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This month we're being inspired by the upcoming spring months. Many of the templates feature pretty nature themed motifs like birds, butterflies and flowers. This month Kathy has been working with some Cosmo Cricket 'Love Notes' paper line and Angela has been using this months February kit you can grab from the main Crafty Templates site, www.craftytemplates.co.uk . It features some pretty papers from the new Basic Grey Origins range.

This months focus shows you a simple way to create your own background paper so you can re-use your plain scraps.

Have fun this month! xx Leonora

Designs by Kathy Black



Card made with the Pop Flowers template which you can find on page 11 of your template set

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Both these cards were made with the Scribble Butterflies template which you can find on page 7 of your template set

Designs by Angela Mansfield



Card above, made with the Pop Flowers template from page 11 of your template set.

Card left, made with the Scribble Butterflies template on page 7 of your templates set.

Card below, made with the Spring has Sprung template on page 5 of your templates set.



Technique Focus

Making patterned paper

This month we're going to look at making our own patterned paper that you can use with your templates to create your cards. All you'll need is a couple of stamps, (pick out something you can add colour to), an inkpad, scraps of plain paper and coloured marker pens, (or something else to colour in with).

1. Start with your piece of scrap paper. I'm using an off cut of handmade style paper here. Use a couple of stamps, ink them up and stamp in a random pattern across your paper. Make sure you start with your stamp going off one edge and not in the middle. This will help to make it more of a background rather than have your eye drawn to any one stamp on your paper.
2. When your paper is covered with your stamped design leave it to dry.
3. Pick out some coloured pens or pencils you want to use. Colour in some of the detail on your stamps. I'm going for a soft pastel look with my paper so I'm using soft pastel colours, you could go the opposite and use really bright colours if you wanted to.
4. If you want to add a little bit more detail to your paper you can add some glitter glue and/or glossy accents over the top of some of the details.
5. Now it's up to you how you use your paper. For my card I've simply used it as a background on my card and added a butterfly embellishment on top using the Scribble Butterfly template from this month's set.

Have fun creating your own unique patterned papers. You can make a whole stack of them at one time to have them on hand for your crafts or you can tailor your design to a particular card you want to make or template you want to use.

xx Leonora

