

# MARCH 2011 DESIGN TEAM INSPIRATIONS



Hi!

Welcome to the March inspiration! This month we're going all vintage chic with our cards. Angela has some lovely samples to show us and we'll be looking at a technique focus this month of different ways of adding sewing machine stitching to our cards. If you'd like one of this month's accompanying kits 'Granny's House' you can grab one from the main Crafty Templates site, there's a link on the homepage here, <http://www.craftytemplates.co.uk> there's lots of bits and pieces to use that work with this month's templates.

Have fun this month!

Cards By Angela Mansfield



Card, (top) made using the Cute Teapot template on page of your March 2011 templates set.

Card, (bottom) made using the Fancy Armchair template on page 13 of your March 2011 templates set.

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Card made using the sewing machine template on page 3 of your March 2011 templates set.

## Technique Focus—Stitches

This month we're looking at ways you can add stitching to your cards. If you have a sewing machine have a go at stitching on your cards it's a great way to add texture and interest. Lets have a look at the ways it's been used with this months card samples.

Have a go at adding stitching to embellishments. Add the stitches to a cut out heart shape like in the lamp card made in this months set. Add the stitching to your embellishments first then stitch them down to your card to avoid stitching showing up on the inside of your card.



Have a go at stitching a boarder around a piece of patterned paper. Again remember to stitch on the paper first then glue it to your card blank.



Layer up several different embellishments together and stitch them together. Here a layer of paper, a piece of tulle net and a piece of ribbon have been layered together then stitched down the middle. Don't glue the pieces together first as it will make it more difficult for your needle to go through the glue. Doublesided tape will make your needle sticky so don't use that either always add the tape or glue after you've done your stitching.



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Add some stitching underneath your message or make lines of stitches for you to write or stamp a message on your card.



Finally if you don't have a sewing machine then just add fake stitches drawing them on with a pen. Here the out line of the template has been fake stitched all around the edge.



Have fun experimenting with stitches this month!