

# October 2010

## Design Team Inspiration



Check out the lush cards made by the design team this month. The technique focus this month we're making gift tags.

This month's cards have been made using this month's fun Christmas-themed kit 'Hand Crafted Christmas'. It features the new paper designs from the American Crafts Dear Lizzy Christmas line and has lots and lots of kraft card blanks and card one of the top Christmas trends for this year. You can grab one of these lush kits for yourself from the Crafty Templates store, [www.craftytemplates.co.uk](http://www.craftytemplates.co.uk). As usual, the kits are the bargain price of just £8 including postage and packing!



Have fun this month! xx Leonora

# Designs by Kathy Black



Card made with the Bird House Hanging Mobile Card from page 5 of your October set. Kathy has shrunk the size of the template down to make it fit on the front of the card blank.

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Card left, made with the Half Tree template on page 7 of your template set.

Card below made with the Christmas Tree Cookie template on page 1 of your October template set..

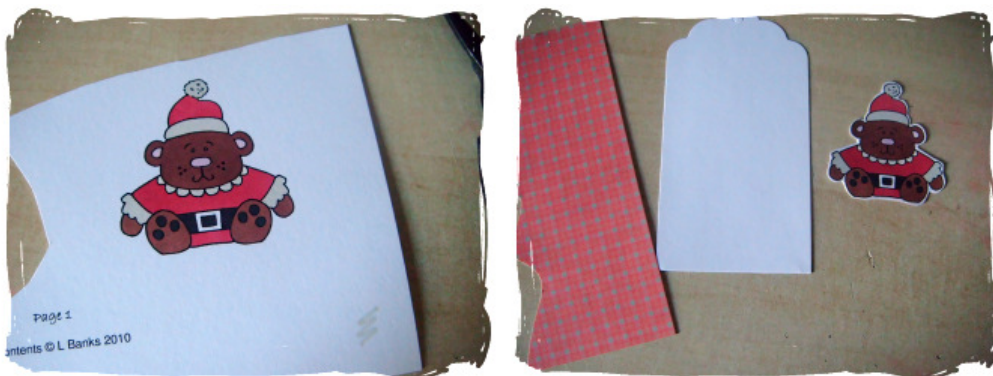


# October Technique Focus—Gift Tags

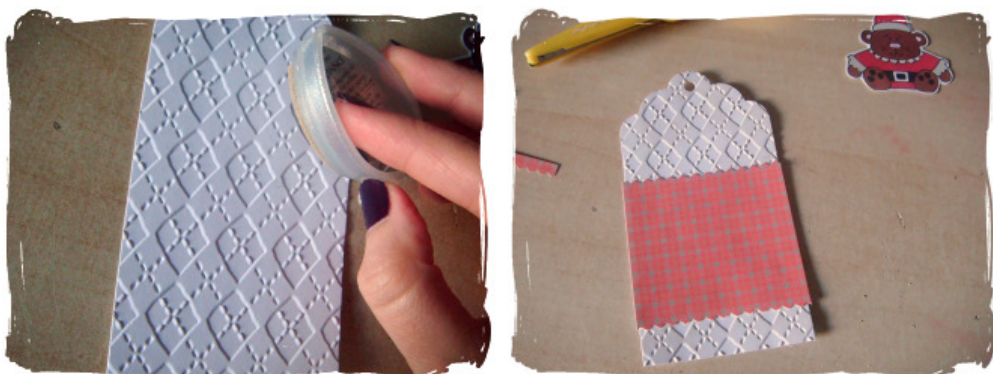
This month we're looking at making gift tags. These can be made quickly and easily using your templates and your leftovers from making your cards. Lots of the templates this month and in other sets in past months have mini versions of the designs on the sheets. These mini designs are ideal to use on gift tags. You could be making lots of different ones for Christmas or you could make a gift tag that matches the card you've made for an extra special gift. Here are a couple made using the templates from this months set and a quick idea to get you started creating.



First you need to pick out your template. If you've been printing some off already to use you might already have some of the mini ones going spare. Add colour directly to the template using marker pens. Cut out the template image from the sheet. Next you'll need a gift tag, these tags are in this months kit but you can also use a die cut one or just cut one out from card. Grab some of your left-over bits and pieces from making your cards.



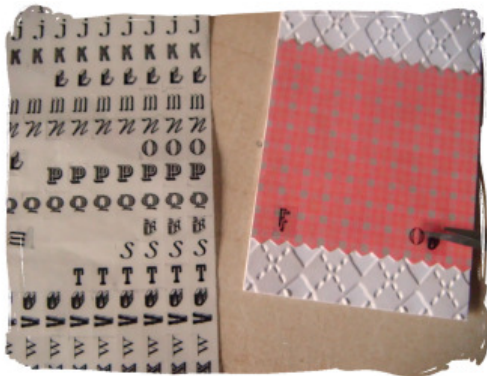
Emboss the tag by running through an embossing machine and then rub a metallic ink pad over the surface. Cut a piece of patterned paper to fit along the bottom of your tag, cut the top and bottom edges with decorative edged scissors to add more interest.



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Cut out a die cut shape that fits on your tag from more of your leftovers. Fix the coloured image to the die cut with a foam pad.



Add a message to your tag along the bottom of the patterned paper. To get your message central with alphabet stickers apply the first and the last letters of your message first to the tag and then work inwards adding the remaining letters.



Add your image to your tag above the message. To finish thread some ribbon or string through the top of the tag ready for fixing to your gift.

As well as adding them to gifts these tags would also make fun decorations.

Have fun!