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The Creative Edge in Scrapbooking

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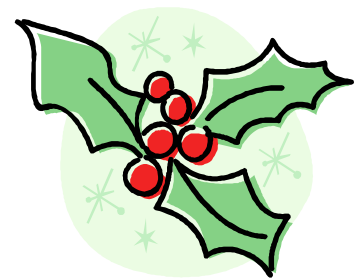
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Didn't this year go fast? Christmas is almost upon us and I'm sure I won't be the only one crafting late into the night to finish off some creative Christmas presents ☺ Why not take 5 minutes to make yourself a drink, sit down and have a rest while soaking in some inspiration from the latest Scrapppin' Patch newsletter?

In this month's issue read on to find out about...

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ADRIENNE

Another year has almost gone and what an eventful year it has been in New Zealand and in other parts of the world. A tornado in Auckland, earthquakes in many areas of the country and Japan and other parts of the world, flooding, snow, not to mention the many criminal acts. Many people have commented that these things really make you question what life is all about, what is important in life and what comes afterwards. With Christmas just around the corner we remember the birth of Jesus, the Son of God. He is the reason for the season, and He is also the one to give each person hope for the future in this life and the next. Having faith and trust in an awesome God is a great comfort in times of trouble and stress, but it is also security for the future.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life.

Thank you for your wonderful support and custom this year, not to mention your patience with all the delays due to the earthquake and then my inefficiencies due to family concerns. I appreciate each one of you and wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Adrienne

FAREWELL FROM SOME OF OUR DESIGN TEAM MEMBERS

MICHELLE'S FAREWELL MESSAGE



Hi everyone,

Wow – time sure does fly by. It's been amazing to be part of such a great design team here at Scrapppin' Patch. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Scrapppin' Patch family. It's been a great team to work with, and I can't say enough about all the effort that Adrienne puts in to keep things interesting and challenging for us. Probably the best thing for me has been being so connected with this unique community of people from all around the country (even meeting some of you on a brief trip out to Rolleston recently) and to think that other people are getting some small ideas from the work I've done. Thanks so much to everyone who has taken the time to check out my creations and provide such thoughtful feedback. I look forward to keeping in touch with you all, and I'm excited to see who will be on the next Scrapppin' Patch design team that is announced early next year.

Michelle

FRANCINE'S FAREWELL MESSAGE



Hi Francine here.

I just wanted to say that I have really enjoyed my time on the design team here at Scrappin' Patch. It has been a wonderful and challenging year and a half.

I have learnt so much and been challenged to try new techniques and styles and products that I wouldn't normally use. It has been a fantastic learning experience and a huge thank you to Adrienne for taking a chance on me and believing that I could do it! Thank you also to all the present and past design team members that I have worked with - you have all been supportive and encouraging and I have loved working with all of you.

It is time for me to have a break now and focus on home life with my hubby and 4 girls - I might even be going back to work next year so scrapbooking may have to take a back seat for awhile. I know that Adrienne has huge plans for Scrappin' Patch next year and the new design team will be fresh and new and fantastically inspiring for you all.

The March retreat looks like a major highlight for next year so make sure that you get on board for that! I will be there so come and say hello.

Happy Scrapping

Francine

FAREWELL FROM SARAH



Due to personal circumstances Sarah has had to resign from the Scrappin' Patch Design Team.

I am sure you will agree that Sarah's work is stunning, her cards are just gorgeous. We will miss her design work, her videos, and her amazing creativity.

We wish her well in all her future endeavours and look forward to her joining the team again some time in the future.

DESIGN TEAM CALL FOR 2012 TERM

Scrappin' Patch strives to be 'the Creative Edge in Scrapbooking'.

- Do you have the edge and a strong commitment to the support and promotion of Scrappin' Patch?
- Would you love the opportunity to design for us and to be showcased on our website?
- Do you have manufacturers that you love to create with?

We are looking for six new members, local and international girls, to create with specific manufacturer products.

Manufacturers – October Afternoon, Bella Blvd, Cosmo Cricket, Basic Grey, Fancy Pants Designs, Imaginisce, Simple Stories, Tim Holtz/Ranger/Tattered Angels/Shimmerz, Kaisercraft, Die/Template/Stamps companies, Teresa Collins, My Minds Eye, 7 Gypsies, Little Yellow Bicycle, and Crate Paper.

Here is some basic information but the successful applicants will be sent a contract with more specific details which they must agree to before officially being accepted onto our team.

Design Team Term:

- One Year beginning January 30, 2012

Requirements:

- A minimum of 2 - 3 scheduled posts one month out of three i.e. a minimum of four times per year on our blog
- Additional projects for specific events such as retreats, competitions, monthly newsletter
- Promote Scrappin' Patch on your blog, Facebook page, Twitter & other social media sites
- An active blog and/or Facebook page
- Ability to photograph & showcase your projects well
- Actively promote Scrappin' Patch and it's activities and the other DT members

Scrappin' Patch will provide:

- a kit for each month you need to create
- Product discounts on orders from Scrappin' Patch

- You will be listed on our website along with your bio and photo, and have your own gallery album

To apply, please provide the following:

- Your name and city/country
- Your blog name and link
- Facebook page and link
- Photos of four projects – two each from a minimum of two manufacturers that will showcase your design and work standard. Submissions for more than two manufacturers are most welcome.

Email your submission to designteamcall@scrappinpatch.co.nz.

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ON TUESDAY 3 JANUARY and the team will be announced by Saturday 7 January 2012.

SCRAPPIN' PATCH RETREAT – ONLY 10 PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

The next Retreat is scheduled for March 2012 in the Autumn. There are only 10 places left now. If you are planning to come don't delay or you may miss out. Class details will be available later in January.

If you are interested in finding out more please visit the [Facebook group page here](#) and also check out the [special Retreat blog here](#).

NEW PRODUCT IN-STORE

There are some gorgeous new products in-store right now. Did you know you can view all the newest products in store? You can do so by clicking [here](#).



[Fabscraps Chipboard Words and Images](#)



[Little Yellow Bicycle Winter Twig](#)



[Little Yellow Bicycle Wonder and Wishes](#)



[Cricut Magazine – November 2011](#)



[Graphic 45 Tropical Travelogue](#)



[Echo Park Winter Park](#)

Also available is [American Craft Amy Tangerine](#) and we have Fancy Pants Wonderland coming soon too!

Head over to [the shop](#) today to see what else we have for you ☺

CROP HOSTESSES NEEDED!

Our fortnightly Friday night crop events will be changing next year.

Each fortnight a lovely hostess will look after you, and she will teach a technique or small project as part of the evening (participation is optional).

If you would love to be one of the lovely hostesses on a Friday night please send your application to

Adrienne adrienne@scrappinpatch.co.nz .

Details to include – name, address, three projects that you have created or a link to your gallery/blog/resume, four techniques, what you will bring to the Friday night crops, past employment in the scrapbooking industry or DT positions.

You must be able to work from 5 – 11pm on a Friday night and will be rostered on with other hostesses, the final roster will be determined once appointments have been made.

Remuneration will be offered to the successful applicants.

ADOPT A VILLAGE IN INDIA

In 2012 Scrappin' Patch is ADOPTING A VILLAGE, at least one, in the poor, rural area of South India. Sponsorship will provide 50 children with education – health, reading/writing/math, child labour and protection awareness, talent development in each child, Bible teaching, and health checks. All of this improves the value that girls have in the community, reduces the likelihood of these children becoming involved in child labour, in general greatly increases the success of their adult life and the community in general. Cost for one village per year is \$900. We will be given the name of the village and brief updates initially and then at least once per year. 100% of the money goes to the cause – no administration fees are deducted. Will you join us in supporting this work? Any donation is welcome and can be deposited into BNZ 02 0810 0052080 03 – mark with Village Sponsor. <http://www.wdrw.crca.org.au/catalogue.html>

I am very familiar with these churches and assure that they are fully trustworthy.

DECEMBER'S SKETCH CHALLENGE

Welcome to the final sketch challenge for the year!

This month's sketch is from Pagemaps:



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Lots of room for some great photos and some stamping on your pages this month!

Remember that you have until the 31st of December to enter this challenge and have the chance to win a RAK from Adrienne!



CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR HOURS

We will be closed from 24 – 27 December 2011 (our last day open will be 23 December) and 1 – 3 January 2012.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This month's spotlight is on **Scraphappy (Gwen)**...

And these are the lovely layouts Gwen created to win her Spotlight place:



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And so you can get to know Gwen a little better we conducted this little interview...

How long have you been scrapbooking?

Seven years now – spurred on by a desire to record ordinary family moments. Not just the big celebrations but the good, the bad and the ugly even!

Where do you get most of your inspiration from?

The photos are my inspiration. I started off wanting to scrap my photos chronologically and wanting to be ordered in how I preserved memories, but now it's simply a magic moment when I pick up a photo or group of photos and think 'Yes – I'll scrap that,' and then find the papers to suit. However, I also love a challenge, and a sketch or a theme or the requirements to use a certain number and variety of products can set off that inspiration as well.

Your favourite quote is:

**Stop worrying about the potholes in the road and celebrate the journey!
(Barbara Hoffman)**

You can read [the full interview here](#) and you can see Gwen's Just for Fun Sketch Challenge [here](#) ☺

INSPIRATION

We have some fabulous creations this month from the Design Team to inspire you...

FROM FRANCINE



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Francine created this layout using [Basic Grey Little Black Dress](#). You can see more details on the [blog](#).

FROM MICHELLE



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Michelle has shared a tutorial for making this little gift card over on [the blog](#).



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Michelle used [Pink Paislee Vintage Vogue](#) (including [Ephemera](#)) to create these layouts. There's more information on [the blog](#).



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FROM MEGAN



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Head over to [the blog](#) to read about Megan's Christmas Cracker and how she put it together.

And Megan has also altered a Maya Road tin this month using [Webster's Pages Western Romance](#). You can read more about it and see more images [here](#).

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Let's grow the number to 400, if we get there by Christmas one lucky liker will win a \$50.00 prize pack from Scrappin' Patch, and all likers will receive a \$10.00 store voucher.....just cos I can LOL!!!! So spread the word.....

Winners

Congratulations to Lyn Ryder winner of the \$100 voucher in our recent Thrifty Thursday promotion!

And congratulations to Alison Exelby, Carol Sneddon and Annelie Maddock - winner of the \$20.00 vouchers!

We will email you with your voucher codes.

IN CLOSING...

I hope you enjoyed reading this last newsletter of 2011 and look forward to seeing you all again in 2012. Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for the year ahead.

Take care and Happy Scrappin'
Katie



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