

# BESPOKE STATIONERY

Our pick of the best cards and papers for announcements, celebrations or just to keep in touch



## BILLET DOUX

01929 439003, [billetdoux.co.uk](http://billetdoux.co.uk)  
This small but perfect collection of notecards, invitations and place cards comes in pretty sherbet colours, with delicate designs and matching tissue-lined envelopes. Order them blank, or have them printed by the company. A pack of ten wedding invitations with envelopes costs £25. Standard invitations cost £1.25 each.

## CHARTULA STUDIO

020 7138 4055, [chartula.co.uk](http://chartula.co.uk)  
The stationery of choice for Rod Stewart's recent wedding in Italy, Chartula specialises in state-of-the-art laser-cut designs (below right), but the world is your oyster here with a large selection of papers, colours and printing methods available. From £354 for 100 invitations.

## DINKIE DYNAMO

01924 416922, [dinkiedynamo.co.uk](http://dinkiedynamo.co.uk)  
This stylish range includes an elegant two-tone design inspired by Audrey Hepburn, as well as Las Vegas-themed invitations adorned with Swarovski crystals. Best of all, there is no minimum order, making this the perfect choice for even the most select soirée. Invitations range from £2.70 to £3.30 each, depending on the design and materials used.

## HAZLITZ

020 7225 7590, [hazlitz.com](http://hazlitz.com)  
Choose a design from Hazlitz's quirky ready-to-write collection and have it engraved, embossed or foil-blocked for your personal use, or try its bespoke service to create your own from scratch. From £300 for 50 bespoke invitations.

## THE LETTER PRESS

01285 659797, [letterpress.co.uk](http://letterpress.co.uk)  
Specialists in high-quality letterpress printing, an age-old technique which is currently enjoying a revival. It also produces thermography (infrared imaging), gilding and embossing, and is the bespoke stationery printer for John Lewis. From around £100 for 100 invitations.



## THE PERSONAL PAPER COMPANY

0845 310 5732, [thepersonalpaperco.co.uk](http://thepersonalpaperco.co.uk)  
Visit this website for a gorgeous range of designs - we especially like the children's party invitations. If you can't see what you're looking for, you can talk to the design team, who will be happy to help. Bespoke invitations from £2 each.

## PICCOLO PRESS

01667 454308, [piccolopress.co.uk](http://piccolopress.co.uk)  
Piccolo Press's impressive client list includes the Royal Household and the Foreign Office. It is one of the few specialist printers to still employ a master craftsman hand-engraver, but the design team is equally at home with modern printing techniques. From £240 for 100 invitations.

## SHARE THE FEELING

020 7254 7588, [sharethefeeling.co.uk](http://sharethefeeling.co.uk)  
Hand-threaded beads, ribbons, sparkles - nothing is too fiddly for Share the Feeling, whose stationery is created by a team of people with learning difficulties. The ranges cost from £500 for 50 invitation packs (Provence, above left, starts at £550), including invitation, wallet, rsvp card and information card.

## SMYTHSON

020 7629 8558, [smythson.com](http://smythson.com)  
If your budget will allow, Smythson is the smart Bond Street option. The consultants here can advise on etiquette as well as layout, and whatever you choose will come packaged in the company's distinctive Nile blue boxes. Impeccable. Whether you're looking for plain or bespoke cards, they are equally exquisite, and the range of discreet motif cards in pink and silver (below), red and navy, or black and gold, starts at £26 for a pack of 10.



## WREN PRESS

020 7351 5887, [wrenpress.co.uk](http://wrenpress.co.uk)  
This stationer holds two royal warrants and characteristically uses extra-thick card that is strong and robust for its invitations. The gorgeous range of bespoke notecards for children, which features fairies or dinosaurs, makes a lovely present that will guarantee thank-you letters. Oh, and Elizabeth Hurley orders her personalised Christmas cards here. Bespoke invitations from £150 for 100. ■