

# Making Cards

*Using printable artwork papers*

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# Introduction

Welcome to a new way of creating your own cards. This CD is full to the brim with patterned papers, embellishments, greetings, ribbon strips and alphabets, painted by accomplished artist Theresa Mann – and all ready to be printed off on your home printer.

There are two sets (kits) of papers: Flowers in Bloom, in a pink and orange colourway, shown on this page; and Starlight, in blue and yellow (see the next page). I have used these papers to create a gallery full of card ideas, along with step-by-step guides for learning new techniques.

I know you will love Theresa's paper designs as much as I do, and I hope you will use the card ideas as a springboard for your own designs. Follow the steps and then experiment with the techniques to create your own individual works of art.

First you will learn how to set eyelets, and a host of ways to use them for both decorative and functional purposes. Punches are another simple technique that you will master in no time at all. There are lots of



▲ Author Jenny Cocks, with some of her card ideas below

◀ Flowers in Bloom paper printing kit handpainted by Theresa Mann. Go to pages 44-62 to start printing out your own papers, embellishments, tags, alphabets, greetings and ribbon strips.

## INTRODUCTION

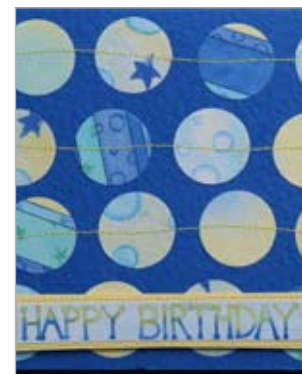
ways to use them and there is space to show you just a few, so give them a try to see what else you can create.

Moving on from the basic techniques, we have a step-by-step guide to distressing. This is a great way of manipulating materials to give them a new look, simply by inking and sanding the papers. And you can use your stitching skills to try some of the clever ways of adding stitched detail to handmade cards.

Delve into more advanced cardmaking methods with the guide to adding dimension to your cards. Decorate raised embellishments and learn the art of heat embossing to add clear, glossy finishes to plain materials. If you are feeling adventurous, go to the step-by-step guide for printing onto textured materials, such as fabric and shrink plastic.

So, here are plenty of ideas to keep you busy for some time. I hope you enjoy them.

*Jenny Cocks*



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