

As both of these items are available against only a few illustrations, the easiest way to find them on the website is via the [Search](#) page - tick the 'Shopping List' box in the list of formats and then click on the Search button at the base of that list, and hey presto! If there's an illustration you'd like to see either of these items in, then let me know and I can add them to the website. (I didn't include any chocolate or alcohol illustrations for the Food and Exercise Diary - very restrained of me I thought!) :-)

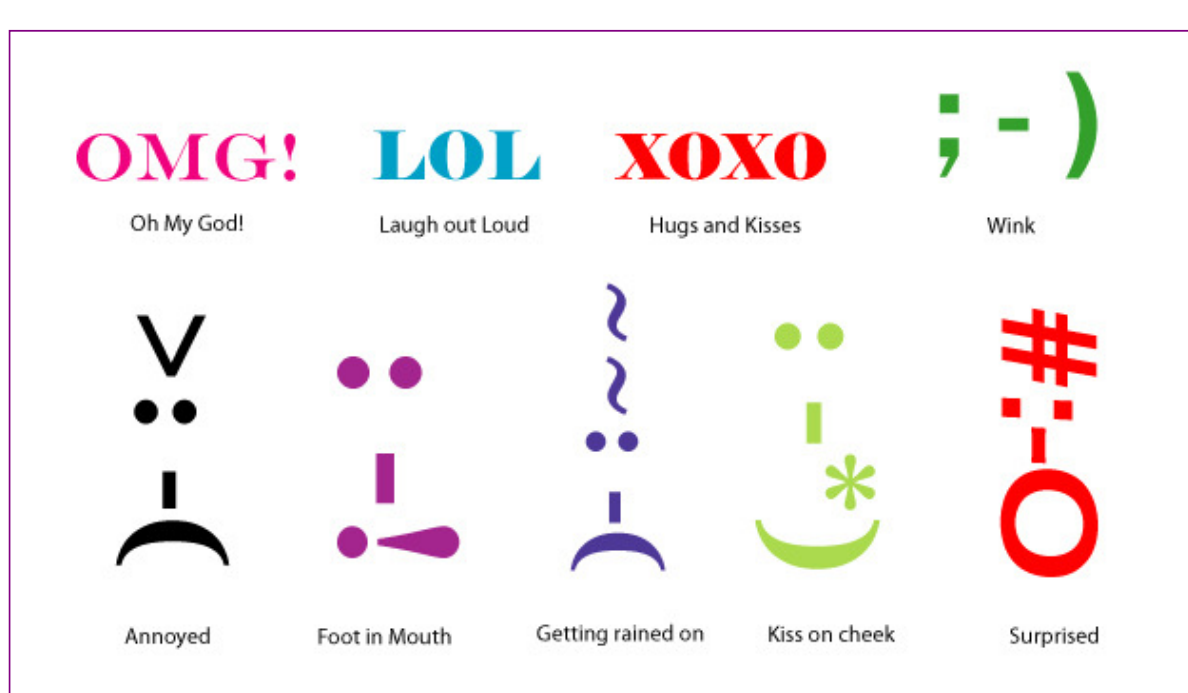
An Apology

If you have a Note Couture calendar, you may have felt like you were having a Groundhog Day - I realised when I was using my calendar, that March had two 23rds - big oops! Very sorry about that - I check, double check and recheck again when doing all the calendars, but obviously my trusty eyes betrayed me when compiling this years date grid for March. I've given myself 'the strap' and had to write one hundred lines saying that I wouldn't do it again in 2012.

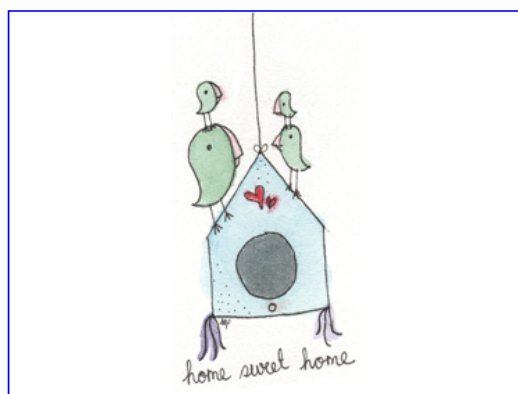
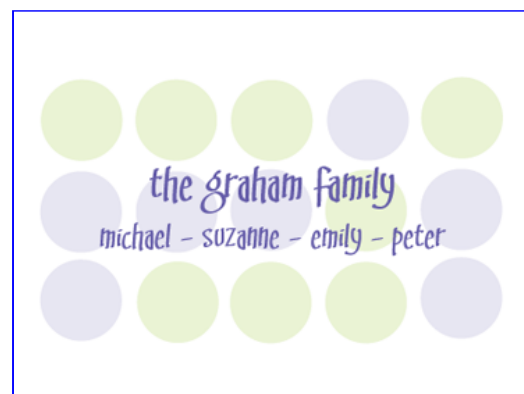
Fabulous new illustrations in April ...

I often get asked for suggestions as to what designs would be suitable for teenagers - it's always been hard to narrow it down and more a case of picking illustrations which match with their interests. But I had a bit of a brainwave after chatting to my friends' teenagers and have added a new sub collection (under the Womens Collection) called [txt spk](#). Check them out - you may even have an OMG! moment when you realise how easy it is to buy some stationery for your teen ;-)

OMG! **LOL** **XOXO** ; -)



I've added a couple of 'Family' style name illustrations - [Elegant Name Family One](#) and [Two](#) - hmmm such original names (!) but they're great if you want to organise a family Calling Card, or send a note from all the family and would like something a little more formal.



The Moving House Notepads are always popular, so now Moving House Correspondence Cards are available too.

A new illustration for these is [Home Sweet Home](#). It's by Maria Pizzirusso, an illustrator who I discovered via Facebook. Maria runs a small home based business called Ave Handmade which produces limited edition prints, postcard packs, children's invites, notecards and commissioned illustrations - check out her [Facebook](#) page and I'm sure you'll love it as much as I do.

In the culinary range there's [Pots and Pans](#) and [Mixing Bowl](#) by Kathryn Fletcher (available in recipe card format too).

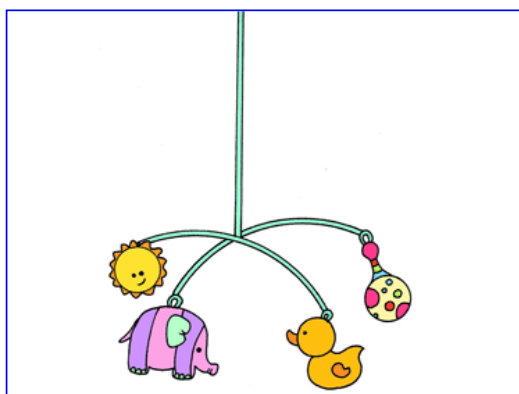




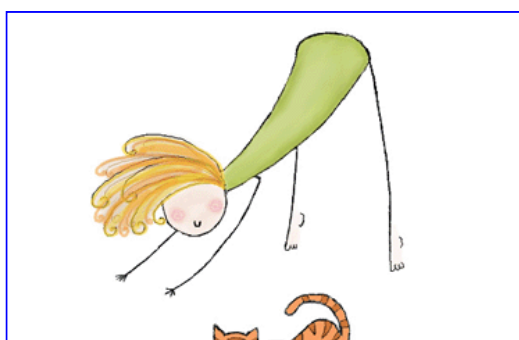
There's a new Carrie pic - [Chatterboxes](#) - and as a novelty, I've included two Calling Cards - one using each of the characters from this pic. (And if you're wondering what the words say it's: "Hello! What?! OMG! No Way!" Too cute!

The Gorgeous Ladies return with [Setting a good example takes all the fun out of life!](#)

In the Maternity Collection we have [Baby Mobile](#) and in the Kids Collection: [Pinwheel](#)



And last but definitely not least, morecute Doodle Girls from Boglarka - [Downward dog with kitty cat](#), [Molly had a little lamb](#), [Agnes - Fresh Food Fiend](#) and [Garden Girl](#).





I've 'turned off' a few pics (but only those that haven't sold recently), however if you can't find one of your favourites let me know and I can switch it back on again.

As usual you can view these new illustrations via the home page at <http://www.notecouture.com.au/> - at the top of the home page you will see 7 new illustrations - click on the 'view more' wording to see the full selection of recently added illustrations.

Good news and bad news

Well the bad news is that there's going to be a price increase - generally around 10% or rounded off to the nearest 50 cents. The good news is that it won't take effect til May 1st. Australia Post are also putting up their post satchel costs as of April 4 - not a big hike - generally around 30 cents per satchel - but as I don't put any mark up on these items, this also means I need to increase my postal charges too. Life is getting very expensive these days and being a small business, I can't afford to carry all these additional charges for too long (so far this year there's been a rent increase, packing products are costing more - ie: the corflute wraps that go around the notecard and note sheet boxes, price increases on card stock - it's never ending!)

Your comments please ...



I'm thinking about adding a mini spiral bound notebook to the range - and would like to know whether you think it's a good idea or not. My husband recently asked me to print a selection for him and his friends, and they all loved them. But they're time consuming to bind and assemble (small = fiddly). They would be 9cm wide x 13cm deep, lined, spiral bound at the top with a white transparent cover (same as the other spiral bound notebooks, but without the logo). Cost would be around \$13. I'd really love to hear your thoughts.

Mothers Day and Easter

What can I say ... they're both coming up ... oh O I do need to say more! Alright then - some suggestions ... as this months newsletter is on a health kick ... don't buy heaps of chocolate for easter (do buy some - just don't go overboard), buy some stationery with a great chocolate pic - useful and calorie free (or should I say kilojoule free). After all, [Chocolate - it's not just for breakfast anymore!!](#) (Tip - type the word chocolate into the Advanced Search box on the Search page, and all the chocolate pics will appear.) Instead of buying flowers for Mum, buy some stationery with a gorgeous flower illustration - lasts much longer, perfect for hayfever sufferers and she can think of you every time she uses it.

As usual, I love to hear from you - so please contact me if you have any queries or concerns - either

by email at Julie@NoteCouture.com.au or mobile: 0419 573 954. Catch up next month - and remember, if you no longer wish to receive my newsletter, please click on the unsubscribe link at the base of the page.

Cheers,
Julie

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