

product play

What are your favourite tools of the trade? We asked our creative team, and here are their top picks!

When you sit down to make something in your craft space, is there a tool that you use every single time? Maybe it's your trusty tweezers or your favourite trimmer. The right tools and products make everything go smoothly and make creating more fun! Here are five products that we are reaching for again and again.



PRODUCT TIP: My Sweet Petunia carries several sizes of the MISTI. Find the one that works best for how you create, but be warned, you might end up needing two!

1 MISTI BY MY SWEET PETUNIA

Many people swear that the MISTI

(Most Incredible Stamping Tool Invented) by My Sweet Petunia has changed their life. Sounds a little dramatic maybe, but it's 100% the truth. If you've always declared yourself an awful stamper, this little beauty will change your tune. The tool is engineered to precisely stamp images, and if the image isn't perfect the first time, you can re-stamp with ease. It's a must-have for mass production, too.

mysweetpetunia.com

2 DIY SHOP 8 INCH SCISSORS BY AMERICAN CRAFTS

The DIY Shop scissors cut beautifully and look gorgeous all at the same time. These scissors are truly the gold standard when it comes to snipping your way to something you've handmade with love. americancrafts.com



PRODUCT TIP: Add a label on the handle that reads "do not touch!"

This lets your family know that these are the GOOD scissors, and they are not allowed to use them.



2 BLENDING BRUSHES BY GINA K. DESIGNS

Once you've finished our *Creative Cards* article in this issue, you are going to want to dive into the wonderful world of stencils, and these blending brushes from Gina K. Designs are key to creating beautiful ink blends! The coloured clips help you keep the inks you use in the same colour family so that your blends remain crisp rather than muddy.

ginakdesigns.com

PRODUCT TIP: Splurge on the coordinating stand to keep your blending brushes handy and clean. Once they've been used, they will add a shot of colour to your area as well!

4 TINY ATTACHER BY TIM HOLTZ

This mighty mini stapler might not seem like much, but the Tiny Attacher by Tim Holtz is a little dynamo. Tim designed the Tiny Attacher to be smaller than a standard stapler and even smaller than a mini stapler. It's super sturdy and designed for crafting rather than for the office. When in doubt, pull out the Tiny Attacher!

timholtz.com

PRODUCT TIP: You know how attaching vellum to a card or layout makes you sweat because you never know what adhesive to use? Try using the Tiny Attacher to secure vellum to your project!



5 THE QUICKSTIK BY WE R MEMORY KEEPERS

When your creative vision includes intricate die cutting, the QuickStik will be your new best friend. This precision pick up and placement tool helps you handle small, hard-to-pick-up things like beads, buttons, die cut pieces, and other small items. It also works like a dream for detailed inlaid die cutting.

wermemorykeepers.com

PRODUCT TIP: In addition to the pick-up end, this tool includes a poker to help dislodge die cut pieces and allows you to scoot and shift tiny objects more precisely.

