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Our crafting predictions

See what's in store for crafters this springtime

Join Jacqui, Stephanie, Debbie, Mel and Leonie as they take a mystic gaze into their crafty crystal balls. Our lovely ladies reveal all of their predictions for this spring exclusively to Craft Club magazine. From pom-poms and die-cutting to upcycling and tassels, you are sure to be ahead of the curve with their insider information.

"I LOVE THE CHANGING SPRING COLOURS, THE FIRST SIGNS OF BLOSSOMS AND THE LONGER, WARMER DAYS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR."

"My area of expertise is home décor, and it's great to see wallpaper has been so popular lately. Textile designers up and down the country have been raiding their archives to bring old designs back to life with an edge! Bold statement pieces for the home are also big news, think oversized rugs and stand out cushions.

"There are a few trends that I think will be popular. One is definitely digital crafting as it's a quick way to create one-of-a-kind designs. If you're going to be crafting with kids, pom-pom making and cake decorating will go down well with the youngsters.

"This year I plan to upcycle an old laser cut wooden screen I've had for ages. I also have some delightful fabric I bought in Sweden, so I'll be making summery cushions to give as gifts.

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"There are a few key looks and themes to look out for. Metallic hues are still very much in play but muted colour tones like apricots and dusky blues are just as stylish. "Ditsy and bold florals are spring staples. The ditsy print will return with a watercolour look, and bold florals on dark backgrounds give a traditional look an edge. Other hot themes include maps and globes – think cartography colourful or vintage. Travel and transport will continue to be popular, as will animals and the zoological theme, such as owls, birds and the great British wildlife.

Jacqui Joseph

"I LOVE SPRINGTIME COLOURS – EVERYTHING IS SO FRESH AND BRIGHTENS UP THE WORLD."

"I'm expecting another surge in die-cutting with some of the new products that are being developed. There will be new storage solutions and tools that will be multi-functional enabling you to take your die-cutting further than you ever imagined...!"

"Home décor is becoming bigger every week within the papercraft industry and I think we will see more of the current upsurge in blank MDF shapes and storage for decorating.

"We have some very exciting new products coming out for the Create and Craft birthday celebrations and I can't wait to get crafting with those! They will be more versatile than ever and suitable for absolutely any occasion.

"I think we will be seeing more 3D and different shaped cards coming out."

Stephanie Weightman

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"I LOVE SPRINGTIME BECAUSE I KNOW WARMER WEATHER IS ON THE WAY."

"I think the Minc machine will be huge this year – it will certainly bring a new tool concept to the market place. I also reckon we will see a continuation of the die-cutting and embossing trends and stamping also seems to be having a resurgence. Knitting and patchwork are definitely on the up too, I'm happy to say."

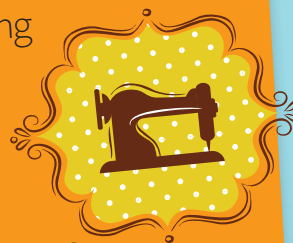
"In knitting we will be looking at strong influences from Scandinavian styles. Also woodland themes will be heavily influencing fabrics – look out for foxes and owls. English paper piecing is very much a focus, with mixed colour themes; monochrome and indigo will be huge, and lilac, mint, salmon, browns and greens will be strong, too.

"What's more, look out for the new technique of knooking, which is a mix between knitting and crochet!"

Debbie Shore

10 things to look out for this spring

Digital crafting
Home décor sewing
Cake decorating
Bold florals
3D cards
Knooking
Organisers
Woodland themes
Lace-effect decoupage
English paper piecing



"SPRING IS A GREAT TIME TO SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME."

"The upcycling trend will continue strongly, which is great for home décor and 3D crafting. Decorating your own stationery and organisers will be popular, too. I also predict that we will see more intricate crafts such as creating your own scenes and kinetic dimensional cards and gifts. Plus, decoupage is getting stronger again, especially cutting and folding techniques. I've

also noticed that lots of old techniques are coming back around such as the lace effect.

Mel Heaton

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TRENDS



"THERE WILL BE A GROWTH IN HOME DÉCOR, KNITTING, SEWING AND UPCYCLING."

"The trends we can expect to see in the crafting world will be a growth in home décor, knitting, sewing and upcycling.

"We have seen a continuation of television programmes relating to creating. This helps fuel the imagination of people who may not have thought about crafting before. With education and availability being more accessible through channels such as Create and Craft, home crafts will certainly continue to flourish. That being said, card-making and papercrafting will still be a best selling craft trend.

"One of the standout colour palettes we can expect to see is bright, joyous hues. Another trend for spring sees wonderfully strong prints, which would transfer beautifully to stamps, dies and patchwork. Tassels and textures are prevalent amongst our fabrics, and will continue to be a favourite within crafting."

Leonie Pujol



"Let's make 2015 a colourful, fun and vibrant year!"