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## Quickfire Stationery Challenge

**New Deadline: Wednesday September 22, 2010 10 a.m. PST**

See your design be part of the world's most beautiful stationery collection! Minted is seeking fresh, modern personal stationery cards for women, men, and children, just in time to send as holiday gifts! We are accepting A2 designs for flat stationery cards that allow a customer to feature their name or initials on the card.

**PRIZES:** The top-rated designs, as voted by the community, will receive the following prizes:

**1st prize - \$1000**

**2nd prize - \$500**

**3rd prize - \$250**

**4th – 10th prizes: \$100 each**

In addition, we will be awarding **\$100** to each of a healthy number of Editor's Picks from this challenge. **The top 10 designs and Editor's Picks will be sold on Minted.com, with those designers receiving 5% of net sales of the products sold, in addition to the cash prizes.**

**DIMENSIONS:** A2 (4.25" x 5.5") flat cards. Please allow for a .1" bleed. Winning designers may be asked to create a matching address label for customers to write their recipient's address, to be adhered to the front of an envelope.

**HOW TO SUBMIT:** Please go to [www.minted.com/contest](http://www.minted.com/contest) and click on the green button to find instructions, templates, and the Online Entry Form.

**QUESTIONS?:** Email us at [designers@minted.com](mailto:designers@minted.com)

### Tips:

- Personalized correspondence cards, in addition to any design motifs, typically include **only the name or monogram of the individual.**
- For the flat card, be sure to leave enough **white space for the message because these cards will be used for writing short notes.**

### Submission Guidelines:

You can download the submission kit by clicking on the green "Download a Submission Kit" link on the contest description page.

### What Happens Next?

After you submit your design, you are able to edit your design as many times as you want, before the launch of voting. To edit your design, simply login to your Design Studio, click on "Manage Your Collection" and click "edit" underneath the design you want to edit.

Voting launches shortly after the close of submission so make your edits quickly! If you have any questions, email [designers@minted.com](mailto:designers@minted.com).

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All Submissions must be received by 10 a.m. PST 9/22/10

### 1 Create your designs

You will be designing a **Personal Stationery Card** that is a flat A2 (4.25" x 5.5") card. You may submit multiple designs, however, you cannot submit the same design in multiple colorways.

- If your design is selected, final artwork will be required in **Adobe® InDesign® or Illustrator®** format only. Designs will need to be in
- ▶ **CMYK**, and bitmap elements at a minimum 300 dpi at size. All textual typesetting must be editable in Illustrator or InDesign; however, any font that is used as a graphic element (i.e. dingbats, flowers, etc.) must be converted to outlines. We no longer accept Photoshop® files in final artwork. **Please include fonts and all linked files.** Bitmap elements should be in TIFF format (NO JPEGs).

- Final artwork **must be in CMYK mode.** Please no spot colors or RGB colors. You may use the Pantone® Color Bridge® CMYK/
- ▶ Uncoated guide, but be sure to always create your files using the CMYK build. At this time we are unable to print spot colors, metallic or other specialty inks, and we are unable to allow die-cuts, folds, foil stamping, embossing, ribbons/embellishments, or other 'fancy stuff'.

### Create low-res submission images using our provided templates

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- Please see the 'How To' side bar at right. 

### Read and accept the Terms and Conditions

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- As part of the Entry Form, you will be asked to thoroughly read and agree to the Minted Terms and Conditions for Design Submissions. The Minted Terms and Conditions are included at the end of this document. **NOTE: Page 5 indicates what matching items will be requested along with your original art files.**

### Fill out Online Entry Form and submit designs

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- Submit your design by going to <http://www.minted.com/contest> and clicking the green button. You may be asked to log in or create an account. Please fill in the form completely, and upload your Submission Image. **PLEASE CHOOSE A UNIQUE NAME for your design, using only alpha-numeric characters (e.g., no commas, semi-colons, dollar signs, etc.)**

## HOW TO PREPARE YOUR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE WEB:

- The Submission Image of your design must be no larger than 550 x 550 pixels, under 120 kb, and in JPEG or GIF format. Files that are too large will not be accepted. JPEGs should be in RGB color mode.
- You must use one of the 'submission\_image... .psd' Photoshop templates included with the submission kit. (These files can be found in the Templates folder of the Submission kit, in a sub-folder called "Submission Images for Online".
- There are several ways of preparing your submission image for the Web for designers using Illustrator or InDesign. We recommend placing a PDF into the Photoshop file 'submission\_image... .psd'. First, save/export your design as a PDF. Then open in Photoshop the 'submission\_image...' file that matches your design's orientation.
- Next, Place (File > Place...) the PDF that you created into the submission image template and size the placed PDF appropriately. You may want to use the 'Create Clipping Mask' feature to crop the edges of your design (refer to *Photoshop Help* for more information on this). Be careful not to show crop marks on your submission.
- Alternately, you can open the PDF as a separate document in Photoshop, crop and size it, and then copy/paste your design into the 'submission\_image...' document.
- Finally, save your design for the Web. From the File Menu in Photoshop, choose 'Save for Web' or 'Save for Web & Devices...' (depending on your Photoshop version – refer to *Photoshop Help* for more information on this feature). We recommend selecting the Preset 'JPEG High'. Quality 60 is usually fine, but it can be optimized as you see fit to get the best file size/quality ratio. Be sure that the image is less than 120 kb.

## A Few Frequently Asked Questions.

See the the full FAQ at: <http://www.minted.com/designer-faq>

### *Who should I contact if I am experiencing technical difficulties submitting a design?*

With technical difficulties or any other issue or question you may have — although please read through the above FAQ first — please email us at [designers@minted.com](mailto:designers@minted.com) and someone will get back to you. We check this email regularly during the week, as well as the weekend before a submission deadline.

### *Am I allowed to use iStockphoto images?*

The short answer is no. iStockphoto's license agreement prohibits any of their designs to be reproduced for consumption, which is exactly what Minted does. The specifically relevant clause is: "For example, you cannot superficially modify the Content, print it on a t-shirt, mug, poster, template or other item,

and sell it to others for consumption, reproduction or re-sale." Even if you purchase the design under an extended license provision, we would still have to re-purchase it in order to be the owner and distributor of the design. Unfortunately, Minted can't afford to do this and still be able to take care of you, our wonderful designers. And, furthermore the whole point of Minted is to gather the very best original designs!

### *Can I use clip art in my designs?*

Royalty-free clip art is permitted, but only as long as the source licenses the art for reproduction in items for sale. Many clip art books only allow for reproduction for 'personal use only'. Anything that you have to purchase online is not permitted. The reason for this is that Minted would then have to re-purchase that design if your entry was selected, likely at a much higher premium because of the scale of our reproduction.

## Fonts **Now with new additions, oh boy!**

Minted licenses all the fonts that we use for print and online. While we are continually adding new fonts, we ask that you keep your fonts to those on this list. Fonts used in winning submissions that are not on this list will be substituted. 'Free fonts' that are licensed for commercial use for no charge that are not on this list may also be used. If you have any questions about fonts or potential substitutions, drop us a note at [designers@minted.com](mailto:designers@minted.com) and our resident font expert will happily help you out.

Adine Kirnberg Script	Adobe Caslon Pro Family	Filosofia Regular	Minion Pro Family	Saddlebag
Adios Script	Caslon Open Face	Fling	Modern No. 20 Regular / Italic	Sakurachan
Affair	Caslon Small Caps	Font Diner	Modified Gothic	Sansumi
Albamarle Swash	Century Gothic	Frankfurter Inline	Monsieur La Doulaise	Schoon
AlexandriaFLF	Chaparral Pro	Franklin Gothic	Mr. Sheffield	Scotch Roman
American Typewriter Medium	Chevalier Stripes Cap	Freebooter Script	Mrs. Blackfort	Sedona Script
Aquiline	Chopin Script	Futura Family	Mrs. Eaves Roman / Small Caps	Serlio Regular
Archer Family	Christmas Card	Gala Condensed	Museo 500	Sexsmith
Archive Antique Extended	Clarendon Light, Regular & Bold	Adobe Garamond Family	Myriad Pro Family	Sheer Beauty
Archive Penman Script	Cochin	Garamond Family	News Gothic	Shelley Allegro Script
Arial Rounded Bold	Comfortaa	Geosans	Nuptial Script	Sloop - Script One/Three
Artistamp Medium	Commerce Gothic	Gill Sans Family	Odile	Station
Avante Garde	Compendium	Goudy Old Style	Oklahoma	Steelfish
Baker Script	Cooper Black	Granjon Roman / Small Caps	Old Claude	Stella
Bank Gothic	Copperplate Light / Bold	Gwendolyn	Optima	Stuyvesant
Baskerville Family	Coquette Regular / Light	Hellenic Wide	Orator	Sudestada
Bebas Neue	Cottonwood	Helvetica Neue Family	P22 Cezanne	Sweetheart Script
Bell Gothic Family	Coventry Script	Hoedown	P22 Declaration	Tamarillo
Bell MT	Currency	Isbell Bold	P22 Dearest	Telegraphem
Bembo Family	Cursive Standard	Adobe Jensen Pro	P22 Vincent Regular	Texas Hero
Berkeley Book	Cyclone	Jugend WF	P22 Zaner Pro One/Two	Torino Modern
Bernhard Modern Family	Daisy Lau	Juniper	Palatino	Times New Roman
Berth Script	Daresiel	Jupiter Pro	Pea Jane in a Hurry	Trade Gothic Family
Berthold Script	Didot	Kepler Regular / Medium	Phinster Fine	Trajan Pro Regular / Bold
Bickham Script Pro	Divona	Kravitz Thermal	Pluma Family	Tropicana
Birch	Dry Gulch	Kuenstler Script Medium	Poetica Family	Typo Upright
Black Jack	Eccentric STD	La Portenia de la Boca/Recoleta	Pushkin Script	Univers 55/65
Bodoni Family	Edwardian Script	Learning Curve	Quicksand Family	Urania Czech
Bodoni Small Caps	Engravers Gothic	Little Daisy	Rocko FLF	Vendetta Family
Bookman Old Style	Engravers MT	Love Letter	Rockwell	Walkway Bold / Black
Briannes Hand	Estilo / Estilo Script	Lubalin Graph Book	Rockwell Sketch	Wendy Medium
Budmo Jiggler	Euphorogenic	Mea Culpa	Romeral	Worstveld Sling
Burgues Script	Extra Ornamental No. 2	Memimas	Rose Caps	Zapf Dingbats
Business Penmanship	Feel Script	Mesquite	Rosewood	Zapfino
Calisto MT	Filosofia Family	Meta Bold	Sabon	

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**Minted appreciates your participation in our “Quickfire Stationery Challenge” contest (“Contest”), via your submission of a flat A2 stationery note card design (hereinafter the “Design”). By submitting your Design to Minted, you agree to the following terms and conditions (“Terms and Conditions for Design Submissions”):**

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If your Design is selected for sale by Minted in this Contest, then we shall pay a lump sum Cash Prize and a Sales Commission, as follows:

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If the high-resolution artwork is not deemed suitable for print, as determined by Minted in its sole discretion, then Minted will notify you of the reason(s) for its determination by email. If after providing you with written notice to produce high-resolution artwork, Minted does not receive high-resolution artwork for the Design selected for sale within 14 days, then Minted reserves the right to withdraw your prize and refuse you payment for use of the Design.

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