



The Sale Continues at DesignerDigitals

We're smack dab in the middle of our 4th quarter sale here at DesignerDigitals with every regular item marked down 30%. And on top of the 47 new items released last Thursday, we just turned on [21 new items](#). All marked down 30% except for the two at twenty five cents.

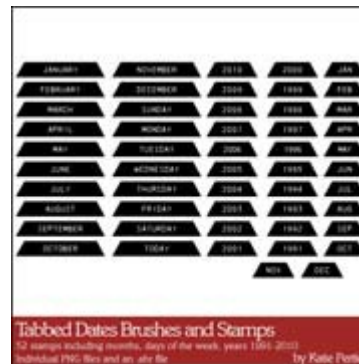
The sale will continue until this coming Tuesday, November 10th at 6am EST. This will be the last store wide sale for 2009 so don't miss out! And we are chatting all day long with freebies every hour until midnight EST tonight as well.

Make sure to join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Flicker](#) for news, challenges and our Daily Photo events!

[Congratulations to Jazzmatazz](#) who won week 4 of the [Double-D Scrap Challenge](#)! And a big [Congratulations to Shannamay](#), the Double-D Scrap Challenge Overall Winner!

And we have the updated product spreadsheet with all the items to help with your layout post linking which you can find in the [gallery/forum](#).

And, of course, we have 2 NEW 25 cent items for today and tomorrow ONLY! Don't Miss them!



Featured Layout of the Week

Congratulations to [janejetson](#). Her layout [Sledding](#) has been selected as the featured layout of the week where she won a \$ 5 DesignerDigitals Gift Certificate for product of her choice!



[Sledding](#)

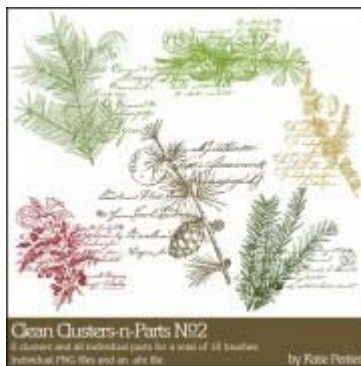
And here are just a few of the items that she used in her layout:



[Alandia Kit by Katie Pertiet](#)



[Vintage Flashcards: Winter by Katie Pertiet](#)



[Clean Clusters and Parts No. 02 Brushes and Stamps by Katie Pertiet](#)

Don't forget about Thrifty Thursday where over 200 items from various designers are marked down 30%! You can check out the items in the [store](#) and mark your calendar for an email reminder on the [calendar](#). And you only need to sign up once for weekly reminders!

[New Products at DesignerDigitals](#)

And three new challenges with freebies! You will need to sign into your Community account to get these. If you do not have an account yet you can create one in our [Community](#).



[Ad Challenge by Katie Pertiet](#)



[Color Inspiration Challenge by Katie Pertiet](#)



[Quote Challenge by Katie Pertiet](#)

Adobe Photoshop or Elements Tip of the Week:

Tip or Treat! How to fill your layer with goodies

You can also watch this tip on video on our blog: [How to use Ready Made Card Templates \[Video\]](#)

We are enjoying the fall weather so much that we've been opening our windows each afternoon to let the fresh air in. It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner and retailers are already dressing their windows.

Now that November is upon us, it's time to get a jump on holiday preparations. One of my favorite holiday timesavers is to use Ready-Made Card Templates to multi-task. Once I have created the holiday card, I use the

template in several other ways: as personalized gift tags, custom placecards for the holiday table, as photo mats and as scrapbook page elements. By thinking creatively, you can stretch your holiday budget and save a few minutes, too!

Ready-Made Card templates are designer cards that contain a transparent "window" for your photos. To get started, open a photo and a card template.

Get the **Move Tool** and drag the photo onto the card template document. The photo will be on top of the template, so move your cursor over to the Layers Panel and drag the photo underneath the card layer. You'll see the photo peeking through the transparent window.

Press **Ctrl T (Mac: Cmd T)** on your keyboard to activate the Transform controls. Use the **corner handles** on the bounding box to resize your photo and the **circular arrow handle** to twist or turn your photo.

Add text by clicking the template layer. Get the **Type tool** and make your font selections (font name, text size and color) from the Options Bar across the top of the editing screen. Click on the card layer and begin typing. When you are satisfied with your text, click the **checkmark** to confirm the type.

You can add digital elements to your card by opening the element file and using the **Move tool** to drag it onto the card template.

Save your card by choosing **File > Save As** from the Menu Bar. Give the card a new name. If you are sending your card to be printed, select the .jpg file format to flatten it and format it.

Resize your card to make tags or placecards by selecting **Layer > Merge Layers** and picking up the **Crop tool**. Type the new size in the Options Bar before dragging out a rectangle over your entire card. Click the **checkmark** to confirm the crop.

After printing your card, you can add 3D elements such as brads, glitter, ribbons, buttons or other items if you like. So, although card templates are predesigned, you can make them your own!

Next week, we'll continue holiday preparations. Learn how to save your holiday dollars by printing several cards, tags, or other projects on one page.

Have a great week and we'll see you at DesignerDigitals!

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