

around the page

A brand new column, all about the key components of a scrapbook page. BY LISA DICKINSON

Each scrapbook page tells an important story of your life. To tell such stories, focus is traditionally put on four main page components—the title, the photo(s), the story, and the decorative extras. To get you excited about planning and creating your next (or first!) page, I've created three layouts that showcase different ways to approach each of these key areas. Join me on this trip around the scrapbook page and challenge yourself to create. Your story is waiting to be told!

layout 1



TITLE TIP

Mix those mediums!

Combining different textures adds interest to the page's starting point. In this case, I combined die cut paper with foam stickers.

PHOTO TIP

Capture the action!

Use your camera's burst mode to snap several photos in a sequence. Add those photos to your page in a strip to bring your story to life.

JOURNALING TIP

Know your type!

Type or print directly on your background cardstock for a simple and clean look. No fuss, no muss!

EMBELLISHMENT TIP

Get colour coded!

Cluster embellishments by hue. It's a fun way to use numerous accents without bogging down your page.

field day

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, DIES, STAMPS: Photo Play Paper; STICKERS: American Crafts; INK: Close to My Heart; BUTTONS: BasicGrey, Jilibean Soup; GEMS: Queen & Co.; ACRYLIC SHAPES: Studio Calico; FONTS: Arial Black, Disproporz; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Twine

layout 2



TITLE TIP

Put your unique stamp on things!

Stamps aren't just for card making. Grab your favourite alpha and see what kind of titles you can come up with. **NOTE:** If stamping directly on your layout is intimidating, stamp on cardstock, trim, and adhere instead.

PHOTO TIP

Get on the grid!

This evergreen approach to photo placement never goes out of style. It's an easy way to place multiple images and lets you know exactly how many shots you'll be able to include.

JOURNALING TIP

May I quote you?

If you simply can't find the words, there's no shame in using another's musings. Quotes can convey emotion just as your own words would.

EMBELLISHMENT TIP

Bring on the border!

Rather than sprinkle accents throughout your page, line them up in a concentrated strip of space to create a strong foundation.

mexico love

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, BRADS, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL DOTS, STICKERS: Simple Stories; STAMPS: Studio Calico; INK: Hero Arts; FONT: Foro Type Lights; ADHESIVE, PEN: American Crafts

layout 3



TITLE TIP

Maximize photo space!

Before printing those pictures, add your title using an app on your smart phone/tablet or photo editing software on your computer.

PHOTO TIP

Matter up!

Look for unique photo mats. Using bulkier chipboard frames behind my photos makes the page feel more dimensional.

JOURNALING TIP

Time for ticker tape!

Trim varying lengths to up the interest. By separating your words, it's easy to then follow the shape of your design as you place each strip.

EMBELLISHMENT TIP

Stitch it up!

Add a hand stitched frame around a small group of accents to create an anchor.

For more from Lisa, visit her online at lisadickinson.typepad.com

before & after

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Jillibean Soup; CHIPBOARD: Crate Paper; BUTTONS: BasicGrey; FONTS: Bohemian Typewriter, Tusj; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Twine