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Mix and match
embellishments for
a shabby-chic look

Step back in time

We introduce the gorgeous new
Papermania Vintage Notes

It's official! 2013 is the year that will see soft, feminine lacy designs make their mark on the crafting world. The vintage trend, which has been snowballing for the last few years, has been given a makeover by docrafts in the brand new Papermania Vintage Notes range. Vintage style has never been more accessible or more exciting! With pretty designs in delicate, understated colourways, the linen and filigree papers, crochet flowers, fabric tape and more will give your projects timeless elegance and understated beauty.

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new today!

Don't miss the highlights of the Vintage Notes range – Clear Decorative Pins, Crochet Flowers and Lace Borders. They're products never seen before in the docrafts collection, and we guarantee you'll have great fun trying them out in your designs.



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Get £15 off fantastic new products with this issue's exclusive vouchers! Turn to page 108 for these offers and fab cardmaking ideas!



We love vintage!

Becky James has created these beautiful designs using the new **Papermania** Vintage Notes range. We bet you can't wait to make them!

The new *Papermania* Vintage Notes range encompasses all that is pretty and feminine and taps into our current love of things from a bygone age. With fabulous florals, luscious lace and delicate doilies, this range not only includes gorgeous textured papers but also a whole host of new embellishments, such as Woven Fabric Tape and Clear Decorative Pins to layer up and create your own lavish projects.





Use a colourful
or patterned fabric
to line the bag and
add buttons that
complement the
fabric's colour



Mad about buttons

Create these fun, inspiring projects using chic
new **Papermania** Assorted Buttons

Steampunk style

Create your own style with **Shayna Renz's** beautiful jewellery ideas

Steampunk is not only a hot trend for papercraft, it's also making its mark on jewellery. Here Shayna creates four pieces inspired by the Victorian Industrial era and 80s punk fashion (think Madonna's Like A Virgin video). Clock hands and keys from Papermania Chronology are mixed with chains from Cousin Jewellery Basics – layer them up for dramatic effect or wear separately for a more delicate feel.



cake tins
round & square

food safe
ribbon

cupcake
wrappers
black and white

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16 PACKED PAGES of scrapbooking

CreativityLife

Katy Godbeer can't wait to get crafting in 2013 and has brilliant new ideas for you to try



Don't you love the start of a new year? Out with the old, in with the new – it gives me an excuse to freshen up my craft stash with lots of new products! And with Christmas behind us, I can focus on fab new ideas.

Having new kit to play with inspires inventive ways to craft, and Ann Caldwell

has done just that with the brilliant new Vintage Notes filigree dies in this issue's **Creative ways with...** (page 72). Julie Kirk has been getting to grips with the gorgeous new Capsule Collection Spots & Stripes Pastels products, experimenting with sweet new chipboard buttons and candy-coloured baker's twine in her polaroid layouts in **Take the time!** (page 80). Easter is sure to get you crafting and Beckie Dreyer embraces the ever-so cute characters using the new Country Companions Sunshine Meadows range in her spring layouts in **Surprise supplies** (page 82).

This issue's **Photo workshop** guides you through how to take perfect pictures of your wonderful projects (page 74) – what better New Year's resolution than starting a blog and posting all your makes online? Karl Adamson shows you how to create the best backdrop for your projects and how to achieve the perfect lighting. Pay close attention and then get your scrapbooking skills at the ready as this is going to be one busy year!

Katy x

Look out
for this!



Creative ways with...
pg 72 Give a pretty focal point to a card with doilies from the Xcut Dies Vintage Notes collection

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Get inspired by **Ana Verastegui's** timeless designs using this issue's free **Papermania Chronology** stamps



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this project



Sew Sweet

Create this cute, retro sewing box, designed by **Sarah Linda**, using the new **Xcut** Haberdashery Die Set with pretty **Papermania** Happy Days papers



There's no better way to capture the shabby-chic vintage vibe than with this sewing case that mixes the old with the new. With 20 dies to choose from in the Xcut Haberdashery Die Set, you can create great gifts for people who are passionate about textiles. Upcycle an old case or box by decoupage the sides, lining the inside with fabric paper, and then fill it with all your sewing and knitting stash.

Make it!

We upcycled a mini retro-style suitcase for our sewing box. Check your local charity shops or online

Easter wishes



Celebrate springtime with **Katie Skilton's** Easter makes using the **Country Companions Sunshine Meadows** range

Pastel colours always remind me of spring, so I've used the bright, fresh colour scheme found in this adorable *Country Companions* collection – it appeals to all ages!

Gift bags

- 1 Use the template on page 119/120 to mark out, cut and score a piece of double-sided A4 patterned paper into a bag shape.
- 2 Use the third-from-smallest Xcut Nesting Dies Eggs as a template to cut an egg shape into the centre of what will be the front of the bag.
- 3 Cut a piece of acetate measuring 6.5 x 9cm and, using double-sided tape, stick it to the inside of the bag to cover the egg-shape aperture.
- 4 Stick the bag together using double-sided tape on the side tab and fold the base sections together. Cut a piece of 7 x 6cm card and place into the bottom of the bag to strengthen it.

- 5 Create three more bags out of contrasting patterned paper, as above. Decorate with toppers, tags and ribbon and finish with blitter, button and twine embellishments.

Cards from left to right Dandelion clock

Follow the card ideas in the A5 decoupage card kit to create this card. Put your own twist on the design by using the additional toppers and sentiments included in the pack.



Birthday daisy chain

- 1 Take an A5 white card blank, mat with red cardstock, then daisy patterned paper leaving a narrow border. Cut a 6 x 20cm strip of spotty blue paper and stick it vertically to the centre of the card.
- 2 Piece together the mouse decoupage using 3D foam squares and layer on red cardstock. Stick it to the centre of the card.

- 3 Mount the Happy Birthday sentiment on red cardstock and attach 1cm below the decoupage panel.

- 4 To create the bunting, cut four small 2cm long triangles from red cardstock. Using 3D foam squares, stick above the image in a swag shape. Stick a blue blitter between each flag and add two bows tied from baker's twine to each end.



Craft workshop

How to make perfect pearls & ribbon bows

Mich Turner MBE from the **Little Venice Cake Company** helps you decorate the ultimate occasion cake

Master these two classic decorating techniques and you will always have a cake you can show off with pride. Ribbon bows are effective decorations that add ultimate wow-factor to your cakes. Experiment with different widths and colours – they can be applied alone, or added to ribbon going around the base of a tier, as we have shown here. The bows can be made up well in advance if stored in a container, and are a great way of using up offcuts of ribbons.

TOP TIP

When you have made it, you can store royal icing in an airtight container for up to seven days



Turn to page 33
to make and decorate
delicious Valentine's
Day cupcakes

Step-by-step: Perfect royal icing for the perfect pearl

You will need

- 1 large egg white, at room temperature
- 450g (1lb) (approx.) icing sugar, sifted
- ½ lemon, cut into wedges



Recipe from
Mich Turner's
Cake Masterclass
Learn all you need to
know to create show-
stopping bakes in
this ultimate guide to
cake decorating from
the Little Venice Cake
Company, published
by Jacqui Small.
RRP £25



1 Put the egg white in a large clean bowl and whisk on full speed until it reaches the soft peak stage.



2 Add two-thirds of the icing sugar. Whisk slowly, then on full speed for 2 minutes. Continue to add sugar until icing resembles whipped double cream.



3 Squeeze the lemon wedges through a tea strainer into the icing, catching the pips. Whisk for a further minute. It's now ready to use.



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