

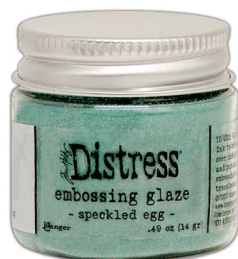
# product play

Find inspiration from products that will make your creative heart sing!

Products are the heart of our craft, and there's no shortage of exciting things popping up that will inspire your creativity. The right tools and products make everything go smoothly and make creating that much more fun! We've scouted out some cool things that you will want to have in your crafting arsenal.



**PRODUCT TIP:** Ranger Industries carries a wide selection of distress inks from original to Distress Oxides to sprays and embossing glaze, and you can get re-inkers, too!



## 1 SPECKLED EGG DISTRESS INKS BY TIM HOLTZ FOR RANGER INDUSTRIES

Earlier this year, Tim Holtz and Ranger

Industries unveiled (with a great deal of fanfare!) a brand-new colour in their distress ink family. Lovely Speckled Egg marked the first new distress hue in five years, and it's a gorgeous shade of nature-infused blue that makes creating pretty projects so dreamy. Speckled Egg joins a huge rainbow of distress inks for all of your creative ideas. And even better news? Another new colour—Crackling Campfire—debuted on August 26!

[timholtz.com](http://timholtz.com)



## 2 ERGONOMIC BLENDING BRUSHES BY PINK & MAIN

Pink & Main's ergonomic blending brushes are a game-changer! They are easy to use and unique in that the brushes are housed in a protective sheath for easy storage. If you have weak hands, these little beauties are kinder to your wrists than the traditional long-handled brushes modeled after make-up brushes. The original was recently followed up with a mini version for all of your ink blending needs.

[pinkandmain.com](http://pinkandmain.com)

**PRODUCT TIP:** If you find yourself blending ink by placing your fingers on the head of the brush, you'll find that this unique design allows you to really "get in there" with your blending.

### 3 POP-UP TRASH CAN BY TOTALLY TIFFANY

**Crafting on-the-go makes life more fun**, and the Pop-Up Trash Can will keep you organized and mess free! This portable trash can is perfect for taking to Crop & Create, creative retreats, and in the car or plane when you travel. It compresses flat for easy storage and fits well in a craft tote or suitcase. Choose from a variety of colours and never forget a place for your scraps the next time you craft away from home!

[totally-tiffany.com](http://totally-tiffany.com)



**PRODUCT TIP:** Grab a couple of these handy little guys and keep one in your craft area and another in your craft travel bag. They would make AWESOME gifts for your creative friends, too!

### 4 CLEAR ACCESSORY CASE BY SCRAPBOOK.COM

**It's no secret that having an organized work area** will boost your creativity, and the clear accessory case from Scrapbook.com will help you sort some of your stash in no time. Available in large and mini sizes, you can keep things from spilling and make sure that your colours are sorted (if you're particular like that!). It's time to tame your favourite small products and have them in an easy-to-see place!

[scrapbook.com](http://scrapbook.com)

**PRODUCT TIP:** If you're a visual organizer, the clear cases help you see exactly what's in each case. Once you've opened the case, you don't have to worry about *craftidents* (craft accidents) because each of the 12 jars inside has a lid.



### 5 18 X 24 CUTTING MAT BY WE R MEMORY KEEPERS

**Protecting your workspace is a must, especially if you create at your kitchen table** or on some other surface that you don't want to wreck. The cutting mat by We R Memory Keepers keeps your worktop safe, and since it's self-healing, you can use a craft knife or rotary cutter on it with no worries at all. The rulers/grid featured on the mat are incredibly helpful not only for measuring but for making sure that everything is straight.

[wermemorykeepers.com](http://wermemorykeepers.com)



**PRODUCT TIP:** If you love getting messy with glitter gel, ink-blending, sprays, and all of the glorious messiness we crafters adore, you can use simple soap and water to clean off the mat so that it's ready for next time!