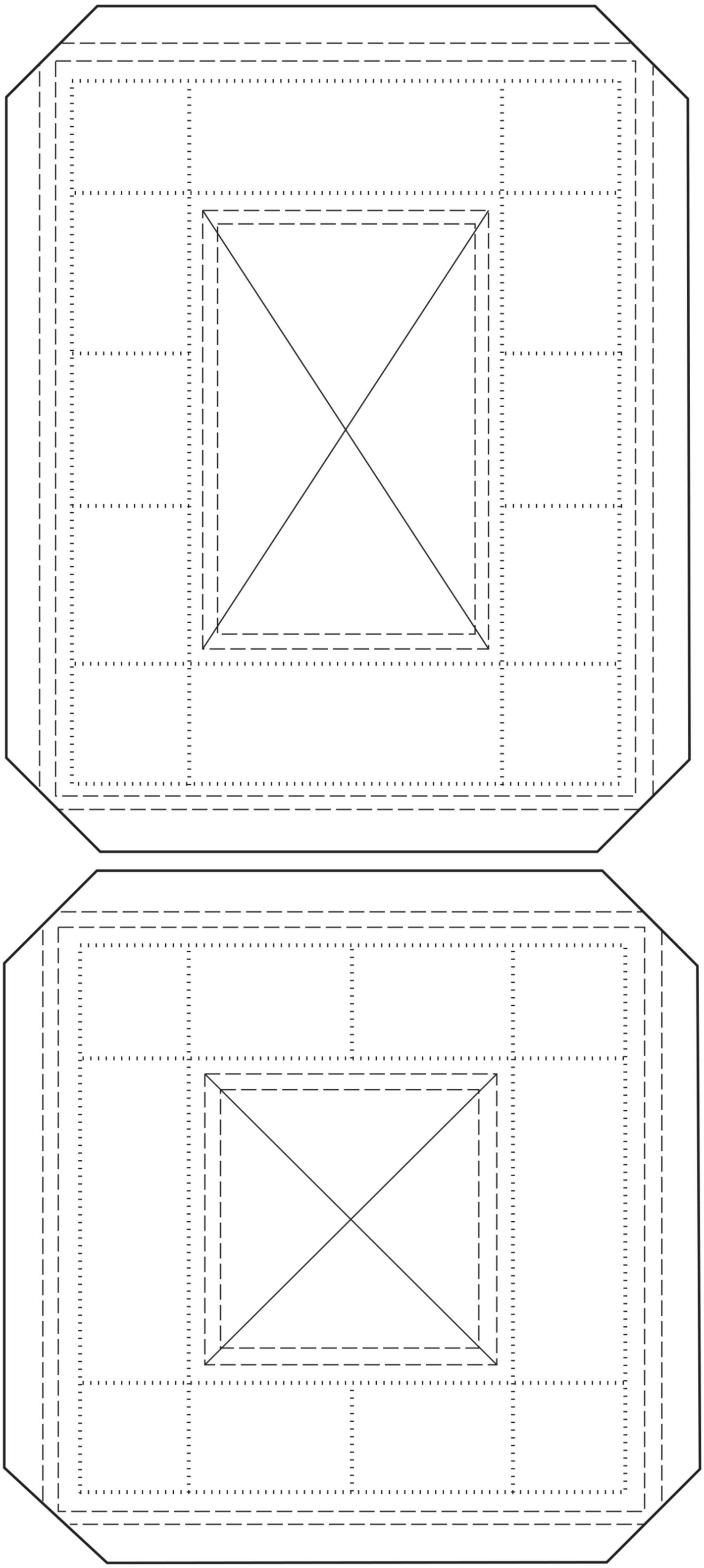
EAR
Cut 2
Cut 2 reversed
Cut 2 from felt

BODY
Cut 1
Cut 1 reversed

Embossed Metal Frames

Fashion easy accessories for the home

Designer: Jill Alblas p72 ENLARGE TO 165%

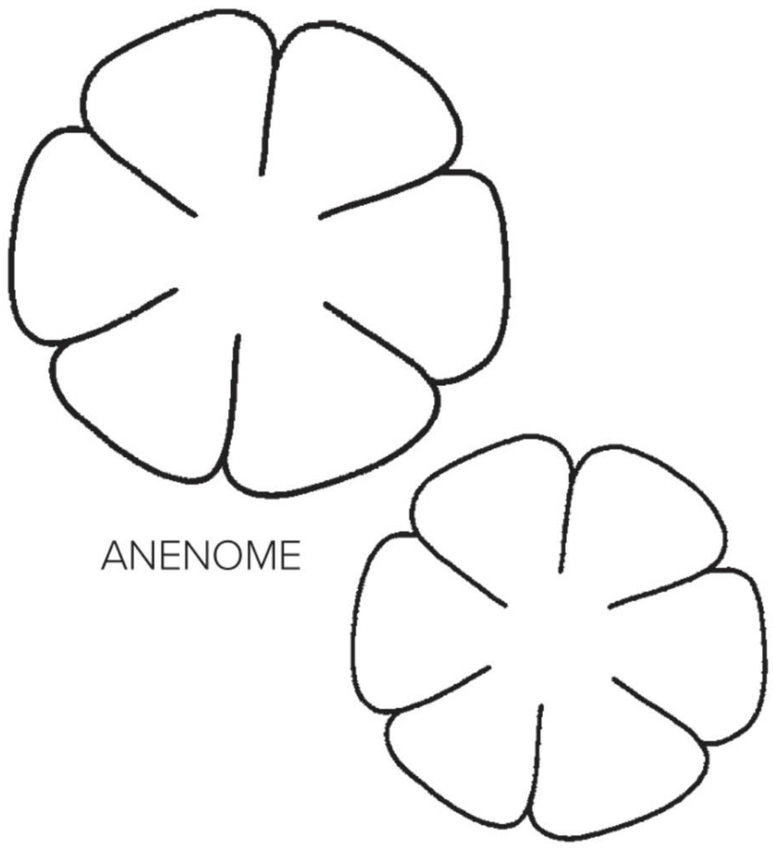


Full Bloom Card

Craft the perfect Mother's Day greeting

Designer: Colette Smith p36

ENLARGE TO 150%

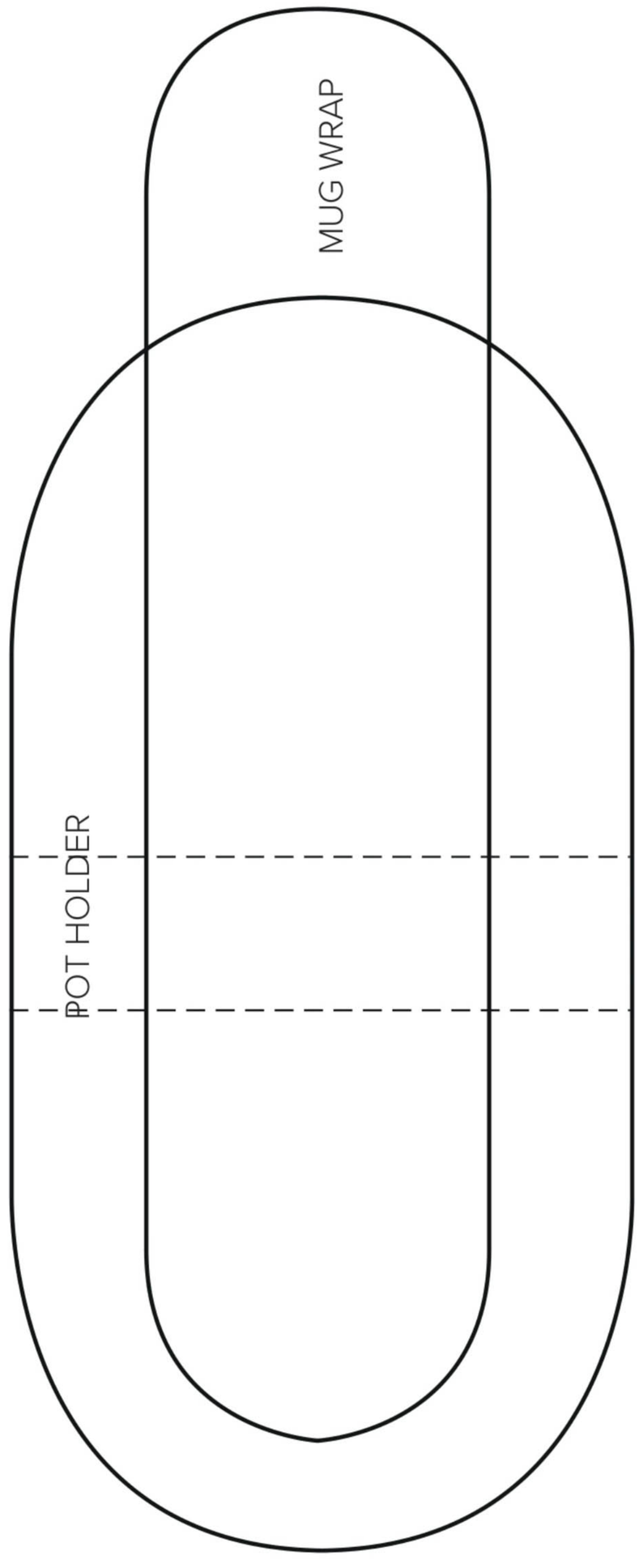


Stitched with Love

Pretty gift ideas for Mother's Day

Designer: Sophia Palmer p83

ENLARGE TO 165%

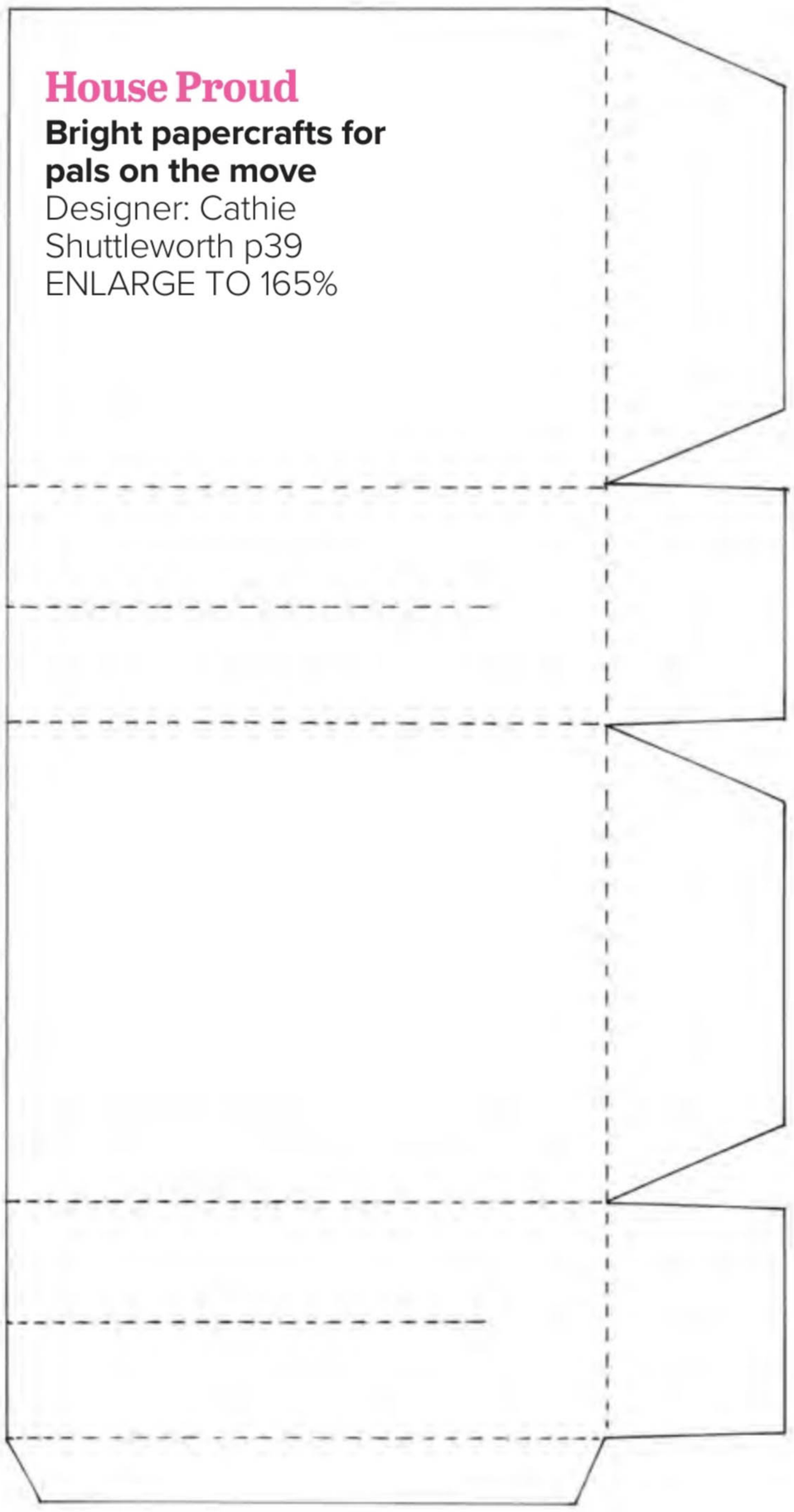


House Proud

Bright papercrafts for pals on the move

Designer: Cathie Shuttleworth p39

ENLARGE TO 165%



Mother Hen

Paint this enchanting gift set for your mum

Designer: Helen Fitzjohn p19

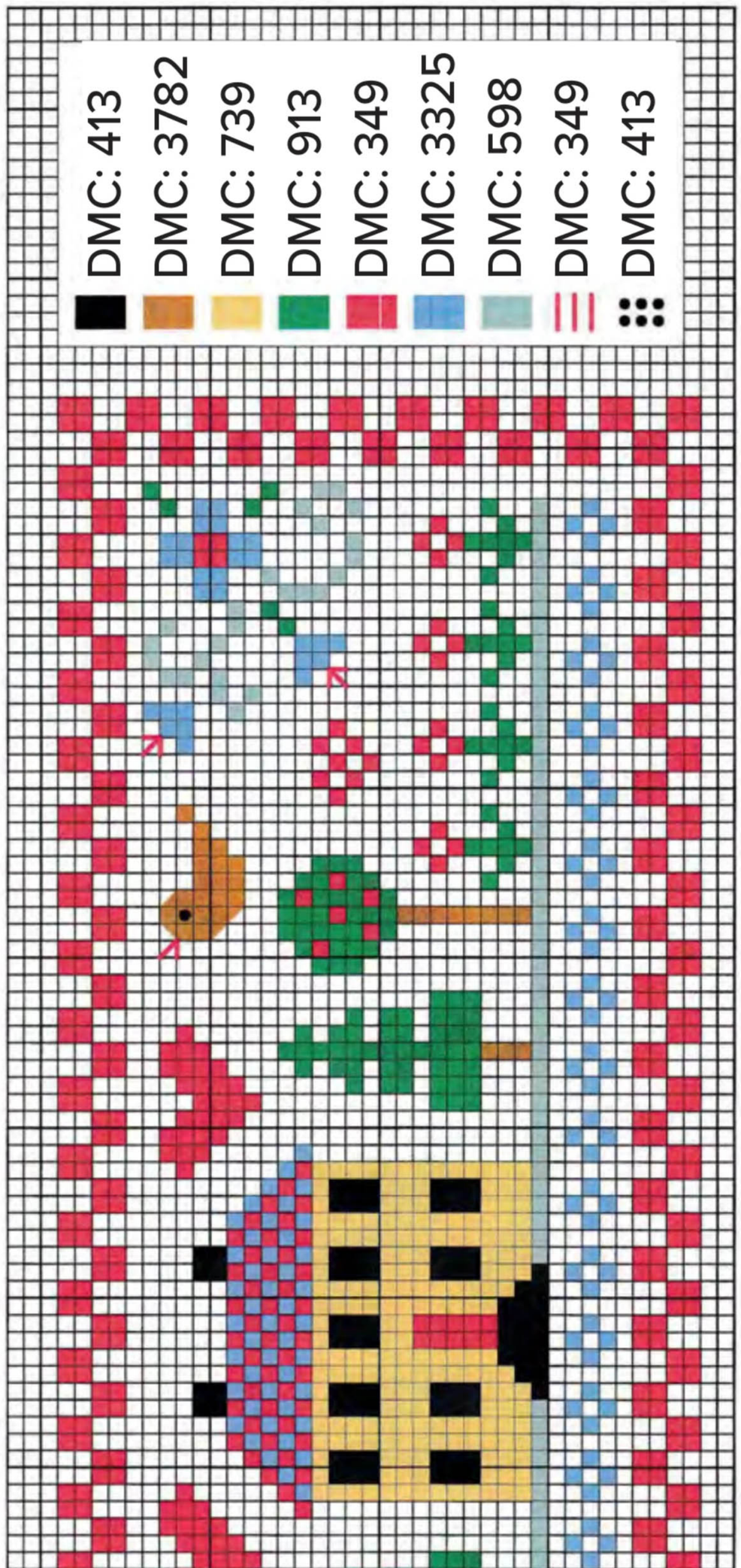
ENLARGE TO FIT



Cross-Stitch Caddy

Embellish a plain box using whimsical designs

Designer: Helen Philipps, p86



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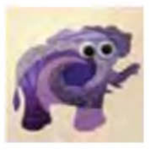
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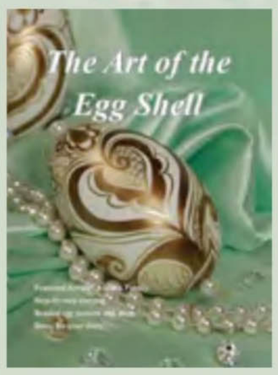
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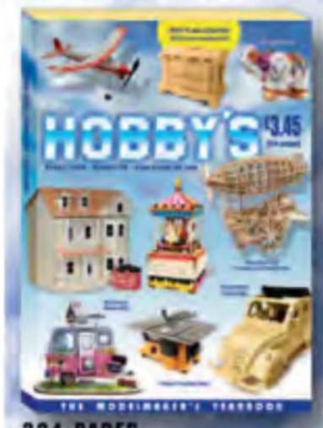
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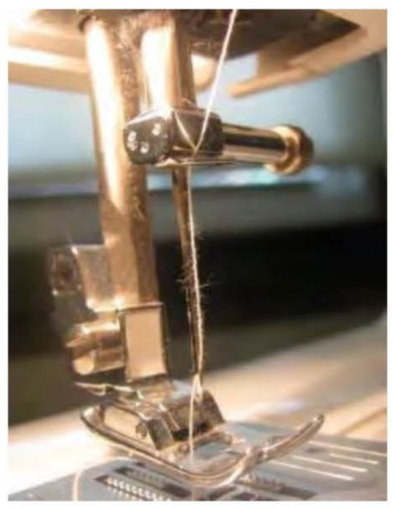
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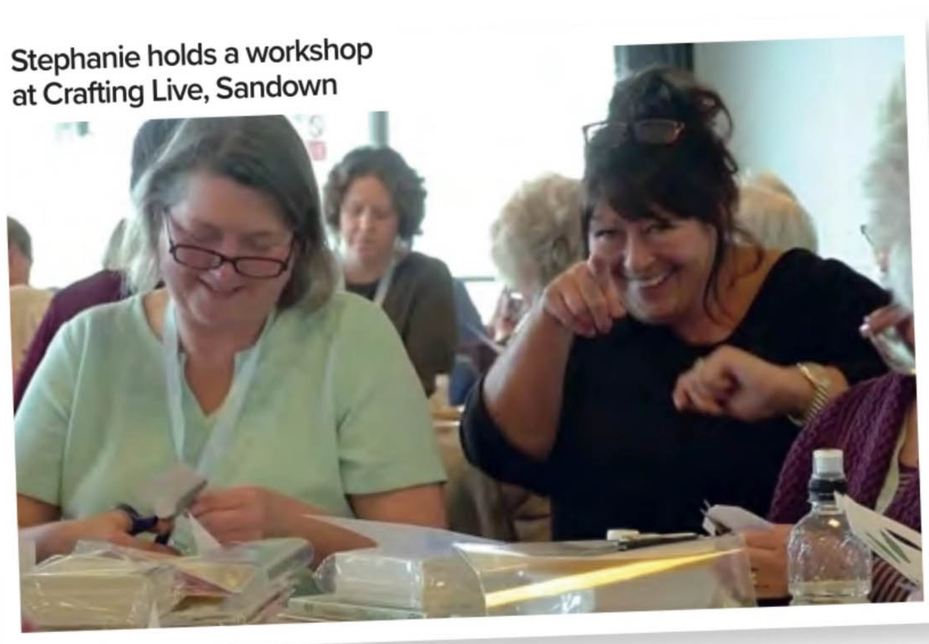
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> "Being somewhere that makes you stop and appreciate the beautiful scenery is brilliant inspiration!"

Recently, I went out for a lovely meal at a restaurant in the Derbyshire Peaks. My husband and I went with my good friend and crafting buddy, Nancy Watt. It was a gorgeous place, and all the beautiful snowdrops were blooming outside, Nancy and I thought it was just fabulous. Being somewhere that makes you stop and appreciate the beautiful scenery is brilliant inspiration and it really gets the ideas flowing! I always try to work snapshots of real-life beauty into my designs when working on Tattered Lace and our other brands.

Well, all in all, this is a lovely time of year. The coldest weather has all but gone and Easter is right around the corner, with all of its colour and crafty fun! We've got something coming up in that vein, so keep your eyes peeled. I'm itching to flex my green fingers and get back out into my garden, so the full-blown sunshine can't come soon enough! Join me in crossing your fingers for spring sunshine and I'll see you all next time.



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