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# Hello!

There's glitter all over the *Pi* craft desk – it must be Christmas (or any time of year, actually...) Certainly there can be no doubt of the season from the beautiful projects in this issue! We're debuting a new technique in our **Twisted Easel masterclass** (p21) with Lili of the Valley – twice as much fun and with added festive sparkle too. We're making our gift wrap super special with a **tree-shaped box** (p60) and celebrating the humble Christmas tag in our **10 Ways... feature** (p56). And there's more to celebrate – we have over £2000 in prizes to be won! See pages 82 and 17 for your chance to win festive goodies.

Happy Christmas crafting!

*Hannah*

## Our crafty month...



Hannah made her dad a birthday topper – and cake



Katie and Sarah take a day out to make jewellery



## Our promise to you

We aim to live up to our name and to show you the most inspiring papercraft techniques, share the latest ideas and hand-pick the most inspirational products for you to buy. We aim to bring you everything you need to get the most from our brilliant hobby. If you ever feel anything is missing, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

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PS: You'll love your Poinsettia Scoring Board & stamp gift this issue! PLUS UK readers get a bonus magazine – *Let's Make Jewellery*!





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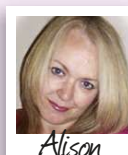


**Gail Norris**

Gail started card making 22 years ago and loves simplicity and clean lines in her designs

**Sally Sears**

Sally loves creating pretty things with paper, stamps and fabric. Craft fills her with happiness



**Alison Girvan**

Alison has been crafting for seven years and enjoys card making because it's relaxing

**Carol Findon**

Carol's one of our most dedicated testers and has appeared in almost every issue since 2011!

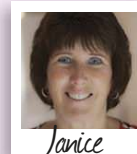


**Karen Foy**

Karen enjoys stamping, die-cutting and fussy cutting. She also likes mixed media

**Janice Whymark**

Janice got into crafting 14 years ago. She likes stamping, colouring and cutting out

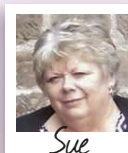
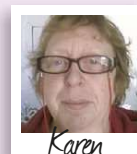


**Alison Walker**

Alison could knit before she could read, but now loves card making and scrapbooking

**Karen Walsh**

Karen's been crafting since childhood. She's always looking for thrifty ways to use her stash!



**Sue Cass**

Sue's a lifelong crafter who has tried most things – book art is next on her list...



# inspirations for Your great gift

Make 3D flowers with your poinsettia scoring board and stamp set

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*Cards designed by  
Becky James*

Becky got into card making 15 years ago. She loves stamps, inks, dyes and pretty papers.



## Shopping list

Basic card kit & your poinsettia free gift, plus

- \* Dovecraft Christmas Basics 12x12in paper pad, from **Trimcraft**
- \* Momento Ink – Tuxedo Black, from **Inkylicious**
- \* Papermania Shimmer Dome Stickers, from **Crafts u Love**
- \* Forever Friends Classic Decadence adhesive dome borders – Gold, from **Crafty Arts**
- \* Xcut decorative edge punch – Large Dotted Scallop
- \* Xcut A5 die – Pillow Box
- \* Xcut nesting scalloped rectangle die \* Xcut 2-in-1 corner rounding punch, from **Craft Superstore**
- \* Alcohol pens \* Nesting dies – circle \* Distress ink – Tea Dye \* Gems \* Pearls
- \* Paper roses \* Ribbon & trims \* Brown string \* Wooden snowflake

## Add dimension

Clustering your blooms gives a luxury feel. The effect is easy to achieve with a stepper card. Arrange the flowers around the top left corner, placing the top two on the back step and the bottom one on the front step.



## Two-in-one

Box cards serve a double purpose as a gift and card in one, and can be folded flat for postage and storage. Simple decoration on the sides of the box helps to emphasise the blooms and festive foliage inside.



## Reader Challenge!

Show us what you make with your free gift – our favourite card will win a papercraft goody bag! Simply send a photo of your card or make to [papercraft@immediate.co.uk](mailto:papercraft@immediate.co.uk) by 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2016 for your chance to win!







## Brilliant box

A large poinsettia is the perfect embellishment to accompany your gifts. Making your own gift boxes couldn't be simpler with a die or template. Decorate with festive papers and top with your handmade bloom.

### Top tip

Add wow-factor to Xmas parcels with your 3D flower decorations.

## Festive wreath

Make smaller poinsettias by using just the smallest plate. Arrange around a circular aperture on a 6x6in card. Decorate the inside of the card and stamp the greeting onto nesting circles. Place the resulting topper to sit centrally behind the ring.



## Dramatic bloom

A single poinsettia creates a statement focal point for your cards. Create your own toppers by placing the completed embellishment in the centre of complementary nesting circles. Create the background by layering cut offs and scraps of your favourite festive papers.

## How to make a layered & embossed poinsettia



1 Using one of your poinsettia scoring boards as a template, draw around it onto a piece of card. Once you've done this, carefully cut out your flower shape.



2 Now place your cut-out flower on top of the scoring board, and use the scoring tool to add delicate embossed veins to your first poinsettia layer.



3 Repeat steps 1 and 2 for all the layers required, using the three different sizes of scoring board. Finally, shape the petals and glue them together to form the flower.



# inspirations for December

Treat yourself to few of these fabulously festive goodies!

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## Join the gang!

Add a huge helping of fun and a generous splash of colour to your papercraft projects with these new pigment powders and sprays by Lindy's Stamp Gang! The team has relaunched two of their most popular sets, exclusively for Create and Craft – Mardi Gras Mania, a selection of rich jewel tones, and Icicle Creek, a soft and subtle palette of sea-inspired shades.

Prices start at £19.99 from Create and Craft

## RUN, RUN RUDOLPH!

What better way to bring your Christmas tree to life than with a herd of prancing reindeer and beautiful baubles? These elegant filigree dies from Xcut are just the thing to add a little homemade charm to your festive decorating – match them to your fairy lights, tinsel and tree topper, or go for maximum impact with metallics.

Filigree Reindeer and Bauble dies, £9.95 each from docrafts



## Snow business

Filled with yuletide scenes – think snowy sleigh rides and ice-skating snowmen – the Snow Kissed Paper Collection from Heartfelt Creations is all you need for an afternoon of Christmas crafting. A palette of pale, icy blues, rich evergreens and deep burgundies provides a suitably festive backdrop for delicate snowflakes, swirls, polka dots and brocades.

Snow Kissed Paper Collection, £17.95 from Craft World



We're head over heels  
for these sweet  
stamp sets!



## Love story

You won't be able to resist Hunkydory's brand new For the Love of Stamps range! Featuring 27 different hand-drawn designs, there's something to suit all occasions and themes – the Christmas Cottage and Winter Greetings sets are top of our list this month! There's even a set of adorable pet pooch designs for dog lovers.

**For the Love of Stamps range, £8 per pack from Hunkydory**

## Card maker's calendar

December

24<sup>th</sup> Nov

### Bath Christmas Market

24th November –  
12th December, Bath  
A festive experience awaits,  
with 170 chalets selling  
gifts and crafty treats. Find  
out more: [bit.ly/2bplzWY](http://bit.ly/2bplzWY)

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec

### Papercraft & Stamping Show

3rd December, Solihull  
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crafting gifts at this one-day  
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Motorcycle Museum.  
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1<sup>st</sup> Dec

### Discovering Pen and Wash:

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wash, and learn different  
effects to create beautiful  
Christmas cards.  
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12<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Michelle Last's Technique Class

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who want to learn a new  
technique or two! Book your  
place by 5th December here:  
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# Essential Gadget

## Big Shot Die Brush

Love creating intricate die designs but dread the fiddly task of removing excess pieces of paper when you're done? With a Big Shot Die Brush in your crafting corner, you need never worry about pesky bits and pieces lurking around once you've finished making your masterpieces. With a smooth rubber-grip handle for ease of use and a soft foam pad to work on, this is a must-have tool for you if you're planning lots of die-cutting this month – or, if you're giving someone a Big Shot machine for Christmas, a brush in their stocking is a hint at what's in store!

**Big Shot Die Brush, £10 from Stampin' Up!**

Keep your dies free  
from paper scraps!



### Tried & tested

Love lacy dies like me? You need one of these so you can spend more time crafting than cleaning!  
Katie Webster, Art Editor





# Christmas tweetings



## Shopping list

Basic card kit and Retro Robin printables, plus

- \* Creative Expressions Sue Wilson dies – Poinsettia Filigree Frame, Christmas Rose, Poinsettia Additions, Christmas Rose and Pine Twig \* Stickles Glitter Glue – Stardust, **from Joanna Sheen**
- \* Lacy Layers Squares dies, **from Tattered Lace**
- \* Simply Creative Papers – Frosted Winter and Deck the Halls, **from Trimcraft**
- \* Bright Heart Craft Lights, **from Create & Craft**
- \* Ribbon \* Twine \* Bulldog clip \* Gems
- \* Die-cutting machine

 **Templates on page 77**

You'll love what Vicky Bailey has done with our rockin' retro robin printables this month

**S**ometimes we just like to spoil you, and that's exactly what we've done with this month's free printables.

These sweet robin designs by Naomi Skinner are sure to add charm to your Christmas makes in so many ways – just as they have done for Vicky Bailey. Inspired by their soft, cosy colours and cute details,

she has turned this versatile collection into traditional festive greetings, quirky snow-capped cottages and the sweetest little birdhouse you ever did see!

So what are you waiting for? Go online to download your free designs today – with a little layering, die-cutting and embellishing, the finished results will be oh-so-tweet!



*Designed by  
Vicky Bailey*

Vicky is a Sister in an operating theatre by day and a designer by night! She uses card making to relax.

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## FREE Printables!

Download these Retro Robin designs from our website:  
[www.papercraftinspirationsmagazine.co.uk](http://www.papercraftinspirationsmagazine.co.uk)



TURN FOR MORE





# How to... Make a birdhouse card

This card is perfect for a happy couple at Christmas time!



1

Cut and fold a piece of white card measuring 12.5x25.5cm in half. Using three different papers, cut one square at 11cm, a second at 9cm and the third at 8.5cm. Leave to one side.



2

Layer the two larger pieces of paper on top of each other with tape or glue, then wrap ribbon and twine around one edge of the card and stick in place. Make a bow with ribbon and twine.



3

Layer the final piece of paper on a slight angle onto the other two pieces of paper, and fix in place with sticky foam pads. Add the ribbon bow at the top, as shown.



4

Using a pair of sharp scissors, carefully cut around your printable birdhouse motif, remembering to leave a narrow white border all the way around the edge.



## Top tip

Use the same ribbon and twine to wrap up a gift to go with this card



5

Print off the matching pieces of 'snow' from the printables. Carefully cut around the edges, then stick into place on the birdhouse using glue. Decorate the snow with glitter glue.



6

From the printables, carefully cut out two little robins, a Christmas wreath and a 'Happy Christmas' sentiment, leaving a white border around the edge of each one.



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*We did it!*



Take a look at our reader panel's creations on the next page!



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## How to... Make a birdbox

These cute little birdboxes make perfect tabletop gifts on Christmas Day – see how to make yours here!

- 1 Using the template provided, trace and cut out the birdbox using some of the printable papers. Once cut out, fold, score and glue together. Leave to one side to dry.
- 2 Cut three strips of contrasting paper for the birdbox roof in three lengths. Cut around the scallops on the designs to create the effect of tiered rows of tiles.

**3** Glue all three pieces together and score to create the apex of the roof. With white card, create your final tier of the roof by cutting the edge of the card to create a snowy border. Add glitter, score and glue to the rest of the roof as shown.

**4** Using the printables, cut out two small robins, a couple of wreaths and some brown card, and layer as shown using sticky foam pads. Glue to the front of the birdbox.

**5** Finally, add a sentiment, a small bulldog clip to close the box and a ribbon bow.



**7** Layer the robins and wreath onto the birdhouse. Attach the birdhouse and sentiment to the card blank using sticky foam pads. To finish, decorate with some gems as shown.

*More festive buys!*



Echo Park I Love Winter cardstock pieces, £5.49 from Craftie Charlie



## Let there be light!

Add some pretty mini fairy lights to your Christmas card. They will add a real festive sparkle to your mantelpiece with all the other twinkly lights at this special time.

### TRY THIS!

Add red gems to your poinsettias



## Dreamy 3D detail

Add pretty die-cuts in white card to your makes. They'll add an extra dimension to these sweet retro designs that friends and family will love.

## We did it!



**Karen Walsh**

**Q How did you use our printables this month?**

**A** I tried to use them without digging into my stash – apart from some Stickles glitter. I've just highlighted a few areas and made some of the dots sparkle in the right-hand corner to even the card design out. These printables have nice elements to make quick cards – all you need is a pair of scissors. I'm definitely going to be using the rest of the printables to boost my Christmas card stack!



Take a look at our reader panel's makes this month!



**Sue Cass**

**Q Tell us how you adapted the printables in your design**

**A** I covered this wooden house blank with some of the gorgeous papers we were sent. I added lace to create a vintage look and, of course, as it's Christmas, I used glitter glue on the eaves! I made the wreath by paper-punching holly sprigs, adding red gems as berries. The sentiments were cut out, the edges coloured to give them a sharper outline and then mounted using foam pads. The musical notes are small strips of paper lace.



**Carol Findon**

**Q What was the inspiration for your festive make?**

**A** My elderly relative loves anything Tyrolean and these little houses fitted the bill perfectly. I made a watercolour background using distress inks, and added some clouds with a sponge dipped in white paint, and a few drops of Stickles for the snow. I glittered all the snowy overhangs and tore some white card for the foreground. I used a really lovely small Christmas tree die I had, and added white paint and glitter and dotted the trees all around the scene.





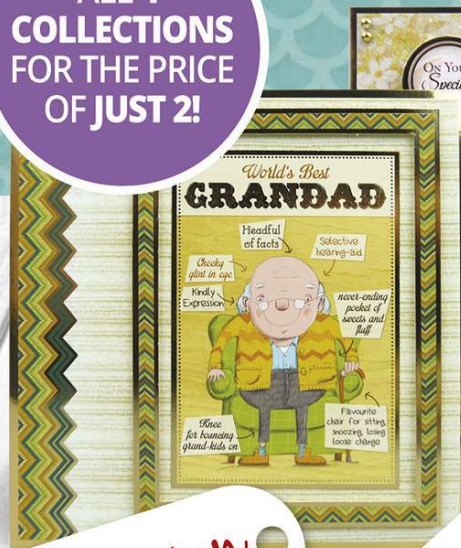


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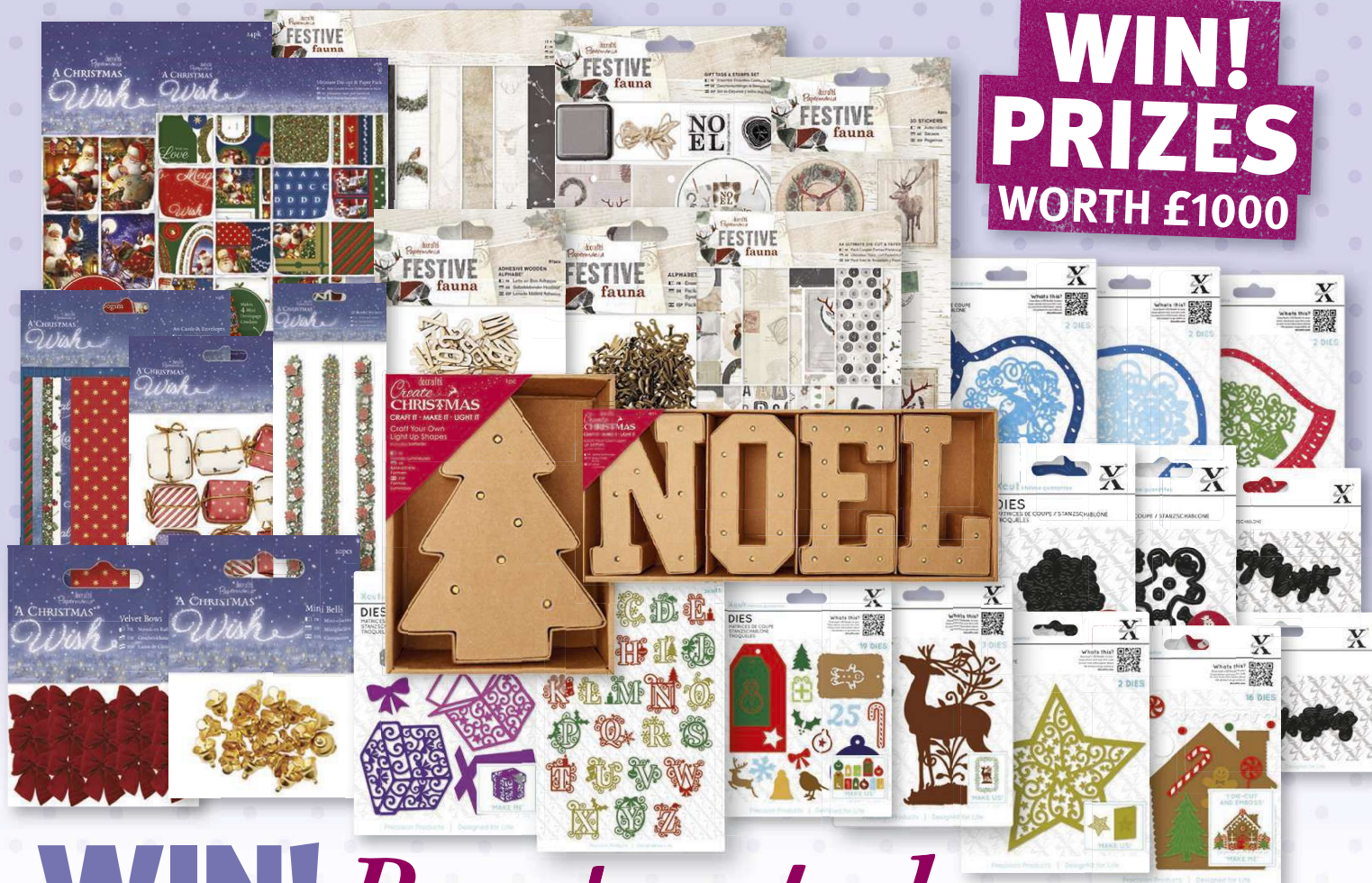


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## A perfect pair



My cousin and I share a love of papercrafting – we regularly get together for a day of lunch, a glass of wine and lots and lots of crafting. We decided to use the wonderful bow die gift in *Papercraft inspirations* issue 155 to decorate shoes that we had made using a three dimensional die. We think it made a lovely finishing touch to our projects!

**Julie Craig, Helensborough**

*It sounds as though you and your cousin have a great time together and fuel each other's creativity. The die-cut bows are the perfect finishing touch to your shoes.*



## Your Crafty Confessions!

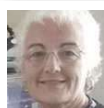
### What's your shopping vice?

**Cathy Clowes, on Facebook**  
"Graphic 45 papers. It's not just the way they look but the feel and even the smell. Far too good to use. #CraftyConfessions"

**Sarah-Claire Jackson, on Facebook**  
"Papers are definitely my weakness! They keep slipping into my shopping basket..."

**Jen Sutcliffe, on Facebook**  
"Washi tape – I just love it!"

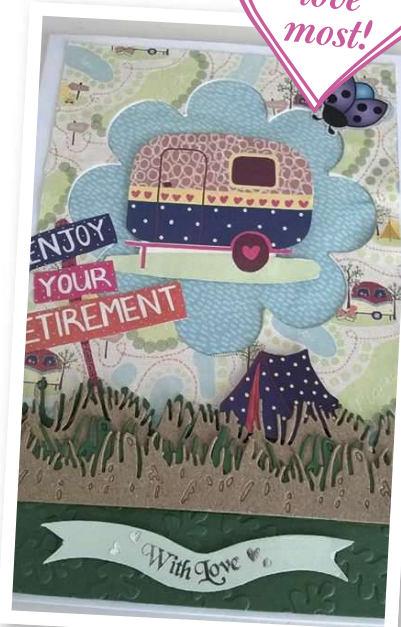
## Happy campers



My best friend's husband has retired this September and they have bought a trailer caravan, so your camping theme was very timely! I loved the muted pastel colours of the papers as I love shabby chic designs. The original idea came from one of Naomi's designs and I just added to it as I went along. I used a grass die cut in different shades to give dimension and using the tent topper gave it even more perspective. It seemed appropriate too as their two grown children often camp with them. Thank you for a great magazine.

**Pauline Fairclough, Devon**

*We love what you have done with the papers, Pauline. The soft colours work well together and the layering adds such depth to the design. It's a gorgeous retirement card.*



*Letter we love most!*



# Your craft room

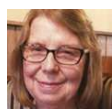
Show off your crafty space! Whether it's a big room or a tiny desk, we'd love to see where you make cards...

Amanda Bolton says, "My room was initially an office, but as my card making increased and so did my stash. I couldn't find anything and ended up with a little area of my desk to work from. I was ruthless during the clear out, but now I've got a clear desk. I'm so proud of my new room, I no longer call it an office... it's AJ's craft room!"

*Sometimes a clear out is needed and we're happy you enjoy using your room again!*



## Framed foliage



I was really inspired by Zoë Patching's project in issue 156. I just had to have a go at making the framed leaf picture. I cut

out a shadow for each leaf and added a butterfly. The result was amazing.

**Moira Hill, Renfrewshire**

*We're really pleased to hear that you were inspired by Zoë's framed paper leaf art – it's one of our favourite projects too. The papers you've chosen create a really cosy vibe and we're sure this would add a stylish touch to any room. The double layering really adds to the 3D look too!*



## Baby bunting



I made this cute bunting for my baby daughter's nursery room with your Woodland Hugs stamp set from issue 154. Thank you for this lovely gift.

**Ying X Cowan, Aberdeenshire**

*This is such a sweet way to decorate a nursery and what a fantastic way to make use of the snuggly Woodland Hugs set – it would make a delightful gift for a newborn too!*

## Blooming lovely



I am an all-things-pastel kind of crafter, so your Autumn Flowers project in issue 156 set me a challenge. I dug out loads of autumn shades – it seems I have

a lot because they're always the ones that get left over, and I made this card. I also revived a poppy punch I haven't used in ages. Thank you for inspiring me to use my overlooked stash in new ways.

**Jan Williams, Grimsby**

*We're glad we inspired you to make this stunning autumnal card in a palette you wouldn't normally use. Great work!*



## Reader Challenge



Monika Graefling-Gladysiak from Ilford is this month's reader challenge winner. She made these lovely cards

using the Bauble Stamp Set from issue 156. Monika says, "I've just

received my first issue as a subscriber and your gift inspired me to start making Christmas cards. I love the stamp set and I made four cards, having fun using different stamp techniques. I'm already looking forward to the next issue."

*If you'd like to have a go at this month's reader challenge, turn to p6 for details of how to enter.*



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# Masterclass

Your step-by-step guide to being a better paper crafter

Get to grips with...

## Twisted easels

A few clever folds are all you need to make impressive cards for your fanciest occasions!

Looking for a card making challenge that will expand your skills and impress your friends at the same time? Then we think we have just the thing! Once you've learnt how to make twisted easel cards, you'll be making them for all your most special occasions.

A twisted easel card has a top and bottom section, so you have more space than you would with a standard square card, meaning you can make more of your images, embellishments and sentiments.

A basic twisted easel is actually quite easy to create – it just requires a bit of neat scoring and folding. Master that, then you can really go to town making multiple twists

and easels that go in different directions for totally unique designs.

If you've never tried any card engineering before, then start with our beginner design that will help you get to grips with the technique. When you're feeling more confident you can have a go at the advanced design, which has a double twisted easel for a card with serious wow-factor!



Designed by  
Kat Waskett

Kat has been designing cards for over 10 years and loves stamping, colouring and layering most of all.

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# Create a simple twisted easel card

Try some simple scoring to make our easiest twisted easel – a beautiful greeting ideal for Christmas!

## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* Christmas Flowers Clear Stamp, from **Lili of the Valley**
- \* Snow Family Digi Papers, from **Nitwit Collections**
- \* Tim Holtz Distress Ink – Frayed Burlap, from **Craft Obsessions**
- \* MFT Die-namics Die – Fancy Flourish, from **Dies to Die For**
- \* Creative Expressions Die – Fanciful Trim, from **Icon UK**
- \* Kraft card \* Snowflake charm \* Flower embellishments

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## Try this

Add faux-stitch detail to the edges of your layers to help them stand out!

If you've never made a twisted easel card before, then start with this easy design. Simply score diagonally across the front of your base card and fold the front panel back on itself to create a card that has a triangular top section. You can attach your image straight onto this triangular section or go one step further, like we have, and add a square panel of card decorated with layers of pretty papers and embellishments.

To keep the easel panel in place, you'll need to add a raised stopper to the bottom section of the base card. We added a stamped greeting with foam pad to make it an integrated part of the card design.

**BEGINNER LEVEL**  
Suitable for everyone



**1** Cut a 14x28cm piece of white card. Score across the middle and fold in half. Score a diagonal line going from the top right corner to the bottom left corner of the front panel; fold back.



**2** Die-cut a swirl border into a 3.5cm strip of pink diamond paper. Mat onto a 5.5cm strip of green stripy paper and stick diagonally to a 13.5x13.5cm pink floral paper. Trim the excess.



**5** Colour the rest of the image with three or four shades per area. Start with the lightest marker, add shadow areas with the darkest, then work from dark to light, blending out as you go.



**6** Mat the image onto kraft card. Cut a 14cm square of white card for the easel panel. Layer with floral, striped and diamond papers, as shown. Add stamped image panel to the centre.





## What you'll need...



The stamps work with a medium-sized acrylic block

Use a bone folder to get crisp folds on your easel cards for a professional-looking finish

Get super shading for skin tone and hair colour using Copic markers

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3

Stamp the image and colour the skin. Add lightest colour first, then use the darkest in the shadow area. Work down the markers from dark to light, blending out as you go.



4

To colour the hair, use the darkest marker to add small flicks out from the shadow areas. Add longer flicks on top using a middle colour, then longer flicks using the lightest marker.



7

Stick the panel to the triangular top section of the card. Stamp a sentiment, cut out and stick to the bottom section of the card with foam pads – this acts as a stopper.

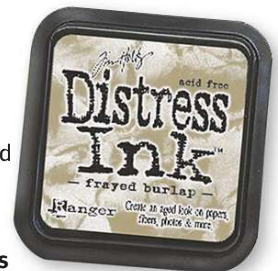


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Embellish the top-right and bottom-left corners of the stamped image with kraft die-cut swirls, paper flowers and a small metal snowflake charm, to finish.

## Essential kit

Tim Holtz  
Distress  
Ink – Frayed  
Burlap  
£3.95  
from Craft  
Obsessions



Christmas 2016  
Clear Stamp designs  
£4.50 from Lili of the Valley



## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* Snow Shovel Clear Stamp, from Lili of the Valley
- \* Snow Family Digi Papers, from Nitwits Collections
- \* Tim Holtz Distress Ink – Frayed Burlap, from Craft Obsessions
- \* Impression Obsession Small Snowflake Set \* MFT Dinamics Stitched Scallop Edges, from Dies to Die For
- \* Twine \* Glamour Dust
- \* Pearls

✂ Template on page 77

*Use our template to score and cut the base shape from just one piece of card!*

# Make an extra special card

**It's double the fun with two twisted easels – show off your skills with this cute Christmas design!**

Once you've made a few of the basic design, challenge yourself to create our double twisted easel – it's a striking card you'll be really proud of!

There are several ways you can include more than one twist to your easel, and for this design, we've opted for adding two different-sized panels that are perfectly proportioned for an image and a sentiment.

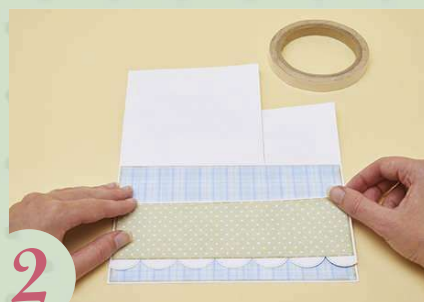
We've twisted both of the panels in the same way, but for a different effect, flip the direction of the score lines so that the two panels face each other. Have fun experimenting – you'll soon be addicted!

Both of our twisted easel designs fold down flat, so they are the perfect surprise to send to loved ones in the post.

**ADVANCED LEVEL**  
*For the keen crafter*



**1** Cut a 20x26cm piece of card, score across the middle and fold in half to make your base card. Using the template on page 77, cut and score the lines as indicated and remove top-right section.



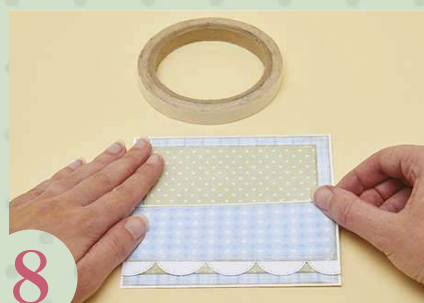
**2** Cover the bottom section of the base card with plaid paper, leaving a border of white card showing. Layer a 6cm-deep strip of green card onto a scalloped border and stick in place.



**3** Stamp the image and colour in the skin areas. Next, colour the grey sections – start with a coat of lightest marker, then add shading, working from darkest to lightest colour.



**7** Add sparkle to the image by running a glue pen along the top edges of the snow, then sprinkling with glamour dust. Shake off any excess onto scrap paper and return to the pot.



**8** Cover a 13cm square of card with plaid paper, then add an 11cm square of spotty paper. Mat a 4.5cm strip of diamond paper onto a scalloped border and stick in place.



**9** Attach the stamped image to the centre of the layered panel. Wrap twine around the piece at the base of the image and secure at the back. Add a twine bow on the left-hand side.



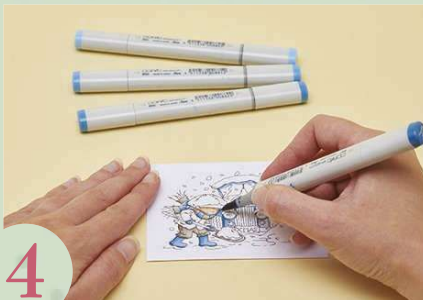
## What you'll need...

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Add amazing sparkle to your cards with Glamour Dust or glitter!

A sharp craft knife is a card making must-have – change the blades regularly

The easel panels need to rest against a prop when open – use a foam pad or pearl!



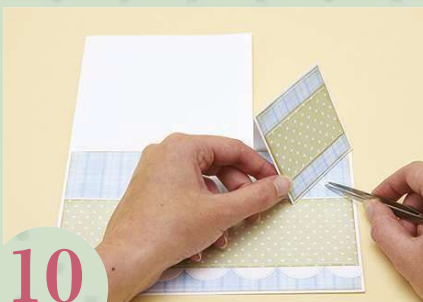
**4** Next, colour the blue sections using the same shading technique as before. Add a very light stroke of pale blue marker around the windscreen of the car.



**5** Colour the green sections using the same shading technique as before. Add shadows along the fold lines on the clothing and extend some to make them more pronounced.



**6** Colour small details such as wheels, headlights and shovel handle. For the snow, add a little pale grey to the shadow areas at the bottom and blend out with your palest grey marker.



**10** Layer a 7cm square of card with plaid and spotty papers, as shown. Attach to the smaller easel on the base card. Add a die-cut snowflake with a pearl centre as a stopper.



**11** Stamp a sentiment and cut it out. Attach it to the layered panel on the small easel with foam pads. Stamp another sentiment and stick to the top-left corner of the main image panel.



**12** Attach the image panel to the large easel on the base card. Decorate with die-cut snowflakes with pearl centres. Use one snowflake as a stopper to prop up the easel.





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# Sparkling stags

Add a touch of glitz and glitter to your Christmas dinner parties with Zoë Patching's stag designs



## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* First Edition snowflake dies
- \* Dovecraft Christmas Basics gold jingle bells \*
- A4 gold glitter card, from Trimcraft
- \* Red & white baker's twine
- \* PVA glue
- \* Craft knife

 **Templates on page 77**

Adding the finishing flourish to a celebration table is always the best bit! And with Christmas on its way, we thought we'd plan ahead and create a trio of designs to glitter and sparkle all the way through the festive feast!

Taking centre stage are three gorgeously glittery 3D stags (right) standing majestically amongst the Christmas finery, complete with little gold bells! If the seating plan needs a little help, then the stag silhouette wine glass topper (far right) looks simply splendid! Pretty die-cut snowflakes are the finishing touch – just add a mini name tag around the neck and everyone will know where they're seated. And finally, our third make is a delicate, glittering napkin ring (below), tied in place with festive red ribbon.

Find the stag templates on page 77, follow our step-by-step guide below and your Christmas table will be full of magic and sparkle this year...



See page 76 for stockists

*Cut out a small stag and attach to ribbon for an easy napkin ring!*

## Top tip

Why not use Zoë's handy stag templates to make festive bunting and tree decorations too!







*Add a personal touch to the celebrations!*

## *Craft a 3D stag table decoration*



**1**

Use the template provided on page 77 to draw two stags onto the reverse of some gold glitter card – make sure that they face in opposite directions. Carefully cut them out with scissors.



**2**

Add glue to the body of one stag piece and stick the front and back stag pieces together so that the glitter sides are facing outwards. Leave the four legs unstuck.



**3**

Once dry, gently ease the legs outwards until the stag stands on its own. You may need to use some white tack for extra support. Thread a bell onto bakers' twine and tie around the neck.





# Magic & Sparkle cards



## Shopping list

### Basic card kit, plus

- \* Dovecraft 6x6in paper pad
- \* Dovecraft paper flowers
- \* Dovecraft 3D snowflake stickers
- \* Dovecraft glitter dots
- \* Dovecraft sequins
- \* Dovecraft metal snowflake charms
- \* Dovecraft ribbon pack
- \* Dovecraft clear stamps – all Magic & Sparkle
- \* Dovecraft mirror card
- \* Dovecraft 6x6in card blanks
- \* First Edition Scallop Circle die set
- \* First Edition Christmas Dies
- \* First Edition Snowflake Dies, from Trimcraft
- \* Acetate
- \* Twine
- \* Silver glitter card
- \* 3D foam squares
- \* Kraft paper bag

Make these enchanting Christmas cards by Maxine Norman, glinting with icy winter shades

Here's a sparkling set of festive designs that mix and match paper piecing with die-cuts and lots of eye-catching embellishments! They have a real Scandi feel to them, with their soft blues, cool neutrals and shimmering silvers. Maxine Norman has made the most of the Dovecraft Magic & Sparkle

range of papers from Trimcraft, layering them up in a variety of fun ways, from the simple to the more time-consuming – including a 'Let It Snow' shaker card with bright sequins and a matching gift bag. There's sure to be something to inspire you here, whether you're brand new to papercraft or a seasoned card maker!



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# How to... Make a shaker card

Make this shaker card with sequins, snowflakes and stags!



1

Cut a 14.8cm square of mirror card and a 14.5cm square of Magic & Sparkle paper. Distress the edges, mat and layer onto the mirror card. Adhere to the card blank.



2

Layer a 13cm square of patterned paper onto a 13.5cm square of mirror card. Repeat with a 12cm square on a 12.5cm square of mirror card. Fix the pieces to the card at varying angles.



3

Die cut the largest circle die in the First Edition Scallop Circle die set onto a piece of Magic & Sparkle paper and a sheet of acetate. Cut an aperture in the centre with the third largest die.



4

Cut a piece of backing paper with the largest circle die. Stick to your card. Die cut the cityscape scene from the die set and cut to fit the back of the circle aperture. Glue in place.



## Top tip

Use foam pads to fix the large reindeer, and glue to stick the smaller reindeer.



5

Adhere the acetate to the back of your circle aperture with double-sided tape. Place some sequins onto the acetate. Stick the top of the aperture to the acetate, lining up the scallops.



6

Stick your aperture to the card with sticky foam pads. Stamp the 'Let it snow' sentiment onto a piece of coordinating paper, cut to size. Fix to the card as shown. Die cut two reindeers.



*We did it!*



Alison



Janice



Karen

Take a look at our reader panel's creations on the next page!



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## How to... craft a deer card

You'll want to make this gorgeous galloping deer card with its layered papers and silver embellishments

**1** Cut a background paper to 14.8x14.8cm. Layer a 14cm square of paper on top. Repeat with 12.5cm, 12cm, and 8cm paper squares. Glue on top at different angles.

**2** Add a 6cm-wide glittered strip across the card. Wrap glitter ribbon across the strip, taping the ends behind. Fix the layered papers to the centre of a 6x6in card.

**3** Die cut the second largest die and the third largest circle. Mat and layer. Fix to the centre of the card with sticky foam pads. Die-cut the largest reindeer from the die set onto silver glitter card and stick to the centre of the die-cut circle with sticky foam pads.

**4** Stamp the 'Noel' sentiment onto a piece of backing paper. Cut out a V shape and glue the sentiment to the card as shown.

**5** Add the flower embellishment to the top right corner, and add a snowflake sticker to the left and right of the flower to finish.



7

Add a snowflake metal charm to the neck of the largest reindeer with twine. Adhere both to the bottom of your die-cut aperture. Add snowflake stickers, glitter dots and a flower to finish.

## Essential buys



Dovecraft Magic & Sparkle ribbon pack, sequins and A5 foil stickers, all £1.99 from Trimcraft

Dovecraft Christmas Dies, £12.99 from Trimcraft



Dovecraft Magic & Sparkle 6x6in paper pad, £5.99 from Trimcraft



## Simply Christmas

Taking the simple snowflake as your theme, this layered card shimmers with twinkling stickers and snowflake die-cuts in cool blue and silver



### It's in the bag

It's easy to make a gift bag to go with your cards – simply layer up papers of your choice and embellish with die cuts, glitter dots, tags, ribbons and stickers!

## We did it!

Take a look at our reader panel's makes this month!



**Alison Walker**

**Q How did you make your card?**

**A** I made a simple card using the Magic & Sparkle range, including double-sided tape to run a length of ribbon along the top and adding glitter dots from the set in the corners.

**Q What did you enjoy about this project?**

**A** The blues and browns are great for a frosty Christmas make, especially when you add a touch of silver. Everything in the collection coordinates, so it's easy to make good-looking cards.



**Janice Whymark**

**Q How did you make your lovely card?**

**A** I chose to make a shaker card using die-cut silver baubles to match with the lovely Dovecraft Magic & Sparkle papers. I filled the shaker part with sequins from the same range and also the blue ribbon to trim the baubles. I die cut two flowers and some holly for one corner and stamped a sentiment for the other corner to balance it out.



**Karen Foy**

**Q What appealed to you about this project?**

**A** I love making projects when I have matching papers and embellishments, and this Trimcraft collection makes making classy cards and gift bags really easy.

**Q How did you make your card and bag?**

**A** I chose a couple of different papers and cut them into strips, layering them up on my gift bag and card. I used the deer paper as a focal element on each piece, and used the silver stickers to highlight my sentiments. Sequins make a lovely alternative to gems, and add a bit of bling. I think this colour scheme is perfect for making things for both men and women at Christmas.







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# Recreate the Magic of Disney Frozen

Recreate the magic of Frozen with this stunningly snowy **light-up card**. Follow these easy steps and give your mantelpiece an extra twinkle

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- DL008 Melded Elsa and Anna die and stamp set
- DL002 Frozen Snowflakes
- STDL004 Frozen Sentiments stamp set
- Clear ink pad
- White embossing powder
- Silver embossing powder
- Spray adhesive
- Frost glitter
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- White cardstock
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## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

- 1 Cut and fold white cardstock to create a 16cm square tent card. Cut a 15cm square from silver cardstock and stick onto the card. Cut a 14.5cm square from navy cardstock and stick onto the card.
- 2 Cut a 14cm square from backing paper. Stamp a selection of snowflakes from the Sentiment stamp set onto the square. Sprinkle white embossing powder over the stamped images and shake off the excess. Gently heat the stamped areas with a heat gun until the powder melts and turns glossy. Leave to cool down. Once cool, lightly spray adhesive onto the square and sprinkle with Frost glitter. Stick the glittery square onto the card.
- 3 Cut a 14cm square from white pearl cardstock. Melded dies consist of a decorative element and a demi frame, but can be used individually as well. Using the Melded Elsa and Anna die set, place Elsa and Anna onto the left side of the square and secure with low tack tape. Place the demi frame onto the right side of the square, making sure to line up the die with the decorative element, secure with low tack tape and cut.
- 4 Using the Frozen Sentiment stamp set, stamp "Together Forever" with the clear ink pad, sprinkle with silver embossing powder and shake off the excess. Gently heat the sentiment with a heat gun until the powder melts and turns glossy. Leave to cool down.
- 5 Cut the Elsa and Anna die again from white pearl cardstock. Trim out the snowflakes and the swirls. Spray with adhesive and glitter with the Frost glitter. Stick the snowflakes directly onto the square with silicone glue.
- 6 Using the Frozen Snowflakes die, cut one large, two medium and two small from white pearl cardstock. Spray with adhesive and glitter with the Frost glitter.
- 7 Pierce three 3mm holes into the square where the two small and one medium snowflakes will sit. Stick the snowflakes over the holes with silicone glue.
- 8 Stick the snowflakes and the swirls from step 6 onto the card with silicone glue as shown in the photograph. Leave the square to allow the silicone glue to dry.
- 9 Using a 10 string set of Bright Heart Craft Lights, fit a light behind the snowflakes and tape into place if necessary. The wires between the light can be pulled out to make positioning easier. Tape the Battery Pack on the top left corner on the back of the square. Make sure to position the switch so it will be easy to turn off and on.
- 10 Using two layers of 4mm foam tape, stick the square onto the card. Finish with diamanté gems as shown in the photograph.

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### Top tip

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## Shopping list

Your free papers and toppers, plus...

- \* White card
- \* Sticky foam pads
- \* Double-sided tape
- \* Glue
- \* Scissors or craft knife
- And cutting mat
- \* Ruler
- \* Acetate
- \* String/embroidery thread

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## How to make a jolly snowman card



**1** Cover a pale blue base card with a smaller piece of darker blue paper. Layer a smaller piece of the greetings paper on top. Cut a circle aperture into the card front.



**2** Cut a circle of acetate larger than the window. Glue in place on the reverse of the aperture. Fix snowflakes paper inside of the card, and add a snowman in the centre.



**3** Thread your greeting with string and wrap around the snow globe base. Stick the thread in place on reverse. Fix the base in place with sticky foam pads as shown.

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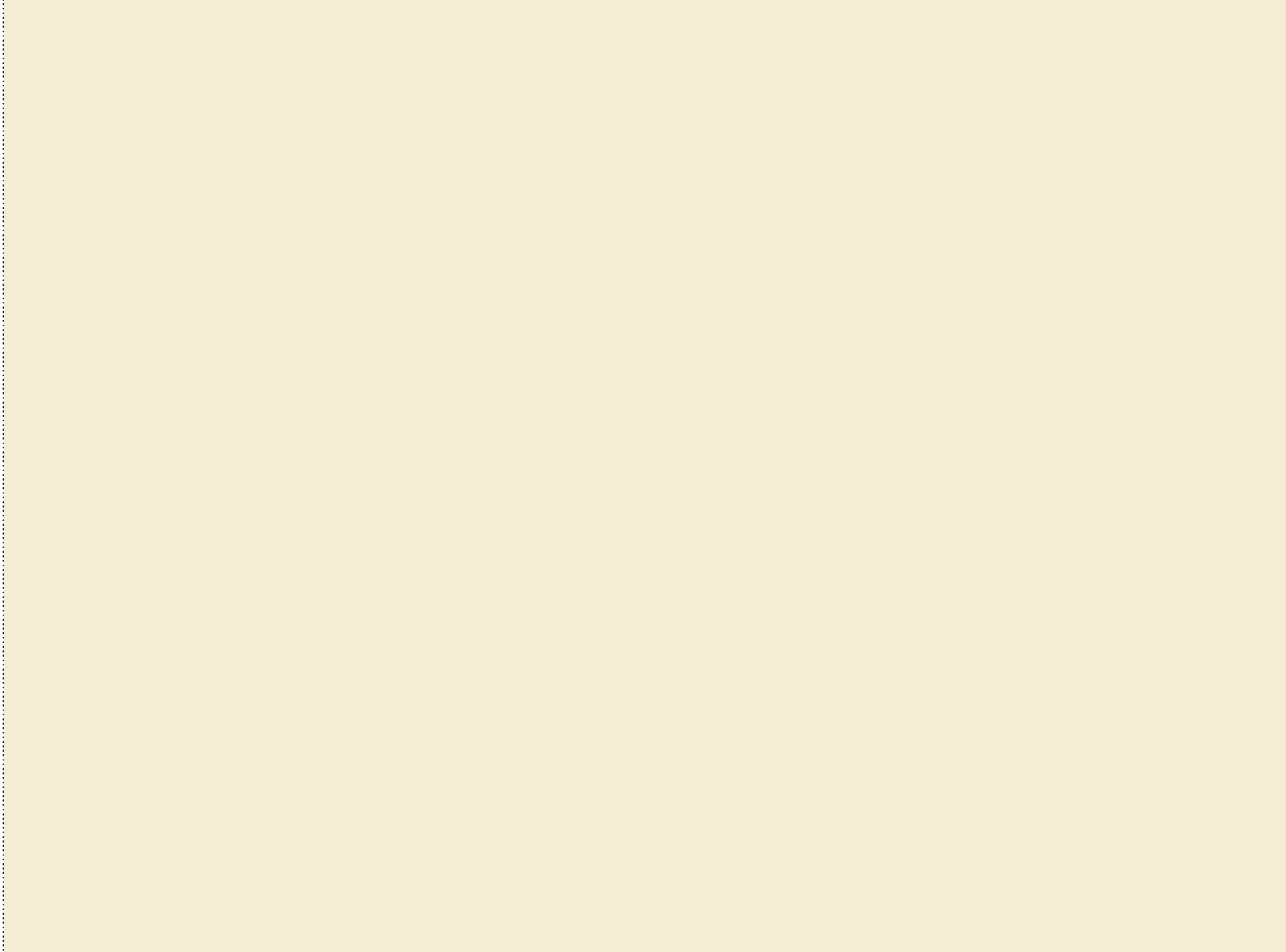
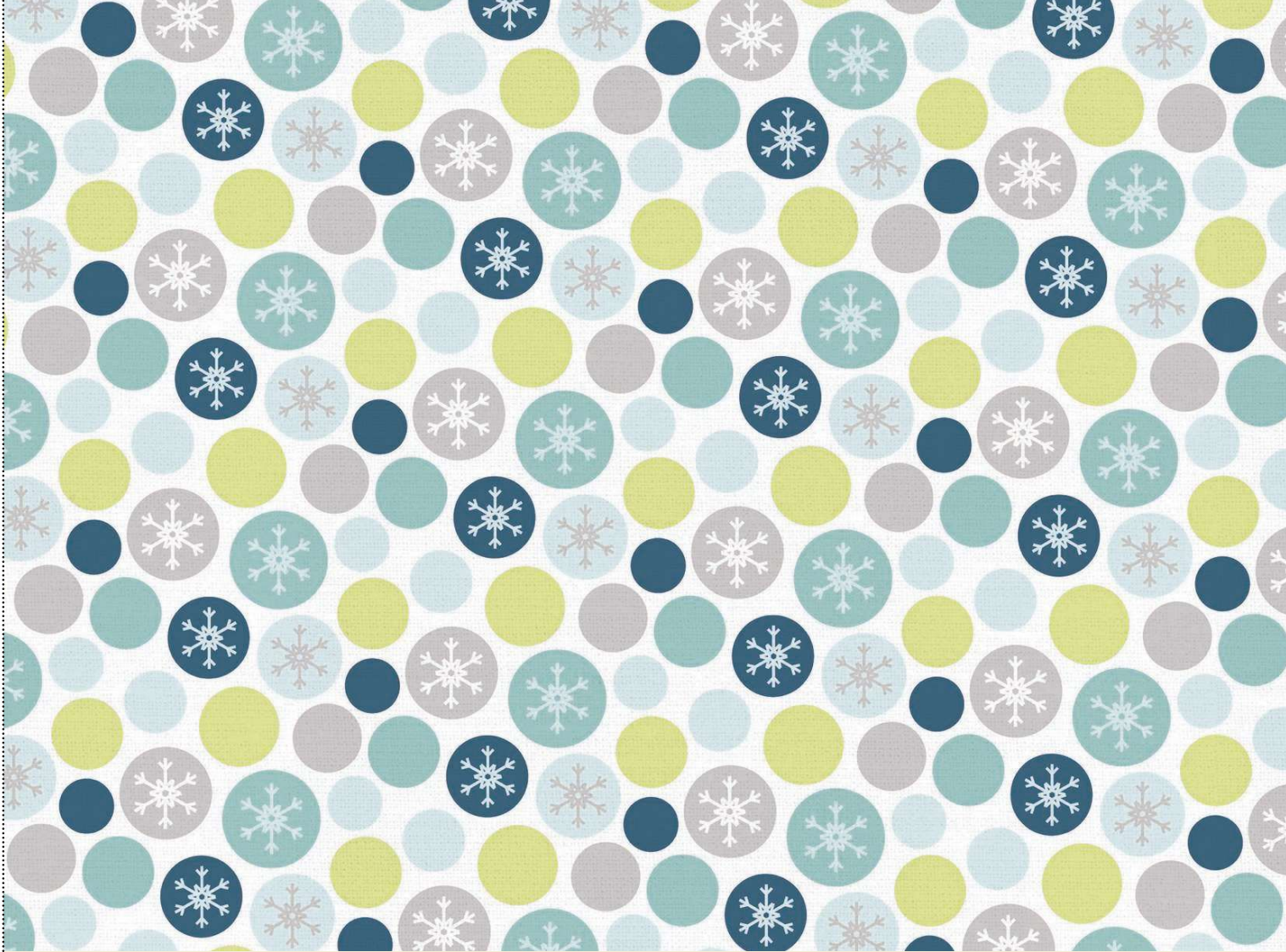
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# Occasions

Make cards for everyone! Great designs to collect and keep

## With love cards p51

Send love and good wishes  
with these cheery designs



Card designs by  
Nicole Haupka

You might recognise  
Nicole from past issues –  
she was our 2015  
Cardmaker of the Year  
competition winner!

## Belated wishes cards p53

You'll soon be forgiven  
for missing a special day!

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## Thank you cards p50

We can't think of a nicer way  
to show your appreciation!

Card designs by  
Debbie Simpson

Debbie loves paper  
flowers, pearls and  
ribbons on her cards and  
her favourite technique  
is stamping.



## Sporty birthday cards p52

Make perfect greetings for  
those who like to play





## Thank you



## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* Pink and white card
- \* Joy Crafts Die Set – Around With Butterflies, from Icon UK
- \* Romance & Roses Too papers, from Nitwit Collections
- \* 5m Siam Pink Seam Binding \* Wooden Small Heart Buttons
- \* 1mm Pearled Stamens, from The Ribbon Girl
- \* Vintage Sentiments Occasions (set 30), from Lili of the Valley
- \* Martha Stewart Crafts Large Punch – Monarch Butterfly, from Amazon
- \* Die-cutting machine

Designed by Debbie Simpson

**1** Cut a 14x10cm piece of blue floral paper, mat onto pink card and trim to leave a narrow border. Cut a 3x10cm piece of blue paper and mat onto a 6x10cm piece of pink card, near the bottom. Punch a butterfly border across the top edge, then stick to the base card. Wrap seam binding around the panel, then stick to a 15x10.5cm white tent-fold base card, 1cm up from the bottom.

**2** Cover a piece of white card with blue patterned paper, then die-cut the butterfly circle from it. Stick to the top half of the base card, as shown.

**3** Stamp the sentiment onto white card using black ink. Cut out using the inner circle die, then stick in the middle of the butterfly circle using foam pads.

**4** Make a mini butterfly embellishment using two small wooden heart buttons and two trimmed stamens, as shown. Make a bow from seam binding and stick to the left side of the seam binding on the base card. Attach the butterfly to the centre of the bow, to finish.



## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* Pale pink card
- \* Dovecraft 6x6 Scrapbook Pad – Floral Muse \* Dovecraft A5 Stickers Set – Floral Muse, from Hobbycraft
- \* Memory Box Die – Isabella Butterfly, from Icon UK
- \* Memory Box Die – Pippi Butterfly, from Maddyli's Crafts
- \* Adhesive Pearls – Sugar & Spice (4mm), from The Hobby House
- \* Papermania 3-Piece Bare Basics Natural Jute Set Multi-Colour, from Amazon
- \* Die-cutting machine

Designed by Debbie Simpson

**1** Cut a 14x10cm piece of butterfly patterned paper, mat onto pale pink card and trim to leave a narrow border.

**2** Cut an 11.5x9cm piece of diamond patterned paper and a 10x7.5cm piece of rose paper. Edge both with brown ink, then mat the rose paper onto the diamond paper. Stick to the centre of the butterfly panel.

**3** Wrap a length of ribbon around the layered panel, positioned near the bottom of the rose paper. Secure the ribbon on the reverse side of the panel using tape. Stick the whole thing to a 15x10.5cm tent-fold base card. Make a bow from ribbon, burlap and jute and stick to the left edge of the ribbon.

**4** Die-cut the Isabella Butterfly from diamond paper and the Pippi Butterfly from pink card. Stick the pink butterfly to the diamond butterfly and add a button to the centre. Attach to the ribbon bow, as shown.

**5** Attach the die-cut sentiment to the top right side of the rose panel and three pink pearls to the top left side, to finish.





## With love



### Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* White card
- \* Spring Paper Pad
- \* Butterfly Duets Die
- \* Scalloped Border Die, from Seven Hills Crafts
- \* With Love On Your Birthday Stamp, from Stamping All Day
- \* Buttons
- \* Twine
- \* Gemstones
- \* Foam pads
- \* Die-cutting machine

Designed by Nicole Haupka

**1** Cover the front of a 15x10.5cm white base card with stripy paper. Die-cut a scalloped border from blue paper and stick 2cm up from the bottom of the base card.

**2** Cut a 12.5x10.5cm piece of white card and die-cut a butterfly shape in the centre. Stamp the sentiment in the bottom right corner of the white panel using black ink. Wrap twine around the card, below the sentiment and secure on the reverse side with tape.

**3** Arrange a selection of buttons onto the base card, positioned so they will show through the butterfly aperture. Stick the butterfly aperture card over the top using foam pads.

**4** Die-cut two butterflies from blue patterned paper and attach either side of the butterfly aperture. Add a gemstone to the centre of each one, to finish.

### Top tip

Use sequins not buttons for a shimmery finish.



### Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* Wooden Butterflies, from The Ribbon Girl
- \* Wild Rose Studio 6x6 Paper Pack – Silverton Hall, from My Mum's Craft Shop
- \* Die-Namics My Favourite Things Dies – Stitched Square Stax, from Maddy Lisa Crafts
- \* Tim Holtz Distress Ink – Old Paper, from Hobbycraft
- \* Heart buttons
- \* Adhesive pearls
- \* Foam pads
- \* Die-cutting machine
- \* Printer

Designed by Nicole Haupka

**1** Cover the front of a 15x10.5cm white base card with pink floral paper. Cut a 14.5x9.5cm piece of neutral floral paper, edge with brown ink, then stick to the centre of the pink floral paper. Cut a 14x9cm piece of the pink paper and a 13.5x8.5cm piece of the neutral paper. Edge the neutral piece with ink, then mat onto the pink piece. Stick to the centre of the base card.

**2** Print the sentiment onto a coordinating patterned paper and cut into three strips. Edge each strip with ink, then stick down the right edge of the base card, as shown.

**3** Die-cut three stitched squares and stick one to the left of each sentiment strip using foam pads. Attach a wooden butterfly to each square and add a heart-shaped button to the centre of each one. Embellish the squares with two half pearls, as shown, to finish.

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# Sporty birthday



## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* Black and white card
- \* Super Striker Stamp, from **Lili of the Valley**
- \* Deco Trellis Base Die Set 505E, from **Tonic Studios**
- \* Tattered Lace Die – Starlight Circle, from **crafting.co.uk**
- \* Sentiment Tags (set 24), from **Lili of the Valley**
- \* Scraps of ribbon and button
- \* Circle die
- \* Die-cutting machine

Designed by Debbie Simpson

**1** Use the Trellis Base die to create your base card. To do this, die-cut two solid pieces from black card. Score across one piece at 1cm down from the top and fold to make a tab. Glue the tab to the top of the other piece to make a tent-fold card.

**2** Die-cut another solid trellis from white card, then die-cut the trellis detail from it. Attach to the front of the base card.

**3** Stamp the footballer image onto white card and colour in. Cut out using a circle die, then ink the edges.

**4** Die-cut the starlight circle from black card and mat the stamped image onto the centre. Stick to the base card.

**5** Attach a sentiment tag to the bottom right corner of the base card and embellish with ribbon and a button, to finish.

## Top tip

Add ribbons to match the recipient's football team!



## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* Navy and white card
- \* Woodware Huge Clear Magic Singles Stamps – Golf, from **The Stamp Man**
- \* Echo Park 6x6 Paper Pad – Dots & Stripes, from **One Stop Craft Shop**
- \* 6x6in Embossing Folder – Small Polka Dot, from **docrafts**
- \* Fondant Candi, from **Craftwork Cards**
- \* 3D Glue Gel
- \* Adhesive pearl

Designed by Debbie Simpson

**1** Cut a 14x9.5cm piece of pale blue dotty paper, mat onto a piece of navy card and trim to leave a narrow border. Stick to the front of a 15x10.5cm white tent-fold base card.

**2** Stamp the large 'Golf' sentiment onto white card, then again onto blue spotty paper and brown spotty paper. Fussy cut the 'G' and 'f' from the blue paper, all the letters from the white card and the golf club 'l' from spotty brown paper. Attach the paper letters to the card letters, then emboss the 'O' using the polka dot folder.

**3** Arrange the letters diagonally onto the front of the base card, as shown, then stick in place using 3D glue gel.

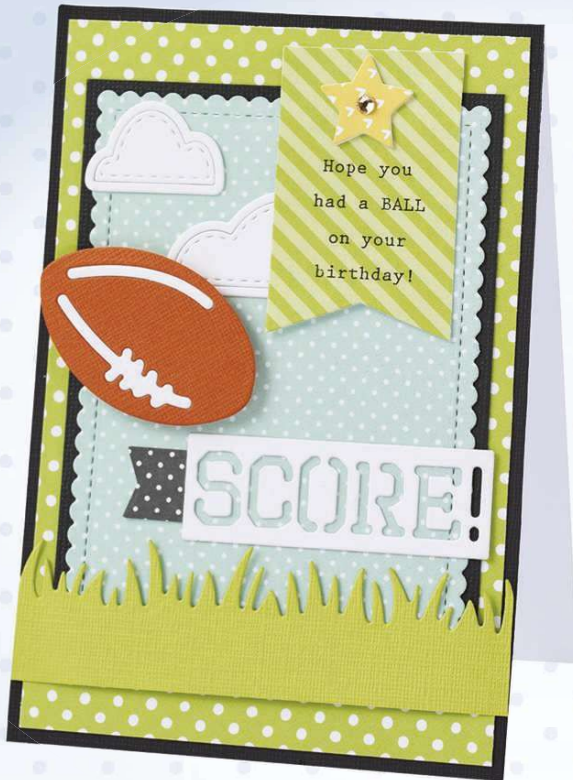
**4** Stamp the sentiment onto white card and cut out in the shape of a pennant banner. Edge with ink, then stick to the top right corner of the base card.

**5** Embellish the sentiment with an adhesive pearl. Attach three white card candi in a row to the bottom left corner of the base card, to finish.





## Belated wishes



### Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* White, orange, green and black card
- \* First Edition Dies – Sports, from **Hobbycraft**
- \* Spellbinders Nestabilities Dies – Stars, from **InkyDinkDoo**
- \* MFT Dienamic Dies – Stitched Fishtail Frames
- \* MFT STAX Dienamic Dies – Stitched Mini Scallop Rectangle
- \* Sunshine Layers Die
- \* Lawn Fawn Grassy Border Die
- \* 6x6 Paper Pad – Let's Polka in the Meadow, from **Seven Hills Crafts**
- \* Adhesive gems
- \* Die-cutting machine
- \* Printer
- \* Foam pads

Designed by Nicole Haupka

**1** Cut a 14.5x9cm piece of green dotty paper, mat onto black card and trim to leave a narrow border. Stick to the front of a 15x10.5cm white tent-fold base card.

**2** Die-cut a scallop frame from blue dotty paper, mat onto black card and trim to leave a narrow border. Stick to the centre of the base card.

**3** Die-cut a grassy border from green card, clouds from white card, a small fishtail flag from black dotty paper, a football from brown and white card and the 'Score' sentiment from white card. Attach the grassy border near the bottom of the base card and the sentiment just above. Add the small flag to the left of the sentiment. Add the clouds in the top left corner, then stick the ball in place using foam pads.

**4** Print the sentiment onto green stripy paper, then cut into a fishtail banner. Stick to the top right side of the base card. Die-cut a star from yellow stripy paper, add a small gem to the middle, then stick to the sentiment panel, to finish.

### Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* White card
- \* Tee-rific Stamp Set
- \* MFT Dienamic Dies – Stitched Fishtail Frames, from **Seven Hills Crafts**
- \* Cosmo Cricket Papers – Tea for Two, from **A Trip Down Memory Lane**
- \* Nestabilities Die Set – Standard Circles Large from **Icon UK**
- \* Versafine Onyx Black Ink Pad
- \* Buttons
- \* Half pearls
- \* Alcohol markers
- \* Foam pads
- \* Adhesive pearls
- \* Die-cutting machine
- \* Printer

Designed by Nicole Haupka

**1** Cut a 15x9.5cm piece of green paper and stick a 15x5cm piece of yellow patterned paper down the middle. Stick to the centre of a 15x10.5cm white base card.

**2** Stamp the penguin onto white card and colour in using alcohol markers. Stamp the cap and golf club handle onto patterned paper and the bobble onto white card. Fussy-cut out, then stick to the matching parts on the main stamped image.

**3** Cut out the stamped image using a circle die, then stick to the left side of the base card using foam pads.

**4** Print the sentiment onto patterned paper and cut into a fishtail banner shape. Tuck the top of the sentiment underneath the stamped penguin circle and secure in place.

**5** Die-cut two small banners in different patterned papers and attach to the top right side of the base card, as shown; embellish with a button. Decorate the curve of the circle with pearls, as shown.

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# Meet the Designer...

Leonie Pujol of Hochanda tells us about her huge stamp collection and what inspires her makes

## What do you love most about crafting?

I love learning and when you craft there's always something new to have a go at – it's like the gift that keeps on giving.

## What is your favourite crafting technique at the moment?

I've always loved stamping and I must admit, following the launch of my stamps and stencil range, I'm really into working with stencils and masks in a different way! I've enjoyed using my stamps with other stencils as well – it's a very relaxing technique – yet exciting to see how things turn out.

## Has working with Hochanda changed how you've crafted?

I think it has allowed me to get back into crafting. I found that not having my crafty freedom really stunted my creativity – so having the ability to attend the retail

shows again and do workshops has inspired me. I love being able to choose products for my Let Leonie Loose shows – which does mean I get to play and experiment more than I ever have before.

## What is your greatest crafting achievement?

It has to be finally releasing my own product range. I was so excited – and nervous! To see an idea actually come to life – and work – was a fantastic feeling.

## What other crafts do you enjoy?

I have always loved working with clay. It used to be polymer clay, but I now love working with air dry clay too. I also really enjoy mixed media, as you can be really spontaneous and creative.

## Can you share your tips for a professional looking card?

Always use good quality card for your base and your layers. Experiment with your layout – and take photos if necessary, so you will be able to see



Leonie loves to experiment with stamps and masks

how the card looks before you stick everything in place.

## What product can't you do without?

All my stamps (and I own an astounding amount of stamps these days!).

## Describe your craft space

A disaster site! I'd love to claim I knew where everything was – but that would be an utter fib. I love to tidy my craft room, but it doesn't happen often I'm afraid, so I'm used to my chaos.

## What makes you happy?

Many things – crafting, of course! I love spending time with my friends and loved ones too. I am happy being with my dogs and taking them out walking. I'm happy reading a good book, or eating a good meal. I also find I'm rather happy with a chilled glass of prosecco in hand.

## How do you cope with live TV shows?

I love them! Considering how shy I was when I began all those years ago, I never thought I'd actually love my work as much as I do. It's exciting – and I love the interaction between the viewers when we are doing the shows. It's really good fun, and I've always enjoyed meeting the guests and learning new techniques.

To see more of Leonie's work, visit her blog: [leoniepujol.blogspot.com](http://leoniepujol.blogspot.com)



Launching her own range was one of Leonie's biggest achievements



# 10 inspirations for Gift tags

Try Jenny Hodges' gorgeously festive ideas for your cards!

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## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* First Edition 6x6in papers – A Christmas Story \*
- First Edition Christmas Sentiment Tag dies, **from Hobbycraft**
- \* Create Christmas clear sentiments stamps \* Xcut Christmas Tags dies set, **from docrafts**
- \* Christmas Grungy Messages \* Handwritten Phrases stamps, **from Lili of the Valley**
- \* Me to You Christmas Sentiments clear stamps, **from Buttercup Crafts**
- \* Mini pine cones, **from The Ribbon Girl**
- \* Red lily flowers, **from Wild Orchid Crafts**
- \* Baker's twine \* Ribbon
- \* Gold mirri card \* Circle, scallop & tag dies

## 1

### Sweet treat

This cute gingerbread-themed card has a little pocket tucked in the layers to add a special message, handwritten onto a tag. Bold red ribbon complements the festive papers.



### Jolly holly

Clever folds are the feature of this card, with a double pocket for tucking in more tags and messages. Add a stamped Christmas sentiment with a floral cluster to finish.

## 2

### Snowman surprise

This neat little easel card box features a drawer underneath to add a small gift for your recipient. The main easel panel has a pocket to hide a sentiment tag!







## 4 Candy cane

This pretty layered card features a tag pocket tucked between the designer paper layers – perfect for keeping money in! Lace, twine and ribbon give the card a shabby-chic look, then finish with a festive centrepiece such as this cute candy cane!



## 5 Santa pocket

This jolly Santa tag is made with a simple pocket template. Paper piece the design with red, black, gold and white glittery card. Tie twine and ribbon at the top. Finish with die-cut holly leaves and red adhesive pearls.



## 6 Box of delights

This fancy box card hides a secret message as a gift-shaped tag. Add dimension with trimmed Christmas presents popping out, and decorate the front with mini sentiment tags.



## 7 Brag book

Make a lovely keepsake of the festive season, with a mini tag album. Decorate each tag with little pictures and messages, as well as papers and embellishments, then tuck each tag into a page of the book.

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## Super stockings

Each of the sweet stockings on this card contains a tiny tag and message. Paper piece the stocking shapes from coordinating papers and add to a card blank with ribbon, lace and a sentiment.



## Tree tag

Turn a large tag into a card by adding it to a card blank of the same size. The card features a scalloped circle, folded to make a Christmas tree. Tie mini tags to the top with ribbon and twine to finish the look.



## 25th December

Use up your patterned paper scraps by cutting rectangles of decreasing sizes and layering up like a stack of presents, as shown. Wrap the card base with glittery ribbon, stamp a greeting onto a little tag and top with a bow.



## Top tips

- Save your patterned paper scraps to create miniature Christmas scenes and present stacks for your tags.
- When making the Santa tag (5), glue the belt and buckle to the tag, and trim for a neat edge.
- For the hidden tag in the box card (6) make one of the pop-out presents as a pocket and trim a tag to fit inside.
- To make the scalloped circle tree topper (9), cut the circle in half. Make three folds to create the tree. Use foam pads between the layers for dimension.





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# All the trimmings


This beautiful Christmas tree gift box designed by Sarah Jackman-Read is almost too pretty to open!



## Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- \* Green card
- \* Dovecraft 12x12in paper pack, wooden buttons and A5 sticker sheet – Winter Blooms, **from Colemans**
- \* Xcut small palm punch – Traditional Star, **from Craft Superstore**
- \* Gold mirri board
  - \* Baker's twine
  - \* Bells
  - \* Ribbon
  - \* Gems

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**W**hat better way to show your loved ones how much you care than by giving them a gift complete with your own gorgeous handmade box or tag?

Sarah says, "this is an economical way to ensure your festive presents look even more special this Christmas, and they're also a lot of fun to make!"

Create them using any Christmas range in your crafty stash – your friends and family are sure to be impressed with your crafting skills.

This cute Christmas tree box may look complicated, but our template on page 77 makes it super-easy, with some basic

scoring and folding skills. This tree also makes a pretty table decoration – just add a name tag to make a unique place setting on Christmas Day.

Decorate your tree with gems, jingle bells and some red and white baker's twine, then top it off with a luxurious red ribbon bow to complete the festive look.

Have a rummage through your crafty Christmas stash and get creating!

## Top tip

Add gems to punched stars to embellish the box.



## Add finishing touches

Don't glue the box together, simply thread a ribbon through the punched holes, as shown. Fill it up with sweets too!



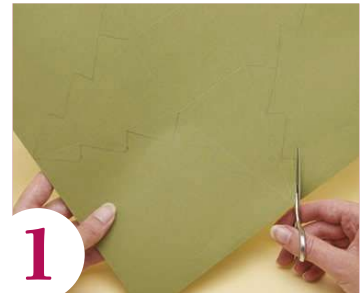




*Make a matching gift tag for a wine bottle*



## *How to make a Christmas tree box*



**1**

Glue a sheet of patterned paper onto green card. Trace the Christmas tree box template on page 77 onto the card, then cut it out using a pair of sharp scissors.



**2**

Punch small stars along each branch, then score the template using a scoring board. Thread ribbon through the holes at the top of the template and pull tight to close the box.



**3**

Cut a strip of gold mirri card to 28x2cm, wrap it around an empty roll of washi tape, then glue down the end. Remove from the roll, glue to the box base and embellish with gems.



# Ask the Experts

Got a crafty question? Let our team of experts answer it for you!

## Your Experts



**Angela Poole**  
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Editor

Angela has the best tips and knows all the latest craft products



**Sarah Hurley**  
Craft Designer  
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**Hannah Bellis**  
Editor  
Hannah is a stickler for getting the basics right



**Suzie Candlin**  
Guest Expert  
As well as being a designer at Cricut, Suzie is a keen crafter and upcycling aficionado!



Smoothies are fab for blending inks and come in various sizes

### Smoothie does it

**Q** What on earth is a smoothie, besides a fruity drink? I've seen demonstrators use them when inking backgrounds, and they look like little sponges, but clearly there is more to them than this! Where can I get one?

**Faye Merrian, Narberth**

**A** Rather than a sponge, we like to think of a Smoothie as more of a latex egg, Faye! The regular ones come in a pack of two (£4.25) and are about the size of a medium hen's egg, or you can buy a pack of four mini ones (£4.99), which are roughly the size of a walnut. Their shape means they have no rough edges, so they're great for blending colours or edging cards with water-based ink – try them with Distress Inks to add subtle borders to your card panels. They're really easy to clean as well – just squeeze them under a tap and then squeeze dry. They are so appealingly shaped and textured – using them is like squeezing a stress ball, and they are one of our favourite daubers to

use. Look out for them at Creative Expressions stockists.

### Freehand heat emboss

**Q** Is it possible to use embossing powder without stamping first? I love the glossy finish this gives to my cards and would love to use it to add my own glossy accents.

**Tessa Negas, Middlesex**

**A** All you need to successfully heat-emboss is a sticky area to stick the powder to the card and a heat source to melt it, so you can certainly use it without stamping first. The big problem to overcome is controlling the amount of sticky you use. This is where stamping



Sticking solutions for die-cut shapes



works well, as only a small amount of the sticky ink is transferred to your card. Try it with the new Stix2 2-in-1 glue pen – you can reduce the flow of the glue by holding the glue pen tip upwards and pressing the nib on a firm surface. Once you have a low flow, write or draw your chosen shape, then sprinkle on the embossing powder, tip off the excess and heat in the normal way. The finished accent is raised, but only a bit, so it's great for adding dimension without too much bulk.

### Sticky fixers

**Q** Help! I read that spray glue was the easiest way to attach intricate dies, and it is. However, I now have permanently sticky surfaces from the excess spray. I used an embossing tray which is no use now for anything else, including glue-spraying

Use embossing powders without stamping!





die-cuts. I also ended up using Swarfega to remove the glue from my hand! Before I ruin anything else, please could you suggest either prevention or, alternatively, a cheap and easy way to remove the sticky from the tray, my work mat and myself?

**Chris Winterbourne, by email**

**A** The answer is cereal boxes! Just place your die-cut face down on the bottom of the box, then hold the spray glue above it and lightly mist, spraying in short bursts to stop your hand getting sticky. When the box gets too sticky on the inside, replace with a new one. To remove sticky that is already in place, you can try using Stick Away (see image left) from Crafter's Companion. Another great way to stick delicate die-cuts is to use adhesive sheets before



Add beautiful calligraphy to your cards

you die-cut them – instant sticky-backed die-cuts!

### The write way

**Q** I loved Kirstie Allsopp's calligraphy tips last issue! Where can I get the pens for this?

**Katie Stevenson, by email**

**A** We like Manuscript pens ([www.calligraphy.com](http://www.calligraphy.com)) for

calligraphy on our cards, Katie. Go classic with their Leonardt Classic round pen and Nibb dipping set (£9.99), or quick and colourful with a 10-pack of Callicreative Duotip double-ended markers (£7.99) with both a chisel tip and fineliner for creative lettering. Calligraphy is a lovely technique to use on cards, and you can make it as easy or fancy as you like!

## Quick Fixes



Where can I buy ribbon that is half transparent and half matt? Fantastic Ribbons have 10mm wide ribbon that is half organza and half satin, finishing with a golden thread along the centre. It's available in nine shades, from soft pastels to festive-inspired. Buy a 10m roll for £2.50 or 10 rolls for £15.

Can I wash my clear stamps to make them stick to acrylic blocks? Mine keep falling off! Washing in warm water and a mild hand soap should do the trick. Leave to dry naturally and the stickiness will be restored. If all else fails you can use Tack N' Peel from Joanna Sheen.

My paper punches aren't cutting as smoothly these days. How can I sharpen them?

**Easy!** All you need to do is cut through some extra fine sandpaper (200-400 grit is good) a couple of times, or a small piece of aluminium foil. You should find you get a much smoother finish!



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## Insider's guide to... Cricut Explore Air

**Suzie Candlin, European Designer at Cricut, introduces us to the Cricut Explore Air**



Suzie Candlin

The Cricut Explore Air is a digital cutting, writing and scoring system that gives anyone

the creative freedom to make just about anything. Perfect for producing professional-looking projects, the Cricut Explore Air has embedded Bluetooth technology to connect to a

laptop, iPad or iPhone using the Design Space app, giving users the freedom to create projects wherever they wish to.

Using Cut Smart technology, the Explore Air gives precision cuts, big or small, and the Smart Set dial makes it simple to set the machine to the right cut settings for your material. Cut any project on multiple materials including paper, vinyl, iron-on, vellum, and even thicker materials like leather or felt.

You can use the machine with Cricut Design Space – a free, Cloud-based design software used to create projects. The software gives users the option to use the 100+ free images, subscribe to Cricut's library of over 30,000 unlicensed images or digitally purchase images singly or in groups, as well as upload their own images.



### Get the most from your Cricut Explore Air

**1** Get creative with materials – The Cricut Explore Air can cut over 50 types of material so you can experiment with textures.

**2** Use the writing and scoring features – with the second tool port you can insert a pen or scoring stylus, which allows you to write, draw or score a design.

**3** Use the correct mat – they're available in light, standard or strong, depending on the density of your materials. The light mat is great for vellums and the strong grip is ideal for leather.

**4** Try the 'Print Then Cut' feature – team the Explore Air with your inkjet printer to print designs and cut them precisely. Great for layers and toppers.

**5** Think outside the box – why not upload your own images to create something truly unique.





Stamping  
& die-cutting

# Stamp up a snowy scene

## Shopping list

### Basic card kit, plus

- \* Crafter's Companion Centura Pearl cardstock
- \* Crafter's Companion Vellum
- \* Ultimate Pro Boxer Board
- \* Sheena Douglass Stamping Card
- \* Spectrum Noir Blendable Pencils
- \* Spectrum Noir Pens
- \* Memento Black Ink Pad
- \* Distress Inks in Walnut Stain, Faded Jeans and Forest Moss
- \* Collall Tacky Glue
- \* 6x6 card blanks
- \* Sheena Douglass Perfect Partners Scenic Winter Dies in Christmas Snowdrops, Christmas Robin, Christmas Rose, Christmas Deer
- \* Sheena Douglass Perfect Partners Scenic Winter Stamps in A Glad New Year, Christmas Tidings, Festive Greetings, Wishes of the Season, **from Crafter's Companion**
- \* Glitter
- \* Red pearls

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without snow – and this nostalgic trio of cards and a festive gift box really hits the spot. Embellished with a dusting of glitter and pretty pearls, these mini winter wonderlands are stunning.

Designer Sandra Carey from Crafter's Companion says, "Sheena Douglass

comes up with the most inspirational dies and stamps, and they work so perfectly together. The stamps are fantastic for beginners, as Sheena shades in the details so you know where to place the colour." And with a simple festive colour palette you really can't go wrong, even if you are new to stamping or colouring!



See page  
76 for  
stockists





*Designed by  
Sandra Carey*

Sandra is part of the design team at Crafter's Companion. She enjoys long walks with her dogs.



TURN FOR  
MORE 

*The Best Wishes  
of the SEASON*







# How to... Make a chic festive box

Follow our step-by-step to make the perfect Christmas gift box



1

Using the Ultimate Pro Boxer Board, score and fold 2.5cm in from the edges of two sheets of Crafter's Companion Centura Pearl 8x8in card. Make a 'v' in each corner with a craft knife.



2

Position your Christmas Snowdrops die in the centre of the scored card you are using for the lid, and run it through your cutting machine to create the Christmas Snowdrops panel.



3

Now construct your box and the lid by folding the score lines on each piece of card to make the sides. Tuck the tabs in neatly at the corners and secure with tacky PVA glue.

## Top tip

Use a fine liner pen to fill in the gaps if your stamped image is less than perfect.



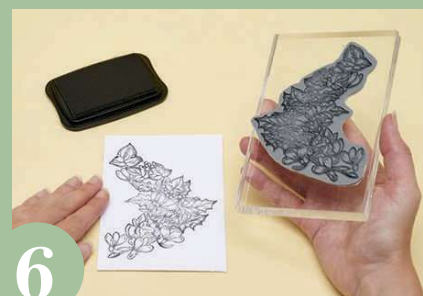
4

Use the die to cut another panel. With the die in place, ink over the top with Walnut Stain. Cut out around the die. Cut a piece of vellum the same size. Stamp with the sentiment as shown.



5

Position and fix the second die-cut on top of the vellum with double-sided tape. Place more double-sided tape around the edges of the reverse of the vellum. Fix to the top of box lid.



6

Trim a piece of Sheena Douglass Stamping Card to 10x13cm, and stamp onto the card using the Sheena Douglass A Glad New Year stamp and Black Memento Ink.







We did it!



Alison



Sally



Gail

Take a look at our reader panel's creations on the next page!



## How to... Make a die-cut stag card

TURN FOR MORE

This card's 3D effect is created with dies and stamps, and our majestic deer is so on-trend this Christmas

**1** Cut a piece of card to measure 6x6in, then cut out an aperture the same size as the Winter Christmas Deer die.

**2** Cut and emboss the Winter Christmas Deer die. While the die is in place, ink over the top with Walnut Stain through the gaps in the die. Remove die and go over the edges of the trees with the same ink pad.

**3** Stamp Wishes of the Season Stamp onto copier paper and use this as your insert. Colour with Spectrum Noir Pens in green and brown – as they are alcohol-based they won't bleed through the paper.

**4** Fix to the inside of the card with double-sided tape. Add glitter detail to the branches and background.

**5** Stamp and colour the Deer. Line the die up over and cut out. Glue into place. To finish, add the sentiment to the top of the card with sticky foam pads as shown.



**7** Colour your stamped image, using Spectrum Noir Pens in shades of green to add the detail to the greenery and the stems of the snowdrops. Pens will not bleed through the card.



**8** Using the Christmas Snowdrops die, run the coloured-in image through your embossing machine to cut around the outline. Attach to the bottom-left corner of your box lid, as shown.



**9** To finish, decorate the completed box lid with flat-backed pearl embellishments where shown on the stamp. Attach the embellishments with Collall Tacky Glue, and allow to dry.





## Simply red

Make this sweet robin tent card with the Christmas Tidings Stamp and Christmas Robin die. Add flat-backed red pearls for the holly and a sprinkle of glitter to finish.

### TRY THIS!

Stamp and colour your image first



### Let it snow

Add a light frosting of glitter to the scene behind the roses to create the impression of sparkling, fresh snow.

## We did it!



### Alison Girvan

#### Q Tell us about your make

**A** For this tealight holder, I cut my die and coloured the branches with ProMarkers before stamping and colouring the robin and sentiment. I stuck both down then cut holly from green card and attached it to the base, with red gems for berries. I stuck the base to acetate. The back is made from white pearl card, embossed with a snowflake folder. I curved the front by hand and I added some snowflakes and snowfall trim to finish.

#### Q What tip would you like to share?

**A** Use a battery-operated tealight rather than a real one, which could be a fire hazard!



## Take a look at our reader panel's makes this month!



### Sally Sears

#### Q Did you enjoy making this project?

**A** These dies and stamps are pretty amazing, but they take time to make something special, so are perhaps not suitable for mass makes. The background scenes come together pretty quickly and Sheena's artwork is fabulous.

#### Q What tip would you like to share?

**A** I applied the ink with brushes, as I think a blending tool might catch on some of the finer details of the die. I just used a cheap set of fat make-up brushes from eBay! I pressed the ink pad onto a mat and worked the brush about in the ink. The colour builds up gradually and has a lovely soft effect.



### Gail Norris

#### Q What did you like best about this project?

**A** I absolutely love the Christmas Robin metal die and stamp set by Sheena Douglass, as it enables anyone to make cards that look as if they are hand-drawn.

#### Q How did you go about crafting your card?

**A** I used a patterned paper behind my die-cut, but you could use plain card or a stamped image depending on the style you are going for. I like using the red card in contrast to the white. I coloured my picture using Stampin' Up pens and dauber sponges to highlight the embossed areas. You could also add a bit of sparkle or ribbon if you wanted to.





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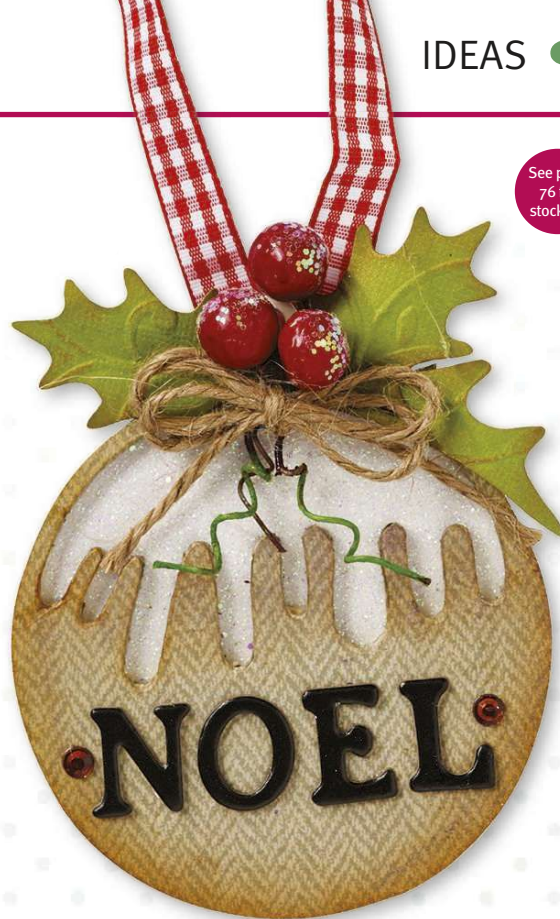
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# 3 Looks

## ...with Christmas puddings

Becky James cooks up a festive treat with wooden embellishments!



### Just desserts

This tag will really make your gift stand out under the tree and can be used as a tree ornament too. Get this on-trend herringbone tweed look by first painting the base pudding with white or cream acrylic paint. Once dry, cover the base with découpage papers, smoothing the edges around the brandy sauce shapes. Decorate with die-cut leaves, faux berries and brown string for a rustic feel.



### Best dishes

Large wooden embellishments make great toppers! Paint the base with brown acrylic paint and allow to dry. Blend gold gilding wax around all the edges and cut glitter card to fit behind the pudding for a luxurious brandy sauce! Add a serving plate cut from complementary papers before completing with gold gems, die-cut leaves, shimmering berries and a tag.



### Full of joy

The shape of the pudding makes it the perfect substitute for the letter 'O' in festive greetings. The simple colouring works perfectly against the bolder backdrop. Add some die-cut letters on either side in shades that contrast with the background and complement the decoration.

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# Ready Steady Craft!

## Our designer challenge...

*Only use 5 items!*

We challenged Sarah Jackman-Read to make five cards using just five bought items – plus a few extra bits from her stash!



### Shopping list

Basic card kit, plus

- 1 First Edition topper dies – Christmas, from **Hobbycraft**
- 2 Dovecraft plastic buttons – Christmas Basics, from **Trimcraft**
- 3 Create Christmas 4x4in stamps – Traditional Sentiments, from **docrafts**
- 4 First Edition 6x6in paper pad – Christmas Promise, from **Trimcraft**
- 5 Dovecraft premium glitter frames – Magic & Sparkle, from **Trimcraft**

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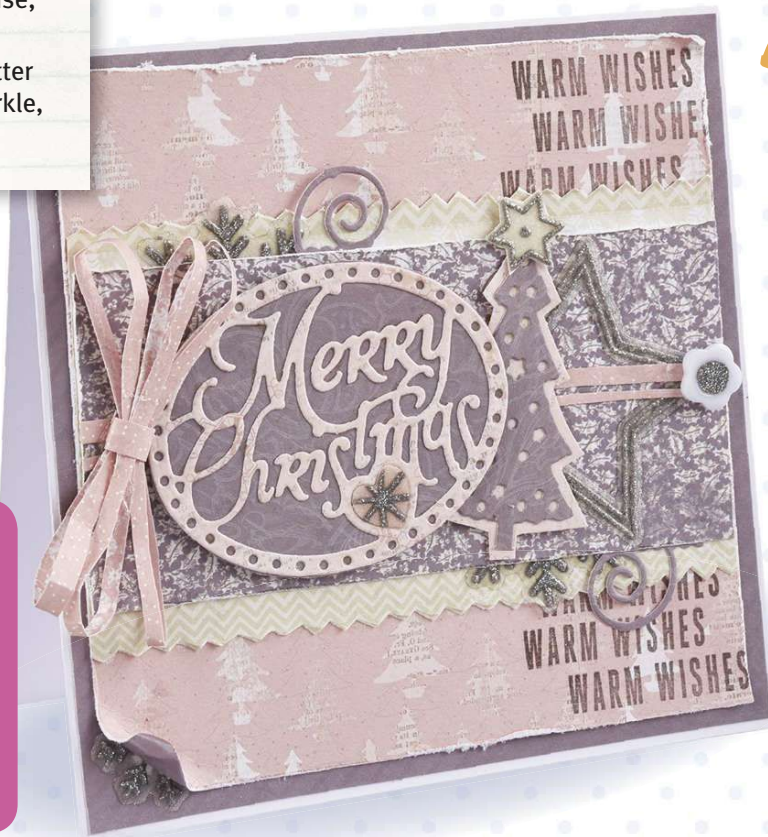
### For glittering gifts

Use glitter frames to make glammed up gift bags! The double-sided papers are perfect for making small gift bags. Cut a glitter frame in half, back it with paper and cut out to create handles. Repeat with the pennant, glue to the back of the bag, then fold over the top. Glue a button to the front, add a loop of glitter frame to the end of the pennant and hook over the button to keep the bag closed. Die-cut hearts from the oval die, stamp with stars and glue across the bottom of the bag.



### Go shabby chic

Add some vintage shabbiness to your cards with this sweet design. Fussy cut chevron paper and mix with several distressed layers. Stamp a sentiment several times down the right-hand side of the card and add a die-cut sentiment across the centre panel with a die-cut tree and glitter frame star next to it. Use strips of paper to create a bow and add a small flower button on the end. Cut up die-cut swirls and glitter frame and tuck behind the centre panel.



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## Make starry skies

Frame a reindeer die to make a modern yet stylish festive card. Fussy cut a house from one of the papers, layer up with contrasting papers and use the circular die to make an aperture on the left-hand side. Die-cut the circular die in a dark paper, glue to white card and layer behind the aperture with sticky foam pads to add depth. Stamp a sentiment and attach to the centre of a circular glitter frame. Stamp stars and add glitter frame snowflakes in the sky to finish.

### Top tip

Thread small strips of coordinating paper through the buttons.

## Share glad tidings

**Just add:** Papermania Ever After satin ribbon – Silver, from **Crafty Devils Papercraft**

Glitter frames make incredibly versatile embellishments. Die-cut the oval topper, remove the frame and glue onto plain paper. Stamp a sentiment in the middle. Next, add two layers of paper to the card front, rip and distress the top layer and add small pieces of glitter frame behind the rips. Cut up glitter frames and attach around the sentiment. Add snowflakes die-cut from white card and cover buttons with pieces of glitter frame in the centres.

**JUST ADD**  
Satin  
ribbon

**JUST ADD**  
Acetate  
sheets



## Make super shakers

**Just add:** Papermania 12x12in acetate, from **docrafts**

Buttons are a quick and crafty way to fill a shaker element on a card or tag. Use a circular topper die to create an aperture in the front of the tag and glue acetate behind it to make a shaker element. Create a shaker filled with buttons and die-cut stars. Use snowflakes to make the handle and add a decoration to the centre of the shaker. Use the pennant glitter frame with paper behind it and stamp half the sentiment on to it.



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## NICE PINS!

Add a luxurious touch to your festive table with a handmade Christmas cracker! There are so many gorgeous ways to decorate them, from adding layered rosettes or a sprinkle of die-cut shapes to simply wrapping them up in a paper doily. Find inspiration for your own beautiful crackers on our Crafty Christmas cracker Pinterest board.

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# Craft & Chat

## Do you recycle old cards?

**Susan Elai Kelly:**

"I have started doing it this year especially for toppers and small die cuts."

**Liz Irvin:**

"I started with my Christmas cards – cutting them up to make gift tags for the next year and it has escalated from there!"

**Geraldine Walker:**

"Xmas cards make little boxes or tree ornaments. Treated delicately, no one can tell."



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**Bauble Hedgehog digi stamp, £1.20 from LC Designs**



**Vintage Christmas digital paper, £2.32 from PixelGardenDesign on Etsy**



**Lilyboo Designs digi stamp – Christmas Door, £1.49 from Buddly Crafts**

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## Tune in

Put your ink pads away! This month we've been stamping our cards with acrylic paints instead thanks to Kay Carley's inspiring Masterclass in issue 155. You'll be amazed by the effects you can achieve with this clever technique – acrylics provide a great surface for stamping too. Don't forget to wash the stamps off after use so that the acrylic paint doesn't set.

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## Amazon

[www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)

## Buddly Crafts

[buddlycrafts.com](http://buddlycrafts.com)

## Buttercup Crafts

[www.buttercup-crafts.co.uk](http://www.buttercup-crafts.co.uk)

## Coleman's

[www.colemans-online.co.uk](http://www.colemans-online.co.uk)

## Crafter's Companion

[www.crafterscompanion.co.uk](http://www.crafterscompanion.co.uk)

## Crafting.co.uk

[www.crafting.co.uk](http://www.crafting.co.uk)

## Craft Obsessions

[www.craftobsessions.co.uk](http://www.craftobsessions.co.uk)

## Craft Superstore

[www.craftsuperstore.co.uk](http://www.craftsuperstore.co.uk)

## Crafts U Love

[www.craftsulove.co.uk](http://www.craftsulove.co.uk)

## Craft World

[www.craftworldonline.co.uk](http://www.craftworldonline.co.uk)

## Craftwork Cards

[www.craftworkcards.co.uk](http://www.craftworkcards.co.uk)

## Crafty Arts

[www.craftyarts.co.uk](http://www.craftyarts.co.uk)

## Create and Craft

[www.createandcraft.tv](http://www.createandcraft.tv)

## Creative Expressions

[www.creative-expressions.uk.com](http://www.creative-expressions.uk.com)

## Dies To Die For

[www.diestodiefor.com](http://www.diestodiefor.com)

## docrafts

[www.docrafts.com](http://www.docrafts.com)

## Etsy

[www.etsy.co.uk](http://www.etsy.co.uk)

## Fantastic Ribbons

[www.fantasticribbons.com](http://www.fantasticribbons.com)

## Hobbycraft

[www.hobbycraft.co.uk](http://www.hobbycraft.co.uk)

## Hunkydory

[www.hunkydorycrafts.co.uk](http://www.hunkydorycrafts.co.uk)

## Icon UK

[www.iconuk.co.uk](http://www.iconuk.co.uk)

## Inkylicious

[www.inkylicious.co.uk](http://www.inkylicious.co.uk)

## Inkydinkydoo

[www.inkydinkydoo.co.uk](http://www.inkydinkydoo.co.uk)

## Joanna Sheen

[www.joannasheen.com](http://www.joannasheen.com)

## LC Designs

[www.mylcdesigns.co.uk](http://www.mylcdesigns.co.uk)

## Lili of the Valley

[www.liliofthevalley.co.uk](http://www.liliofthevalley.co.uk)

## Maddylisa Crafts

[www.maddylisacrafts.co.uk](http://www.maddylisacrafts.co.uk)

## Mollie Makes Shop

[shop.molliemakes.com](http://shop.molliemakes.com)

## My Mum's Craft Shop

[www.mymumscraftshop.co.uk](http://www.mymumscraftshop.co.uk)

## Nitwit Collections

[www.nitwitcollections.com](http://www.nitwitcollections.com)



## One Stop Craft Shop

[www.onestopcraftshop.com](http://www.onestopcraftshop.com)

## Seven Hills Crafts

[sevenhillscrafts.co.uk](http://sevenhillscrafts.co.uk)

## Stampin' Up!

[www2.stampinup.com](http://www2.stampinup.com)

## Stamping All Day

[www.stampingallday.co.uk](http://www.stampingallday.co.uk)

## Tattered Lace

[www.tatteredlace.co.uk](http://www.tatteredlace.co.uk)

## The Hobby House

[www.thehobbyhouse.co.uk](http://www.thehobbyhouse.co.uk)

## The Ribbon Girl

[www.ribbongirl.co.uk](http://www.ribbongirl.co.uk)

## Tonic Studios

[tonic-studios.co.uk](http://tonic-studios.co.uk)

## Trimcraft

[www.trimcraft.co.uk](http://www.trimcraft.co.uk)

## Wild Orchid Crafts

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- 7 Winning entries will be chosen at random from all eligible entries.
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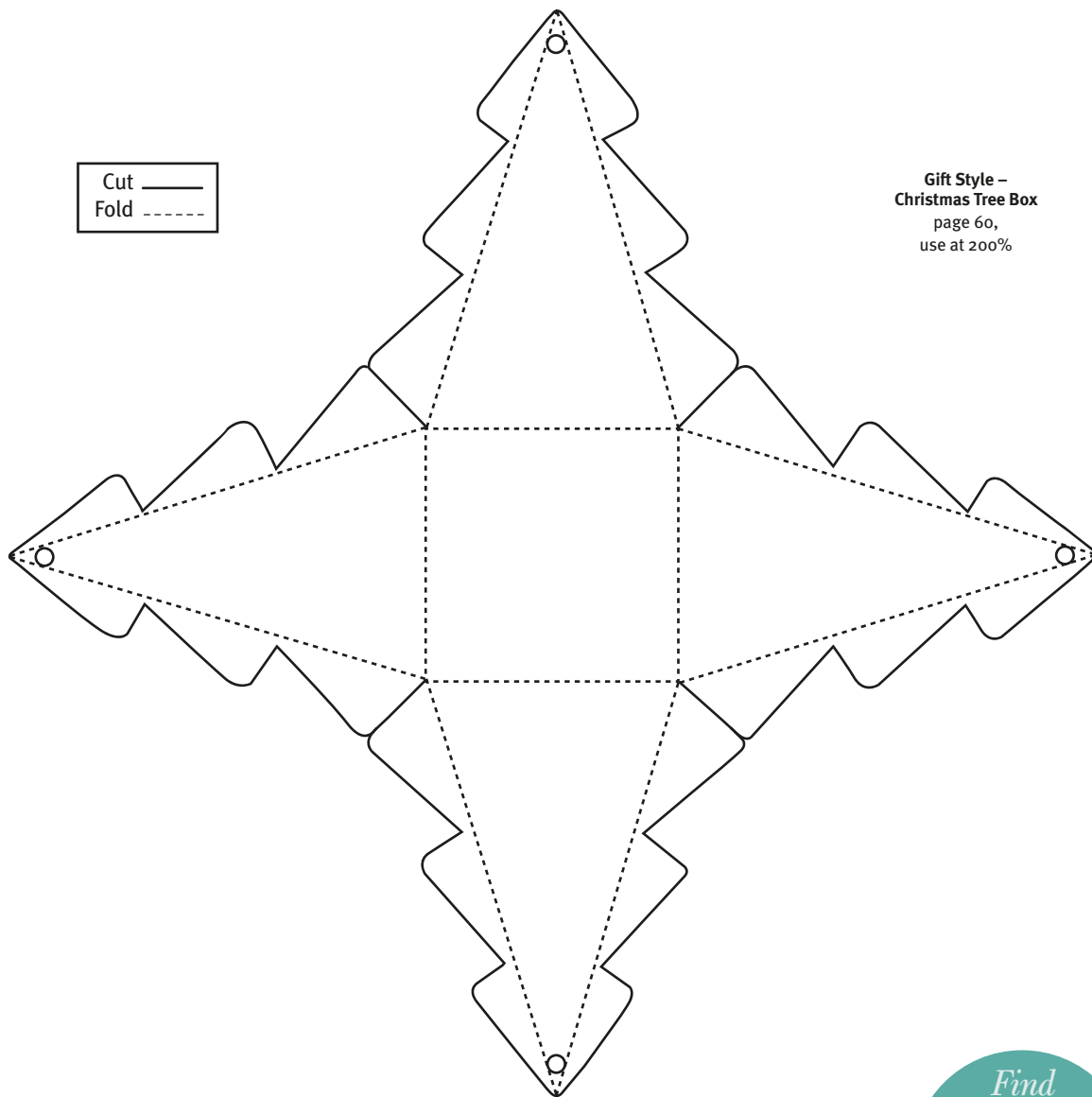
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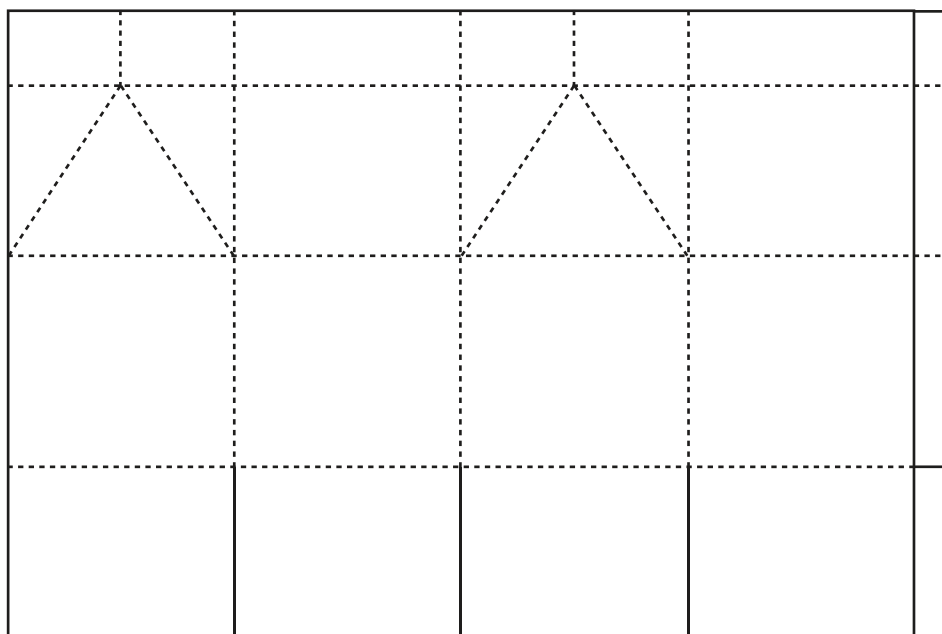
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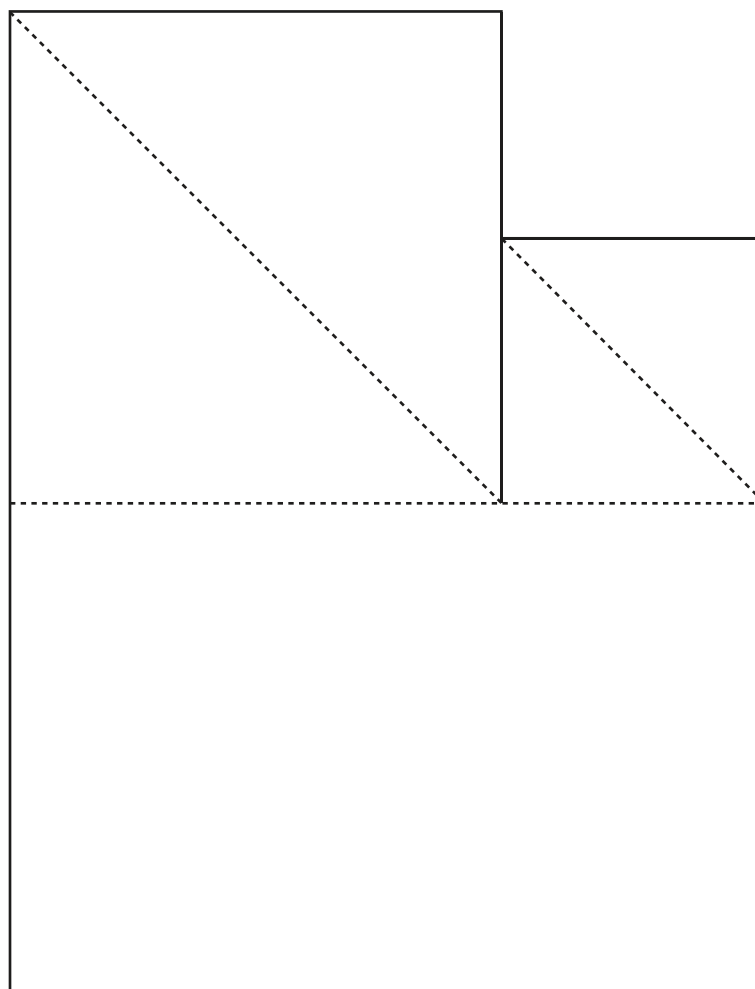
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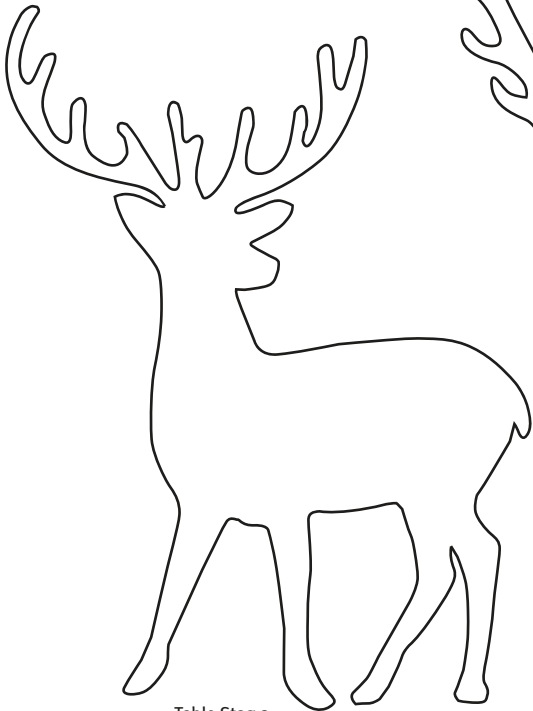


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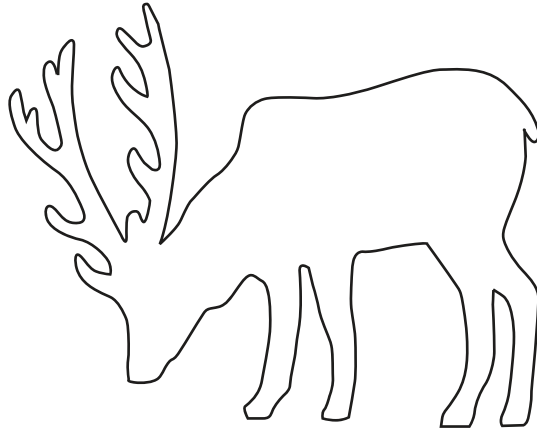


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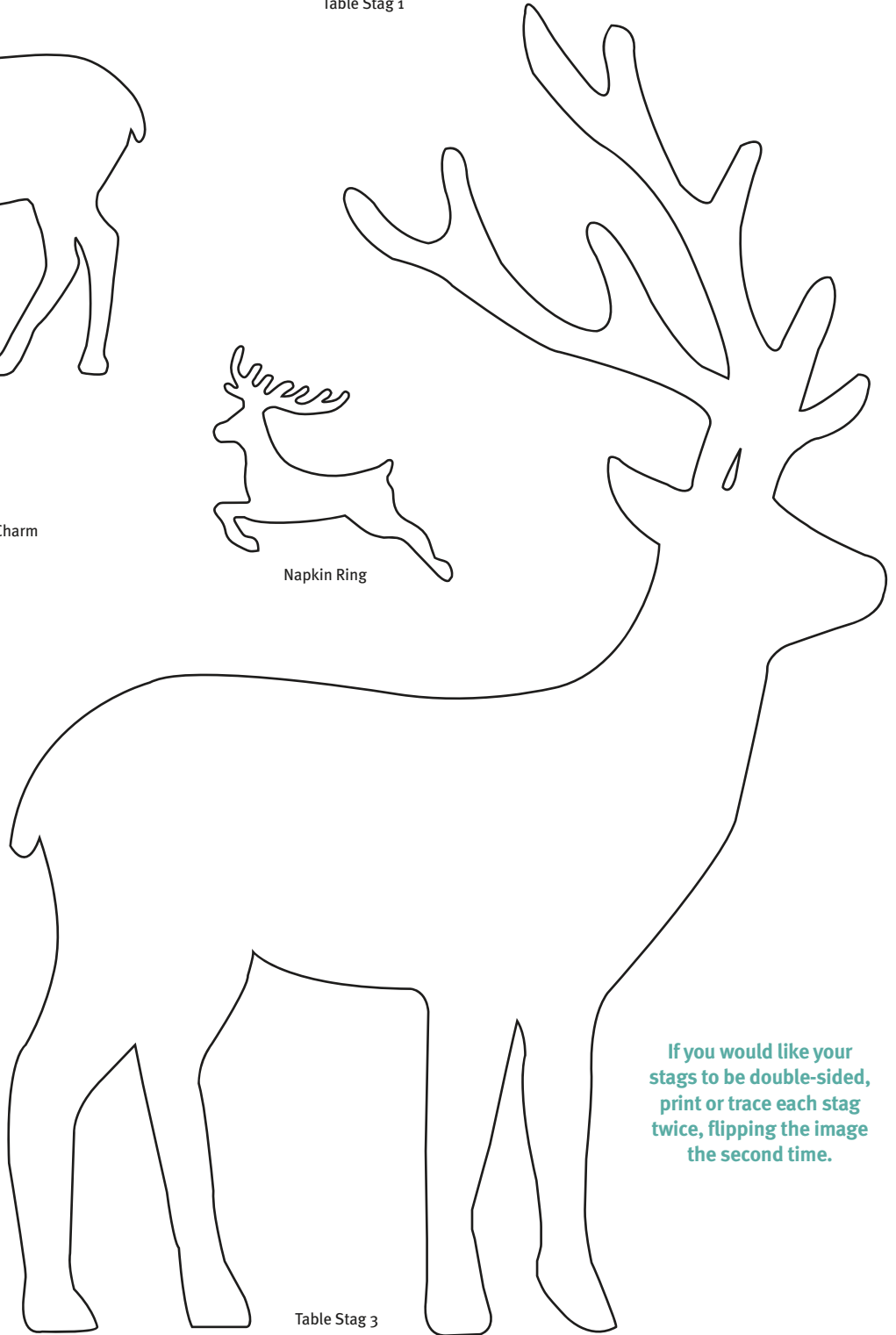


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Please note early closing date 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov!

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Send in & win!

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