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he new season is finally here and we have the perfect gift to mark its arrival! With pretty floral accents, foil details and sweet sentiments, your Step into Spring side step card kit is sure kick off your spring crafting in style. Turn to page 6 for inspiring ideas with your free gift.

This issue we've got some great projects for you, too. Stamping fans will love our ProMarker tutorial, featuring a new range of stamps from Little Darlings. Check it out on page 15! While those looking for a new card fold to add to their repertoire must take a look at our lapel fold cards on page 49.

Remember, Easter is just around the corner, too! If you need some egg-cellent ideas for the holiday, pay a visit to our bonus papers section on page 40 and fun party ideas on page 32!

Hayley Rowe

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Step into Spring side step card kit

To welcome in the new season, this month's free gift is filled with gorgeous motifs of cupcakes, butterflies and flowers in pretty pastel shades. Whether you're sending birthday wishes, celebrating a loved one's new home, or simply saying thanks, this designer kit has everything you need to make four fabulous side step cards with a sweet springtime feel. Remember to show us what you make using your free gift!



Step into Spring

Make this card using your free gift



Pop the pale green card blank from the sheet and fold to create the side step shape. Attach the large pink and smaller mint green cupcake toppers onto the card base using foam pads, as shown.



Add the pink 'A birthday treat for you' sentiment panel along the bottom of the card base. Pop out the die-cut butterfly, bend up the wings and glue to the bottom right of the pink cupcake topper.



Tie a bow using pink ribbon and glue to the top left corner of the pink cupcake topper. To finish, attach a large adhesive pearl to the centre of the ribbon bow and small pink gems to the side topper.



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Pop-up fun!

I would just like to say a big thank you for the wonderful Card School project featured in issue 161 of Quick Cards. I had seen this popup card design on various online galleries as well as on TV, and wanted to try one out for myself. So for you to include a feature on this card fold was brilliant.

I found the instructions good to follow and this is my take on the project. I used a selection of pretty papers from my stash, which I thought would add a nice fresh feel to my design. Thank you for all the inspiration you provide and Thope you like my card. I can see myself making more of these! Sue Plummer, Strood

Hayley: What a beautiful pop-up card, Sue!



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Kids range. They were really

fun découpage pad, and l even

managed to get one of my son's

involved in making the toppers.

foam tape. I hope you like them!

Shabneez Khan-Muztar.

Hayley: These cards are so

bright and fun, Shabneez!

Buckhurst Hill

than I do! He had lots of birthday parties to go to in January, so I

Although I have had these butterfly dies for a while, this is their first real outing! My inspiration for the card came from the papers themselves. After all the lovely greens, golds and reds of the festive season, and with summer still feeling so far off, I looked back to autumn for the colour pallette - and I thought the butterflies gave a hint of spring around the corner! Deborah Burgess, Hitchin

Hayley: These cards are perfect for spring, Deborah!



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It's your day

I thought I would share with you this pop-up box card, which I made for my nan's 90th birthday. It's the first box card I've ever made and to help me I followed the stepby-step guide in issue 128 of Quick Cards (July 2014). Thank you for all the inspiration and ideas! Stephanie Mortimer. Little Eaton

Hayley: It's great that you tried a new card style, Stephanie. Your pop-up box card looks really pretty!

Love from all the family

I made this butterfly-adorned card for my husband's nan who recently celebrated her 80th birthday! My husband is one of six siblings who all have husbands/ wives and children, so we decided to make one amazing card that was from all the grandchildren and great grandchildren. I typed all of their names inside the special card and Nanny Jean absolutely loved it! It now has pride of place on her window sill. Julie Diaz. Burnham on Crouch

Hayley: Wow! What a

beautiful card, Julie!

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colourful card, and I love it so much I think I might frame it and keep it for myself! I decided to make this card as, after Christmas, it's very easy to get the January blues. I love playing with my Gelli plate and think that Visible Image stamps are awesome - so what better way to perk myself up than by playing with some of my favourite craft items? Terri Koszler. Bristol

Hayley: Your card is fab, Terri!





your letters



Starry skies

I made this star-themed card for my nephew's 18th birthdav. I loved the blue shades and starry patterns on the paper and thought they worked well together. I was really pleased with how the card came together with the white die-cut numbers and letters, and I think the yellow circle with the die-cut star and the twine really lifts the card up. My nephew loved it! I have to add that Quick Cards is one of my favourite craft magazines – it has given me so many ideas and inspiration, and it never lets me down! Sabera Lee, Wembley

Hayley: Your design works so well for a teenage boy's birthday card, Sabera!

Facebook fan of the month



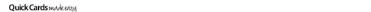
Kirsten Taylor

I have learned so much from everyone in the Quick Cards Facebook community and love that everyone has so many different ideas and techniques! I've only been a crafter for a year and I've picked up so much useful information already!

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om Tonic Studios, worth ver £50! For more info. vis



Mour letters

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Sweet hearts

Emma Burton, by email Hayley: Your Valentine's Day card looks really romantic, Emma!

Show us what you made using last issue's free gift - we'll print the first three cards we receive!



Mother's Day Fiona Fellows, Dunfermline Hayley: What a gorgeous

With love

Louise Sutherland, Falkirk Hayley: We love the colourful background, Louise!





Mother's Day card, Fiona!

Double z folds

I wanted to use a Hunkydory set that I had been lucky enough to win a while ago. The backing papers in the kit were beautiful, but I encountered a complete crafting blank as to how to use them - they seemed too big for a single card and I didn't want to spoil their overall look. Along came your fantastic double z-fold card feature in issue 160 and my problem was solved! I must admit that fussy cutting the little blue bows was somewhat time consuming, but hopefully it was worth the effort! Lyn Davies, New Haven

Hayley: I'm glad to hear you liked our double z-fold cards!



Birthdays galore

I thought you might like to see the card I made for my sister's birthday using the lovely pop-up panel cards shown in issue 161's Card School feature. I really enjoyed making and decorating it using Hunkydon, elements - I'm hoping my sister will like it! I have already made another for a friend's grandson using Pokémon pictures and am about to make another for my future daughter-in-law's 30th birthday! I think they're fab!

Amanda Knights, Acton

Hayley: I think they're fab too, Amanda. Thank you so much for sharing them with us!

Crafty owl

I'm really new to papercrafting, (I just got my first supplies for Christmas) and I couldn't wait to make the owl card featured in issue 161's Shape Up! I know the cutting on the owl will seem untidy to other people but, for me, with my bad hands and difficulties with holding scissors and shaking, I'm very pleased with how the card turned out. Hove the fact that Quick Cards now includes full-size templates. They're so helpful! Janie Storer, Newcastle upon Tyne

Hayley: Welcome to the crafty community, Janie. It's great to have you on board!







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Stamp the image in black. Colour the skin with Coral, Soft Peach, Dusky Pink and Blush ProMarkers. Colour the rest of the image in shades of green, yellow and lilac.



Draw a line under the image with a Bright Green BrushMarker and blend with Meadow Green. Add flicks of green grass and blue spots to the background.



Cut the image out with a circle die. Attach to a white card blank, covered with panels of patterned paper and wrapped with ribbon. Add flowers and a butterfly.





Your day

1 Starting under the hairline, add some Coral ProMarker. then gradually blend in Soft Peach, Dusky Pink and Blush, working in circular motions to



blend the four colours together. Add Pale Pink for rosy cheeks and blend the edges in with Blush. Use Coral and Soft Peach to shade along the outside left edges of the legs and blend with Blush.

2 Add Firebrick to either side of the parting and on the end of the pony tail. Blend with Bright Orange, working into the hair from the parting towards the centre. Colour the remaining area using Amber.

3 Use Magenta on the edges of the skirt, blend with Cerise and Pink Carnation. Use Lilac to add some colour to the edges of the top and blend with a blender pen.

4 Cut the image into a rectangle and mount onto a white card blank, layered with panels of patterned papers and ribbon. Finish with a sentiment and flowers.

Birthday girl

1 Starting under the hairline, add some Coral ProMarker, then gradually blend in Soft Peach, Dusky Pink and Blush, working in circular motions to blend the four



colours together. Add Pale Pink for rosy cheeks and blend the edges in with Blush. Use Coral and Soft Peach to shade along the outside left edges of the legs and blend with Blush.

2 Add Burnt Sienna either side of the parting and in the centre of the bun. Blend with Saddle Brown, working further into the hair from the parting towards the centre. Colour the remaining area using Praline.

3 Use Amethyst on the outer edges of the dress, pockets and hair band and blend with Pink Carnation and Pink Pearl. Colour the bow using Gold, Buttercup and Ivory.

4 Use green BrushMarkers to add grass beneath the character, then add blue dots to the background. Die cut into an oval shape.

5 Mount the stamped panel onto a white card blank, layered with panels of patterned paper. Add flowers and a sentiment.

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Birthday wish

Starting under the ▲ hairline, add some Coral ProMarker, then gradually blend in Soft Peach, Dusky Pink and Blush working in small circular motions to blend



the colours together, ending with the lightest in the middle of the face. Add Pale Pink for rosy cheeks and blend the edges in with Blush. Use Coral and Soft Peach to shade along the outside edges of the legs and blend with Blush.

Add Gold to either side of the parting and in the bun's centre. Blend with Buttercup, working from the parting towards the centre. Colour the remaining area with Ivory.

3 Use China Blue on the edges of the jeans and blend with Cadet Blue and Pebble Blue. Add Magenta along the outlines of the iacket. Blend with Cerise and Pink Carnation. Use the same colours to colour the bag and shoes. Add grass below the character and blue dots to the background. Die cut into an oval.

4 Mount the stamped panel onto a white card blank, layered with panels of patterned paper. Add flowers and a sentiment.



For you

1 Starting under the hairline, add some Coral ProMarker, then gradually blend in Soft Peach, Dusky Pink and Blush, working in circular motions to blend the four



colours together, ending with the lightest in the middle of the face. Use Coral and Soft Peach to shade along the outside left edges of the legs and arms and blend with Blush.

2 Add Burnt Sienna either side of the parting and on the ends of the hair strands. Blend with Henna, working further into the hair from the parting towards the centre. Colour the remaining area with Cocoa.

3 Use Ocean Teal on the edges of the dress bodice and blend with Soft Aqua. Add Amethyst along the edges of the skirt and blend with Pink Carnation. Blend and colour the rest of the skirt with Lavender

4 Draw a line under the character and add some blue spots to the background.

5 Mount the stamped panel onto a white card blank, layered with panels of patterned paper. Add flowers and a sentiment.





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Elefantastic!

This month's simple card shape is a sweet elephant – it's ideal for kids' birthdays! By Sarah Jackman-Read





Shape up!

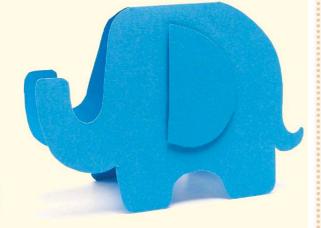
Elephant cards

Stockist

WE ASKED OUR readers on Facebook what new features they would most like to see in Quick Cards and a shaped card project with full-size templates was the winner! Each issue we'll bring you a new shape idea to inspire your card making. This issue, designer Sarah Jackman-Read has created two adorable elephant cards for you to try...

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Special boy

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- ☑ White and black cardstock
- Ribbon bow
- Star-shaped adhesive gems From your local craft shop
- 1 Fold a sheet of A4 card in half. Place the template on the card with the fold in line with the top of the template then draw around it. Cut out the shape then cut out the ear template from spare card.
- 2 Cut out the elephant again in star and striped papers, then glue to the front and inside of the card. Cut two ears from patterned paper. Trim one ear slightly, then attach on top of the other with foam pads.
- **3** Cut out a banner and star then stick next to the tail, as shown. Cut out the letters and add with foam pads. Cut out an apple and attach to the trunk.
- 4 Glue the ear in place. Punch out small black and white circles to create an eye then glue these in place, as shown. Attach a blue border to the feet then glue a blue bow to the tail. to finish.



Using the full-size template

This elephant can be cut from a folded sheet of A4 or an A5 card blank. Draw around the template, lining up the top of the shape with the fold, then cut out.

Precious girl

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- Bo Bunny Toy Box 12x12 papers From Charmed Cards and Crafts
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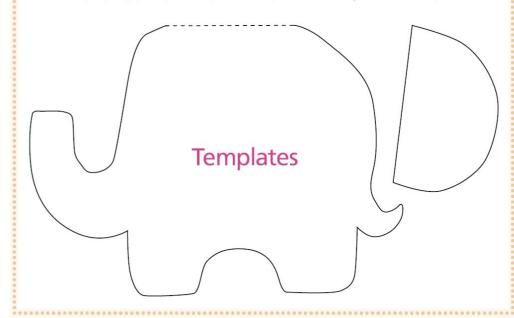
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2 Cut out the elephant again in grey and pink papers, then glue to the front and inside of the card. Cut two ears from patterned paper. Trim one ear slightly, then attach on top of the other with foam pads.

3 Cut out a banner and heart then attach next to the tail. Cut out the letters and add with foam pads. Cut out an apple and attach to the trunk.

4 Add a blue border and baker's twine to the feet. Rub pink ink around the card and attach the ear. Punch a tag shape, top with a heart and tie around the trunk.

5 Punch two circles to make an eye. Glue in place and decorate with eyelashes made from baker's twine. Add adhesive gems and a small button, to finish.





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l alwavs use mv 'Handmade with Love' stamp – it's nice to get something that someone has taken the time to make for you than something bought. Shelley Steggles

I tend to lean towards my Simply Gorjuss stamps because they are so versatile and can fit any occasion, and I can colour them any shade to suit the theme of my cards. Louise Dunbar

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17 MARCH

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Die-cut borders made easy

Give your border and strip dies a new lease of life with these five easy ideas. By Julie Gibbs

inding new ways to use your favourite craft buys is one of the little joys of card making. We all have a plethora of stash staples, and envitably use them in the same way again and again. If, like us, you have a passion for die cutting, you're going to love these five top ideas for getting more out of your border and strip dies. Designer, Julie Gibbs, has used a selection of die shapes to enhance her stamped cards by pairing them with adorable characters and brightly-coloured papers. Have a go with our first two easy makes and then test your skills with the more advanced options – you won't regret it! And remember to show us what you make. We love to see your cards!

Die-cut frames and

intricate borders look

fab paired together!

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SHOPPING LIST

- ☑ Craft Creations Pale Coloured Dots paper pack From Craft Creations
- ▼ Tonic Studios Essentials Strip, Button & Star, Flower & Heart, Flourish & Leaf & Embellishment Strip sie Sets From Tonic-Studios
- My Favorite Things, Die-namics Stitched Rounded Rectangle Frame, Stitched Rounded Square Frame die sets From My Mum's Craft Shop
- ☑ Penny Black Transparent Adventures stamp set From Crafts U Love ☑ Large Birthday Sentiments
- digital stamp set From Digistamp Boutique Coloured cardstock
- Memento Tuxedo Black ink pad
- ProMarkers
- Glossy Accents
- 3D foam pads & foam tape
- Ribbons & buttons
- M Fnamel dots From your local craft shop





Big birthday wishes

1 Cut a 14cm square of grey spotty paper. Add a 14x7cm strip of blue spotty paper down the left-hand edge. Use the Flourish Border die to cut a border from white card. Add to the blue panel, trimming where it overhangs the edges. Add the panel to a 14.5cm square white card blank.

2 Cut the largest Stitched Rounded Square Frame from smooth white card, and again from pink spotty paper. Stick the pink frame onto the white frame and add to the card. Stamp an image onto the centre panel in black ink. Colour in and glue inside the frame

3 Print a sentiment from the download, trim into a rectangle and mount onto pink spotty paper and deep pink card. Add to the card front, supporting the top edge with thin foam pads, where it overhangs the frame. Add enamel dots and a button threaded with ribbon, to finish.







2 Cut an 11.5cm square of smooth white cardstock and tape the shaped outer edge of the star die from the Button and Star Strip die set to the top edge. Run through a die-cutting machine. Stamp the tent image in black ink and colour with ProMarkers

3 Use the star die to cut a border of stars from deep pink cardstock. Cut again from blue card. Mount the

The biggest wish pink border strip to the top of the

1 Cover a 14.5cm square card blank with a 14cm square of pink spotty image and inlay some blue stars. Add paper. Layer a 12cm square of duck the panel to the card front. egg blue card stock in the centre.

4 Print out a sentiment and trim into a rectangle. Mount at an angle onto a rectangle of duck egg blue card using foam pads. Add a button and mount onto the card front, to finish.







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Hugs & kisses

1 Cut a 14.5x12cm piece of white card and cover with pink spotty paper. Use the Shaped Edge die from the Button Strip die set to cut along one of the long edges. Cut the button die from white card and stick along the shaped edge, trimming away any excess. Make holes in some of the buttons on the border and thread with ribbon.

3 Stick a 14.5x6cm panel of green spotty paper to the bottom edge of a 14.5cm square white card blank. Add a length of ribbon around the top of the die-cut panel, securing on the back with double-sided tape and add to the card front with foam tape.

4 Print a sentiment from the download onto smooth white

card. Stamp an image alongside the sentiment in black ink and colour with ProMarkers. Trim to size and mount onto a second piece of white card for stability. Trim again. Add to the card front with foam tape.

5 Add enamel dots and a ribbon-tied button, to finish.

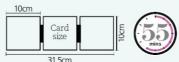




14.5cm







Lovely day →



Cut six large stitched rounded square frames in white card and stick three outer frames onto a sheet of white card. Trim.



Cover the inside of one square with blue paper. Cut two floral strips from white card and spotty paper. Layer and add to the panel.



Print and cut a sentiment. Tape two of the Tonic Studios Embellishment Strips to the edges and run through a die-cutting machine.



Large shaped buttons can make a great centrepiece for kids' cards!

Stamp an image onto the centre of a panel. Colour and paper piece the image. Add die-cut flowers and a blue die-cut frame.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHING YOU A LOVELY

Cut two 7x2cm pieces of card and score across the centre. Glue to the back of the frames and add the decorated panels on top.



Border dies

To finish, thread a heart button with ribbon and add to the right-hand panel. Tie a pink bow and add this to the left-hand panel.

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Border dies





Makea



Cut three pieces of white card using the medium Stitched Rounded Rectangle die and one from green spotty paper. Layer togther.



Cut a 10x14.5cm piece of white card. Use the Leaf Edge die to cut along the two long edges. Cut again from green card and inlay.



Stamp the image onto the centre of a frame panel with ProMarkers, Add Glossy Accents to the fish, goggles and bubbles.



MAKE A wish

Create a water effect by building up

Cover the card blank with blue spotty paper and add the leaf-embellished panel and the image panel. Glue the frame on top.



Keen

Print and cut out a sentiment. Mount onto spotty paper and trim to leave a border on three sides. Add enamel dots, to finish.

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Enter our fabulous giveaways this month for the chance to win some top crafty prizes



Sweet kisses

This month, Trimcraft is giving away five sets of goodies from Dovecraft's gorgeous Kiss and Make Up collection! Including fun and feminine paper pads, dies, stamps and stickers, plus lots of pretty embellishments, this bundle will help you make fabulously stylish cards for your girl pals! To browse the range, visit www.trimcraft.co.uk

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Elegant shimmer

Hunkydory is offering Quick Cards readers the chance to win one of five sets of its new Floral Shimmer bundles, plus the Essential Book of Pearl Sentiments. worth over £50 each. With a shimmery silk finish, the beautiful blossom designs are sure to give your cards a wonderfully elegant touch. For more information, visit www.hunkydorycrafts.co.uk. To enter: text QC163HD followed by a space and your name and email address or postal address to 87474.

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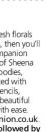
£1,048 of prizes to be won!

Quick giveaways



Create It tickets

This issue, Stamp Addicts has teamed up with Hochanda to give away seven fab bundles worth a total of £251! Each prize includes two fun stamp sets, plus four tickets to the Create It show at the Kent Exhibition Centre. Taking place on Sunday 14th May, you can watch Hochanda being broadcast live from the event! Visit www.createitevents.com. To enter: text QC163SA followed by a space and your name and email address or postal address to 87474. Texts will be charged at 50p plus your standard network tariff rate.



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Flower fun!

If you fancy adding some fresh florals to your springtime creations, then you'll love this offer! Crafter's Companion is giving away two bundles of Sheena Douglass Create a Flower goodies. worth over £143 each! Packed with versatile dies, stamps and stencils, this kit allows you to create beautiful 3D-effect layered flowers with ease. Visit www.crafterscompanion.co.uk. To enter: text QC163SD followed by a space and your name and email address or postal address to 87474. Texts will be charged at 50p plus your standard network tariff rate.

4 products, 4 cards, 4 looks!

4 seriously sweet sloth cards!

SLOW DOWN AND enjoy your crafting with these sleepy little sloths! By Becky James

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- MFT Sweet Sloths clear stamp set MFT Sweet Sloths die set
- From My Mum's Craft Shop
- 8 Bo Bunny 12x12 Beach Therapy papers From Craftie-Charlie
- Alcohol markers From your local craft shop

YOU WILL ALSO NEED

- 13.5cm square card blanks Coloured card
- Circle, oval & scalloped oval nesting dies
- First Edition foliage dies
- ☑ Acetate
- Sequins, ribbons & adhesive gems
- Memento ink pad Tuxedo Black Artiste Spritzing Ink – white
- Distress Inks
- Brown string & baker's twine From your local craft shop



then red card, before attaching to a 13.5x13.5cm card blank. 2 Stamp sloths and flowers onto a 13x5cm panel of

white card, then colour in. Colour wash the background with watered down Distress Inks. Once dry, glue the panel onto gold then red card. Add to the base with foam pads.

3 Layer a small die-cut oval onto a larger scalloped oval. Selectively ink 'Sorry' from the 'Sorry It Took Me So Long' sentiment and stamp above the 'Am I Late?' sentiment. Attach the topper to the card base.

4 Embellish the topper with plain die-cut flowers and adhesive gems. Finish the card with a line of adhesive gems.





3 Hang out

1 Attach a 12.5x5.5cm piece of gold word paper to the top of a 13x13cm piece of blue card. Add a slightly larger piece of tropical paper below.

Cut 2cm wide borders from the red striped and surfboard-patterned papers. Cut Vs into the end of each. Add to the gold panel using multiple layers of foam pads.

3 Layer a strip of the surfboard-patterned paper onto gold paper. Stamp the two greetings onto white banners. Add one to the top half of the card and the other to the lower half of the card, as shown.

4 Die cut and colour a sloth and flowers, then attach to the upper banners. Decorate with a line of gems, to finish.



13.5cm







Attach a 6.5x12cm piece of striped Attach a 6.5x12cm piece of a 13x13cm piece paper to the base of a 13x13cm piece of orange ombré paper. Overlay with an 11x9cm piece of script paper, Add a wide blue strip across the centre of the panel and wrap with ribbon. Attach to the front of a 13.5x13.5cm card blank.

 Stamp, die cut and colour two small sloths, plus a couple of flowers and clouds. Cut an 8.5x8.5cm piece of blue card. Die cut a sun from gold word paper and place in the top left corner of the blue panel.

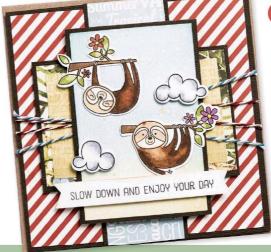
3 Make the shaker front with acetate and an 8.5x8.5cm tropical-patterned frame. Fill with the stamped items and sequins, then attach to the base with foam pads.

4 Decorate with die-cut flowers, foliage, brown string and gems. To finish, add the stamped greeting, as shown.



13.5cm





Slow down

Layer a 12.5x12.5cm piece of striped paper onto brown card. Add a 6.5x13cm strip of blue phrase-patterned paper onto brown card, and attach to the centre of the striped panel.



→ Blend Distress Inks on a 6.5x10cm piece **3** of white card to give a soft sky colour, then spritz with white Artiste ink. Layer onto brown card and add to the card base.

4 Die cut and colour two sloths and two clouds, then add to the sky. To finish, stamp the greeting onto a white banner and place near the bottom of the card base.



13.5cm









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Stuck for ideas, or having trouble mastering a new technique? Our team of experts is always happy to help!





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SUE HUGHES Talented expert, blogger and card designer for Ouick Cards

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JAMES Talented card maker, general crafter and craft TV expert

Découpage help

I recently tried découpage for the first time and struggled with putting some of the smaller pieces on in the correct position. Please help! Bekki Hadley, Nuneaton

A Julie: I know what you have Bekki. It can sometimes be Julie: I know what you mean, very difficult layering everything up correctly, especially when you get to the smaller pieces. I find laying the individual pieces out on the table in the order that I need to stick them down helps (just so that I don't accidentally miss one). The larger pieces I find I can control with my fingers, but for the smaller ones I use long-nosed tweezers. Sticking the layers together with silicone gel rather than using foam pads also gives you more wriggle room, because you can alter the position of the layers until you are perfectly happy. The only downside being that you will need to give it time to dry! I hope this helps!



Découpage layers are card really stand out!



I'm looking to make a colourful floral card for my sister's birthday. Can you suggest any ideas? Janet Lawrence, Bath

Kitty: This month's issue comes with a lovely botanical A Step into Spring side step card kit, which would be ideal for your sister's birthday, Janet. To create something unique, instead of using the supplied card blanks, I layered pale green paper and glitter card onto a pink 10.5x15cm card blank and attached the blue butterfly and floral toppers with foam pads. I then layered the sentiment topper onto coordinating paper and glitter card and attached with foam pads to the bottom of the card. To continue with the spring look, I used a butterfly punch on green and purple glitter card, and added these in a horizontal line above the sentiment with foam pads. For a finishing touch, I decorated the card with some adhesive rhinestones.



Pink Paislee's Birthday Bash range is really versatile

Bright & cheery

Q I'm looking to treat myself to a new collection - I'd like it to be fun. colourful and great for birthday celebrations. Have you seen any around? **Bryony Norton, St Albans**

Becky: With so much of our annual card making revolving around birthdays, it's important to have a good selection of papers and embellishments that make these greetings cards easy to create. If you can find a range that will be useful for other occasions as well then you are on to a winner! The Birthday Bash range from Pink Paislee is gorgeous and incredibly versatile. The collection also comes with matching embellishments for quick and easy makes! To purchase, visit www.hevlittlemagpie.com.

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Quickfixes

Side-tag make

My sister and her partner are getting married soon and I'd like to make them a special side-tag card to say congratulations. Do you have any design ideas? Chloe May, Newent

A Julie: That is a great card style, Chloe, which involves using either a Stampin' Up! Scalloped Tag Topper Punch as I have, or partially die cutting the upper edge of a tag die into the card base. Whichever method you adopt, you then cut away the excess card above and below and score the card base so the tags touch

For this card, I used a set of First Edition papers called 'The

This card design is

a new home!

perfect for celebrating

Moving on up!

big move. Can you offer any help?

Heather Johnson, Corby

\(\text{Q}\) I'm off to a friend's housewarming party soon and would like to make her a special card to celebrate the

Becky: As we're approaching spring, why not create this

special new home card, Heather? I chose Simply Creative

Make a Wish patterned papers, which are perfect for this time of

year! I covered an A6 card blank with pink patterned paper then

flower paper and attached to the base as grass, and a rectangle

layered onto blue doodle paper. I then cut a curved piece of green

from the confetti-patterned paper to create a doorway. I created a

triangular roof from pink patterned paper and added a chimney

with smoke drifting out. To finish, I embellished the card with

punched hearts, a star, bunting, paper blooms and a greeting.

Promise'. I heat embossed a Heart Stack stamp from Stampendous onto pearlised card, cut the hearts out and stuck them to the front flap. The tags of the card were tied together with ribbon, to which I added a sentiment from the Penny Black Gratitude stamp set. I attached an eyelet to the sentiment tag, which was then tied to the ribbon with metallic cord. I hope the happy couple have a wonderful day!

Duick tip Add a small border of machine stitching to your card base to create a luxurious finishing touch!



Adventure time

I'm looking for some new papers that are themed around nature and adventure. Can you suggest any? Cassandra Godley, Dulwich

Sue: I recently spotted a A great collection from American Crafts called Hazelwood by One Canoe Two (available to buy from www. heylittlemagpie.com). Included in this collection are gorgeous 12x12 papers (95p a sheet) together with matching icon and phrase stickers, cardstock die cuts, wooden stamps and wonderfully shaped paperclips. Craftwork Cards also does a fabulous 8x8 paper pack called The Great Outdoors for £6.45 (visit www.craftworkcards.co.uk)





Heat embossing

\(\text{I'm a fairly new crafter} \)
and want to have a go at heat embossing. Can you offer any top tips for beginners? Josie Ellis, Pontefract

A Kitty: Heat embouring great technique to use on Kitty: Heat embossing is a your cards, Josie, and is pretty easy to do. My top tip is to prepare your working area before starting. Make sure you rub an anti-static pad across the card you want to emboss, as this will stop bits of the powder going all over the design on your project.

Versamark is the best ink pad to use for embossing; it is clear but picks up details well. You can then shake on your embossing powder, tap off the excess and heat until the powder melts together. Remember to be careful not to burn your project and keep the heat gun moving!

Spring stash

Q I want to update my stash ready for spring! Are there any pretty collections you can recommend that are not too expensive to buy? Lola Jones, Tamworth

Kitty: I absolutely love A shopping for new products to add to my stash, especially for spring as there are so many pretty collections out there right now. Doodlebug's Spring Things range is perfect for your colourful, floral creations. It includes pretty papers, die cuts, embellishments, icon stickers and more. The full collection is available to purchase from www.mymumscraftshop. co.uk. The Spring Fling range from Pebbles is also really cute it's packed with sweet motifs of birds, bees, bunnies and more! For more details on the collection, visit www.hobbycraft.co.uk.

Telescope cards



Pocket folds

O I'd like to have a go at making a pocket fold card as I think they look really impressive! Do you have any top tips for a beginner? Katie Sankey, Camberley

Becky: Pocket fold cards are super versatile and can be used for anything from invites to adding a special something to a card, such as a commemorative bookmark or other small gift. They certainly add wow factor to your projects! They are fairly easy



Birthday balloons

I need to make a card for my teenage daughter's birthday and am not sure where to start. She likes bright, vibrant colours but nothing too girly! Sian Longley, Huntingdon

Sue: How about making a fun card for your daughter A Sue: How about making a juri card for your states.

featuring stars and birthday balloons, Sian? For this card, I started by stamping a sentiment in the corner of a square of white card. I then cut out three stars of varying sizes to create apertures, added foam pads to the reverse and placed some bright paper underneath. Next, I used the Balloon Trio dies from the Sara Signature Birthday collection at Crafter's Companion to die cut three balloons in bold colours. After attaching these to the base, I finished the card with some adhesive gems. I hope this has given you some ideas and that your daughter has a fabulous birthday!

to make and so are perfect for a beginner to experiment with. To ensure a professional finish always use a steel edged ruler and craft knife to cut the sides at an angle, before folding inwards and sticking in place to form the pocket. Make sure you use a

bone folder to achieve crisp folds.

When decorating, try using a different patterned paper on the inside and outside of the pockets for added interest. You can also decorate the edges of the diagonal folds with lace or delicate punched borders if you want to achieve a feminine style.



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Luxuvy make Bring a flourish of spring blooms into your home with this bright and cheery floral wreath design. By Vicky Sheridan 38 Quick Cards made easy cardmakingandpapercraft.com

Luxury make

ne of the first signs of spring, and the one we most look forward to, is the sight of blossom on our trees and cheery daffodils and crocuses popping up in our gardens. It really is a sight to behold after the long winter months. So, what better way to celebrate the blooms of the new season than with a stunning spring wreath to hang on your door? This pretty little paper craft project is so easy to master, too – give it a go!



SHOPPING LIST

- Corrugated cardboard, recycled from a cardboard box
- Flower dies or punches
- ☑ Leaf dies or punches
- Butterfly dies or punches
- White cardstock
- Coloured cardstock
- Ribbon
- ☑ Buttons
- ☑ Strong glue

From your local craft shop





Cut a circle of corrugated cardboard, 25cm in diameter. Cut out a smaller circle from the centre, roughly 18cm in diameter. You can use plates to draw around for ease.



Die cut or punch a selection of flowers and leaves from coordinating coloured card. Stick some lace-effect die cuts onto the front of the solid flower shapes.



Use a bone folder or pencil to curl the edges of some of the flower petals to give added dimension. Layer the flower shapes together in graduated sizes, as shown.



Tie a length of orange ribbon around the top of the wreath to make a hanger. Arrange the flowers and leaves around the ring, securing with strong glue as you go.



Make sure the cardboard isn't visible by filling in the gaps with leaves, hand cut from card. Attach a few die-cut butterflies to the wreath. Add buttons to the flowers, to finish.

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Bonus papers

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Welcome in spring with this month's cute Easter papers...



I really liked these papers as they are varied, bright and cheery. They're certainly perfect for Easter, but some could be used all year round too! Kim Upshaw

I loved playing with these cute papers! I cut out the eggs from different papers, fussy cut the flowers, then mounted these onto the lovely bunny paper. Jo Burnett



I love the variety of prints and sentiments on the papers - the colours make me think of spring! I used my favourite papers to make this card and added the tag so that it hung off the edge to create interest. To finish, I added some ribbon and flower brad papers. Shabneez Khan-Muztar



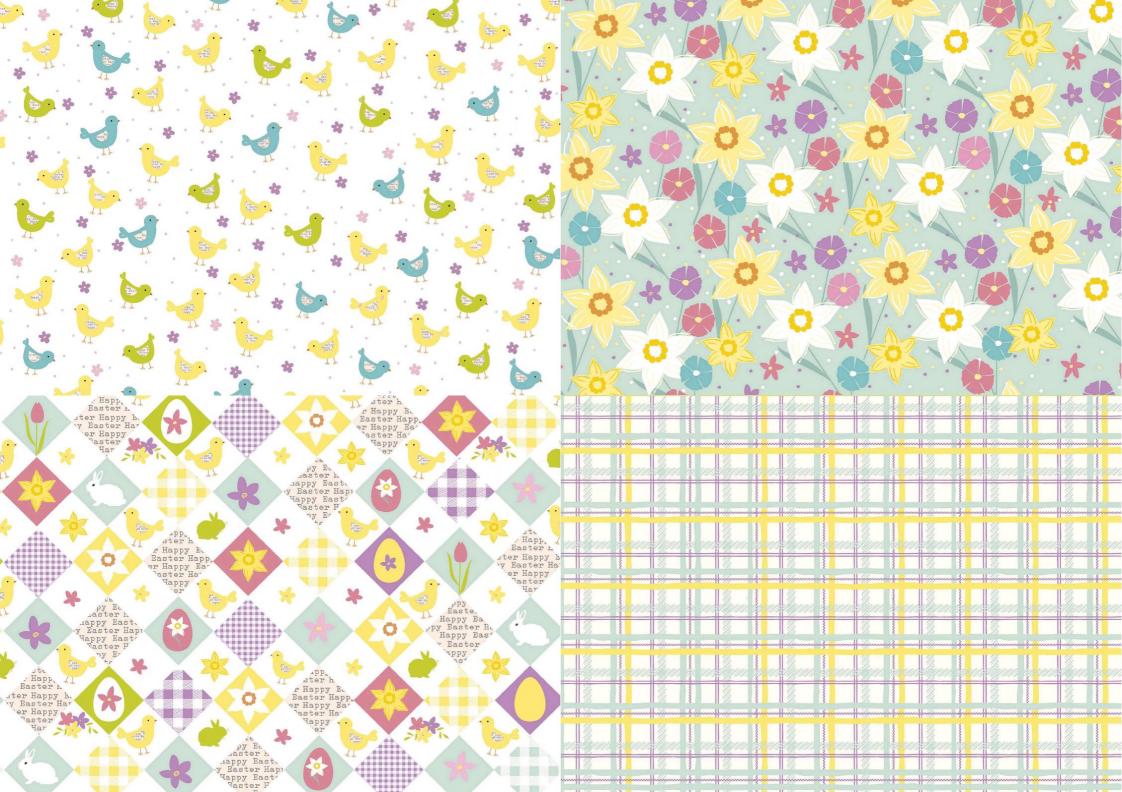
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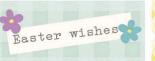
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Craft for less 1 buy 3 ways

Make three magical cards with just one buy! By Kitty Frampton



Be a unicorn

1 Cut an 11.5x11.5cm piece of lilac card. 2 Emboss this piece using a clouds embossing folder and glue at an angle to the front of a 14x14cm white card blank. 3 Stamp the unicorn silhouette design randomly onto white card using different coloured inks. 4 Wrap a length of lilac ribbon across the middle of the card and tie a bow on the left side. 5 Die cut a cloud from white card, stamp the sentiment onto the centre and add colour to the edges using purple ink. 6 Add a button to the ribbon and finish with enamel dots.





Add a touch of fantasy to your card creations with this gorgeous new Unicorn Dreams stamp set from Hunkydory. www.hunkydorycrafts.co.uk

1 Dreams come true

1 Attach a piece of purple polka dot paper onto the card front. 2 Mount a piece of striped paper onto white card and glue onto the left side. 3 Attach a piece of ribbon across the base and add a ribbon bow at the side. 4 Stamp the unicorn onto an 8x8.5cm piece of white card. 5 Colour with alcohol markers, add a border and attach in place. 6 Stamp the sentiment onto lilac card and attach in place. 7 Add enamel dots and a heart sparkler, to finish.



2 You're magical

1 Cover the front panel of a 14x14cm card with pink polka dot paper. 2 Add Distress Inks to watercolour paper, blending with water, then spritz with Glimmer Spray and heat to dry. 3 Die cut cloud edges from white card and glue onto the background panel. 4 Stamp the sentiment onto the clouds. 5 Mount the panel onto white card, then onto the card front. 6 Colour the rainbow, unicorn and stars with markers, cut out and attach in place. 7 Add glitter to the stars, unicorn and clouds, to finish.

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Favourites for...



We've rounded up the latest selection of lovely stash buys. They're perfect for Mother's Day, Easter and all your spring crafting!



Lovely blooms

This issue, our bargain of the month will help you make guick and easy cards for numerous occasions! For just £3.50, you can get your crafty hands on a pack of four flower foiled sticker sheets from Craftwork Cards in either gold, rose gold or silver. Whether you are looking to send a get well soon card, say a big thank you or simply wish to show your friend how much you care, these nine unique sentiments will help you on your way! To purchase, go to www.craftworkcards.co.uk



Follow your dreams and embrace life's adventures with Crate Paper's Chasing Dreams collection, designed by Maggie Holmes. Adorned with gorgeous floral designs complemented by hearts, cameras, animals and other sweet icons, this new suite is ideal for celebrating you and your loved ones' happiest moments. And with spring now here, the pink, blue and green pastel shades mixed with glamorous gold accents are a delightful pallette to play with! For more details on this stunning range, visit www.craftie-charlie.co.uk.



Keep on trend with these gorgeous geometric-style stamp and die sets from Tonic Studios. The Mandala Moments range is great for adding vibrant colours and detailed patterns to your beautiful makes. Purchase a set for £5.49 each from www.craftydevilspapercraft.co.uk.



Lili of the Valley has just brought out a gorgeous collection of Simply Print image sheets, which allow crafters to download a coloured design of their choice and use it over and over again - and for only £1.99 each or any 10 for £15, it's an absolute bargain! There are plenty of designs to choose from, but we especially adore this Big Bouquet image. Visit www.liliofthevalley.co.uk

ROAR-SOME

If you're a die-hard dinosaur fan, enjoy kids crafting or simply fancy adding a whimsical touch to your creations, this adorable Dino Friends stamp set (worth £8) from Hunkydory's For the Love of Stamps range is a great find! To check out the full collection, which includes plenty of other cute creatures, visit www.hunkydorycrafts.co.uk.

New products

Dina Wakley Media has just introduced an exciting new colouring medium to its range! The versatile, high-quality Scribble Sticks sketch like crayons but are water-soluble like watercolour pencils. meaning you can easily blend colours to create gorgeous backgrounds or go for a bolder look by adding scribbles on top of acrylic paints. Purchase this fabulous set featuring 12 vibrant colours for £21.99 from www.afth.co.uk





Spring digital printables designed by Harper Finch. The pretty pastel shades contrasted with dazzling patterns make these gorgeous papers perfect for spring! Download for free at www.harperfinch. deviantart.com.





OOD O WAXDONIAN THANKS A BUNCH

It's time to get cracking with your Easter makes, and with this adorable Basket Bunch collection from Stampin' Up! you'll have everything you need to get started - including an array of egg-cellent puns and cute bunny and chick motifs! You can purchase the stamp set and framelit dies together for £42.25. Find out more at www.stampinup.co.uk.



Although Valentine's Day has passed, the new Sara Signature Shabby Chic collection from Crafter's Companion gives us a great excuse to keep up the romance! Featuring stunning floral lace designs and vintage pastel shades, this suite is ideal for any heart-felt make. Browse the range at www.crafterscompanion.co.uk

Indulge yourself in a taste of the orient with this beautiful new Hanami Gardens range from Kaisercraft. With beautiful motifs of cherry blossoms, geisha fans and the Japanese crested ibis, you'll be whisking yourself away on an eastern adventure in no time! The elegant suite includes papers, collectables, sticker sheets, stamps and plenty more, with prices starting at 85p for a 12x12 sheet of paper. To view the complete collection, go to www.merlyimpressions.co.uk

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ADD A NEW card fold to your repertoire with this quirky lapel fold card design. Using just a single piece of card with a few clever scores and folds, this stylish twist on the standard gatefold design is so easy to master. But, the beauty of it lies in its versatility. Add a cheeky sentiment to the back panel to surprise the recipient, decorate the card with a bow tie for a fun make or embellish the side panels with your favourite die-cut elements... the choice is yours! And don't forget to show us what you do with this new card fold - we always love to see your cards!

SHOPPING LIST

- Plain A4 card
- Pencil Ruler
- Scoring board
- Bone folder
- Craft knife

From your local craft shop

Stockists

Add a fun sentiment inside the card to surprise your loved ones!



Cut a piece of card measuring 28.5x14.5cm. Mark on both long edges at 9.5cm and 19cm from the left edge and score vertically between the marks.



Mark at 6cm and 22.5cm along the top edge. Score between the 6cm mark and the bottom left corner. Then between the 22.5cm mark and the bottom right corner.



Use black and

an easy tuxedo effect card! .

Crease the scorelines with a bone folder, making the diagonal lines mountain folds and the vertical lines valley folds. Fold up the card to give the collar effect.

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PURR FECT!

Caval school

- Crate Paper Cute Girl 12x12 papers, accent stickers & rubber accents
- ☑ Brown string
- Baker's twine
- ☑ Black StazOn ink pad ☑ Washi tape
- Mini alphabet stamps From your local craft shop
- **1** Cover the central segment of the card with wood-effect paper, then attach patterned pennants on the right side. Wrap brown string towards the top of the panel. Attach in place using foam pads.
- → Create a rosette from patterned papers and card. Place the rubber accent cat in the centre and attach.
- Stamp 'Purrfect' onto the label sticker **3** and arrange with other stickers. Add washi tape and a twine bow, as shown.
- **4** Cover the inside and the front of the side panels with patterned paper. To finish, decorate the lapels with pink bow paper, then add narrow strips of coloured paper and three adhesive stones.

Bucket list

SHOPPING LIST

- Crate Paper Cute Girl 12x12 papers, printed vellum, ephemera, accent stickers & embellishments
- From Hey Little Magpie
- Buttons
- Adhesive gems

From your local craft shop

- 1 Cover the inside and front panels of the base card with patterned papers. Cut a 9x14cm piece of agua paper. Add a border towards the bottom half with floral paper and ripped vellum. Glue to the centre panel.
- 2 Attach the unicorn acetate to the 'I Believe in Magic' topper. Add the bucket list ephemera piece to the left of the panel. Decorate with the crown and magic wand. Attach to the centre panel, as shown.
- **3** Place patterned borders along the bottom edge of the topper. Embellish with buttons, gems, a glitter heart and a mixture of sticker quotes.
- 4 Cover the lapels in teal patterned paper. Add a narrow triangle to the centre in contrasting paper. To finish, add a row of enamel dots to the top of each lapel.





With love

SHOPPING LIST

- ☑ Crate Paper Cute Girl 12x12 papers, accent stickers, rubber accents, ephemera and wood embellishments From Hey Little Magpie
- Coloured cardstock & clear acetate
- Circle nesting dies
- ☑ Heart, flower & leaf punches
- ☑ Seguins & adhesive gems
- ☑ Baker's twine

From your local craft shop

1 Cover the front and inside of the side panels with patterned papers. Cover the centre panels and lapels with grey paper.

↑ Layer a 5.5x12cm panel of pale pink paper onto dark pink paper. Stick to the centre panel. Add a strip of paper to the right edge.

3 Glue acetate to the back of the ephemera photo frame. Edge with foam pads and fill with sequins. Stick the bunny topper on top and wrap with baker's twine. Add wooden embellishments and stick to the centre panel.

4 Cover the side panels with yellow patterned paper. Embellish with punched hearts and die-cut circles. To finish, add clusters of punched flowers and leaves to the lapels.



Cava school

Sunshine

SHOPPING LIST

- Crate Paper Cute Girl 12x12 papers. accent stickers & ephemera From Hey Little Magpie
- Pink cardstock
- Flower punch & circle nesting dies
- Baker's twine & adhesive gems Scalloped edge scissors
- From your local craft shop
- **1** Cover the front and inside of the side panels with patterned papers.
- → Die cut a large circle from vellow paper and nest onto a slightly larger circle, cut from yellow card. Attach to the right side of a 9x14cm piece of spotty paper, slightly overlapping the edge. Trim away the excess and glue to the centre panel.
- 3 Layer a strip of script paper onto pink paper. Wrap with baker's twine and add a black scalloped border and adhesive gems. Attach to the base with foam pads.
- 4 Glue the girl, clouds and greeting toppers to the centre panel. Add a pennant sticker to the top right corner.
- **5** To finish, cover the lapels with patterned paper and add a sentiment.

You're a star

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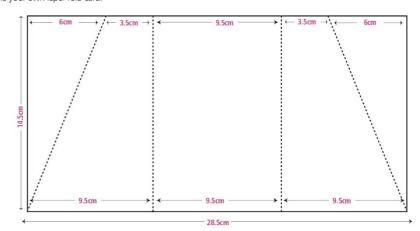
- ☑ Crate Paper Cute Girl 12x12 papers From Hey Little Magpie
- Teal cardstock
- Bow die & circle nesting dies
- Buttons
- Star punches
- Die-cut sentiments From your local craft shop
- 1 Cover the front and inside of the side panels with patterned papers. Add 4x4cm pockets to the inside, topped with buttons.
- **2** To create the shirt, trim teal patterned paper to 9x14cm. Half way along the top edge, cut vertically downwards a couple of centimetres. Fold backwards to reveal the floral collar. Place striped paper behind the collar. Add a narrow strip of paper to the base of the shirt and glue to the centre panel.
- **3** Die cut a bow out of patterned papers and add to the top of the shirt, along with three buttons. Glue strips of paper and a die-cut greeting to the bottom of the shirt and decorate with punched stars.
- 4 Cover the lapels with bunting paper. Make a rosette and top with a sentiment. Place on the right-hand side of the card front.



Quick help Lapel fold card

Using the guide

Follow this easy template to make your own lapel fold card.



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aster has to be one of our favourite occasions to make cards for. You get the opportunity to dig out all your cutest bunny and chick stamps and play with the prettiest pastel papers, too. But, your crafting doesn't need to stop at card making! If you have little ones or grandchildren, you'll know how excited they get about Easter. The thought of all those egg hunts around the garden is enough to make anyone giddy. So, why not treat the kiddies to a little light refreshment after all that exertion by hosting your very own Easter tea party? Children are sure to adore our cute bunny cake toppers and carrot treat boxes, while the egg bunting is just perfect for celebrating the holiday!

SHOPPING LIST

Easter digital paper pack From StripedElephants @ Etsy

Easter treats

- ☑ Ivory card ☑ Green ribbon
- ☑ Circle punch
- Single hole punch
- Egg-shaped nesting dies
- Alphabet stamps
- ✓ Ink pads
- Single hole punch
- ☑ Baker's twine
- Pom poms
- ☑ Wooden skewers

From your local craft shop





Print spotty paper onto a 14x16cm piece of card. Roll into a tube and glue the edge. Glue one end. Add a circle of green card to the top and punch a hole. Tie with ribbon.



Layer together patterned die-cut egg shapes. Stamp a letter onto a small ivory egg and stick on top with foam pads. Punch a hole in each egg and thread with twine.



Print the bunny paper design onto ivory card. Print a pattern on the reverse and then cut out two bunnies. Sandwich a skewer between them. Finish with a pom pom tail

Jevvel made easy

Learn how to embellish your cards with Jewel Drops for a stunning effect. By Julie Gibbs

hen it comes to card making, we all know that the beauty is in the detail. Decorating your cards with pretty embellishments is an absolute must, but it certainly is frustrating when you find out your perfectly placed pearls and gems have fallen off en route to the receiver! Luckily for us, a new range of Jewel Drops from Nuvo has provided a wonderful solution. While it's important you leave plenty of time to allow these drops to dry, once done so, they certainly won't budge! Not only this, but their beautiful translucent colour also adds a glamorous shine to your creations that is sure to dazzle your loved ones!



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SHOPPING LIST

- Bundled Happy digital collection
- From Nitwit Collections
- ☑ Intricut Heart Doily, Tiered Cake, Floral Bouquet, Just for You Sentiment & Best Wishes Sentiment dies
- From Hobbycraft
- Nuvo Jewel Drops: Rosewater. Sea Breeze, Strawberry Coulis, Grey Mist, Orange Marmalade, Pale Periwinkle, Key Lime & Limoncello
 - From Tonic Studios
- Mama Elephant Bountiful Blessings clear stamp set
- Memory Box Moonlight Butterfly die
- From Dies to Die For
- White card blanks Cardstock in a variety of
- Versafine Onyx Black ink pad
- X-Cut Bloom die set
- Corner rounding punch
- Spellbinders classic circle and scalloped circles nestabilities
- Crystal Glamour Dust
- ▼ Foam pads

colours

- Embossing board
- Ribbon & lace
- Double-sided adhesive sheets
- Hot glue gun

From your local craft shop

Stockists





1 Print and cut a 12x17cm piece of pink plaid paper and top with a 12x13cm piece of striped green paper. Stamp the sentiment at the top using an Onyx Black Versafine ink pad.

Cut the Tiered Cake die from white card. Cut a piece of doublesided adhesive paper, remove one of the layers and attach to the die cut.

3 Cut the cake die from pink plaid paper. Feed the paper into the die for the hearts at the top and the middle layer of cake. Cut leaves from green paper and feed into the die.

4 Trim away any excess adhesive sheet. Sprinkle, rub and press any sticky areas with Crystal Glamour Dust. Remove the second layer of adhesive sheet to expose the other sticky layer and add the die-cut panel to the card front. Add Jewel Drops to the die cut and a narrow ribbon bow, to finish.





Oh happy day

1 Print and cut a 12.5x17.5cm piece of floral paper. Wrap a length of narrow ribbon around the join in the pattern, securing on the reverse.

2 Cut the Intricut floral die from white card and attach to the top right corner, as shown. Trim the excess and add the panel to a card blank.

3 Stamp a sentiment onto pink patterned paper. Cut out using a circle die and mount onto a scalloped circle, die cut from checked paper, Add to the card front with foam pads.

4 Cut two Moonlight butterfly dies from white card and two of the butterfly body dies from kraft card. Stick the body to the wings and decorate with Jewel Drops. Once dry, add the butterflies and Jewel Drops to the card front. Finish by adding a heartshaped button to the sentiment.

Jewel effects







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Best wishes...

1 Cover the front of a 12.5x17.5cm tent fold card blank with pink fabric-patterned paper. Layer a 5cm-wide strip of floral paper on top.

2 Cut an 11.5x16.5cm piece of white card and use an embossing board to emboss diagonally at 1cm intervals, as shown. Add the embossed panel to the card front.

3 Cut the 'Best Wishes' sentiment die from white card and stick to pink striped paper. Trim the paper to remove any excess. Cut the die again from green patterned paper and glue the pieces to the centre of the die cut.

4 Use the die again to cut the hearts from floral paper and glue the relevant pieces onto the two hearts. Add the die-cut panel to the card front using foam pads.

5 Add Jewel Drops to the embossed background where each of the lines cross. To finish, add Jewel Drops to the frame of the sentiment panel.



Card size

17.5cm

When die cutting the sentiment multiple times, just place small pieces of design paper on the areas you wish to cut to avoid waste!



Foryou >



Score down the front of a 12.5x17.5cm card blank 5cm from the edge. Fold the card front back on itself and sharpen the fold.



Cover the inside, the front and the front flap with different patterned papers from the Bundled Happy range by Nitwit Collections.



Cut a 4cm-wide strip of polka dot paper. Add diagonal lines of different-coloured Jewel Drops to the white dots. Leave to dry.

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Die cut the 'Just for You' sentiment from pink paper. Attach to white card and cut around the edge to create a circle.

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Glue two die-cut green hearts to the sentiment. Glue the panel to the front of the card flap. Add a border of Jewel Drops.



Die cut flowers from different patterned papers. Add to the card front and decorate with Jewel Drops, to finish.

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Jewel effects





Anniversary



Cut a 12.5x17.5cm piece of floral paper and top with a 6-cm wide strip of dotted paper. Wrap with lace. Add to a card blank.



Cut a 12x11.5cm piece of striped paper. Add to a die-cut heart. Round the corners,



Die cut flowers from patterned papers. Snip between two petals and glue one petal over the other. Layer, then add a Jewel Drop.



Attach the panel with foam pads to create extra dimension

Add a lace bow and the flower to the base. Stamp the sentiment onto plaid paper and add to white card. Add to the card front.







Bon voudael Take a refreshing dip in the ocean with

these shabby chic cards for seaside lovers.

By Sarah Jackman-Read

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Sailaway

SHOPPING LIST

- Prima Marketing French Riviera 8x8 papers, A4 collection kit, brads, chipboard pieces, flowers wood embellishments and cling stamp set From Craftie-Charlie
- Baker's twine
- Brown ink pad
- ☑ Cool Agua ProMarker pen
- Sewing machine & thread Craft knife

From your local craft shop

1 Create a 10.5x14.5cm kraft card blank. Cut two contrasting pieces of paper to measure 9x13.5cm and 10x14cm. Apply brown ink to the edges, then distress with a craft knife. Machine sew onto the card base.

nk the edges of a tag in brown and machine sew. Stamp and colour three starfish then sew to the bottom.





3 Thread baker's twine through the top of the tag, then attach to the base with foam pads.

4 Unpick the stitching in the corners and add a chipboard shape, brad and flower brad, as shown.

5 Distress the edges of a sentiment sticker and attach with foam pads. Decorate with a wooden embellishment, flowers and a baker's twine bow.



Sea shells

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- Prima Marketing French Riviera 8x8 papers, A4 collection kit, brads, chipboard pieces, flowers, wood embellishments and cling stamp set From Craftie-Charlie
- Kraft card
- Baker's twine
- Brown ink pad ☑ Cool Aqua ProMarker pen
- Sewing machine & thread
- ☑ Craft knife

From your local craft shop

1 Create a 10.5x14.5cm tent fold kraft card blank. Cut two contrasting pieces of paper to measure 9x13.5cm and 10x14cm. Apply brown ink to the edges, then distress.

2 Machine sew the largest panel onto the base, then sew around the smaller panel and glue on top. Leave the top left corner unglued.



10.5cm



3 Fold the top left corner back, secure with a brad and add a chipboard shape. Fussy cut fish and shell die-cut pieces, ink the edges and tuck behind the folded corner with flowers and a brad. Unpick the stitching in the bottom right corner and add a flower brad.

4 Stamp a sentiment, ink the edges and colour in. Glue the sentiment behind a wooden embellishment, trim to fit, then attach to the bottom right corner of the card. Decorate with a fish sticker and a baker's twine bow, to finish.

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Prima Marketing French Riviera 8x8 papers, A4 collection kit, brads, chipboard pieces, flowers, wood embellishments and cling stamp set From Craftie-Charlie

- Baker's twine
- Brown ink pad
- Cool Agua ProMarker pen
- ☑ Sewing machine & thread
- ☑ Craft knife From your local craft shop

1 Create a 10.5x14.5cm kraft card blank, then cut two contrasting pieces of paper to measure 9x13.5cm and 10x14cm. Stamp shells and starfish down the righthand side of the smaller paper panel and colour in.

2 Apply brown ink to the edges of the papers, then distress with a craft knife. Machine sew onto the base



10.5cm



3 Unpick the stitching in the bottom right corner and tear the top layer of paper. Thread baker's twine through the top tear and fix, as shown. Add a resin flower brad and compass embellishment to the tear.

4 Add a sentiment to the left-hand side. Unpick the stitching in the top left corner and add a flower. Repeat along the bottom, adding a brad. Decorate with bunting, a brad and a baker's twine bow.



All at sea

SHOPPING LIST

Prima Marketing French Riviera 8x8 papers, A4 collection kit, brads. chipboard pieces, flowers, wood embellishments and cling stamp set From Craftie-Charlie

- Kraft card
- Baker's twine
- Brown ink pad ☑ Cool Agua ProMarker pen
- Sewing machine & thread
- Craft knife From your local craft shop

1 Create a 10.5x14.5cm tent fold kraft card blank, then cut two contrasting pieces of patterned paper to measure 9x13.5cm and 10x14cm.

2 Cut a 4x13.5cm strip of paper, stamp with shells and colour in. Glue to the smaller panel. Apply brown ink to the edges, then distress. Machine sew to the base.



10.5cm



3 Unpick the stitching in the top right corner and add a brad. Repeat in the bottom left corner. Add stickers next to the stamped shells, as shown.

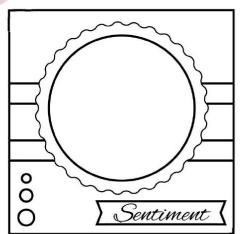
4 Add a chipboard shape to the centre and a wooden embellishment to the bottom left corner. Ink the edges of a stamped sentiment and glue to the chipboard shape.

coloured starfish, and a large baker's twine bow, to finish.



5 Decorate with stickers, flowers, a stamped and

challenge



Have some time on your hands? Use this issue's sketch challenge to practise your favourite crafty techniques!

hether you have your eye on a cute character stamp, fancy building up a découpaged image or love to add embossed designs to your creations, this issue's sketch challenge allows you to play around with many different crafty techniques! So, if you have a bit of free time and want to improve a particular skill, why not give this fun challenge a go? To help you get started, take a look at the stunning cards showcased here, which were created by both Quick Cards designers and readers. And, remember, if you're interested in being part of the reader design team for a future issue, keep an eye on our Facebook page for call outs!



Julie Gibbs Julie has transformed the sketch into a beautiful botanical-themed card that is perfect for springtime creations. Read on to

discover her top tips.

Julie's top tips

- Rotate the sketch so that the sentiment is in the top left corner and the trio of circles is in the bottom right corner to create a nice, even balance.
- Die cut an embossed image of a butterfly to use as the card's central focal point.
- Add a sprinkle of Glamour Dust to the wings of the butterflies to give the card a lovely finishing touch.



Embellish your card with die-cut flowers and colourful gems with love on your Birthday

Anne's top tips Add tiny polka dots around

Anne Richardson

With its colourful floral-

cute bunny stamp, Anne's

make is sure to put smiles

something similar yourself?

on faces! Why not try

the edge of your image in complementary colours to add extra vibrancy and interest. patterned background and

- Try using bright and cheerful colours - they work especially well on spring-themed cards!
- Print your own sentiment for a personal touch. There are lots of fab free fonts that you can use.

READER DESIGN

Sketch challenge

We asked three of our readers to try the sketch too and here's what they made!





Lyndsey Turner

I wanted to give my card a light spring feel so I

used the Trimcraft Couture du Jour collection. I made a pretty dress topper the focal point and embellished with a few die-cut flowers! Hayley says: What a lovely, chic card, Lyndsey!

you're levely



Suzanne Brown

I enjoyed the challenge and hope I have

come up with something a little different while following the template exactly. Hayley says: I love the focal point you've chosen!



Jackie Trinder

I started by finding an image that would fit nicely, then matched the colours

in the image with the layers. I enjoyed using this sketch and will use it again in the future! Hayley says: Your card is really adorable, Jackie!



Sarah Jackman-Read If you're looking to make a vintage-style card, take

some inspiration from Sarah's gorgeous creation. Her tips will help you achieve a professional look!

Sarah's top tips

- Machine stitch the layers for extra texture, then unpick the corners, fold back the top layer and add embellishments.
- Use gold embossing powder on the sentiment to complement the premium foiled paper.
- Make a central découpaged image using fussy-cut flowers.



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Back to basics Ombré effects

Create beautiful blended backgrounds with this amazing ombré technique. Simply follow these six easy steps. By Dorothy Wood



This fabulous Up & Away thinlit die is from the Big Shot collection by Stampin' Up! For more details, visit www.stampinup.co.uk

How to...



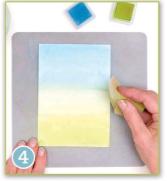
Cut two pieces of watercolour paper to measure 10.5x15cm. Lay one piece on a plastic mat and brush or spritz with clean water. Next, cut two pieces of sponge.



Dab one piece of sponge onto a blue ink pad and wipe across the top half of the wet paper, moving steadily back and forth and allowing the colour to get paler.



Dab the second piece of sponge onto a light green ink pad. Repeat the process, wiping the sponge from the bottom edge upwards, blending over the blue slightly.



You can add more colour at the top and bottom for a bolder look. If the middle panel is too dark, use a clean damp sponge to wipe away some of the colour.



For the balloon background, colour the second piece of dampened watercolour paper with a pale lime or khaki ink, shading from the top to below the midpoint.



Die cut the balloon from silver card. Glue onto the pale lime paper, cut out and colour with a blue brush pen. Add die-cut clouds and attach the large balloon with foam pads.

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Craft for less

Wish big... Make a single feather the focal point of your card by decorating it with sequins and gems. Glue it diagonally across a square of white card and

mount onto purple card. Add to a card blank and finish with

a stamped sentiment.

Budget makes



...with feathers

Put colourful feathers to great use by making them the focal point of your cards. Sue Hughes shows you how...

SHOPPING LIST

- Assorted feathers
- Heart nesting dies
- Square nesting dies Star nesting dies
- Decorative circle die
- Sentiment stamps
- Sequins
- Adhesive gems Adhesive pearls
- Baker's twine
- 14x14cm white card blanks
- Coloured cardstock
- Foam pads Black ink pad
- Adhesive

Birthday dress

Layer white card onto blue card. Trim and add to a card blank. Glue three feathers to the front in a fan shape and arrange smaller feathers on top. Cut a bodice and add to the panel with foam pads. Finish with adhesive gems and a sentiment.



feathers for a simple wedding card design

Let's celebrate Die cut a star-shaped aperture into a square of white card. Glue feathers on the reverse to cover the star and layer onto pink card. Decorate with sequins, to finish.





Tie three large coloured feathers together with a length of twine. Add glue to the reverse of each feather and arrange them in a fan shape onto a square of white card

Feather frame

Use two square dies to create a frame. Arrange a fan of feathers in each corner and mount onto yellow card. Add a stamped sentiment inside the aperture, to finish.



Dreamcatcher

Usina embroidery thread, tie a small feather onto a slightly bigger feather, then attach the other end to a decorative die-cut circle. Repeat twice more and glue onto a square of white card. Mount onto blue card and add to a card blank. Finish with a sentiment.

Wish BIR

From the heart Arrange a selection of coloured feathers onto a white die-cut heart, then layer onto a slightly larger pink heart. Attach to lilac card with a sentiment stamped in the corner.



Use quick drying glue with a precision tip to attach your feathers to your card design

Many thanks

Follow your dreams

If you don't like die

cutting, use a doily for the

centre of your dreamcatcher!

Stamp a sentiment onto a square of white card. then arrange a selection of coloured feathers around it to create a frame. Mount the panel onto lilac card, then add to a white card blank.

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Your stories

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Spring is the perfect time to get your craft room spick and span! So, if you're looking to get organised, read on for these top reader ideas...



"I have a tiny craft room under the stairs in my house, so organisation is key to keeping it in order. I use drawing pins in the wall to hang my tapes on and keep my stamps in a ring binder folder, which makes it easier to look through and find the one I want.

"My favourite storage solution has to be for my pens though (I have a lot of them)!

I bought the Stamps Away pen MDF storage, and it's fab! I also created a colour chart showing me the pen colour on white, so I can see exactly how it will look. I've even kept the coloured squares in the same order as they are stored!"

The Stamps Away MDF pen unit is available to buy from www.clevercut.co.uk



"I use brightly coloured boxes to store all my cards, keeping them themed, so they're easy to find. It's so useful having a tidy craft room when it comes to my birthday, too, because my partner can see what stash I already have and buy me things that I'm running low on!"

Mour stories

Sarah Batchelor

"I used to use a lap tray to make my cards on, so I pinch myself everyday now that I have a whole room. The best storage idea I have ever had is definitely my white board - I covered it with magnetic shims, which I attach all my dies to. They're so easy to find now!"





"I'm a firm believer in 'a place for everything and everything in its place', so when I finish a project, everything goes back to where it came from. I hate wasting time having to search for things!

"I have two desks - the main one is my crafting area. The second one has my Big Shot and trimmer on, which I have to move when I use the laptop, I keep a whiteboard above with details of my blog posts, plus a peg banner above my desk to remind me of my DT work and commissions."

Take a look at: www.mariannes craftroom.blogspot.co.uk



Angela Mitchell

"My husband built me a wee craft studio, as I have no room in the house. It's just a summerhouse, but it gives me lots of scope for collecting crafty things!"

WRITE TO US

If you have a story you want to share, then get in touch. Just email or post your stories to us today.

Whether you're a card making expert or you've only just discovered your passion for crafting - we always want to hear your story, so please get in touch! Email your letters and photos to us at: letters@quick-cards.co.uk or post them to...

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Celebrity cavas

The Craf



Celebrity crafter Stephanie Weightman is releasing an exciting new range!

he days are finally getting longer and I am so happy that spring has finally arrived! I am also excited that this season sees the launch of a product that is very close to my heart; it has been in development for 18 months and is now finally ready for crafters of all persuasions. Not only card makers, scrapbookers and mixed media enthusiasts, but also those that love to craft with fabric, ceramics, jewellery and so much more! I'm so pleased to announce that our new Screen Sensation is a desktop product that makes the process of screen printing into something that is simple, fun and easy and will, best of all, open up a whole new world of creativity!

So, for the past month, I have been making backgrounds and toppers for my cards and indulging myself by decorating books and clothing as well as making



Why not branch out and make these gorgeous lampshades?

lampshades, bags and even wrapping paper - I have had an absolute ball!

I am really looking forward to longer days and having that lovely daylight to work with. Talking of daylight, we have recently returned from Phoenix, Arizona and, would you believe it, we didn't see any daylight over there until we were returning to the airport to fly home. While there, we attended the Craft and Hobby Association Trade Show and were told that in January we could expect temperatures in Phoenix to reach the low 20s... but it rained every day! Not to worry, the show was great and spring is now here!

Stephanie x ox x



The NEW Screen Sensation product is perfect for making medding invitations!

STEPH'S TOP TIPS FOR...



Adding dimension to your cards can transform a simple design into an impressive one! An easy way to achieve this is to attach your layers and toppers with foam pads instead of using glue.

If you're looking give your card more depth without adding too much bulk, heat embossing stamped images or adding embossed papers will give you a more subtle dimensional element.

Don't forget that embellishments – such as buttons, chipboard pieces, ribbon, gems and paper flowers - not only add texture but also help to really lift up your card.

/ Last but not least, Tattered Lace's fab Flectere range is perfect for adding an exciting 3D aspect to your creations!

My upcoming TV shows



Crafty curves

Tattered Lace's gorgeous Flectere range allows you to build amazing 3D scenes! Why not have a go yourself by following the four easy-to-follow steps below...

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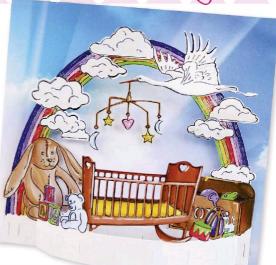
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Step-by-step guide

a background from the Tattered Lace Flectere CD-ROM and cut to measure 15x15cm. Attach the background to the card base.

1 Create a 15x15cm card base 2 Using the Infant Story die set, from white cardstock. Print 2 cut two large dies from white card and colour with alcohol pens. Infant Story coloured sheet from Draw over the cuts with the fineliner * the CD-ROM and cut with the pen. Highlight with the white gel pen. Add glitter to the clouds.

Alternatively, print out dies. Next, fold over the tabs on the base of the largest die cut.

Attach the tabs to the base of the square, about 1cm in from both sides. Fold over the tabs on the base of the remaining die cut and position the tabs into the slots on the first die cut.

Buy of the FLECTERE COLLECTION Derived from the latin.

meaning 'to curve' or 'to bend', this beautiful Flectere collection will allow you to add another dazzling dimension to your cards! You can buy the main set of dies for £59.99 from www.crafting.co.uk.



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JEWEL DROPS

A range of drops in eight pastel shades from Nuvo that create a coloured glass effect. These can

are perfect for adding a decorative touch to papercrafting projects.

be used with different

types of cardstock and

NESTING DIES These are dies that cut

out shapes like circles, scalloped circles and rectangles, which are very useful for framing images on cards. They are sold in sets with different sizes that fit inside each other.

OMBRÉ EFFECT

The blending of different colour hues from light to dark. The effect is used to create graduated coloured backgrounds.

PROMARKERS

Made by Winsor & Newton, these are a brand of alcohol-based, blendable marker pen. with a large range of colours available. They are hugely popular for colouring in stamped images to give professional results.

SIDE STEP CARDS A type of card with step folds on one side, which are ideal for creating multiple levels and building 3D scenes.

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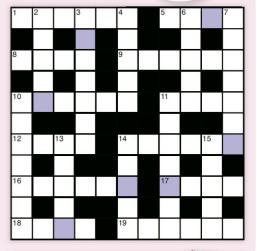
Test your brain power with these fun puzzles. Send in your answer and you could win a gorgeous prize!

Solve the clues then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to spell a breed of dog (7)

ACROSS

- Tropical tree with small vellow or white flowers (6)
- 5 Counter used in poker (4)
- 8 Stitched join between pieces of material (4)
- Roof window (6)
- 10 Positive and cheerful (6)
- 11 Inactive (4)
- 12 Delicate decorative fabric (4)
- 14 Building material (6)
- 16 Golf attendant (6)
- 17 Memo (4)
- 18 US word for garden (4)
- 19 Boil with anger (6)

- 2 Inexpensive (5)
- 3 Engage in a contest (7)
- 4 Accounts inspection (5)
- 6 Moist and hot (5)
- 7 Ideal (7)
- 10 Dogged by misfortune or failure (7)
- 11 Huge (7)
- 13 Alcoholic drink made with apples (5)
- 14 Strategic boardgame that involves pawns, rooks and knights (5)
- 15 V-shaped cut (5)





Put your brain through its paces with our Sudoku puzzle! Complete the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers one to nine.

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Behind the scenes

We chat to one of Hunkydory Crafts' talented designers. Deb Ellis, about all things crafty!

e know how much Quick Cards readers love Hunkydory Crafts, so we caught up with one of its designers, Deb Ellis, to discover what it's like to work for this fabulous card making brand! Read on, to find out more...

How did you first get involved in making cards for Hunkydory?

After crafting for about 10 years, I applied to join the external design team in April 2015. I was very honoured and excited to be chosen to make cards and other projects for Hunkydory's magazine, TV and social media, I started my dream job, working at Hunkydory HO in June 2016.

Can you tell us what your average day at work looks like?

My average day involves lots of crafting from quick, simple cards through to complex creations - and always with the latest card making must-haves from Hunkydory!

What do you enjoy most about being a Hunkydory designer?

I enjoy being part of a wonderful team that helps bring to life the amazing designs created by our super-talented graphic designers.

... And what is most challenging? I love a challenge, and being a Hunkydory designer encourages me to go one step further with my makes. But the tight deadlines are probably the most challenging aspect.

Which Hunkydory products are you most excited about this season?

Well that would be telling! My favourite products from this past year have been the Pearly Shimmer Adorable Scorable and Mirri Magic collections. Also, the Festive Rainbow mirri cardstock is one of my all-time favourites.

Could you describe to us your design style?

When making cards, I like crisp, clean designs. But I also like to get messy using inks!



Which three stash items could you not live without?

It would have to be my pokey tool, a nice sharp pair of scissors and my scoreboard.

What expert advice would you give to crafters looking to improve their skills?

Take your time when measuring and cutting card. It makes a big difference to the finish. Also, it's a good idea to prepare all of your elements before sticking them together, just to make sure everything fits well.

Can you reveal any exciting future plans for Hunkydory?

Shhh! Don't tell anyone but there are some amazing plans and yummy products in the pipeline! But luckily I am good at keeping secrets, so won't reveal any more!

Hunkydory

love Debs girly make! Right: This card was mad using the new Hunkydory

Hunkydory is a much loved brand among papercrafters. Why is this?

Hunkydory is a huge favourite simply because of its outstanding quality and range of products. They are my personal number one!

Aside from papercrafting, do you have any other interesting hobbies?

I am a huge fan of crafting using mixed media and MDF products.

DEBS' TOP TIPS

...For quick and easy makes!

- 1 Use a wet glue to give you 'wiggle room' when layering.
- 2 For a quick and easy design, cover the front of a card blank with mirri card, add a smaller piece of printed backing card or Adorable Scorable (leaving a narrow border), then add a topper, a sentiment and gems, to finish.
- Create unique backgrounds for your cards by scoring different patterns onto Adorable Scorable speciality coated cardstock

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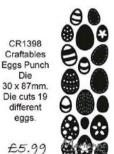
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