

# July

## 2009

## Inspiration



This month we have lots of different 'half cards' in the set and here the design team have lots more ideas for different cards you can create.

This month we also welcome two new design team members Natalie Harandon is stepping in as a guest designer and our brand new permanent design team member is Angela Mansfield. Both Angela's, <http://paperandribbons.blogspot.com/> and Nat's, <http://koolkittymusings.typepad.com/> blogs are well worth a visit. If you're looking for even more inspiration!

As well as their own stash the design team have been working with this month's paper kit called 'Fresh Baked' and if you'd like one yourself to work with it's available right now here, <http://www.craftytemplates.co.uk/page32.html>

It's got lots of lovely October Afternoon papers and some very cool and environmentally friendly recycled card blanks in the fab fashionable manila colour.

Hope you have lots of fun this month!  
xx Leonora

## Design Team inspiration: Kathy Black



### Templates Used

Top left - Ice Cream Cone Half Card (page 1 of your set)

Top right - Mr Owl Half Card (page 3 of your set)

Left - Candle Cake Half Card (page 7 of your set)

# Design Team inspiration: Natalie Harandon



**Templates Used**  
Top right -Candle Cake  
Half Card  
(page 7 of your set)

Top left - Mr Owl Half  
Card (page 3 of your  
set)

Left - Ice Cream Cone  
Half Card (page 1 of  
your set)

## Design Team inspiration: Angela Mansfield



### Templates Used

Top left - Dolly Half Card (page 9 of your set)

Top right - Mr Owl Half Card (page 3 of your set)

Left - Candle Cake Half Card (page 7 of your set)

## Technique focus - Scissor Scuffed Edges

This is an easy effect to achieve. It gives depth and texture to cut out pieces and it's very hand for disguising hand cutting mistakes!

As you can see in the images opposite it gives a nice decorative edge - it also makes cut out pieces look more substantial and in doing so makes them stand out more on your card.

This is best used with thick patterned paper and card - you can use paper but it's easier to tear it and ruin your cut out.

All you need to do it once you have your shape cut out open out your scissors and holding the cut out piece in one hand and your opened out scissors in the other drag the scissor blade along the edge. To make it extra scuffy drag the blade back and forth to loosen the paper fibres.

Use a pair of older scissors rather than your favourite ones with this technique because I have noticed working with it for a while it can slightly blunt your scissors.

The finished card is opposite - you can see the effect is subtle but it just adds the something extra to define the edge without needing to draw around it.

Have fun playing with this technique.

