

# April

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## Inspiration



This month sees the return of the cute mini Crafty Templates called 'Embellish Buddies'. These smaller templates and shapes are designed to make your own embellishments for cards and many other craft projects. To accompany the smaller templates in your set this month you also have some different base cards. You can also mix these up with any stamped images you might want to use or make simple cards with ready made embellishments like flowers and ribbon. The design team have lots of their own ideas to show you what you can do.

On the subject of flowers and keeping with the embellishment theme I've done the technique focus this month on making your own flower embellishments, something that's really simple to do and ideal to use up those little scraps of paper.

Hope you have lots of fun this month!  
xx Leonora

# Design Team inspiration: Tracy Gough

Made with the  
Bunny Bum  
template  
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Made with the  
Heels  
template  
sheet  
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Made with the  
Ring a Roses  
template  
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# Design Team inspiration: Debbie Moore

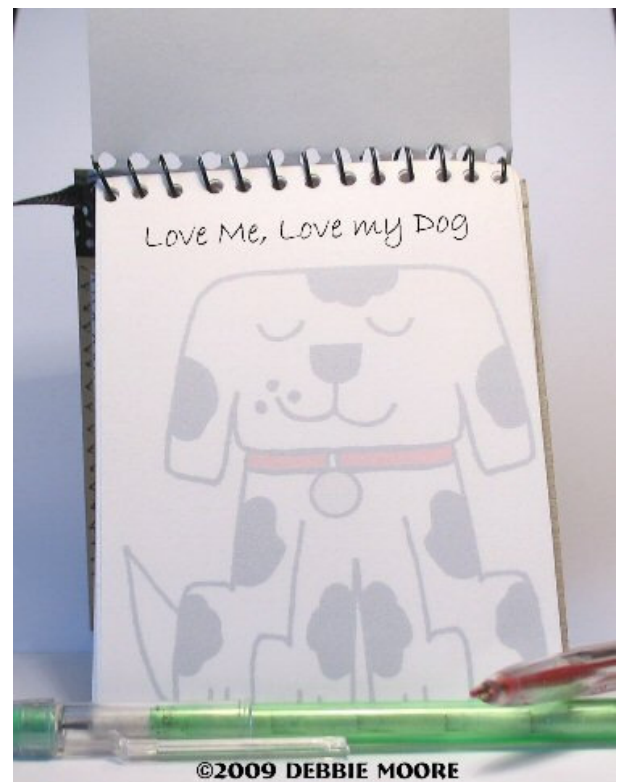


Made with the Pretty Kitty Embellish Buddie template (.jpg version)  
Resized to fit on a domino and glued on then varnished over to make a bag charm.



Notebook made with the Doggie Embellish Buddie template (the .jpg version resized and coloured in digitally)

Debbie has made the same image more opaque with a paint program and printed it on each of the inside notepaper pages



# Design Team inspiration: Kathy Black

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Doggy  
template  
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Pretty Kitty  
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## Technique focus - paper flowers

Making floral embellishments with paper is incredibly simple and a great way to use up small scraps you're not sure what you can do with. Grab this month's 'Ring a Roses' template sheet (page 1 of your April set) play along!

You will need to gather some scraps of patterned paper you can use other kinds of decorative paper like tissue paper or use pretty packaging, whatever you have to hand. You'll also need some buttons, glue, some scissors and an inkpad (optional).

If you are confident cutting freehand circles then you can go ahead and make your flowers without the template but if you don't feel that confident print out the Ring a Roses template sheet to start with. Cut out one of the larger circle shapes. Use the template shape to cut out a circle of patterned paper. You'll notice the edges of the circle aren't accurate they're freehand - this is done on purpose if the layers are perfectly cut they can look more like geometric shapes rather than flowers and we're going here for a more natural floral look. If you want to work free hand with your scissors the easiest way is to first cut out a square of paper and then work it in to a circle.

Next you need to cut out a second circle that's slightly smaller, you can use the template cutting around the next layer or you can freehand cut another circle. Repeat again with the middle section or making a smaller circle so you have a third layer. Place the largest circle on another piece of paper and cut around it leaving a slight gap so you end up with another layer slightly larger and should now have 4 circles of paper.

Fold the largest layer into quarters then fold it again. Repeat for each of the circle layers. Squish them down to make sure they're creased and then unfold them. At this stage if you want to you can ink around the edges.

Next cut out another small circle of paper - this one measures 3cm across but it needs to be around the same size as your smallest circle layer. Turn it to the back and draw a spiral shape - draw it in pencil this is in pen to show up on the photo. Cut along the spiral shape then holding it in your fingers roll it up from the centre outwards. Secure the end with a small dab of glue.

Now you need to glue the layers together, start with the largest one and work to the smallest keeping the glue in the middle. Finally glue your spiral piece in the middle to finish.



Now we've done a naturalistic kind of paper flower we can experiment with making a quirkier version. For this one I've mixed patterned paper with fabric and felt and used sewing machine stitching to fix the layers together then added buttons in the centre.



This one is a little trickier to do. I made two fabric flowers using the spiral technique (as above when making the centre piece) then stitching them to a gem wire embellishment.



You can mix and match all the ideas to create lots of unique paper flowers. Use them on your craft projects or why not make a whole bouquet of them to decorate your home or workspace?  
Have fun!