

Create and Craft
with...

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This month, **Jacqui Joseph** shares three creative ideas for pretty papercraft projects using various **butterfly dies**



Hello! I'm Jacqui Joseph, a TV Presenter and Interior Stylist. I studied all aspects of fashion design before moving into interior design, and have presented a variety of TV shows from entertainment and talk shows to DIY makeover shows, which I love! I'm currently a freelance presenter on Create and Craft, and, as a fabric crafter, it's a great place to be as it's full of crafty inspiration. I'm thrilled to be sharing my papercrafting projects with you, which are all based on home and gifts. My theme is butterflies: not only are they always on trend, but for me they herald the start of spring! And with both Mother's Day and Easter coming soon, I hope these easy projects will inspire.

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You can see more How-To Guides from Jacqui at www.jacquijoseph.com



Beautiful butterflies

For my springtime butterfly projects I'm using an array of butterfly dies in all shapes and sizes and allowing my faithful Cut'n'Boss die-cutting embossing machine to do the hard work for me! I call it my 'hands free' machine, as all I have to do is slot my plates into the mouth of the machine and off it goes! And with the ability to use a wide range of different dies, including my fabric-cutting Sizzix dies, it's definitely my crafty friend.

Of course you can use any die-cutting machine with your butterfly dies. There are so many different machines available, and they come in a range of sizes to suit your needs. Or if you don't have a die-cutting machine, there are plenty of templates that you can download from the internet. You can also use a stencil or get your butterfly stamps out and cut away! There are so many ways to incorporate these pretty motifs, and I hope that you will enjoy creating my papercraft projects!

These three crafty ideas will make great gifts for spring occasions, giving you plenty of time to create them! The box frame would also be a thoughtful Valentine's Day present.

Shopping list

Tattered Lace Kaleidoscope Extra Small Butterfly Die, £5.99
From Create and Craft

Die-cutting machine, butterfly dies, hot glue gun, patterned papers, double-sided patterned card, coloured card, bone folder, cream spray paint, 300mm square box frame, lampshade
From your local craft shop

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Love box

This project would make a wonderful and thoughtful gift for Mum or Nan on Mother's Day. It's also a great way to use up paper and card scraps to create a standout wall hanging. All you need is a box frame, some small butterfly dies, pretty papers and glue – it's quick and easy, and it looks great!

1 Separate the box frame and glass support ready for painting, and put the frame backing and glass to one side.

2 Protect your surface with a dust sheet or newspapers and, in a well-ventilated area, spray paint the frame and glass support section in cream. Leave to dry.

3 Now it's time for the design. On a 300mm square of white card, measuring from the top to the bottom, make faint pencil lines across the card at 100mm and 200mm. Lightly write out the word 'LOVE' in between the two lines.

4 Die-cut various small butterflies from patterned papers and plain card in bright and pastel shades. Continue die-cutting butterfly shapes until you have enough to cover the marked letters as shown.

5 Glue the die-cut butterflies in place. Add a larger die-cut butterfly to the top of the card and reassemble the frame. Sit back and enjoy your unique creation!



Wheeler basket

You may be wondering why my baskets are called 'Wheeler Baskets' – it's in honour of one of our fab experts at Create and Craft, Dawn Wheeler. During a live show she demonstrated how to make them and ever since I've been hooked! I adore this basket project, which is best made from sturdy card. This is a versatile basket that can be made in various sizes. It's great for filling with lovely goodies for Mother's Day or piling high with Easter eggs, and it's super easy to construct. And for the business savvy out there, use these to present and sell your makes in a stylish and unique way.

1 Use the template on page 89 to cut the main basket shape from double-sided patterned card. Score all of the lines marked on the template with a bone folder.

2 Cut down the two score lines on one side of the card, stopping at the middle crease line as shown on the template. Turn the card around and trim the two score lines on the opposite side in the same way.



3 Bring the two outer sections on one of the cut sides into the centre to create the side of your basket and glue in position as shown. Repeat for the opposite side.

4 To make the handle, cut a 12x255mm strip from the same double-sided card as the basket. Layer onto a 24x255mm strip of card, so that the reverse of the patterned card is visible. Attach the strip to the basket. Die-cut two butterflies from coordinating paper and attach to the ends of the handle as shown. Now all that is left to do is to fill your baskets with lots of goodies!

Flutterby shade

I'm an upcycling, repurposing and revamping geek, and never happier than when I have an item that I can turn from drab to fab. Charity shops are great places to find pieces that may need some TLC – here's where my large lampshade comes into play. I found this shade for £2.50 at my local charity shop, and it's been sitting under my desk for ages waiting for some inspiration to come along. If you have a lampshade that is in need of a new lease of life, this could be the perfect upcycling springtime project! It's so easy that there are only two steps here!

1 Use your die-cutting machine to die-cut a variety of butterflies in different shapes and sizes from a range of colourful patterned and plain papers and card.

2 Use a hot glue gun to attach the die-cut butterflies onto your lampshade. Stick them at different angles and let them overlap the top and base of the shade to add even more drama. Let there be light!

Jacqui's
hints & tips

Give your papercrafts a professional finish with Jacqui's handy tips



★ **Instead of using a dust sheet to protect your surface, use an old tablecloth or a torn bin liner.**

★ **If you don't have a die-cutting machine, try searching for a range of butterfly templates online.**

★ **When spray painting, always use light sweeping strokes to prevent any drips and over saturation. If the item being painted is varnished, give it a quick sand and wipe over before applying any paint.**

★ **The Brother ScanNCut machine would be perfect for cutting out lots of butterfly shapes in one go!**

★ **Die-cut all of your butterflies before attaching to the lampshade to make it easy to glue them in place.**

★ **You can make a bigger version of the Wheeler Basket by enlarging the template and following the same instructions. You will also need to cut longer strips for the handles.**

★ **Experiment with coordinating and contrasting colours of card for your basket handles, or use ribbon layered onto card to add texture.**



Die-cutting machines are available in many shapes and sizes