

Towards the end of this month, our new product releases will be landing, and we can't wait to share them with you! *Papermania* is back at it again with a shiny new Capsule Elements range, and this time around we've gone all metallic! Don't miss the Elements Metallics foiled papers, as well as thicker stickers, craft tapes and plenty of shimmery embellishments. We'll be dazzling gem lovers with brand new collection, *Jewels & Gems*. You'll also have snazzy adhesive alphas, numbers and sentiments to play with, perfect for embellishing! And, of course, old favourites *Xcut* and *Anita's* will also be making a big return... *Xcut* brings a bundle of kitsch new dies (yes - there's a unicorn and a mermaid!) and cut & emboss folders, and *Anita's* decoupage is back with 20 new versatile toppers! Head over to [docrafts.com](http://docrafts.com) or your nearest stockist to see the full range.



## BLOG OF THE MONTH

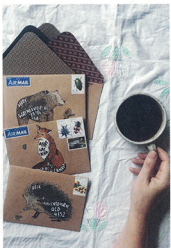
Naomi Bulger writes the beautiful blog, *Naomi Loves* ([naomiloves.com](http://naomiloves.com)) in amongst her busy life as a journalist, author, illustrator and mother. With a novella about snail mail under her sleeve, a plethora of beautiful mail art on her blog, and an upcoming book about the snail mail revolution, her passion for post is evident. We sat down to discuss crazy ideas and writing letters.

### How long have you been running your blog for?

Off and on since 2011... it is my happy place. As a professional writer I create content for other people all the time, but the blog is all mine. I get to publish what I love - and *only* the things I love.

### You've lived in both New York and Australia; how do the two craft scenes differ?

One of the things that struck me when I first moved to New York was the amazing energy and support in that city for any crazy, creative



### Papermania Capsule

Elements Wood 12 x 12" Paper Pack (PMA 160250) RRP £7.99



### Papermania Paws for Thought

AS Paper Pack (PMA 160253) RRP £4.99



### Papermania Bare

Basics Wooden Alphabet (PMA 174656) RRP £3.50

## docrafts Events

### London & Ireland

We're searching for talented crafters in the above areas who want to work showcasing the latest *docrafts* products and craft techniques to our customers. If receiving a free bundle of the latest collections every two months and crafting at the weekends sounds like your ideal job, we'd love to hear from you! Email [creativity@docrafts.com](mailto:creativity@docrafts.com).

## { DON'T FORGET }

### ✓ 1st May

Happy May Day! Tradition used to involve leaving a basket of flowers on your neighbour's door, so why not craft someone some paper blooms?

### ✓ 29th May

The spring bank holiday is here! Make the most of that extra-long weekend.

scheme you might have in mind. In Australia, if you announced a crazy dream to a bunch of strangers at a party you'd be met with a fair degree of scepticism. In New York, few if any would question your dream.

### What is it that you love about snail mail?

Essentially, it represents all the things I love: arts, crafts and all things handmade; mindfulness, gratitude, and slow-living; personal, one-to-one connections (as an antidote to this digital era of likes, pokes and followers); and something tangible, a keepsake or artefact of a relationship that can be kept and enjoyed for a lifetime.

Read the full Q&A on the [docrafts](http://docrafts.com) blog



for the whole family to enjoy, with a beautiful castle backdrop... then we have the ultimate event for you! Alongside the arts and crafts marquees will also be a sheep show, dog & duck show, a circus workshop, and plenty more to keep the whole family entertained! For more info, visit [rockinghamcastle.com](http://rockinghamcastle.com)



WIN TICKETS!

Stonor Park, Henley-on-Thames,  
25th-28th August 2017

Why not pop along to the event at Stonor Park Manor House in Henley this August bank holiday weekend? Browse marquees and outdoor markets brimming with handmade creations, from jewellery, homeware and even clothing! With over 200 UK crafters selling their goods, there's sure to be something for all to enjoy! Visit [thecraftshows.co.uk](http://thecraftshows.co.uk)



Event City, Manchester,  
7th-9th September 2017

The renowned show returns to Event City in Manchester in September, just waiting for you to revel in lots of crafty supplies and inspiration! Whether you're a knitter, stitcher, hobbyist or crafter, they'll be a demonstration or workshop perfect for you, and who knows, you may even discover something new! Find more information at [stitchandhobby.com](http://stitchandhobby.com)

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