

love is in the air

Love is definitely in the air, and here at Scrapbook & Cards Today, we wanted to put a twist on that phrase. No, this article isn't about Valentine's Day (though you will see lovey-dovey projects!). Instead, we are showcasing creative techniques, products, and tools that eight designers love. Which designer's crafty love is most like yours? BY SUSAN R. OPEL

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becki loves:

Ephemera. She loves to layer it, cluster it, pop it up, stitch it, repeat it, and put a button on top!

DESIGN TIP: Type your journaling and cut it into strips that fit inside your floral heart wreath.

so cute

BY BECKI ADAMS

supplies CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, BUTTONS, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL DOTS, STICKERS: Simple Stories; STAMPS: Paige Evans for American Crafts; INK: Scrapbook.com; FONT: American Typewriter Condensed; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Scrapbook.com

DESIGN TIP: Check out the cool patterned paper squares inside the circle in various shades of peachy pink.



lisa loves:

Letter stickers. She uses them for titles, monograms, names, design elements, borders, or anything her creative brain can come up with!

DESIGN TIP: How cool is Lisa's HUGE circle with the entire alphabet? Keep reading around the curve, and you'll see her title. What an awesome design idea with lots of impact!

i love you too

BY LISA DICKINSON

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, LETTER STICKERS, STICKERS: Maggie Holmes for American Crafts; CIRCLE CUTTER, PUNCH: Creative Memories; FONT: Bohemian Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Scrapbook.com

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laura loves:

Stencils. She'll blend some inks right through those stencils. She can add foil, paste, gel, or doodling. She can cover a background, create an accent, or layer her stencils. The sky's the limit!

DESIGN TIP: Who says leaves must be green? In papercrafting, you are the master of the colour combinations!

love

BY LAURA BASSEN

supplies CARDSTOCK: Hammermill, Simon Says Stamp; METALLIC CARDSTOCK, DIES, STENCILS: Concord & 9th; INK: Concord & 9th, Ranger; GEMS: Honey Bee Stamps; GEL: Gina K. Designs; ADHESIVE: Bearly Art, Therm O Web



DESIGN TIP: Notice the left to right shift from black and white to an explosion of colour. Put that on your must-try list!



victoria loves:

Chipboard embellishments. There are frames, icons, letters, and shapes. They add depth and dimension and lots of interest!

valentine love

BY VICTORIA CALVIN

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, BRADS, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Simple Stories; FONT: American Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Tombow

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mindy loves:

Blending brushes. Blend a background, blend on die cuts, blend with a mask, blend it all! Mindy's trusty blending brushes paired with a rainbow of inks give her all the feels.

DESIGN TIP: Start light and add more and more ink to the outer edges to achieve Mindy's green glow.

season's greetings

BY MINDY EGGEN

supplies CARDSTOCK: Concord & 9th; INK, ENAMEL DOTS, HOT FOIL PLATE, STENCILS: Pinkfresh Studio; ADHESIVE: Gina K. Designs





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erica loves:

Cut files. Erica loves cut files for titles, shapes, designs, borders, and backgrounds. They make a statement and allow her to use plenty of patterned paper scraps or 6 x 6 papers.

DESIGN TIP: The black and white photo pairs so well with the black border of the cut file. And oh, how wonderful all those colours look with the contrasting white and black background.

love this life

BY ERICA THOMPSON

supplies CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL DOTS, STICKERS: Doodlebug Design; ELECTRONIC CUT FILE: Paige Evans for Scrapbook & Cards Today; FONT: EB Garamond; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by

DESIGN TIP: Take the guess work out of a scrapbook layout design by placing your photo right in the middle, and then surrounding the photo with repeated shapes in colours that complement the photo.



paige loves:

Patterned paper. She loves plaids, florals, stripes, dots, chevrons, and leaves in a million shades of cheerful colour. She loves punches, too! Hearts and stars and flowers and circles aplenty come to life with the simple squeeze of a shaped punch!

DESIGN TIP: The letter stickers and patterned paper background, all from Paige's Garden Shoppe collection, continue the colour scheme to a T.

love you

BY PAIGE EVANS

supplies CARDSTOCK, ADHESIVE, PEN, PUNCHES: American Crafts; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Paige Evans for American Crafts