

# October 2009

## Design Team Inspiration



Don't you just love this time of year? So many pretty sights and colours to inspire your crafting! Just take a look outside and pick out your palate of lovely colours from rich reds to vibrant oranges. The design team have been busy with this months materials kit called 'Autumnal Treats'. It's a mix up of Halloween and autumnal designs you can check it out by clicking [here](#) or there's a link on the homepage, <http://www.craftytemplates.co.uk> too.

It's also a great time of year to have fun celebrating Halloween or celebrating the change in season by creating something fun in the kitchen. I personally love baking and this is the time of year I go a bit mad making cakes and pies and cookies and all kinds of yumminess. If you're not one for baking why not have a go this month - it's even national baking week this month (19th-25th October) so it's the perfect excuse to start. Use the cupcake box in your template set or use the idea in this months inspiration using brown paper bags as gift bags and make treats to give along with your cards. If you're looking for recipes have a peek on <http://www.nationalbakingweek.co.uk/> for lots of ideas. If you do make anything email a photo to me at [enquiries@craftyprincess.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@craftyprincess.co.uk) and I'll pop them on the CT blog so we can share our crafty cooking ideas.

Have lots of fun this month!  
xx Leonora

# Designs by Kathy Black

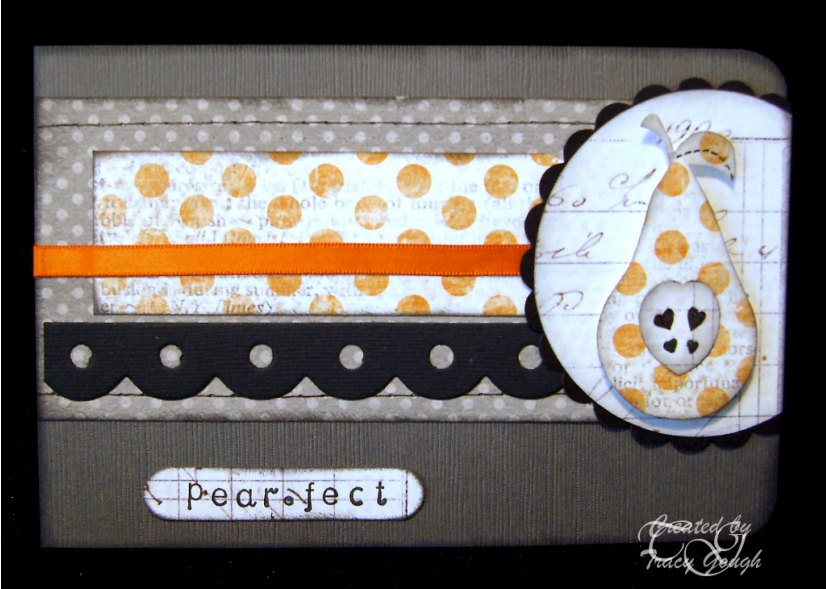


Card, above left - made with the Ghosties and Ghouls template on page 11 of your templates set.

Card, above - made with the Autumn Scene template on page 13 of your templates set.

Card, left - made with the Leaf Trees template on page 7 of your templates set.

# Designs by Tracy Gough



Card above left made with the Apple and Pears template on page 3 of your templates set.

Gift bag above decorated with the Ghosties and Ghouls template on page 11 of your templates set.

Card left made with the leaf trees template on page 7 of your templates set. Here Tracy has printed the template design on patterned paper and then stitched over the leaf detail to highlight it.

# Designs by Angela Mansfield



Card and gift bag top of the page - made with the Ghosties and Ghouls template on page 11 of your templates set.

Angela has made the mini book above with the mini papers in this month's 'Autumnal Treats' materials kit and decorated the pages with the Ghosties and Ghouls templates from page 11 of your templates set. This would be a great way to share those fun Halloween dressed up pictures!

Card left made with the Leaf Trees template on page 7 of your templates set. Love the hand stitched border on this card. This is a great template to make a sophisticated simple card with.

# Technique Focus - Quick tricks to make great treats

Making a simple gift look more impressive with presentation is a great trick to learn. This month's template set has ideas for you to make your own fancy envelopes as well as a great little cake box. For this month's technique focus we're going to follow on from that and make some cute little gift bags from a humble brown paper bag. You can get your paper bags from the supermarket or grocery store or there are some included in this month's materials kit.



It doesn't really matter what size paper bag you start off with so tailor it to what you're going to fill it with. Here I'm using a standard 10x10 inch square paper bag.



With the open end at the top fold each side of the bag inward - how much you fold it is up to you, as it will form your finished size of bag so you can fold it in a lot or a little bit. Here I'm folding the edges in about 2 inches at each side so it makes a bag about 6 inches across. Glue the folded edges down with a glue stick. Next fold the bottom edge up, you don't have to be accurate with how much you fold it up but make sure it's around 1.5 to 2 inches.



Fold the left and right corners of the folded up edge downward and then glue the corners down.



Once your glue is dry push your hand into the top of the bag then push the corners inward - this sounds quite complicated but it's pretty straight forward as the corners naturally will start to fold inward when you open out your bag, it just needs a little bit of help. The bottom of your bag should look like the photo opposite and it should stand up straight too.

Now it needs decorating. Grab your fancy envelope template from this month's set. Here I'm using the frill edged one. Cut the top flap bit out of the template and draw around it on to a piece of patterned paper or card and cut it out.



Fold the top edge of your bag down and glue the cut piece of paper along the folded down edge to make a fancy flap opening.



Add your own choice of further decoration and a gift tag to finish.

These little bags are great for giving home made treats in or a quick and easy and more unusual way to wrap a gift.

Have fun!