

Good morning to you all,

It's actually Saturday afternoon but I thought that I would make a start on the newsletter, ready for the morning. Generally on Sunday mornings I browse my work files & insert into the newsletter the JPEG image of the sheets I have decided to upload in the forthcoming week, doing all of that this afternoon will save me having to do it tomorrow.

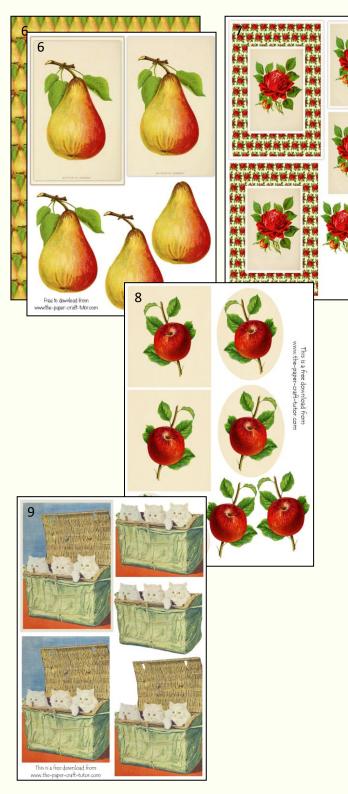
It has rained in the night & is still pretty windy out there this morning, which I think is meant to continue throughout the day, I do hope there has been no more rain for the flooded areas both west & south of here.

Image 1: The second week of the current Embossed Silk paper collection, I have to admit I had no idea whether anyone would actually like this collection, but it has attracted its own following so I will run with it.

Image 2: The first of a couple of one-off oval decoupages (with extra's) that I have planned for you in the coming week, both with focussed on the subject of family life. This one features a mother with her two small children out & about.

Images 3: A springtime decoupage now where I played around with individual images to create a new one. Here I added two little chick to the foreground & a little bunch of daffodils in the background for the focal point & then created the decoupage layers.





I am not thrilled with how the accompanying backing paper turned out & was tempted to bin it, but I have learned over the years that it is very often the stuff I decide that I personally don't like that is the most popular, so I will upload it along with the decoupage.

Image 4: Another of the rose card kits, I think this may be number four or perhaps five, if I have the two planned for the coming week mixed up! This is such a pretty rose with that pink core & yellow petals & again I will post the matching backgrounds direct to site on Sunday mornings, as soon as I have finished the Country Cottage Garden file.

Image 5: The other one of these one-off sheets of circular decoupage designs featuring family life, I say one-off as I think these are the only two sheets that I didn't create a matching background for, & the newsletter is simply getting so crowded of late with all of the matching papers!

Image 6: This pair of sheets for your Country Cottage Garden folder is this pear decoupage with accompanying matching backing paper. I really like the richness of colour in this image, though I think that a great many of the source images are beautifully done.

Image 7: The second of the rose card kits now & this one always reminds me of the roses in our garden when I was a child.

Image 8: Another addition for your Country Cottage Garden folder now & this one features a rosy red apple. I am sure I will have created a matching background to this too but may well have already posted it direct to site one Sunday morning as I can't spot it in the file?

Image 9: The bonus sheet I have chosen for this morning is this cute kitten's in a basket decoupage. A while ago I had a request for some cat or kitten decoupages so managed to find some images that I either have never used, or only rarely. I came up with five in all, one of which I used as another bonus sheet quite recently.

Okay, I hope this little line up is enough to get your creative juices flowing.

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