



March 2015



**Get Hopscotch before it's gone for good**  
**Last month for Seasonal Expressions 1 products**

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**It's almost time to say good-bye to some fabulous CTMH product featured in the Seasonal Expressions 1.** On April 1, a **\*NEW\*** Seasonal Expressions will debut which means some products from Seasonal Expressions 1 will no longer be available. Be sure to check your wishlist and grab your favorites by March 31!

[Look through Seasonal Expressions 1](#)

## Recruiting on a Roll

### March CTMH Consultant Special

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**Thinking about joining Close To My Heart?** March is the month to do it! During the month of March, \*NEW\* Consultants who enroll will receive a FREE shoulder tote (a retail value of over \$26) in their New Consultant Kit. Our Consultant Kit is just \$99 and includes nearly triple the retail value in products and supplies (and it's all \*NEW\* product from the Seasonal Expressions 2 which will debut in April!) Including your FREE shoulder tote, that is a savings of over \$290!

Additionally, new Consultants who remit \$300 worth of commissionable sales in their first 40 days after their New Consultant Kit ships will receive the rolling tote (a retail value of \$149.95) as a FREE bonus (not including shipping/handling)! These organization pieces are designed to help you get your business rolling, but they are only *available while supplies last*, so hurry on over and join today!

[Learn more](#)



## Q&A

### How to prevent smudges while stamping

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**Q:** I'm having a problem stamping. Some of my stamped images also have a slight smudge or line of ink. How can I prevent this?

**A:** First, be sure to use the smallest My Acrylix block that fits your stamp image. You'll find that recommended block sizes are listed under each stamp set in the Idea Book. Be sure to ink your image by pressing straight down on the ink pad. Rocking your stamp image may transfer additional ink to the block itself. If you continue to have smudges, try doing a quick wipe of the block around the image to ensure there is no additional ink before you stamp.

[See CTMH's Stamp Sets](#)

## Project Idea: Thanks So Much Card

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**Creating a thank you card doesn't have to take a lot of time or money.**

All you need to do is gather some basic supplies and then add a bit of layering and some depth to a simple design and your recipient will love the results. Let's get started.

### SUPPLIES

Stamp Set:

You Mean the World to Me Stamp Set (B1467)

Inks:



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## Sunset Exclusive Inks Stamp Pad (Z2191)

### Paper:

Colonial White Cards & Envelopes Value Pack (X1410)

Hopscotch Paper Pack (X7194B)

Smoothie CS 5-1/2" x 3"

Sunset B&T 5-1/2" x 2-3/4"

Sunset CS 3-3/4" x 2"

Colonial White Cardstock (1388) 3-1/2" x 1-3/4"

### Accessories:

12" Flaxen Extra Thick Twine (Z3036)

Bitty Sparkles (Z1263)

Thin 3-D Foam Tape (Z2060)

Non-stick Micro-tip Scissors (Z1836)

Pencil with new, unused eraser

### Instructions:

1. Using Sunset ink, ink up eraser as you would a stamp and "stamp" it along edges of card base to create polka dots.
2. Layer and adhere Sunset B&T to Smoothie CS. Then adhere to center of card base.
3. Using Sunset ink, stamp "Thanks so much" sentiment in center of Colonial White CS.
4. Line up bottom edges of Colonial White CS with Sunset CS. Using scissors and stamped image as a guide, cut a dovetail from both pieces of CS at the same time. Then adhere Colonial White CS to top of Sunset CS.
5. Wrap Flaxen Twine around top of stamped combo twice. Tie in a knot and trim ends.
6. Using Thin 3-D Foam Tape, adhere stamped combo to top/center of card.
7. Add a Bitty Sparkle to each side of "so much" sentiment.

[Need some supplies?](#)



### Tool Tip: Glue Dots

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**Glue Dots are a must-have in your tool arsenal.** Their extreme stickiness in small packaging is a real benefit. However, the packaging can get a bit unruly as it unrolls and Glue Dots are exposed to stick on anything it comes into contact with!

Here's my TIP: Using a left over scrap of ribbon, tie a bow or knot around the end of the Glue Dot strip. This will keep the roll together while still allowing you access to your precious Glue Dots. Then as you use them up, you can slide back your ribbon tie (or tighten it as your supply gets lower and the roll gets thinner.)

[See our selection of Glue Dots](#)

## Register Now for Our Annual Spring Fling

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**Take time for yourself and enjoy creating a wonderful assortment of projects.** The projects for this event are a little more technique driven--you'll create three 3-D projects as well as half a dozen cards (2 each of 3 designs.) The number of attendees permitted for this particular event is lower than usual so *early registration is advised.*

[Learn more](#)

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