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This is the ultimate happy mail. Over the top IS recommended

Make an envelope that's bright, fun and perhaps unexpected!

It's time to celebrate with some seriously pretty mail



	Your friend's achievement should be celebrated properly	Enthusiasm is infectious	Be proud!	
		Good news should be shared	Have fun creating	
		Make a date to celebrate in person	Toast them!	

WHEN TO WRITE:

CELEBRATION AND GOOD TIMES

BIG AND SMALL OCCASIONS

When your loved one is going through or has achieved something exciting, a letter is a lovely way to mark a success or a happy occasion. Remember, what is small to one person is big to another, so get with the making and sending, and let someone know you are thinking of them.

Small achievements are some of the best reasons to send snail mail. The recipient won't be expecting anything, and they can't not be delighted when a cute letter arrives addressed to them in the mail.

Simple words like 'I'm proud of you', 'I knew you could do it' or 'This is such an achievement, well done' will put a smile on your loved one's face. After all, you are proud of them, and you want them to feel special!



MAKE ME!

Pressed flowers

DIFFICULTY: EASY

TIME: 2 WEEKS

MAKES: LOTS!

YOU WILL NEED

* Flowers, petals or leaves (or all three)

Whether you pick, gather or buy, choose the best leaves, petals and blooms you can find. And if you've got your eye on your neighbour's garden, ask before you take.

* Scissors

* 2 pieces of paper

* Heavy books

1.

Select the flowers you are going to press. Some flowers may be pressed whole, while others may work best if you press the petals or leaves only. The best candidates are freshly bloomed, bright in colour and have thin petals or flowers that can lie flat.

2.

Cut the pieces of paper down to size, so they fit inside one of the books with very little overhang.

3.

Open one of your books to the middle and place one piece of paper on either the left or right page. Lay your flowers, leaves or petals on the paper, making sure they don't touch each other. Place the other piece of paper on top and shut the book. Weight this down with additional heavy books.

4.

Check on your pressed beauties every 2 days and change the paper, which will have absorbed moisture. They should be ready in 2 weeks. Fold into a beautifully written letter and pop into the post, or use some of your pressed flowers to make your own paper (see page 78).

If you're not sure, experiment away (I press at least one thing per week!)