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# hello!

Welcome to the first issue of 2013! It's a little scary how quickly this year is disappearing already, isn't it?

This issue is all about celebrations...it's lovely to take the time to celebrate special occasions as well as the milestones and achievements in our lives.

There are so many beautiful ideas for creating a special occasion, and we are very excited to be sharing our favourite finds with you in this issue.

We also meet a number of designers and makers in this issue, who share their knowledge and a peek into their creative lives. And Elle from Studio Exsto has written a great article on setting goals and celebrating your success in your own creative business.

We have had lots to celebrate here at tickle, not least of which is our newly assembled tickle team! It is with much excitement that I introduce our 2013 section editors - Helen from Blossom + Cat, Alisha of Alisha Hinds Art, Emma Perry from My Book Corner, Linda from Bubble + Sweet, Elle from Studio Exsto, interior designer Andrea Martinez and my gorgeous girl friday, Cheryl. These amazing ladies will be bringing you lots of lovely stories and inspiration throughout this year... you can see their gorgeous faces over the page.

Enjoy!

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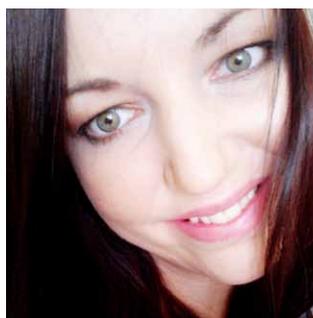
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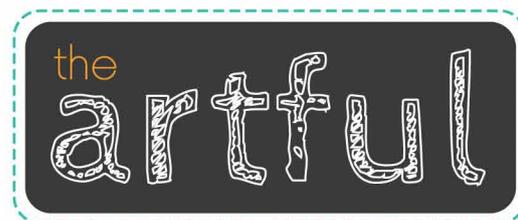
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# Oh sweet mum

We are very excited to share with you one of our favourite photoshoots from the 'Oh Sweet Mum' magazine.

Inspired by Jacki Fanto of Blissfully Sweet Cakes, 'Oh Sweet Mum' is a magazine showcasing Mothers Day inspired Sweet inspiration from the best Australian Sweet Artists.

It is truly a feast for the eyes, so full of beautiful images and inspiration.

See the entire glorious shoot, along with background details and a sweet paper flower tutorial in the online copy [here](#) or you can purchase a copy of the magazine [here](#)

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## all in the *details*

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**The popularity of throwing a gorgeous soiree, rather than a simple get together for a celebration is on the increase. It is no longer just about the party itself, but all of the effort that goes in to putting it together - the details.**

There are a number of areas to consider when having a party; stationery, cake, sweets, dessert tables or candy bars, décor, products, flowers, styling and the planning. You may want to do all of these or just some of them.

But whatever you choose to do it is best to have a look that is consistent and the easiest way to do this is to stick to a colour theme.



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## 1. stationery

Stationery is your first port of call as this will let your guests know what kind of feel your party will have; formal, garden, rustic, chic, the list goes on. Remember too that this is your starting point for the rest of your décor.

THIS PAGE top left - Red Elephant creative, top right - Pretty & Print, bottom left - Penny Lane Studio  
OPPOSITE PAGE Pretty & Print



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## 2. cakes

Cakes come in all sorts of shapes and sizes and can be themed for a children's party or stylish for a wedding. The size of your cake will depend on the number of people coming. Your cake maker will be able to help you with this and if you are making the cake yourself there are many websites that can guide you on the size to guest ratio.

OPPOSITE PAGE: Blissfully Sweet Cakes

THIS PAGE: top left - The Cake That Ate Paris, top right - One Sweet Chick, bottom right - Sweet Addition





### 3. dessert tables

Dessert tables or candy bars are so very popular now and they look amazing. With assorted apothecary jars filled with sweets from days gone by it will bring out the sweet tooth in everyone. Add to that the deliciousness of coloured macarons, fancily decorated cupcakes, shaped cookies and the ever so popular cake pops and you have a feast fit for royalty.

THIS PAGE: top - The Dessert Parlour,  
bottom - My Sweet Event Lolly Buffet Hire





## 4. decorate

To decorate your party there are endless choices. Balloons are making a comeback in the form of metre wide round ones with pretty coloured tassels hanging from them. Coloured bunting in either paper or fabric draped across the room adds to the atmosphere and tissue paper pom poms can soften any room. The good thing is you can make this yourself or buy them easily online.

THIS PAGE: top - Giggleberry Creations,  
bottom - PomPom Princess





## 5. flowers

Nature's way of decorating is with flowers, whether it be single flowers in glass jars, or bunches of flowers in overhanging bird cages your florist will be able to choose the flowers to suit the occasion best. Or you can head to your local markets and arrange them yourself.

OPPOSITE PAGE: sweets by Sugarplum Sweets, bouquet by Zinnia Floral Design, photography by Deanna Whyte Photography

## 6. bring everything together

Now to bring everything together to create the look; it is all about composition and placement. If you are unsure of just how to do this there are many creative stylists out there who can do this for you. They have the eye for it and know exactly where that balloon needs to go to balance out the jars on the dessert table.

Planning a party can be a lot of fun and there are a number of places you can get your ideas from; magazine, blogs, pinterest, fairs. It's just a matter of giving yourself enough time to bring it all together, after all... planning a party is all in the details.



some of our favourite online destinations for party inspiration...

### + oh happy day

party and lifestyle blog based in san francisco - lots of gorgeous tutorials and inspiration

[www.ohhappyday.com](http://www.ohhappyday.com)

### + amy atlas

if you love dessert tables, this is the blog for you, this lady is amazing and her blog features gorgeous dessert tables from all over the world.

[blog.amyatlas.com](http://blog.amyatlas.com)

### + the little big company

this amazing (Australian) online shop is filled with everything celebration! And their blog is filled with beautiful inspiration from real parties.

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### + eatdrinkchic

A beautiful blog by graphic designer, Amy Moss. Filled with lovely diys, printables & inspiration.

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## you will need...

(makes approximately 24 assembled cookies)

- + 3 cups plain flour
- + 1/4 tsp baking powder
- + 1/4 tsp salt
- + 230 grams unsalted butter
- + 1 large egg
- + 1 tsp vanilla extract
- + blue food colour
- + Tub of frosting (or make your own buttercream)
- + pink food colour
- + Optional Speckled Easter Eggs or other lollies

# *sweet sugar* **cookie stacks**

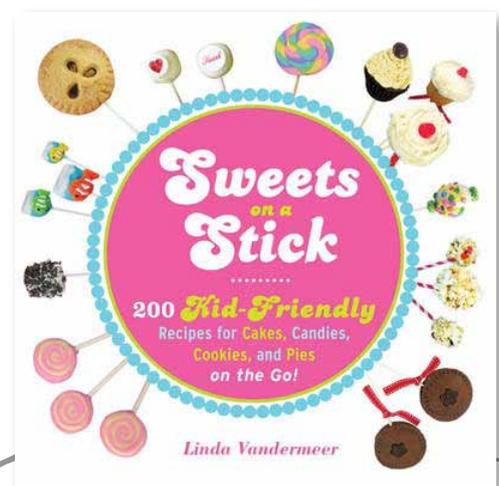
RECIPE AND PHOTOGRAPHY **LINDA VANDERMEER** BUBBLE AND SWEET

Looking for an elegant yet relatively easy easter treat to whip up?

These cookies use store bought frosting so the hardest part is rolling out the dough. I have suggested using store bought frosting to save time and also because I know it this type of frosting will set on the outside in around 30 minutes so the cookies are stable enough to pick up with ease but still stay soft and creamy on the inside. However feel free to use your own favourite butter cream recipe if you like.

Of course you can change the colour of the cookies, leave out the colour altogether or use different decorations to come up with a cookie as individual as you are.

I used gel food colour which is available at craft stores like Spotlight, many kitchen supply stores or online cake stores or Ebay to achieve a brighter colour.



## Sweets on a Stick Linda Vandermeer

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## method...

Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Cream the butter and sugar in a large bowl using an electric mixer at high speed until light and fluffy. Reduce the speed to medium low, add the egg and vanilla and mix until combined. Reduce speed to low and mix in the sifted flour mixture. Add enough food colour to create the desired colour (the colour will fade just a bit during baking). Wrap the dough in plastic wrap and chill for 30 minutes.

Line a few flat baking trays with baking paper.

Dust workbench with plain flour and using a large wooden rolling pin roll out the dough until around 1/2 cm in width. I like to work with a small amount of dough and pick it up and turn it frequently to reduce the risk of the dough sticking to the workbench. Using a small round cutter around 4 to 5 cms wide cut out as many circles as you can. You can knead the dough and re-roll it as long as it is still cool enough to roll without sticking (if not pop it back into the fridge). Place the rounds onto the prepared baking trays and then place the trays into the fridge to chill for another 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 130 C and bake the cookies for around 20 minutes until they are cooked through and look set in the middle. Remove from oven rest on tray for 10 minutes and then carefully transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Mix the store bought frosting with a few drops of food colour, place in a piping bag with a star tip and pipe the frosting onto the top of a cookie. Place another cookie on top and then pipe more frosting. Place another cookie on top and then add a small dollop of frosting in the center of the cookie for decoration.

Add a few lollies to the top of the cookie as decoration.

Allow to set for 30 minutes prior to serving.

**Assembled cookies can be stored in an airtight container in the fridge and are best consumed within 1 day. Unassembled baked cookies can be stored in an airtight container at room temperature for 5 days.**

## tips...

- + Disposable piping bags and tips are available at supermarkets, however you can use a ziplock bag with a corner snipped off to make an easy on the spot piping bag.
- + Cooking the cookie dough at a lower heat for a longer time reduces the chances that the cookies will have golden brown edges.



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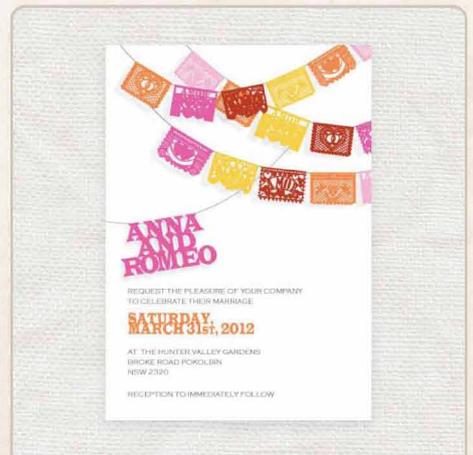
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# the makerie in the woods

celebrating a unique collaboration

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The Makerie

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Collectively, our handmade wares complement each others' and together we share a very similar vision..... Working together, we can accomplish so much more, conquer new ground and help find Camden & Macarthur a place on the creative map.

A collaboration by Sugablossom Cakes, Sammy & Lola, Cupcakes in Camden, Lisa May Candles, The Diamond Peacock and Merci Bouquet.





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Michelle Maric

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## a crafter..

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Maryanne, owner and avid gift giver had a dream. A dream to have a place stocked full of the very best stationery, gifts and craft supplies to help make the gift of giving that little bit more special for the ones you love.

Maryanne has scoured the internet and handmade markets to bring you an online store full of crafty goodness, kawaii, a splash of handmade - "all things I love!"

Sammy & Lola is a work in progress, lots of new products added regularly and inspiration via the blog. So grab yourself a cuppa, settle in and take a look around.

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## a baker..

"I love all things to do with "celebration" and "the art of giving to others" through hand crafted food, decoration and colour and when I create something I just cant work in halves or quarters.....my attention to detail must mean something to me and my lucky tasters.....it must make them smile!. I am passionate about mixing colour, fusing styles and following the trends in the market then adding my own "nicci" twist."

I've waited a long time and researched for many months to develop a unique bespoke menu, each and every cake and treat I bake takes me back to my own childhood memories and is very much a symbol of my passion for food and celebration.

Nicci Peverill

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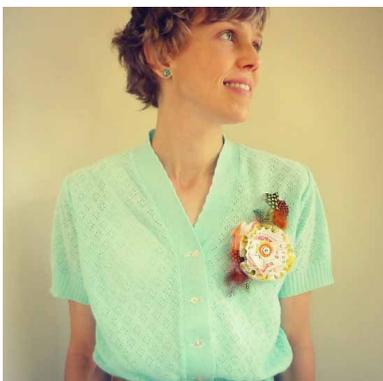
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**pom pom**  
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This is a super easy, utterly gorgeous way to make sweet petite pom poms!

You can make them into garlands, decorate presents, sew onto a scarf or jumper or just have fun making them!



## to make a petite pom pom

1. Thread a piece of wool approx 20cm long through the center gap in the fork. Hold in place next to the handle.
2. Take the remaining ball of wool and wrap it around the fork. The wool for these poms poms was wrapped 60 times.
3. Bring the loose strand of wool through from the back and start to tie a knot. Pull the knot tightly as you gently slide the pom pom off the fork.
4. Cut through all the wool loops, be careful not to miss any.
5. Trim of any loose strands and fluff out your pom pom.

MAKE LOTS OF  
POM POMS!!!

### you will need...

- + Wool
- + Fork
- + Darning needle (for the garland)
- + Small scissors



# to make a garland...

- 1.** To make a garland 3m in length cut a length of wool approx 3.5m.
- 2.** Knot the end of the wool and thread your first pom pom. Knot again close to the pom pom.
- 3.** Tie a knot at the side of each pom poms to hold in place.
- 4.** Measure approx 8 to 10cm between each pom pom.

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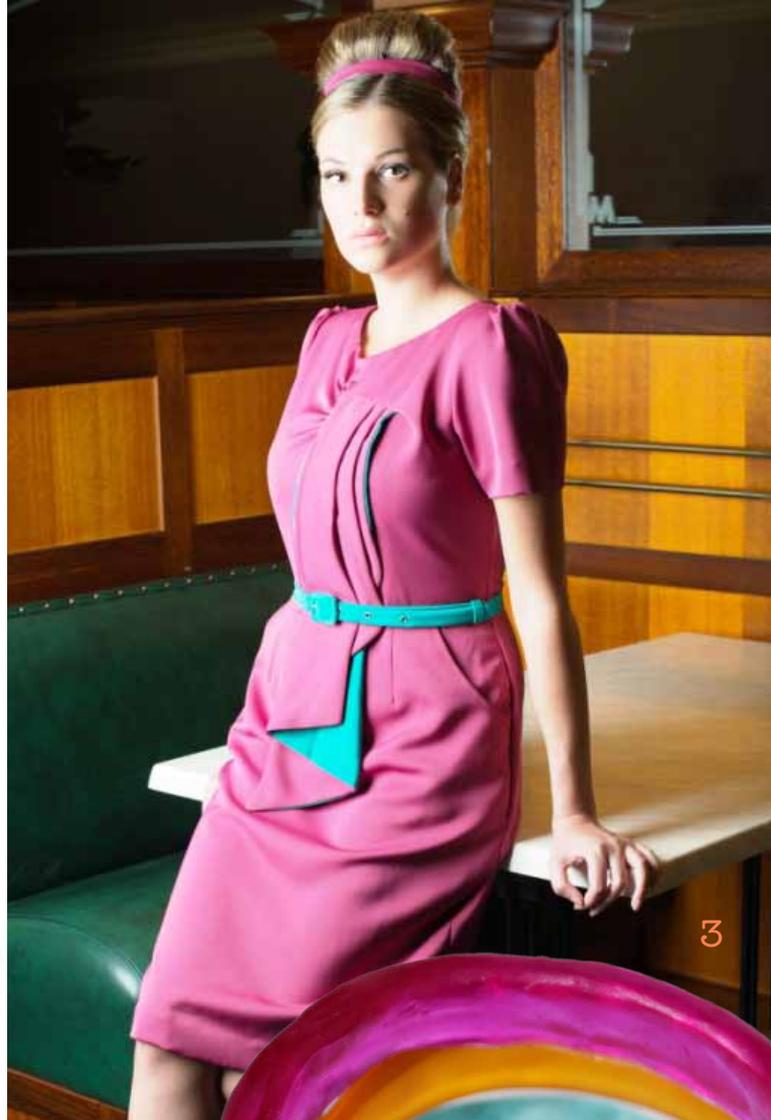
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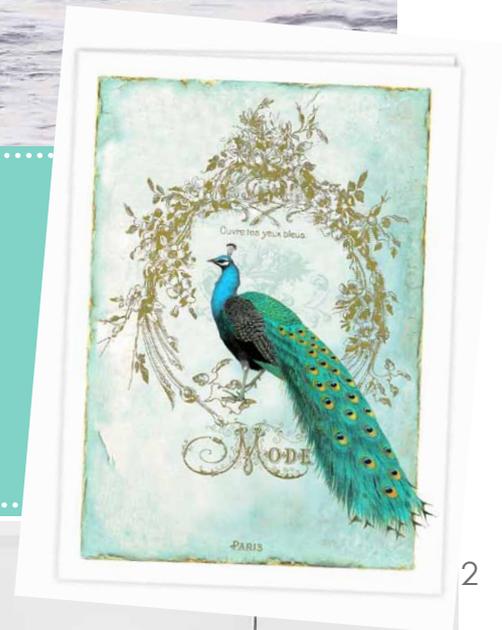
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a collection of our favourite ruffly and feathery finds...

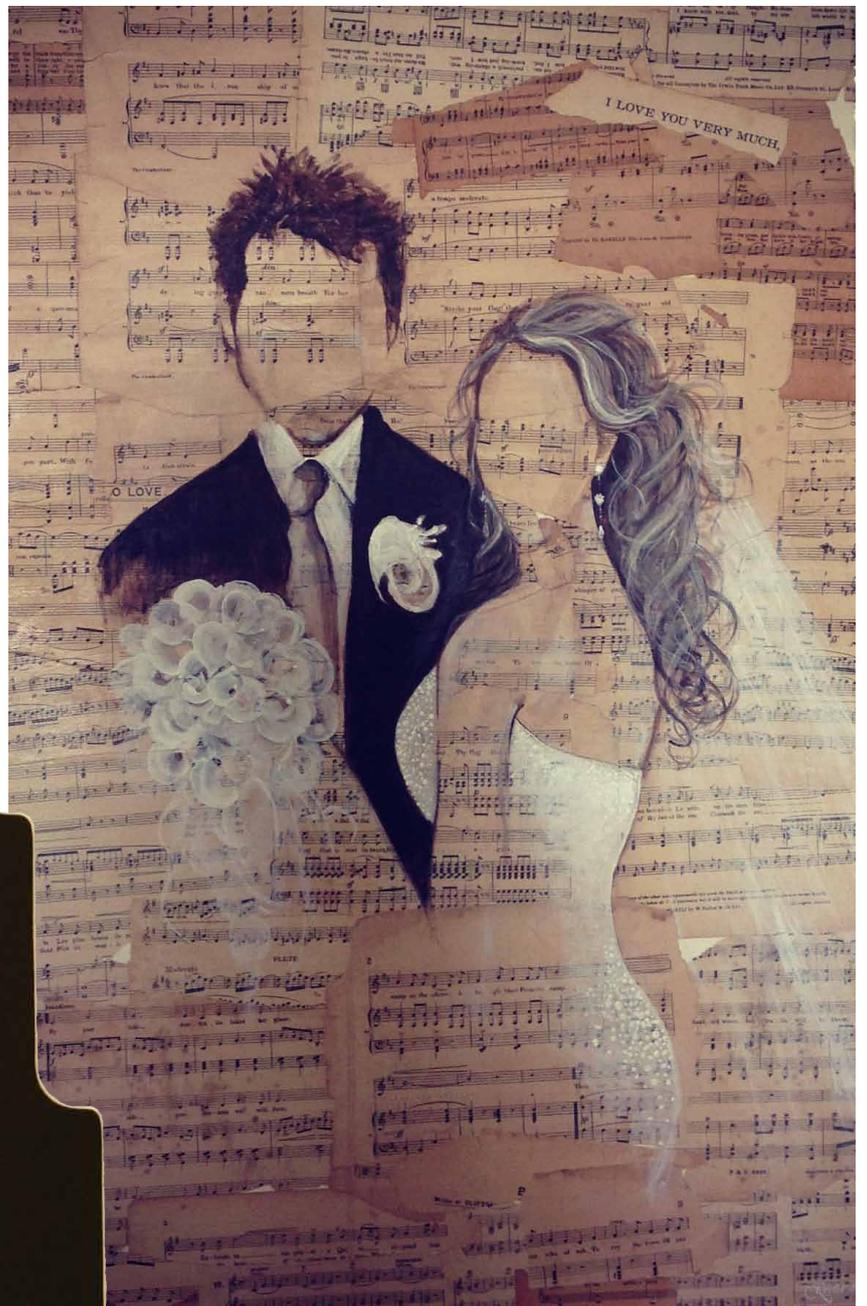


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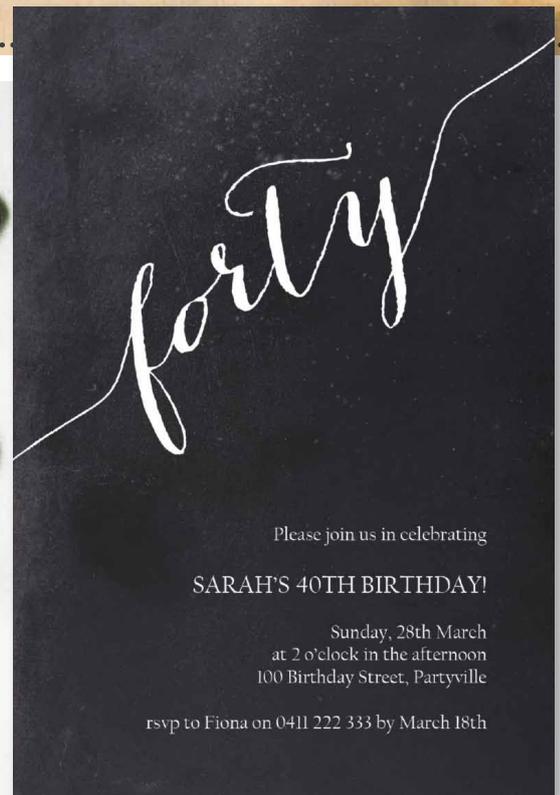
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- 5+6. felt ball garland [www.madeit.com.au/feltfoxes](http://www.madeit.com.au/feltfoxes)
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# cake ink.

## meet Janelle & Samone...

We met through our old jobs in a previous life! Janelle was working in marketing in the automotive industry, and Samone was a graphic designer for a multimedia marketing agency – Janelle was a client of Samone's! We clicked straight away, there was just this comfortable, casual vibe between us and we got along well, so work meetings became lunch meetings, and we started hanging out! Janelle mentioned a love of decorating cakes with her Nonna and how cool it would be to get back into it, so Samone talked Janelle into helping her decorate her own wedding cake! Cake Ink. was born – our love of food, good design, pretty things and a desire to be creative brought us together and we haven't looked back.

Our name we think is an obvious combination of the cake and stationery side of things, but also is a fun little play on words. Sometimes we think we're a bit clever!

“ We met  
through our  
old jobs in a  
previous life! ”





### describe your style...

Clean and sophisticated, modern but inspired by classic design, fun and pretty

### inspired by...

We are constantly on pinterest! And we love the usual blogs and sites, rummaging through online images and discovering the latest trends in fashion, colour, fonts, food. We also find a lot of inspiration in each others' work too, which is great as we kind of fuel each other's ideas! We are really lucky that we work so well together, and bring out the best in each others' craft.



“ We are really lucky that we work so well together, and bring out the best in each others' craft. ”

### other creative passions...

Janelle is a true foodie, and loves to bake, constantly trying new recipes, dining at new eateries around the 'burbs, and discovering new places with great coffee. She also loves to shop! And is always finding a great vintage piece for the house, or some cute décor or the perfect necklace for that outfit.

Samone like to bake too, and shop (who doesn't really?), but she also likes to find some quiet time to draw or sew – being crafty from a really young age, she always gets itchy to make stuff! It is really satisfying to work on a project for a while and watch it come together, whether it's a big quilt or a small little sketch of her cat Whiskey. Although since becoming a mum to Lewis finding the time to finish all those projects is tough! (there are several unfinished projects sitting around the house...)





“ One of the biggest hurdles we have had to overcome is to value ourselves and the work we create. ”

### tools of the trade...

Janelle uses the traditional cake making and decorating equipment, a particular prize possession is the Kitchenaid attachment that scrapes the side of the bowl as it mixes – a particularly awesome find over in the US.

Samone does most design work on her Mac, sometimes incorporating handdrawn illustration or type, and prints most things in her studio, finishing everything herself. We pride ourselves on being very hands-on with all the things we create, and we really like the handmade element to our work.

### lessons learned...

One of the biggest hurdles we have had to overcome is to value ourselves and the work we create. Sometimes unfortunately you do come across people that don't appreciate the value and time we put into our work, and staying strong and firm and not undervaluing ourselves is often hard, but we are getting better at it! If we don't take ourselves seriously, then who will? We take so much pride in our work, and if we continue to strive to be the best we can be, then others will see us as being the best too.



### favourite and least favourite things about owning your own business?

Being able to be creative is awesome – we are truly full to the brim with new ideas for designs and projects, and it is really nice to wake up in the morning to the day's plans and smile knowing that today is a bake day, or a design day, or a packaging day – the only days that are not so smiley are the ones that involve quoting and paperwork!! Yawn!





### secret of success...

We truly believe that being true to yourself and your own style, taste and personality is a big key to success in a creative business such as ours. We really think Cake Ink is developing a unique style and that hopefully people will begin to recognise our work, and continue to find it inspiring and fresh.

*“We truly believe that being true to yourself and your own style, taste and personality is a big key to success...”*

### future plans...

We are currently working on a rebrand, which is fun and exciting! It's always nice to have a fresh new look. Our new website will have our own online store featuring a range of off-the-shelf stationery and other cool and fun products that we love.

We will also continue to create custom bespoke cakes and stationery, with a focus on weddings, but we will still be available to work with our clients on baby showers and christenings, birthdays and styling sweets tables.

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# vintage baby shower

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This gorgeous vintage baby shower was for beautiful and bubbly mum Heba who was having her first baby. Heba had a great idea of what she wanted and that was vintage with soft pastel colours. We had set up a pop up pergola in the beautiful backyard which would be the main area for all the guests.





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*lovingly handmade cookies  
were a huge wow factor...*



**THIS PAGE:** Handmade cookies by Kookie Krumbs **OPPOSITE PAGE:** event styling by Little Sooti, stationery by Emma Smith Event Stationery, cake & cupcakes by Queen Baker, chocolate covered oreos by Sweet Table



Sooti Event Design created a dessert table with cute elements like baby blocks, scrabble pieces and vintage pastel coloured Enid Blyton books.



Yummy cake and cupcakes were made by Queen Baker, and delicious chocolate covered oreo's in the perfect pastel colours made by Donna of Sweet Table. The most gorgeous, lovingly handmade cookies made by Kirstie of Kookie Krums were a huge wow factor and almost made guests not want to eat them and just stare!!

A small selection of matching coloured candy was chosen for the guests to help them selves and take home. A gorgeous lace overlay placed on top of the tablecloth, lots of pretty fresh flowers scattered throughout the table in little jam jars and even had some lace curtains





put around the pergola to give it a real summery feel.

It was a beautiful sunny day so the lemonade stand came in handy which was also set up in the pergola with refreshing water and a yummy lemonade made by Heba.

Another great feature Thetis from Sooti Event Design incorporated was a vintage bar table on wheels, along with textas and pencils for all of the guests to leave some words of advice and well wishes for Heba and baby. This was decorated with vintage suitcases and wooden boxes and the prettiest flowers and baby's breath.

There were lots of hand made and sweet details to this vintage baby shower and both Heba and her guests fell in love with how it all looked had a beautiful day.





*...refreshing water and a yummy  
lemonade made by Heba...*

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Cake & Cupcakes: **Queen Baker**

Cookies: **Kookie Krumbs by Kirstie**

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# travelling teahouse

words by Kelly from Sweet Jane | photography by  
Ben Shepard Photography and Nikki Magill Photography

## *meet Kelly...and Sweet Jane*

Hi my name is Kelly. I am the owner of Sweet Jane's Travelling Teahouse. I love to organise, make things pretty and am obsessed with 'High Tea' and anything and everything vintage!

The idea of Sweet Jane's came to me after my hubby and I had a vintage High Tea reception in 2007. It was a DIY extravaganza. I am an event planner by trade so pulling it all together was so much fun. After the big day, I found it hard to part with the special treasures my mum, nan and I had picked up at markets, second-hand shops and garage sales. Together we had sourced many beautiful pieces – so old and so precious. My collection in fact continued to grow and expand (and grow some more).

With our little house bursting at the seams we (my hubby) decided I needed more space. We agreed a caravan would be a good idea. Yorkie as she was formerly known was purchased from a lovely couple in the Southern Highlands of Sydney. As we towed her home I knew that there was no chance of her 'ever' being used for storage – she was way too cute and had loads of potential.





## *describe your style...*

I love anything Parisian and anything old. I am particularly obsessed with frills, lace and all things pink. On the flip side I also adore things that are simple, minimal and practical - so my style is a bit of a mix.



Her makeover started almost immediately (after a bit of fast talking). It took about 7 months for me to make Sweet Jane all pink and FABULOUS! I called her Sweet Jane after one of my favourite ever songs (and my grade 2 teacher) ... and I suppose the rest is history! In October 2012 my Travelling Teahouse was ready to bring her vintage style and delicious High Tea to the beautiful people of Sydney.

## *inspired by...*

My mum! The way she sees the world, her creativity and enthusiasm really really inspires me. We work together exceptionally well. I call her my secret weapon. She's a GEM and my go to person when I need to bounce ideas around.

Other inspirations come from instagram, pinterest, etsy, made it and too many blogs to mention. I also love a good magazine with some of my favs being Frankie, Peppermint, Hello May and of course Tickle the Imagination!



*As we towed her home I knew that there was no chance of her 'ever' being used for storage - she was way too cute and had loads of potential.*



*I love creating beautiful parties for beautiful people! Everyone is always so happy.*



### *other creative passions...*

I am pretty handy with a hot glue gun, jigsaw and a sander. I love making new stuff out of old stuff. It is very therapeutic!

### *what do you love most and least about owning your own creative business?*

I love creating beautiful parties for beautiful people! Everyone is always so happy. I am having a ball. The most frustrating thing would be never having enough time!

### *favourite client...*

Hard to say really, they've all been lovely for different reasons. Sweet Jane has celebrated birthdays, engagements, baby showers and hen's days. Actually last November she became an aunty to twin boys (from our first ever baby shower) – that was pretty spesh...



 Sweet Jane can also attend fetes, fairs, markets and fundraisers. From our gorgeous little kitchen we serve beautiful T2 tea, coffee, homemade lemonade and delicious dutch pancakes. Our set up is ideal for those looking for something different (and totally adorable) at their next event.





*celebrate...* 

Our Teahouse is perfect for weddings, hen's days, kitchen teas, birthday parties, graduations, naming days, corporate gigs... any celebration really! We can set up anywhere... a home, office, church, beach or one of Sydney's stunning gardens – it's your choice. For ideas and inspiration check us out on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.



*typical day...*

There is no such thing as a typical day. I am mum to my two beautiful girls (Maya and Isla) so I do lunches, school drop offs, washing, ironing and house stuff - blah, blah, blah. I work 3 days a week in Financial Services and in my spare time for Sweet Jane's I am chef, cleaner, office manager, financial controller... you name it I do it! I am very lucky to have a supportive partner and a great family who help me – which makes things so much easier.

*lessons learned...*

Starting a new venture is super scary. There is so much to think about and just when you feel like it's all under control something else pops up. The most important thing I've learned is that keeping your books in order is essential (boring, I know!).

*secret to success...*

Love what you do, trust your instincts and surround yourself with the 'right' people.

*future plans...*

I'd love a fleet of vintage caravans. That'd make me a happy little camper!

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# savouring the journey...

*and celebrating the destination!*

WORDS **TANYA COLLIER**

If I had to describe Lisa in four words, they would be...  
hard working. motivated.  
authentic. inspiring.

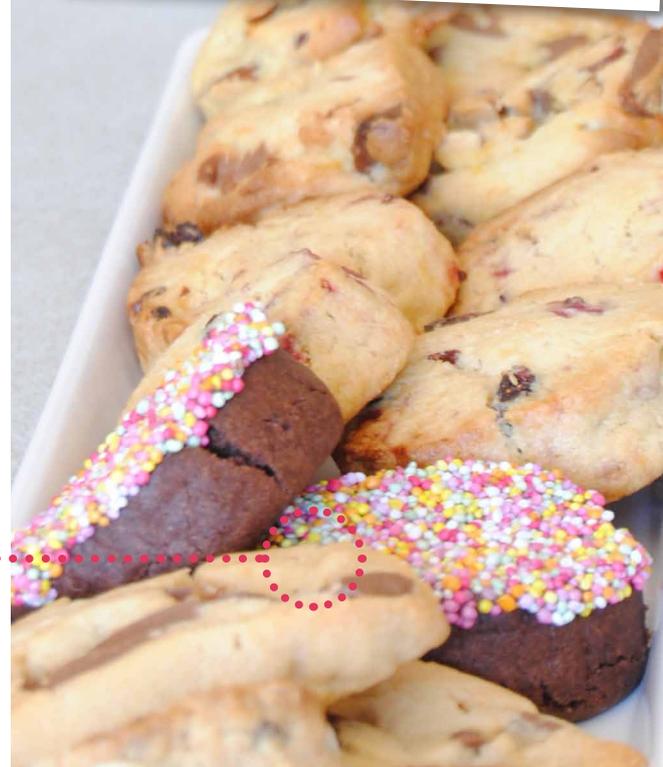
I truly admire people who set out with a dream and  
make it happen...

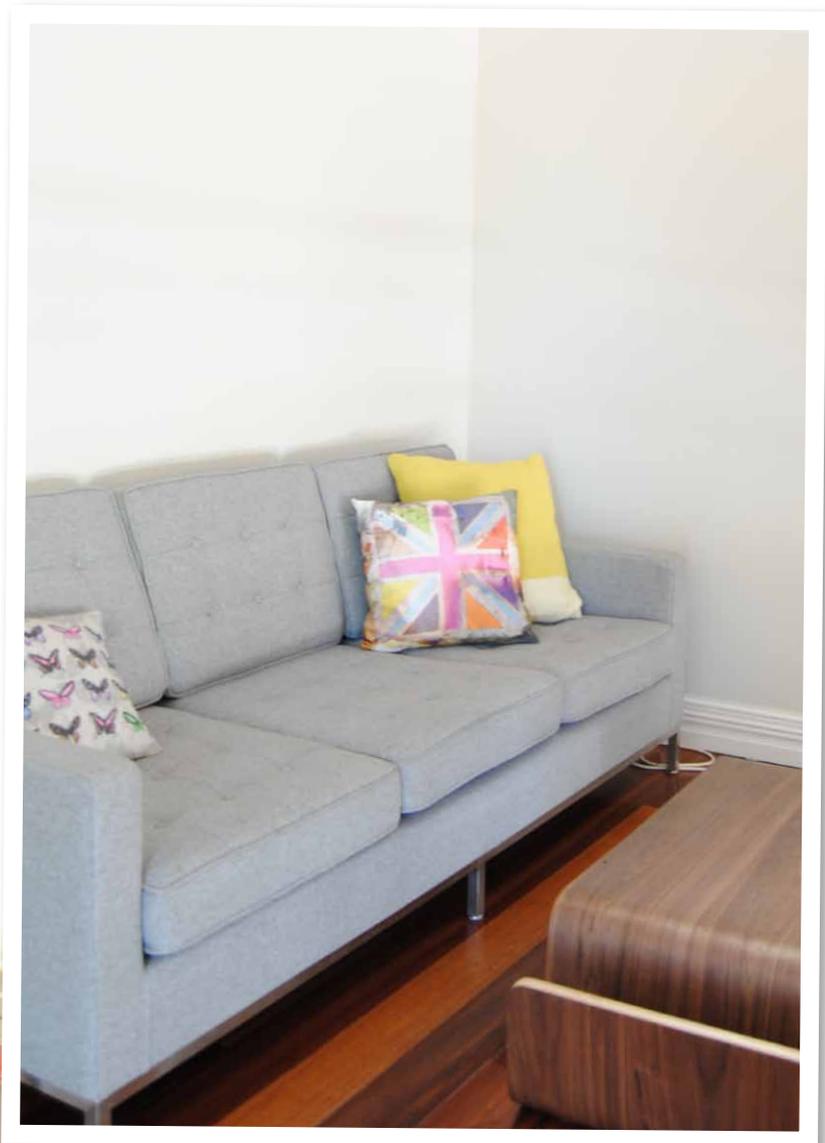
Just over two years ago, Lisa started Cookie Dough  
Biscuits from her home kitchen, selling via artisan  
markets. Her yummy wares and gorgeous nature quickly  
attracted a following of loyal 'cookie monsters' and just  
last month Cookie Dough moved into it's very own shop.

Nestled in the gorgeous George Street of East  
Fremantle, Cookie Dough Biscuit shop is, well, delicious.

I caught up with four lovely ladies and one gorgeous girl  
for coffee & cookies, and took the opportunity to snap  
a few pics of this beautiful shop.

**yum!...have you tried  
cookie dough biscuits?**





A photograph of a dining area. In the foreground, a white wooden dining table with a thick, natural wood top and dark metal legs is visible. Several white wooden chairs are tucked under the table. In the upper right corner, a red cord is knotted and hangs down, supporting three clear glass Edison-style light bulbs. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**a gorgeous contemporary, light-filled space, perfect for a quick spot of lunch or a lazy afternoon catching up with friends...**

Amazing coffee, scrumptious breakfast and lunch menu and friendly staff, make this a super relaxed, enjoyable experience. Thank you to Claire, Jemima, Jenny, Kym & Alyssa for joining me for coffee.

images opposite page (top) Claire of Claire Turpin Design and Jemima of Tied With a Ribbon (bottom left) Kym Maloney, (bottom right) Jenny from Kitchen Aromas,

**CHOCOLATE HERO**  
 A decadent, fudge style  
 Cookie crammed full of white,  
 dark & milk chocolate  
 chunks with a sweet  
 Raisin Twist.



**COOKIES**

INDIVIDUAL	2 <sup>00</sup>
5 PACK	10 <sup>00</sup>
1 DOZEN	20 <sup>00</sup>
2 DOZEN	38 <sup>00</sup>

**COCO MO**

A cocoa cookie  
 crammed full of shaved  
 & desiccated coconut  
 milk chocolate

with buttery  
 blended with  
 -est spices & a  
 Vanilla bean

**SWEET PIES**

Rich berry vanilla  
 with white chocolate  
 & covered with  
 Rainbow sprinkles

**CONFETTI**

Creamy vanilla cookie  
 baked with all Natural  
 chocolate sprinkles

**MOO PIE**

creamy rich Dutch cocoa  
 cookies tied with milk stout  
 chocolate dipped in Natural  
 Colored sprinkles

creamy  
 with  
 spice  
 lemon  
 Soft

creamy  
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 and  
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 chocolate  
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## 19 mouthwatering cookie recipes to choose from...

Adding no preservatives the soft style cookies are made fresh, from scratch in small batches.

- + sweetie pie
- + rise + shine
- + coco mo
- + vanilla spice
- + mud pie
- + chocolate hero
- + coco cherry
- + ginger fruits
- + nougat buzz
- + lemon date
- + bahamas
- + passionberry
- + walnut espresso
- + coconut lime
- + big elvis
- + pear-licious
- + citrus kiss
- + macadamia
- + confetti

**my favourite?...  
pear-licious!**





(above) delicious coffee  
(right) Alyssa with a mud pie cookie  
(below) scrumptious gourmet rolls



**delicious  
coffee**



**...and fab  
reading  
material**



nom...nom...nom...

cookie dough

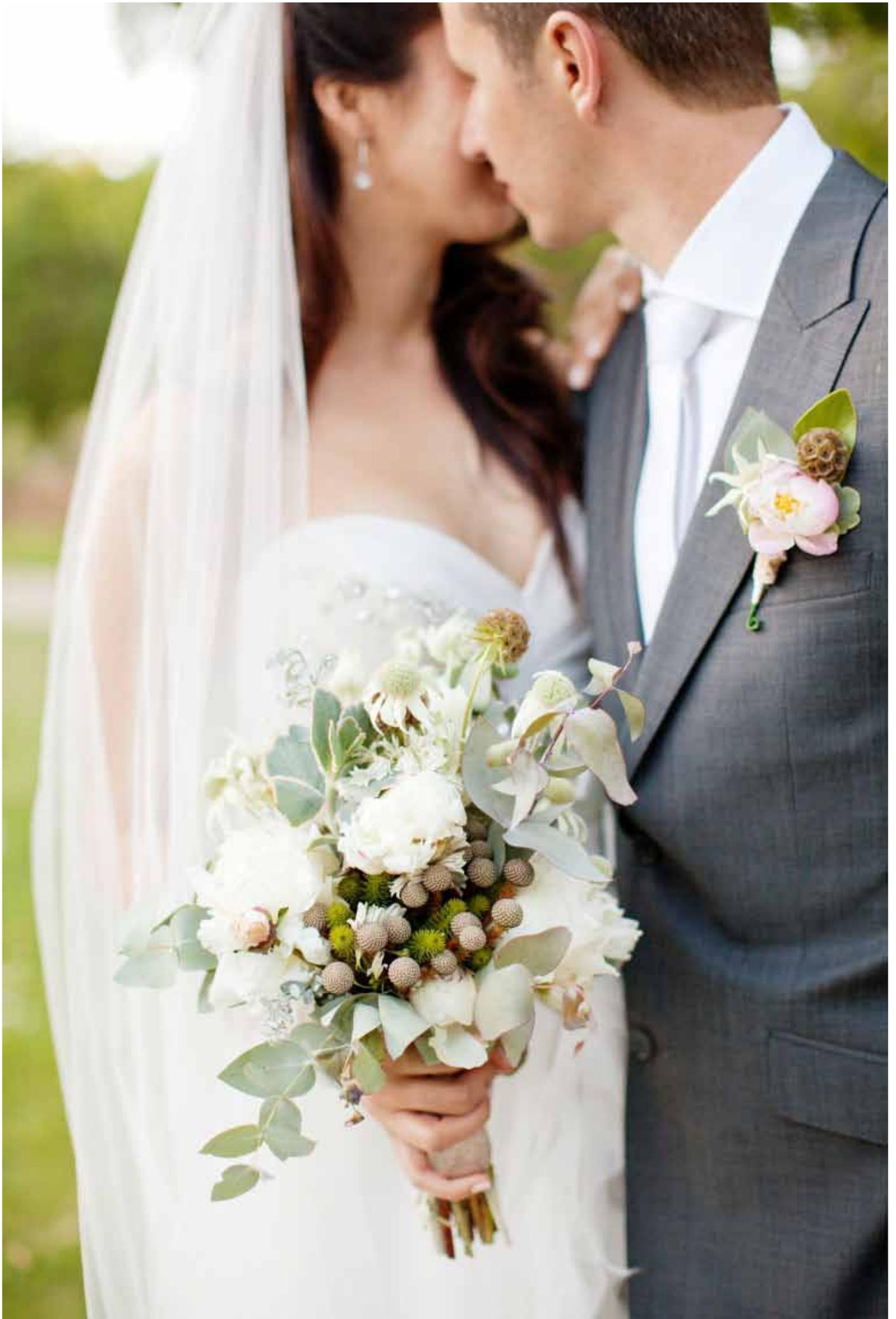
biscuit store

88 George Street, East Fremantle

www.alishahinds.com



Illustrator - Graphic Designer - Commission Art



# wedding flowers

Photographer: Angela Higgins | Flowers & Styling: Flower Nation [www.facebook.com/FlowerNation](http://www.facebook.com/FlowerNation)

## REAL WEDDING...

### CLIENT

Jessica & Gavin

### FLORAL DESIGNER

Katharina Martin from Flower Nation

### LOCATION

Millbrook Winery, Jarradale WA

### BRIEF

Long tables with an abundance of decorations and a "hand-picked flowers" look with silver foliage and rustic wooden accessories to complement the gorgeous natural setting of the venue.

BUDGET \$2600

### VISION

Loves a romantic feel and handmade accessories, wooden accents and rustic vessels. The client wanted the floral design to be an unstructured with a hand-picked look with lots of big and fluffy flowers. Colour scheme was to be very earthy, cream with a hint of colour, using silver foliage instead of strong greens.

## FLOWERS USED..

- + Peonies
- + King Protea
- + Flannel Flower
- + Crysanthemum
- + Oceana Rose
- + Scabiosa
- + Silver Suede
- + Gumleaf
- + Brunii
- + Hypericum
- + White Queen Fabiola

.....  
Floral designer, Katharina Martin, of Flower Nation, shares a behind the scenes look at her planning for the flowers & styling for Jessica & Gavin's wedding  
.....



From the Inventory below you can see that it takes a number of elements to make your wedding truly memorable and beautiful.

While flowers are at centrestage, you must also consider the vessels they are in. What will be placed alongside them and other elements, such as table runners and lighting, which can add a whole new dimension to your table. Although not all Florists offer a holistic service, Flower Nation prides itself on being able to bring visions to life and ideas into reality, working with clients from conception through to delivery & set up on the day.

It is important that you find a floral designer who you feel comfortable with and who listens to what you want. Every florist has their own unique style and while lots of different looks can be achieved, it is always best to find someone that loves the look you love. I suggest meeting with your floral designer before getting a quote.

## INVENTORY

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- a van full of flowers, foliage, pods and nuts from which we hand-tied about 80 mini flower posies, 6 Bouquets, Buttonholes, cake flowers, ceremony floral decorations and more.
- over 100 Mason jars
- 50+ handmade wooden log tea light holders
- 100 Homemade jams (for girls) and chutney (for boys) by the parents of the Bride
- 38m of rustic mesh table runner
- 40 wooden pine boxes lovingly transformed and "rusticated" with stain and French typography.



## \* tip...

Collate images you love and communicate your overall vision and colour scheme to your floral designer, instead of fixating on a certain type of flower/s. If you let yourself be influenced in the actual choice, you usually get flowers that are fresher and in season and most suitable to the conditions of your wedding. Sometimes you can be surprised by gorgeous new breeds of commonly thought boring flowers such as Carnations or Chrysanthemums, which also help your budget!





## FLOWER NATION'S FAVOURITE FLORAL LOOKS FOR 2013

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- Rustic/Vintage look – I love the combination with Australian Natives;
- Baby's breath/ Gypsophila is making a comeback as simple vintage look posies;
- Branching wood/twig centrepieces with hanging tealights and flower gardens underneath, for the romantic wow factor;
- Bright and colourful themes and at the extreme end "Rainbow weddings";
- Ombre themes – where a single colour is brought from light to dark tones.

### flower nation

Flower Nation is a Perth based boutique wedding and events florist, booking only limited events per year to ensure attention to detail and great customer service.

Flower Nation offers complimentary meetings and cost estimates, so get in touch via email - [katharina@flownation.com.au](mailto:katharina@flownation.com.au) to discuss your requirements.

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# handmade touches for life's little *celebrations*

words & photography by Tanya of Life's Little Celebrations

Children are one of a kind - each one created so uniquely, so differently...never to be repeated!

So when celebrating them it is fitting to use one of a kind handmade items whether it be made by yourself as a mum or by other talented handmade businesses!

When I recently celebrated my eldest's daughters 2nd birthday and my youngest daughters Baptism celebration I drew on the talent of some lovely and passionate women in the handmade community to create various items to fit in with the party theme/decor: "I'm a little teapot" theme for my daughters birthday and a floral theme for my other daughters Baptism.

All the items were made with creativity, inspiration and time and individually created just for these occasions which made the celebrations so much more special and also meant we have some mementos of the occasions now hanging in the girl's rooms.

My Party Directory and blog - "Life's Little Celebrations" has a "handmade decor" category as part of it's directory as I aim to promote, advertise and support various small business's in the party industry. Therefore I had a range of businesses I knew I could go to who create beautiful products for celebrations.

Here is a showcase of the wonderful vendors I used and in their own words they share what inspires them and what they love about designing items for a celebration!



Rachael Rew

## Charli Mae

[www.charlimae.com](http://www.charlimae.com)

Created: Teapot & printable toppers,  
teapot cutouts

I love creating a personalised touch to every celebration through theme, colour & wording! In a way I get to share and be a part of each of these celebrations; it is very gratifying. I gain a lot of inspiration through images from trailing through the web & magazines but most of all the biggest inspiration is when you look at the view from my little girls eyes- the delightfulness and happiness celebrations can bring!



Denin

## Spoon and Fork Cookies & Cake

[www.spoonandfork.com.au](http://www.spoonandfork.com.au)

Created: I'm a little teapot cake

One of the reasons I enjoy creating things for celebrations is because it brings a smile to peoples faces. It's a joy to be a part of people's special occasions.

Fabric, paper, stationary, art, couture, nature.. pretty much everything that we see in our daily life can be inspiration for my work. I see cakes in all different forms!

A collection of teal-colored teapot-shaped toppers on white sticks, each holding a round chocolate cake pop with white frosting and chocolate chips. The cake pops are arranged on a pink scalloped-edge stand. The background is a soft-focus pink and white floral pattern.

“ I love creating a personalised touch to every celebration through theme, colour & wording! ”

RACHAEL REW | CHARLI MAE

“  
*Happy people, kind words and  
smiling faces make everything worthwhile!*”

SARA RYAN | POM POM PRINCESS





Sara Ryan

## Pom Pom Princess

[www.pompomprincess.com.au](http://www.pompomprincess.com.au)

Created: Tulle pom poms

Everything sparks a little inspiration! I am always trying to create beautiful colour combinations and I find these in nature, pretty flowers, butterflies, something my children say or do. Happy people, kind words and smiling faces make everything worthwhile!

Nicole Bull

## Red Elephant Creative

[www.redelephantcreative.com](http://www.redelephantcreative.com)

Created: teapot garlands and doily stamped spoons

With a past life career knee deep in the events industry, I continued my passion for the industry by turning a creative hand to making decor and stationery for events. I love that an event can invoke a whole new themed environment dreamed up by ones imagination and the collaboration of many hands that made the elements to bring that theme to life. My work is inspired by everything around me. My love for vintage, my passion for design, my children and my environment.





Sharon Pardon

## Cakes By Sharon

visit facebook page

Created: Ruffle baptism cake

I love creating cakes for celebrations, and am very partial to pretty and girly cakes, especially having two girls myself. I get a lot of inspiration from some of my favourite cake makers. There are so many talented and creative people that I could spend all day looking at their websites and blogs. I love that most of the time each celebration and cake is different from the one before, and I love seeing how creative my customers are and sharing their excitement on their special day.

Tracey Brewer

## Retro Ragamuffins

[www.retroragamuffins.com.au](http://www.retroragamuffins.com.au)

Created: Floral name print & name blocks

I have been designing and selling children's décor for the last 4yrs. I have always been a crafty person trying all things throughout my life until I finally found my niche with Retro Ragamuffins. I love creating cute things for little people to decorate their homes, rooms and parties. I am inspired by colours and patterns and making them work together. I love my little business and take delight in knowing that someone has chosen me to design something special for them





“  
*I love creating cute things for little people to  
decorate their homes, rooms and parties.*”

TRACEY BREWER | RETRO RAGAMUFFINS



Thank you to all these vendors for putting  
handmade love into these celebrations!

More information on these celebrations & as well as the Party Directory  
(which will be relaunching with a new look this year!) can be found at  
[www.lifelittlecelebrations.org](http://www.lifelittlecelebrations.org)



Samantha

## Dunne with style

[www.dunnewithstyle.etsy.com](http://www.dunnewithstyle.etsy.com)

Created: Flower pom garland and flower pom toppers

I love being able to bring to life the vision a host has for their party. A good celebration begins with an atmosphere, it evokes an emotion when your guests walk in and it takes them to a world in which you have created. There is so much enjoyment for me in taking someones ideas and hand making them a bunch of blooms, a cake topper or a backdrop which help create that atmosphere.



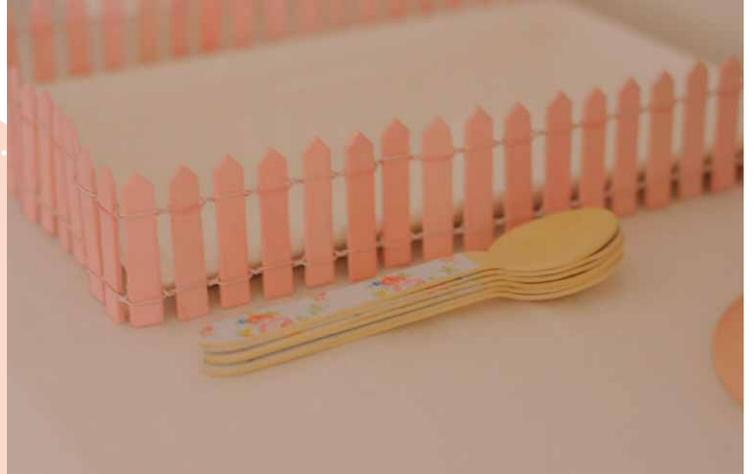
Louisa Carr

## Bespoke Party Products

[www.facebook.com/bespokepartyproducts](http://www.facebook.com/bespokepartyproducts)

Created: Floral chocolate bar wrappers, floral wooden spoons & teapot favour bags

Contributing to an unforgettable event with my individual creations is my inspiration. For me, there is great enjoyment in becoming part of others celebrations. I work alongside clients to create custom, handmade items to add that special element to events. No two events are the same and items from Bespoke Party Products reflect this.





JANE AND TROY  
MEET ME AT THE *altar* in YOUR WHITE DRESS

# spinning around

WORDS NATALIE SULLIVAN | PHOTOGRAPHY [www.cjwilliamsphoto.com.au](http://www.cjwilliamsphoto.com.au)

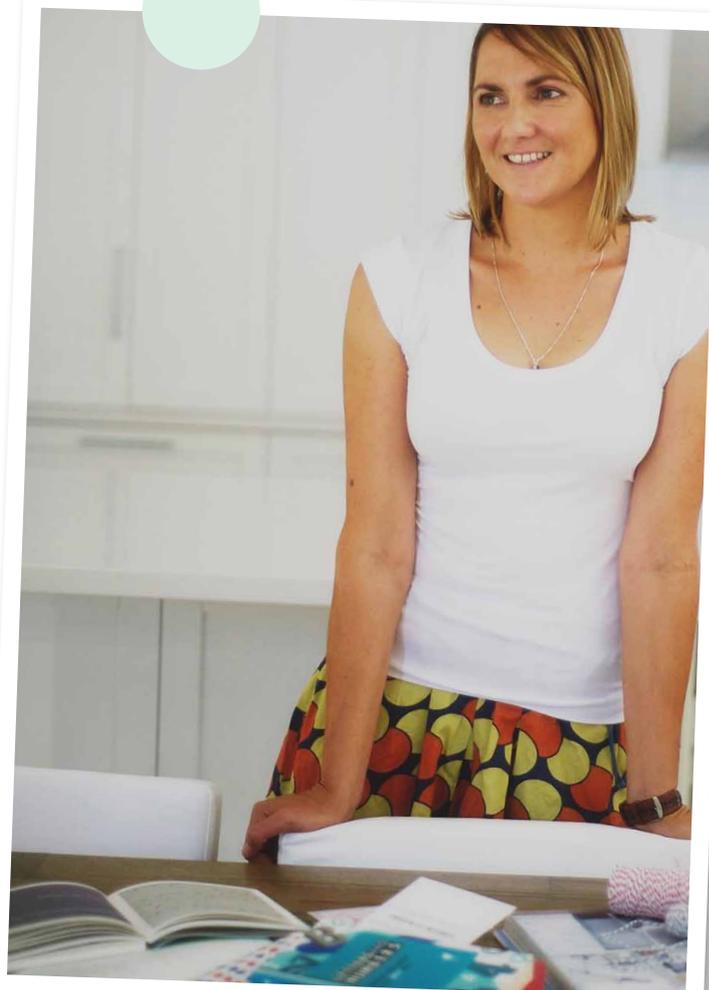
Based in Perth, Dizzy Wizzy Design creates beautiful custom and printable template stationery. Natalie Sullivan, the face behind Dizzy Wizzy, invites us to take a peek at her creative space and a selection of her gorgeous designs.

## meet Natalie...

I started Dizzy Wizzy Design in 2008 as a creative outlet from my job as an in-house graphic designer. Designing invitations is much more fun than typesetting reports.

It was something I did in my spare time up until six months ago when I decided to go part-time and give freelancing a go. I expanded my offering to include graphic and website design services.

“*Dizzy Wizzy was a nickname given to me by a colleague so when I decided to start my business it seemed natural to use that name.*”





“ I keep things simple and parred back but I do quite like things with a touch of kitsch and retro styling. ”

### inspired by..

What inspires me? I'm lucky enough to live by the coast and get in the water as much as possible. I think to stay inspired you need to take time out and change your surroundings whenever you can.

Who inspires me? That's a tough one; there are too many people to mention every single person. I'm inspired by so many creative people, from interior designer Sibella Court to a long list photographers through to illustrators Katie Kirk and Jessica Hische. People who give new things a go and live life to the fullest inspire me.

### other creative passions...

I enjoy taking happy snaps with my camera and sketching in my spare time.





## favourite thing about owning your own business...

It's always fun creating custom invitations for milestones and special occasions but I also really enjoy designing logos for creative businesses.

## least favourite thing about owning your own business...

Least favourite would have to be bookkeeping. I'm learning to enjoy that part of the business, albeit very slowly.





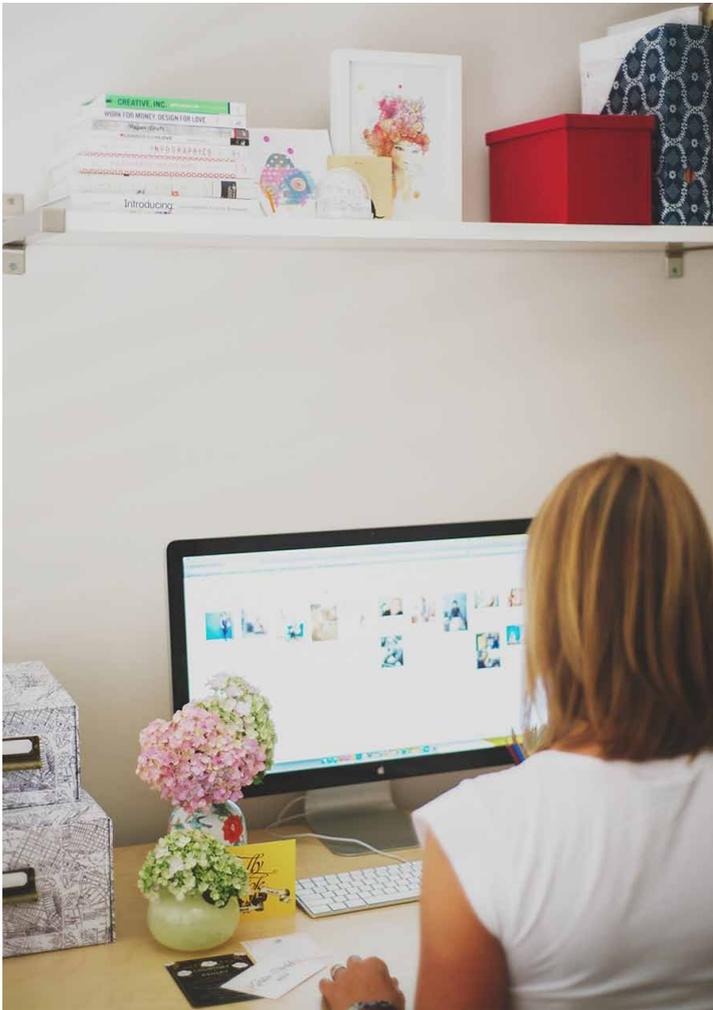
## lessons learned...

You wear many hats as a small business owner. I think if anything I have learned to keep things simple. I try not to take too many projects on at once. I think sometimes you have to experience being overloaded to truly appreciate keeping it simple.

## secret to success...

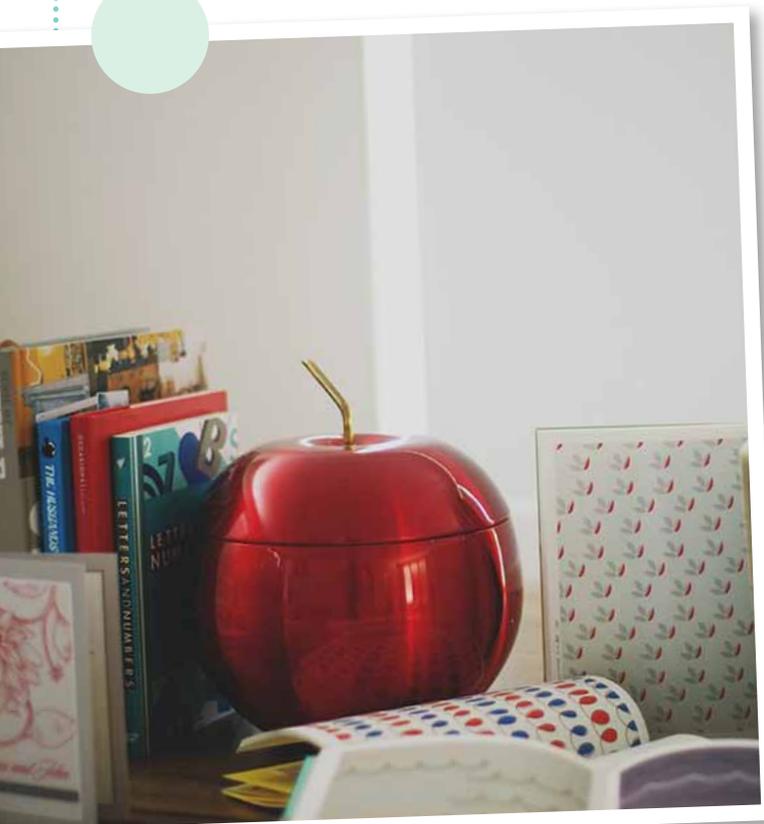
I think being able to communicate well with others is key to any successful venture. You need to be adaptable too as even the best laid plans don't always work out the way you thought they would.





“ I love my Macbook Pro and the Adobe Creative Suite but it is always nice to get back to basics with pen and paper. ”





## tools of the trade..

I love my Macbook Pro and the Adobe Creative Suite but it is always nice to get back to basics with pen and paper.

I recently had the chance to trial a Wacom Tablet and loved it. That's on my wish list at the moment.

I'm always on the lookout for new fonts and would love to design my own one day.

## typical day..

The morning generally kicks off with some form of exercise. Swimming and Bikram Yoga are my favourites at the moment.

Coffee is next on the list and then I'm into my home studio to check my emails. I like to get into work as early as I can, breaking around lunch time by running errands or just getting outdoors with a walk and dip in the ocean.

Then it's back into the office until dinnertime.

## future plans..

I'm happy with how my business is progressing. I'm hoping that the freelance design side of the business will continue to grow. I really enjoy working with creative businesses and seeing them prosper. \*



dizzy wizzy  
design

Natalie Sullivan

website

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location

Perth, Western Australia





*pretty party dresses*  
for little girls



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# easter wishes

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CONCEPT & STYLING **LAUREN WRIGHT** of **MOLLY AND MAMA**

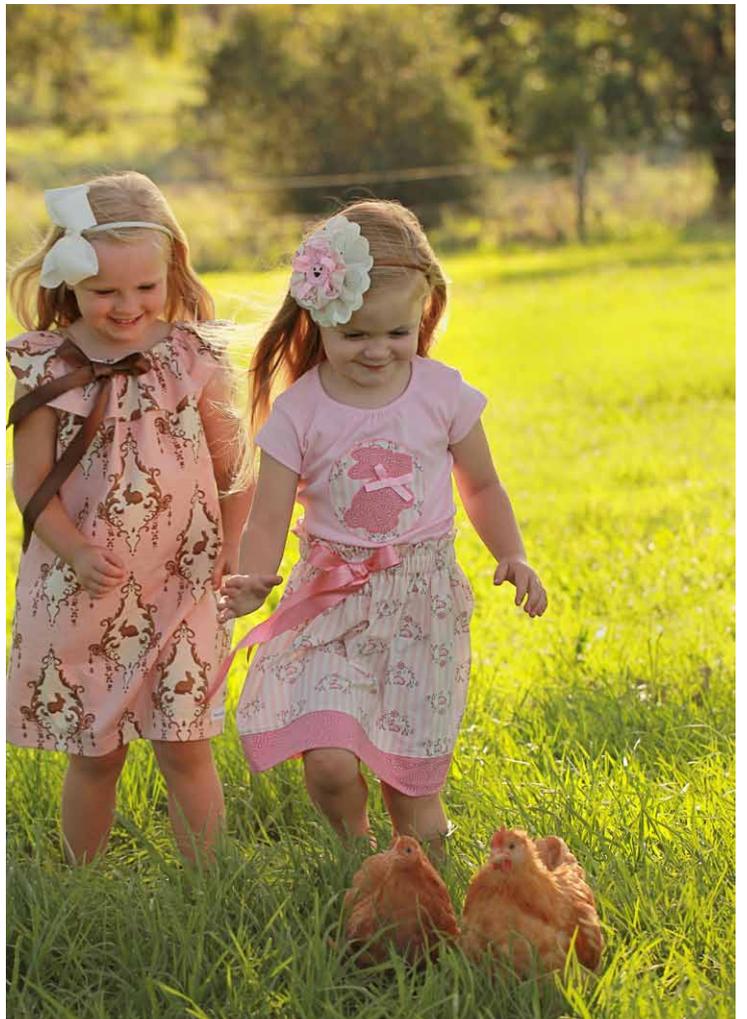


dresses, applique t-shirts and skirts **Molly and Mama**



*To me, Easter has always been one of the most exciting holidays...*

As a child I would relish the beautiful colours of the season, the sensory delights, the anticipation. Just the thought of that gorgeous Bunny popping into our garden was always enough to keep me up for hours, hoping to catch a glimpse. And Easter morning was always filled with homemade goodness and chocolate delight. It's the memories of childhood Easters that provided the inspiration for this collection and collaborative photo shoot.

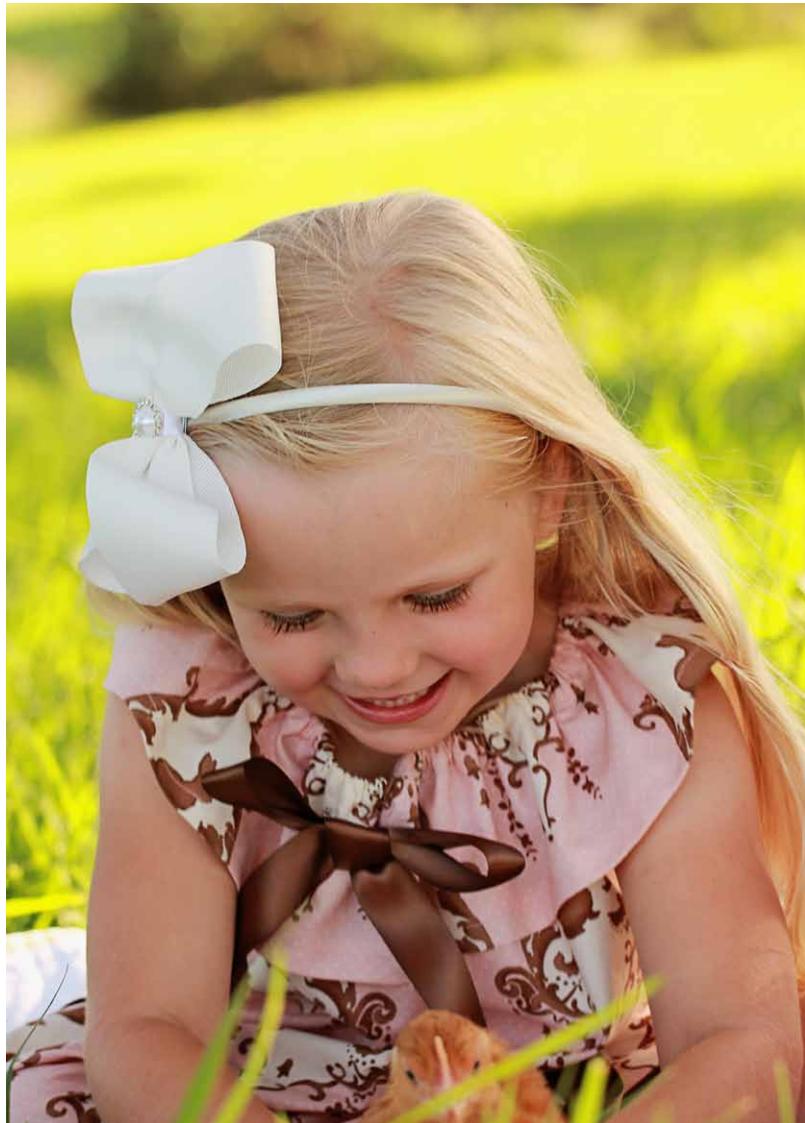


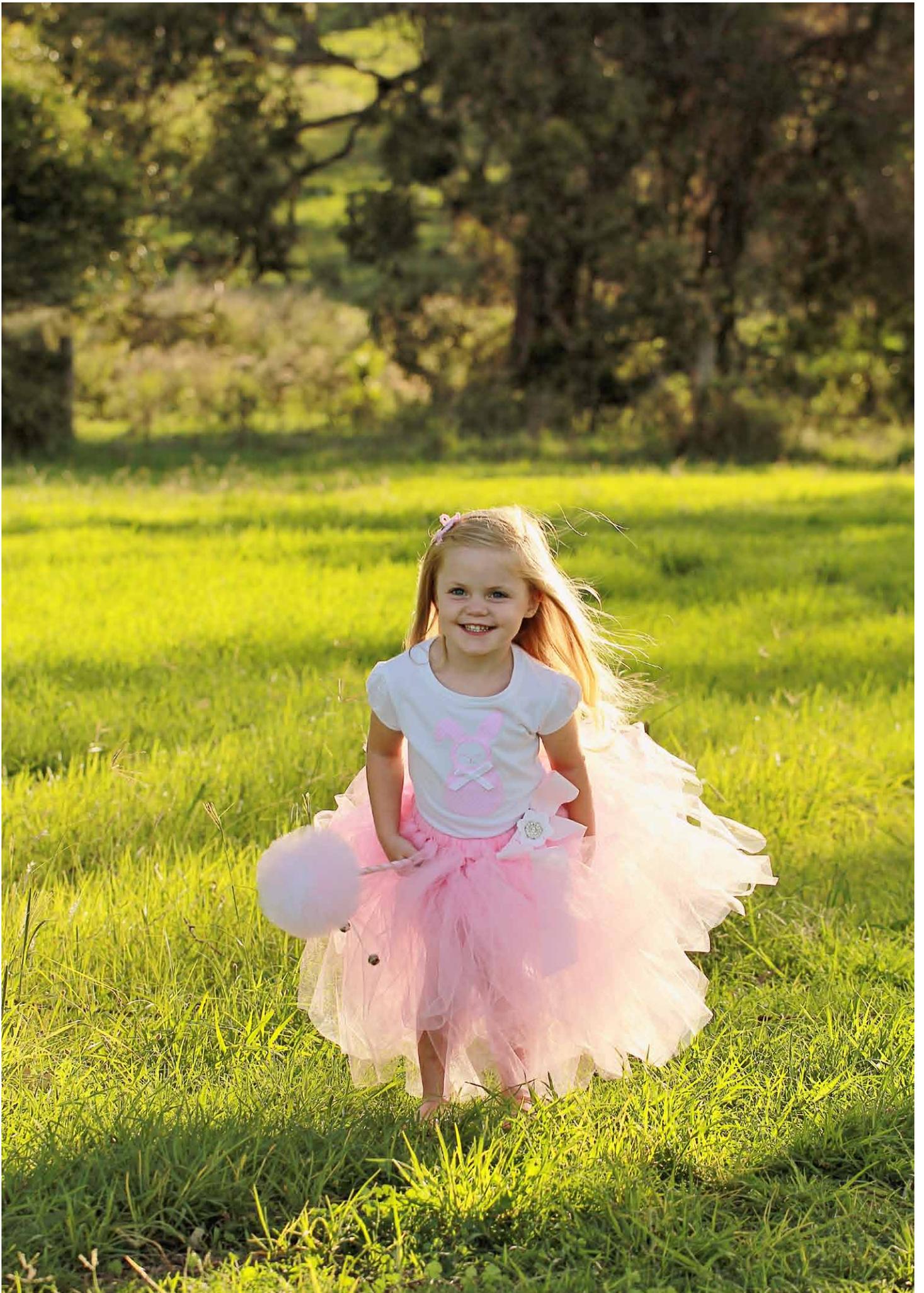
*Not long ago, the Molly and Mama Easter collection was little more than a dream, a scrap of an idea, a few colour swatches and a sketch or two in my notebook...*

Not long ago, the Molly and Mama Easter collection was little more than a dream, a scrap of an idea, a few colour swatches and a sketch or two in my notebook. Naturally I was drawn to the pastel shades for Easter and chocolate brown was always a given. But the pink and green shades really call to me, and so I began a plan to incorporate these beautiful colours into a collection of dresses, skirts, appliquéd t-shirts, bonnets and accessories.

As the pieces came together, the vision for the shoot began to emerge. All those things we associate with Easter became a source of inspiration – bunnies and bonnets, chocolate and chickens, pretty bows and special clothes. But how was I going to bring these ideas to life?

Photography by MiaMia Photography  
Appliqued t-shirts, tutu, hair accessories,  
bonnet and bunting by Molly and Mama





Luckily I knew a natural light photographer who could share my vision. I sat down with Melissa from MiaMia Photography and the creative juices began to flow. From little cardboard cut out bunnies, to sweet little bantam chicks, we dreamed up some creative and inspiring ideas.

The stage was set!

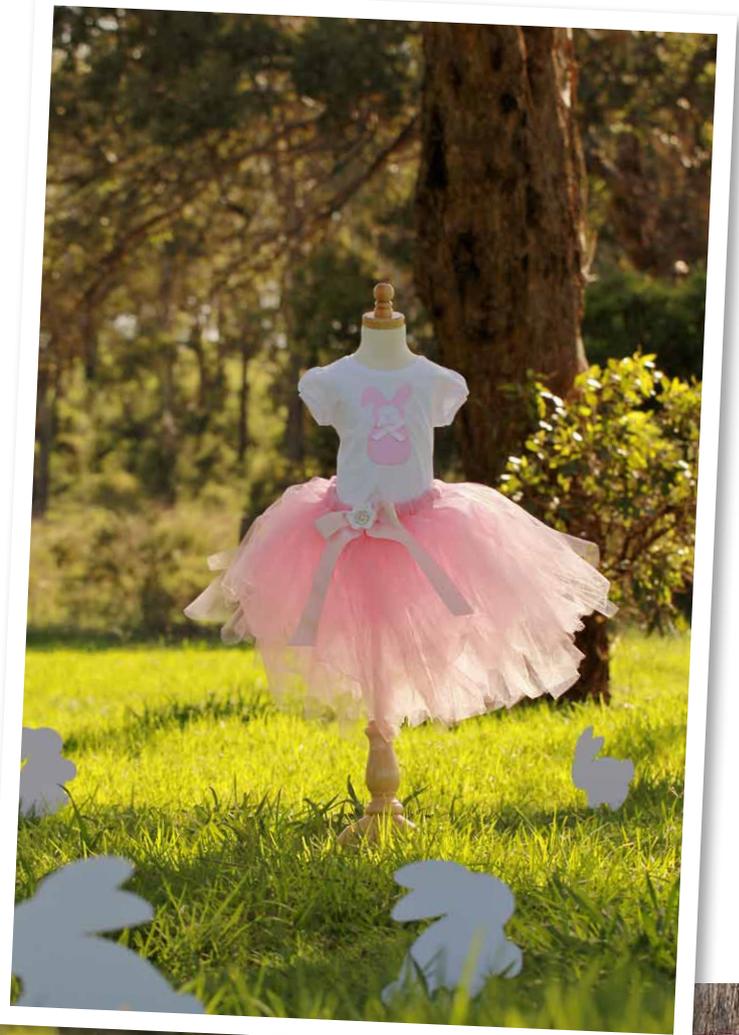
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Appliqued t-shirts, tutu, hair accessories, and bunting by Molly and Mama

Tulle twinkle wand by Krystabelle Lane

Pastel floor quilt made by Sue Fleming (Mama)

Flowers by Brian & Jennifer Deane Rosegrowers & Florist



*Seeing the look of sheer delight and joy on our little models' faces was a dream come true!*



A beautiful paddock with pleasantly rural surrounds was just moments from my front door. It provided a wonderful back-drop for the photos.

Our two gorgeous little models Chloe and Caitlin could barely contain their excitement as we set the scene on the day. It was late afternoon and the sun was starting to dip. The light flowed across the grass touching everything in its path. It lit up the girls and brought warmth to their faces. And in what felt like a blur of sunshine and smiles, the shoot was over. It was a wrap. And although we captured just a little bit of Easter magic, it will stay with me always. It was just like going back to the Easters of my childhood. Seeing the look of sheer delight and joy on our little models' faces was a dream come true!

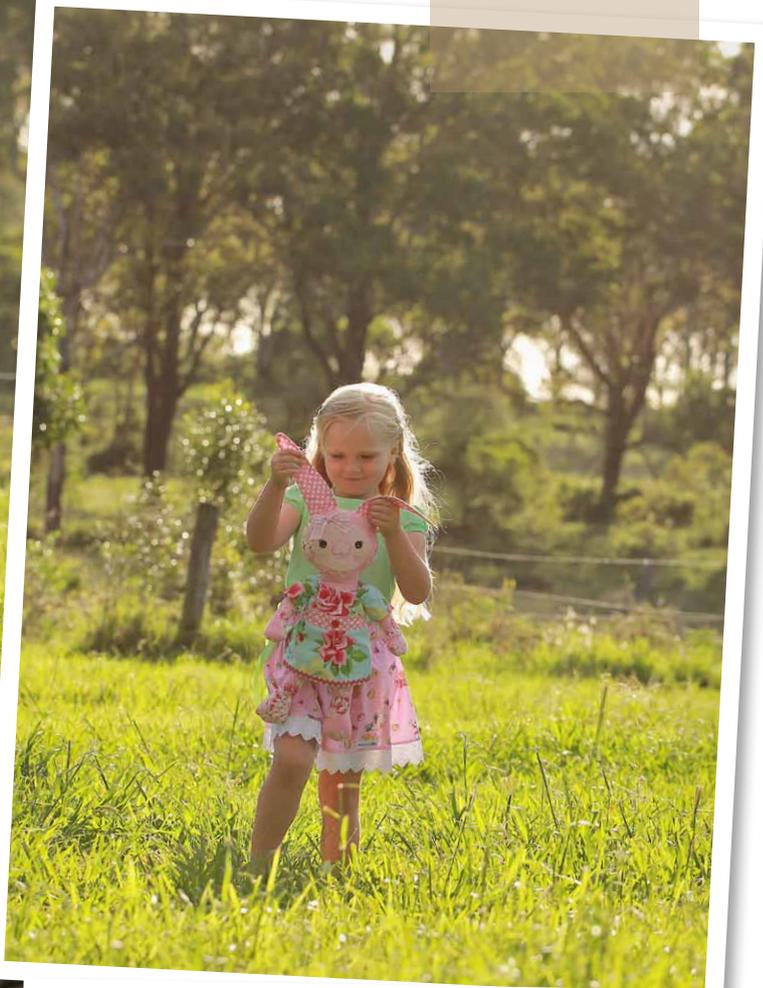
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Clothing, Hair accessories, Bunny doll, bunny cushion and Bunting by [Molly and Mama](#)

Pastel floor quilt made by [Sue Fleming \(Mama\)](#)







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Shot on location in a glorious paddock in Highfields, QLD

Models – Chloe (3) and Caitlin (4)

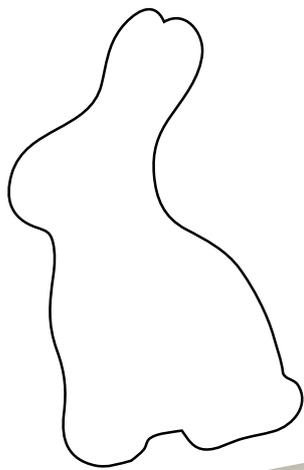
A green felt bunny with white polka dots is the central focus. It is tied with a pink ribbon around its middle and is placed inside a pink teacup with white polka dots. The teacup sits on a matching pink saucer. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown. A white circular callout with a red dotted border is in the bottom left corner.

visit the  
[create page](#) at  
our website to  
download your  
bunny pattern

# easy felt easter bunny

TUTORIAL **LAUREN WRIGHT** – MOLLY AND MAMA

IMAGES **MIAMIA PHOTOGRAPHY**



This adorable easter bunny project is easy enough to make with the kids...and how cute would he be to include in an easter hunt?

Or enlarge the pattern to create a range of bunnies in different sizes. Use different colours of felt, thread and bows in coordinating tones. Perfect for creating an Easter centrepiece!

## things you will need:

- .....
- + a piece of felt in your choice of colours
- + cotton embroidery thread in your choice of coordinating or contrasting colour
- + an embroidery needle
- + wadding or stuffing
- + sewing pins
- + scissors
- + 35 cm of pretty narrow ribbon or trim

tip...\*

100% wool felt is more expensive but will give your little bunny longevity for lots of play.

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## 1 cutting out your bunny

Cut out your printed bunny pattern following the black outline.

Fold your piece of felt over and pin the bunny pattern in place (through both layers of felt).

Cut carefully around the bunny template.

Remove your pattern (and save for later) and pin your cut out bunny together.

### tip

If you need help with your stitches, there are some wonderful images and video tutorials posted online that can easily illustrate the stitching process for you. Just search for 'blanket stitch' or 'overcast stitch.'

## 2 stitching time

Thread your needle with two strands of embroidery cotton and secure the ends with a knot.

Stitch around the outside of your bunny using the following guidelines;

Start at the back of his head (so that any untidy stitching can be covered with the neck bow added at the end).

Use a 'blanket stitch' to keep the felt neat. However, if you are new to hand stitching, an 'overcast stitch' will work just as well.

Depending on the length of your thread, you will probably need to rethread your needle with more embroidery cotton about half way around the bunny.

Stop stitching about three centimetres before you meet up with where you began. Don't finish off your stitch though, and make sure you leave the thread where it is, so you can finish off the stitching after you add the stuffing.

3



### 3 stuffing the bunny!

Use the end of your closed scissors to carefully and gently manoeuvre the stuffing inside the bunny. A chop stick or knitting needle is also a great tool for this!

Add little pieces at a time until the bunny is evenly stuffed. Pick up your needle and thread again and continue to stitch the bunny closed, making sure you secure the stitching with a couple of extra stitches at the end.

You should now have a lovely little stuffed bunny.

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### 4 finishing off

To finish off your bunny tie a pretty bow around his neck. Trim the ribbon ends to the right length, once the bow is complete. If being used by small children, it's best to secure the tied bow with some strong stitches to prevent the ribbon being removed during play.

Now your little bunny is all ready for Easter!



Molly and Mama is all about sharing the imagination and energy of childhood in beautiful clothes, accessories, toys and home décor. The Molly and Mama range is made with unique, original and often hand-drawn designs and patterns. I'm inspired by all things pretty, colourful, whimsical and happy. I create with lots of care and attention to detail. I always strive to produce high quality pieces that not only look great but stand the test of time. There's a little bit of Molly (my grandmother) and Mama (my mother) in every piece – after all, they're the two amazing women who inspired my love of all things creative and encouraged me to follow my dreams.

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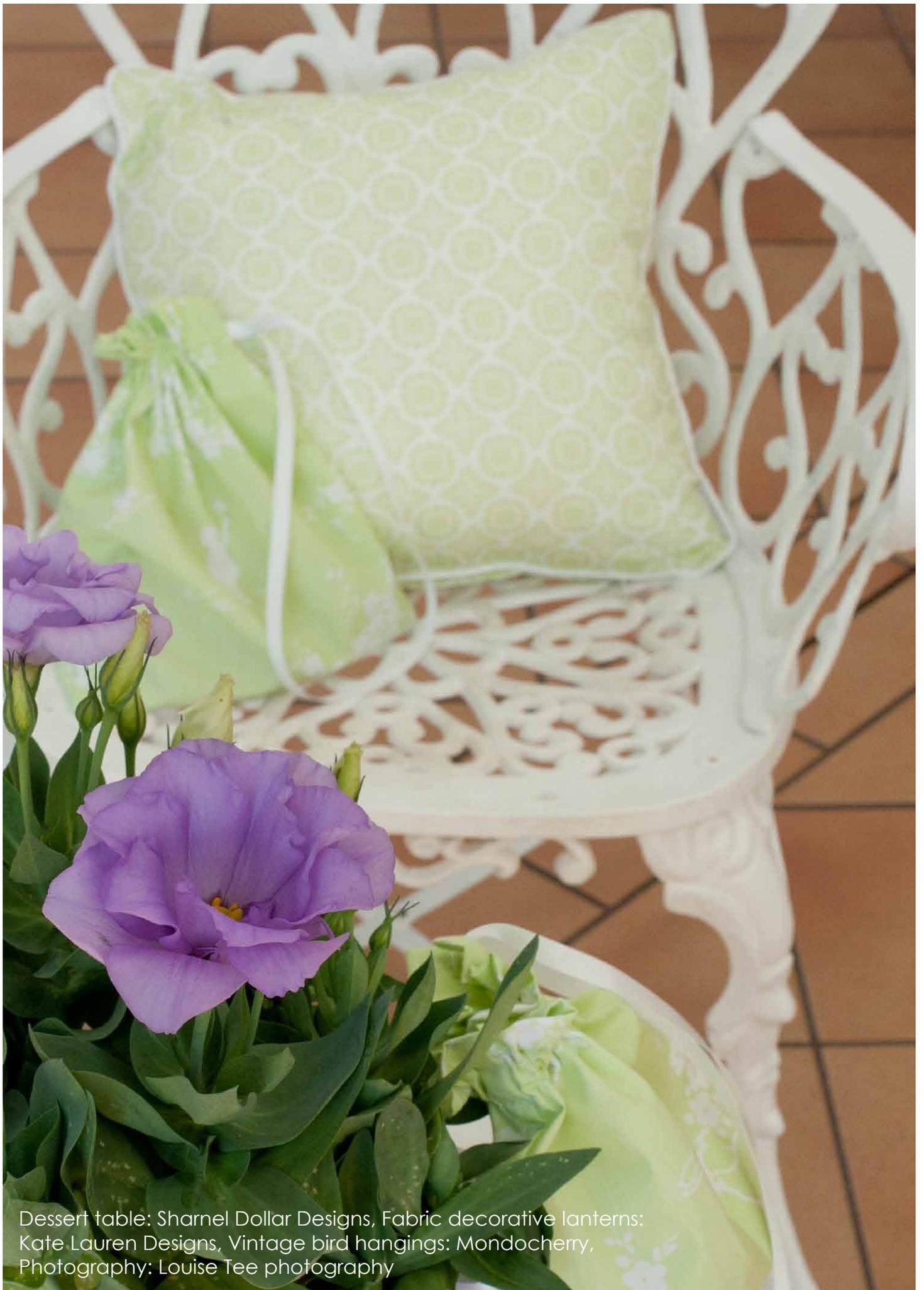
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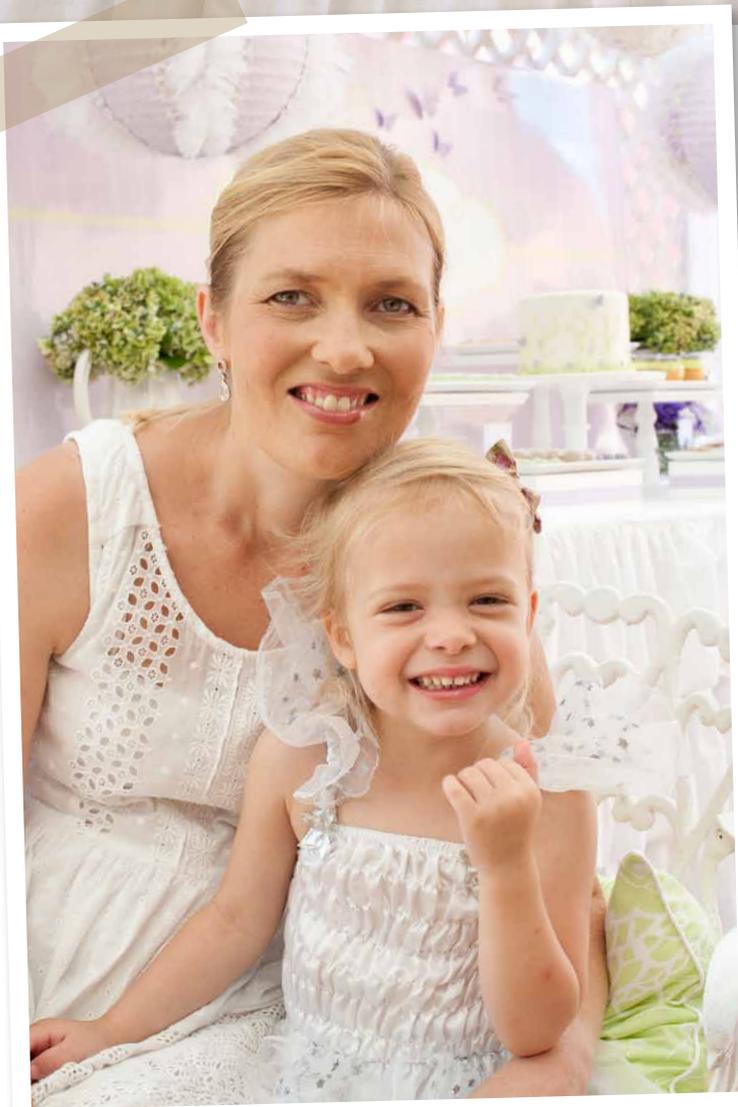
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# celebrate your creative business

WORDS **ELLE ROBERTS** STUDIO EXSTO

I am a big believer in business planning and setting up systems that allow you to work more strategically. In small (and big) business, it is so important to have financial goals, a plan for your marketing efforts and even time allocated to product development; but let's face it, planning can be challenging, exhausting and hard to find time for.

So is it really worth it?

Yes!

I want to share with you one of the most important reasons to write yourself a business plan of some sort.

Before we go any further let me make something clear; when I say business plan I don't mean that boring 50 page word template that has 100's of questions, many of which don't feel relevant to you! Forget that!

The business plan I am talking about is a road map to what you want to achieve in your business. It can be a mind map on some butchers paper, perhaps it is a pin board with notes and images stuck to it. Whatever it looks like to you it needs to be something outside of your own head and something you refer to. Include important notes and images about where you want to be in a year's time and what steps you need to take to get there. Why is it so important?

Along with many other reasons that I'd be happy to share with you another time, I honestly believe a good business plan is vital to your sanity.

When you run your own business you are never done. It is hard to switch off and the 'To-Do' list is often endless and ever growing.

Documenting your business plan – simple or elaborate – can stop you from losing your mind and help you stay on track to reach your goals.

Part of any business planning process should be setting yourself one major goal for each month, some people like to break that down further to have one milestone to aim for each week. It might be a sales or social media target, or it might be simply sending that email to a

*Documenting your business plan – simple or elaborate – can stop you from losing your mind and help you stay on track to reach your goals.*

wholesaler or magazine editor you have been putting off for too long.

Whatever it is for you, making clear goals for yourself along the way gives you guidance on the next steps and actions and allows you the celebration as you reach your milestones and conquer the goals in your overall plan.

Your ultimate dream for your business might take many years to achieve and with out celebrations along the way business can become overwhelming and disheartening.

Instead, be proud when you reach a milestone – no matter how small. Take the time to congratulate yourself and look back at how far you have come. Celebrate your achievements.

This simple process will allow you to keep moving forward with greater enthusiasm and energy.

I also suggest that you find someone – or several - supportive people to share these celebrations with. After all a celebratory bottle of wine or a block of chocolate is much more fun shared with a friend.

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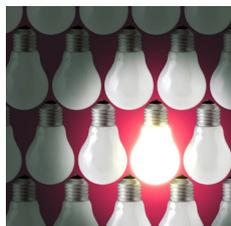


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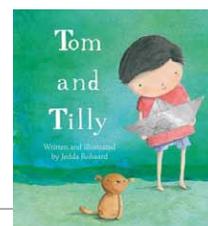
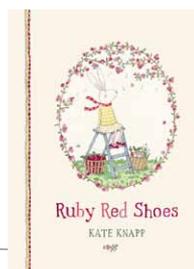
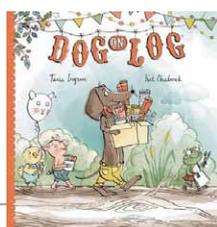
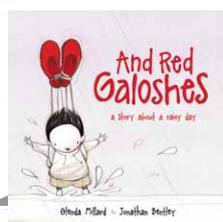
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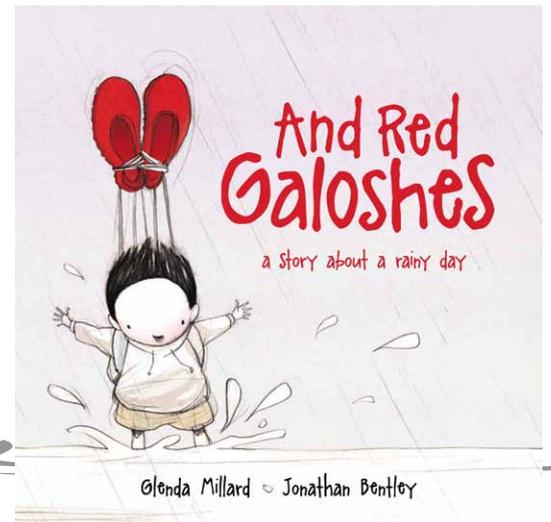
I always have a party drawer. You know the one - with a few bits and pieces stashed away ready to pull out, wrap in crisp brown paper, before being taken along to a good friend's birthday. I'm always on the look out for books that will make perfect gifts, the ones that will stand the test of time, and well, are just a little bit special.

These are my bookish suggestions from some wonderful Australian authors and illustrators, they will make wonderful gifts.

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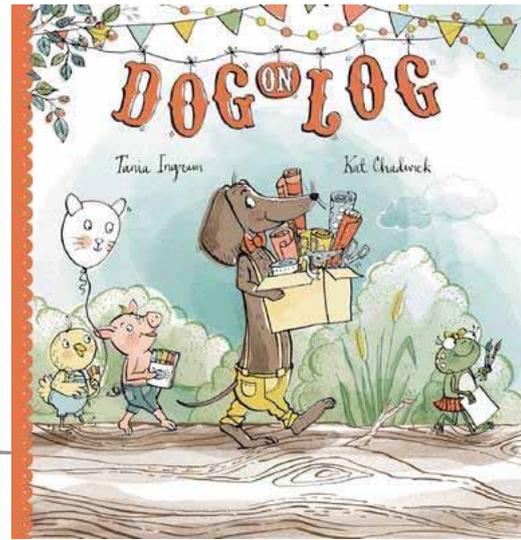
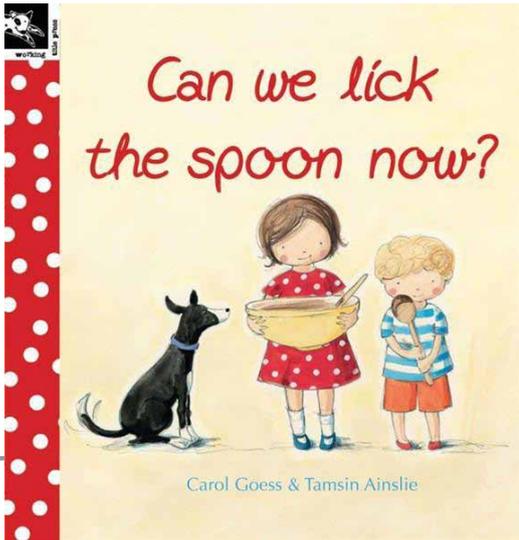
## And Red Galoshes

**Glenda Millard**

Ages 3+

A rainy day, a brother and his sister, a pair of red galoshes and a wonderful imagination. Warm and whimsical Millard's enchanting narrative takes us on a journey, with each sentence ending with the book's title, as lots of uses are found for Grandma's galoshes. Jonathan Bentley's illustrations add a touch of magic and charm which is hard to resist.

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## Can We Lick The Spoon Now?

**Carol Goess**

Ages 3+

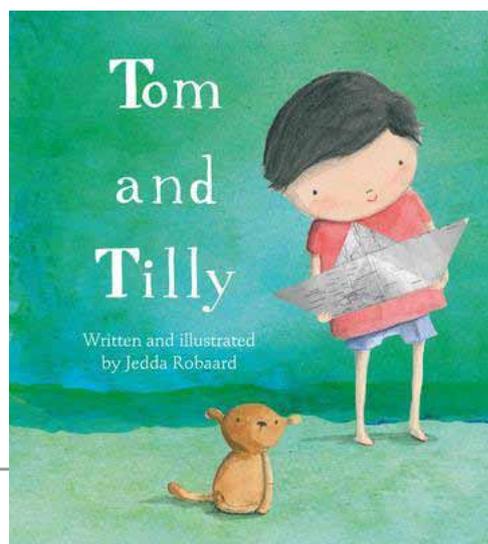
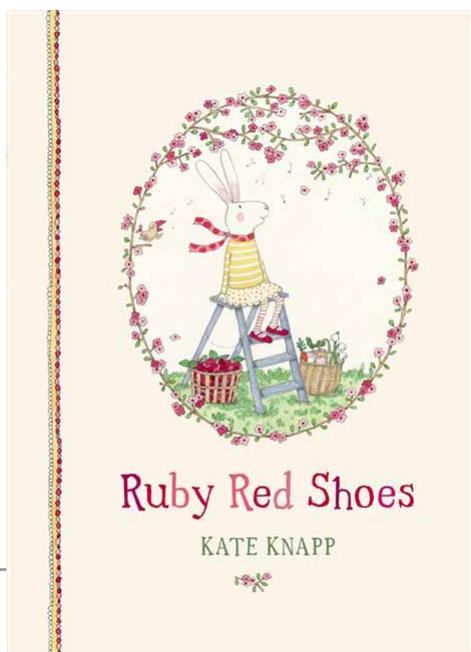
Celebrations + cake? Of course they go together! That's not the only reason why this title has made the list. Goess narrative of a cake making adventure involving the whole family, and yes, the enjoyable repetition of that inevitable question, is great fun. Rhyming text, wonderful verbs and those delicious illustrations will have you craving chocolate cake before the end.

## Dog on Log

**Tania Ingram**

Age 3

Dog and frog are planning a party, but it doesn't all go to plan. Told in short, snappy sentences which include lots of words rhyming with 'dog' and 'log' this will also be fun for very new readers as Ingram weaves in opposites and prepositions. The vibrant illustrations from Kat Chadwick which provide it with a great energy.



## Ruby Red Shoes

**Kate Knapp**

Ages 4-7

Ruby is an enchanting little hare who lives in an old-fashioned, brightly painted caravan with her grandmother, Babushka Galina Galushka. Kate Knapp's creation blends an old-fashioned charm with a delightful story - capturing delight in the simple things in life. The charm comes from Ruby's daily habits which include tea parties with friends, teaching French to her animals and day dreaming in the bath! A delightful picture book with tempting illustrations adorning each page.

## Tom and Tilly

**Jemma Robaard**

Ages 3+

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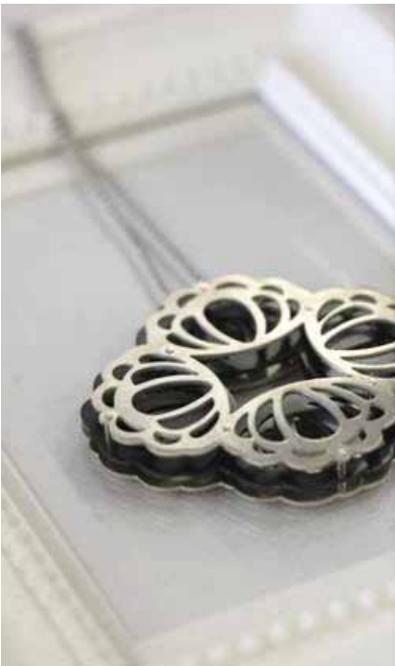
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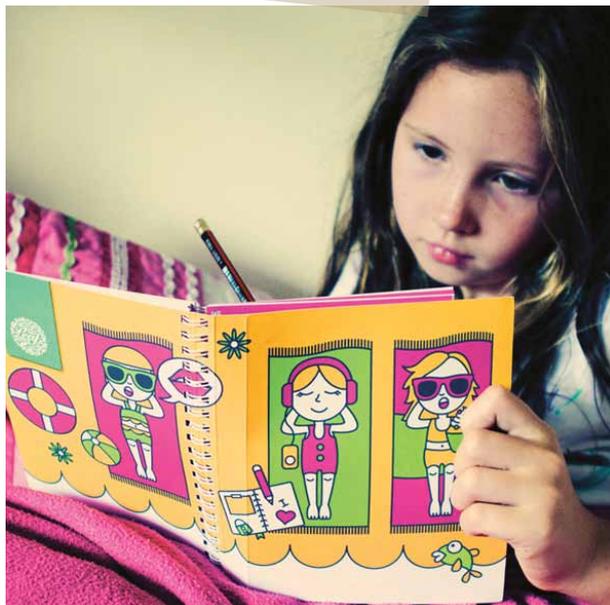
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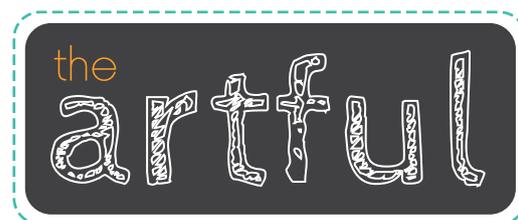
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### SUNDAY MARCH 10

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**SATURDAY MARCH 23**

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- NSW, Paddington Market, <http://www.paddingtonmarkets.com.au/>
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- NSW, Hamilton Clock Tower Market, <http://www.sidetrackmarketsandevents.com/>
- NSW, Glebe Market, <http://www.glebemarkets.com.au/>
- NSW, Byron Saturday's Artisan Market, <http://www.byronmarkets.com.au/artisan.html>
- QLD, Eumundi Markets, [www.eumundimarkets.com.au](http://www.eumundimarkets.com.au) \*\*\*\*\*Easter Markets
- NSW, Handmade Craft Market, [www.handmadecraftmarket.com.au](http://www.handmadecraftmarket.com.au)
- VIC, Southside Market, [face book.com/Southside handmade](https://www.facebook.com/Southsidehandmade)
- VIC, The Rose St Artists market, [www.rosestmarket.com.au](http://www.rosestmarket.com.au)

**SUNDAY MARCH 31**

- NSW, Bondi Markets, <http://www.bondimarkets.com.au>
- ACT, Gorman House Markets, [www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au](http://www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au)
- ACT, Old Bus Depot Market, [www.obdm.com.au](http://www.obdm.com.au)
- WA, Vintage Life Markets, [www.vintagelifemarket.com.au](http://www.vintagelifemarket.com.au)

### SATURDAY APRIL 6

QLD, Eumundi Markets, [www.eumundimarkets.com.au](http://www.eumundimarkets.com.au)  
VIC, The Rose St Artists market, [www.rosestmarket.com.au](http://www.rosestmarket.com.au)  
NSW, Finders Keepers, [www.thefinderskeepers.com](http://www.thefinderskeepers.com)  
VIC, Finders Keepers, [www.thefinderskeepers.com](http://www.thefinderskeepers.com)  
QLD, Mama's Market, [www.mammamarket.com](http://www.mammamarket.com)

### SUNDAY APRIL 7

ACT, Gorman House Markets, [www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au](http://www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au)  
ACT, Old Bus Depot Market, [www.obdm.com.au](http://www.obdm.com.au)  
VIC, Substation Artists Market, [www.thesubstation.org.au](http://www.thesubstation.org.au)  
NSW, Eveleigh Artisan Market, [www.eveleighmarket.com.au](http://www.eveleighmarket.com.au)  
QLD, Kin Kin Market, [www.facebook.com/KinKinmarket](http://www.facebook.com/KinKinmarket)

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### SATURDAY APRIL 13

QLD, Eumundi Markets, [www.eumundimarkets.com.au](http://www.eumundimarkets.com.au)  
VIC, The Rose St Artists market, [www.rosestmarket.com.au](http://www.rosestmarket.com.au)  
VIC, Yarraville Market, [www.yarravillemarkets.blogspot.com.au](http://www.yarravillemarkets.blogspot.com.au)

### SUNDAY APRIL 14

ACT, Gorman House Markets, [www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au](http://www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au)  
ACT, Old Bus Depot Market, [www.obdm.com.au](http://www.obdm.com.au)

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### SATURDAY APRIL 20

- QLD, Eumundi Markets, [www.eumundimarkets.com.au](http://www.eumundimarkets.com.au)
- VIC, The Rose St Artists market, [www.rosestmarket.com.au](http://www.rosestmarket.com.au)
- QLD, Billycart Markets, [www.bilycartmarkets.com.au](http://www.bilycartmarkets.com.au)

### SUNDAY APRIL 21

- ACT, Gorman House Markets, [www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au](http://www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au)
- ACT, Old Bus Depot Market, [www.obdm.com.au](http://www.obdm.com.au)
- QLD, The Upper Market, [www.theuppermarket.com.au](http://www.theuppermarket.com.au)

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### SATURDAY APRIL 27

- QLD, Eumundi Markets, [www.eumundimarkets.com.au](http://www.eumundimarkets.com.au)
- VIC, The Rose St Artists market, [www.rosestmarket.com.au](http://www.rosestmarket.com.au)
- WA, Polkadot Vintage Market, [www.facebook.com/PolkaDotVintageMarketPerth](http://www.facebook.com/PolkaDotVintageMarketPerth)

### SUNDAY APRIL 28

- NSW, Mathilda's Market, [www.mathildasmarket.com.au](http://www.mathildasmarket.com.au)
- ACT, Gorman House Markets, [www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au](http://www.gormanhousemarkets.com.au)
- ACT, Old Bus Depot Market, [www.obdm.com.au](http://www.obdm.com.au)
- WA, Polkadot Vintage Market, [www.facebook.com/PolkaDotVintageMarketPerth](http://www.facebook.com/PolkaDotVintageMarketPerth)
- WA, Vintage Life Markets, [www.vintagelifemarket.com.au](http://www.vintagelifemarket.com.au)

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