

make it mini

Create a cascading album that's full of character.

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The saying “good things come in small packages” rings true when it comes to describing my obsession with mini albums. Having special memories documented in one compact bundle that I can hold in my hands is an amazing feeling. I can just grab my mini and become instantly transported to my happy place as I flip through each page. Generally, mini albums do not have page protectors, making the pages very tactile. It's the perfect opportunity to use dimensional ephemera—delicious crafting goodies that you have been saving for the perfect occasion!

MINI SIZE:

6 x 8



✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** **Coordinate the look!** Mini albums come together quickly with coordinated product lines! Mix, match, and play with your favourite collection for perfectly matched results.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** **I decided to go with a 6 x 8 cascading album.** It's a good size to fit large photos and embellies without crowding the space.

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supplies PATTERNED PAPER, BRADS, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL SHAPES: Carta Bella; STICKERS: American Crafts, Carta Bella; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



- ✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Make a **cascading album** to better showcase beautifully layered pages. Determine the largest page of your mini (usually the last page), and make each page prior to it $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch shorter in length.

- ✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Don't feel like you need to put a photo on every page. Embellishments, memorabilia, even baby's handprint can work just as well to enhance your story.

- ✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Round the corners of your pages to prevent wear and tear and unintentional dog-earing of the corners.



- ✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Embrace **dimension!** Use lumpy embellishments to create pretty layers on your pages.

- ✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Make your **album pages sturdier** by doubling up the patterned paper (gluing two sheets together).



See more of Virginia's work on her blog at virgianebel.blogspot.com