

# Fancy Florals

Step into spring with bold blooms that are set to impress

This month, Keren Baker has designed a collection that will have you feeling inspired and ready to get the supplies out. Using a handful of shades and one die set, she has shown us how to make coordinated items that add a handmade touch to any gift, with a classic anemone flower adorning each piece.



## We used...

\* Card: white, pinks, oranges, yellows, greens, black \* Die: Altenew, Craft-A-Flower, Anemone \* Stamps: Altenew, Leaf Canopy; Sugar Pea Designs, Everyday Sentiments \* Ink-pad, black \* Embellishments: Avery Elle, Strawberry and White twine; Little Things From Lucy's Cards, Raindrops \* Adhesives

## Happiness Tag

- 1 Using a 7.5cm x 10.5cm tent folded white card blank, trim out a triangle from the bottom. Repeat the shape with a smaller layer of light yellow card.
- 2 Assemble a pink flower using the dies and a set of leaves. Add to the tag using foam pads.

## Craft smart

Have fun arranging the paper flowers. No artistic ability is needed as the dies do all the design work for you!

- 3 Stamp the sentiment onto a small section of white card and adhere to the tag. Punch a hole in the top left front of the tag.
- 4 Add a few Raindrops randomly to different areas of the flower and thread a piece of twine through the hole to complete the tag.

# Floral Wreath

- 1 Create a circular card frame, and assemble nine flowers using pinks, oranges and yellows in different combinations.
- 2 Add the central black part at different angles. Die-cut sets of leaves, changing the order of the greens to make the leaves look different.
- 3 Arrange the flowers, overlapping them at regular intervals. When happy with the arrangement, adhere them to the card frame.
- 4 Fix a few Raindrops around the frame, then secure some twine to the reverse of the frame to hang it up.



## KEREN'S TOP TIPS

- \* To get an easy circular shape for the wreath, trace around a plate and trim out the centre. This makes lining up the flowers much easier.
- \* With flowers, you'd normally use darker colours towards the centre of the flowers, but use the opposite too; it adds more interest and reduces the amount of different coloured cardstock you need to use.
- \* Add the black centres at different angles so it stops the flowers all looking the same.



# Birthday Blooms

- 1 Take a white blank, 10.5cm x 21cm, and matt a slightly smaller layer of light green card to the front. Using the orange and pink shades, create three flowers.
- 2 Add the black centres at different angles. Die-cut three sets of leaves, alternating the order of colours to build up the leaf details. Fix a strip of yellow card to the top third of the blank, then add a small section of dark green card at the edge. Arrange the pink flower and leaves on the right side of the card.
- 3 Stamp the sentiment onto a small section of white card, adhering a dark green layer behind that. Add to the card using foam pads. Add a pink and orange flower towards the bottom, adding the orange flower using foam pads. Finish the card by adding raindrops randomly onto the project.



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DEEPEST SYMPATHY	WELCOME LITTLE ONE
HAPPY RETIREMENT	HAPPY ENGAGEMENT
SO PROUD OF YOU	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
HERE! CHRISTMAS	HAVE A LOVELY DAY
FEEL BETTER SOON	HAPPY EYE AFTER
FRANKING FOR YOU	ALWAYS A FRIEND
THINKING OF YOU	CONGRATULATIONS
FABULOUS FRIEND	SO HAPPY FOR YOU
THANKS A BUNCH	BESTING GRATITUDE
YOU'RE AMAZING	YOU'RE AWESOME
WARMER WISHES	A BITE TO SAY
BETTER TOGETHER	SENDING LOVE
SOBRY FOREVER	YOUR A STAR
BIRTHDAY WISHES	PHENOMENAL
TO BOTH OF YOU	HOORAY - HERE FOR YOU
HAPPY BIRTHDAY	I MISS YOU
SENDING SMILES	GOOD LUCK
HAPPY EASTER	CELEBRATE
SAFE TRAVELS	THANK YOU
ALL MY LOVE	WELL DONE
	I'M SO SORRY

## SPRING ESSENTIAL

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