



handmade photo gifts

With the holidays right around the corner and Valentine's Day not far behind, you may want to put your creative twist on gift giving. In this issue, we're sharing seven ways to incorporate photographs in clever and unique gifts that are sure to be cherished. They're so cute, you might want to keep them for yourself! BY SUSAN R. OPEL

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photo décor



DESIGN TIP: Keep the background patterned paper simple to give the photos and added accents top billing.

create photo décor

Dimensional projects like this lovely décor that Aly created allow you lots of freedom. Since the finished product will end up on a wall rather than in an album, you can add depth with a bottle brush tree and filmy white snowflakes while still allowing the darling photos to be the star of the show!

christmas joy

BY ALY DOSDALL

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS, SNOWFLAKES, WIRE BRUSH TREE: Crate Paper; CIRCLE PUNCH, SEWING MACHINE: We R Memory Keepers; CIRCLE CUTTER: Creative Memories; ADHESIVE: American Crafts; OTHER: Frame

photo gift tags

create personalized tags

One of the best things about the holidays is family. Why not showcase cherished photos on personalized gift tags for that extra special touch? With simple tag shapes, a few accents, and festive ribbon, Paige has created a keepsake that the recipient can keep long after the wrapping paper has been discarded.

festive family

BY PAIGE EVANS

supplies CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: American Crafts; STAPLES: Tim Holtz; RIBBON: Pink Paislee



DESIGN TIP: Keep it simple and let the photos do the work. In the end, the pictures are the best part of these adorable tags.

photo explosion box

create an explosion box

Virginia's fun photo project looks cute on its own sitting on the coffee table, but imagine the delight of sharing its magical qualities while enjoying eggnog and family time! This box will be the talk of your annual Christmas get-together with its interactive qualities.

DESIGN TIP: Use one festive collection to give your box continuity in shape and style. What a fun way to use lots of goodies all at once!

celebrate with santa

BY VIRGINIA NEBEL

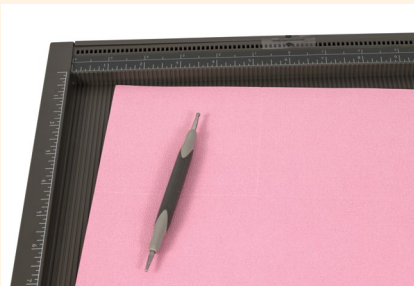
supplies CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, DOILIES, ENAMEL SHAPES: Doodlebug Design; SCORING TOOL: Scor-Pal; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



CLOSED BOX

MAKE YOUR OWN PHOTO EXPLOSION BOX

Try your hand at creating an explosion box by following these steps:



1 Score 12 x 12 paper at 4 and 8 inches. Rotate 90 degrees and score at 4 and 8 inches. Cut and remove corners. Do the same with 10½ x 10½ paper scoring at 3½ and 7 inches and 9 x 9 paper scoring at 3 and 6 inches.



2 Adhere layers together at center with largest layer at the bottom. Decorate flaps.



3 To create lid, score 6½ x 6½ paper at 1¼ and 5¼ inches. Rotate 90 degrees and repeat. Cut small dart-line along the vertical score lines at the corners. Fold corner tabs, adhere to form lid, and embellish.



photo wreath

create a photo wreath

Wreaths are an integral part of holiday décor, so create a gift for a family member or friend with a favourite family photo! Traditional papers and accents will add luster to the finished design.

DESIGN TIP: Take this idea to the next level and add several pictures to your wreath. You could choose one photo of each person in the family or even create one for your colleagues at work.

DESIGN TIP: Add texture with twine, brads, and delicate pine branches.

The sky's the limit when it comes to dimensional designs like this one!

merry & bright

BY TYA SMITH

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics, Carta Bella; PATTERNED PAPER, BRADS, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, DIES, ENAMEL DOTS, STICKERS: Echo Park; TWINE: Creative Impressions; ELECTRONIC CUT FILES: Silhouette America; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Tombow; OTHER: Foam wreath

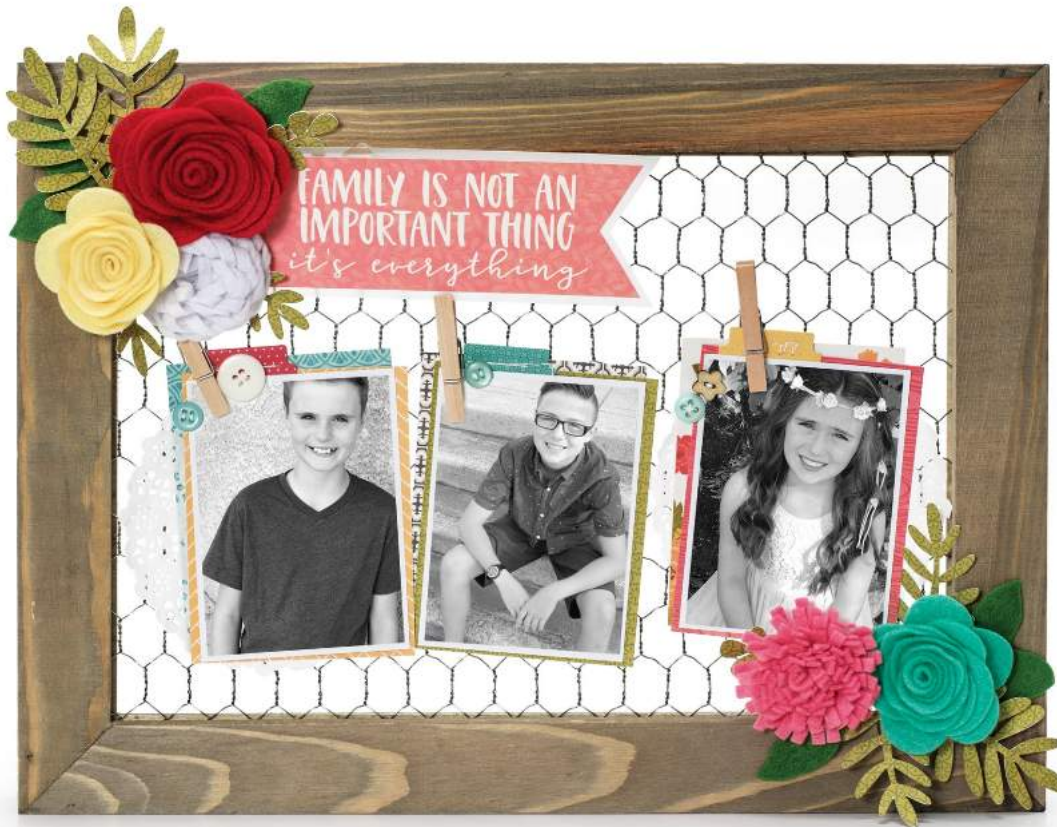


photo frame

create a photo frame

Nicole's wooden frame allows lots of options for adding embellishments, and the clothespins add to the homey look of this pretty design. The recipient of this lovely décor could even swap out the photos as the children grow.

DESIGN TIP: Paint the frame any colour you like to give this project a whole new look. Imagine how it would shimmer in metallic gold!

family is everything

BY NICOLE NOWOSAD

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, CLOTHESPINS, FRAME, FELT
FLOWERS: Jillibean Soup; ELECTRONIC CUT FILES: Silhouette
America; OTHER: Buttons, twine

photo card

create a photo card

Sending and receiving Christmas cards is a particular joy come December, and it's always fun to put your creative touch on a card design. Kimberly's card is a simple way to make multiple hand-crafted cards to celebrate the season.

DESIGN TIP: Kimberly attached the vellum strip to the back of the photo so that the adhesive wouldn't show.

joy

BY KIMBERLY CRAWFORD

supplies CARDSTOCK, STAMPS: My Favorite Things; INK: Tsukineko; EMBOSSING POWDER: Stampendous!; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Vellum





photo calendar

create a photo flip calendar

Give the gift that keeps on giving 365 days a year by creating an interactive photo calendar.

The MemoryDex spinner from Heidi Swapp is like a Rolodex from days gone by, but with a sleek updated look. Meghann added opener cards with a photo for each month and one card for each day of the year. Think how fun it will be to turn to the next day each morning!

time flies

BY MEGHANN ANDREW

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS: Crate Paper, Heidi Swapp; STAMP: Elle's Studio; INK: Stampin' Up!; SPINNER, BOWS, CARDS, CLIPS, LABELS, WASHI TAPE: Heidi Swapp



DESIGN TIP: By creating a decorated tab at the beginning of each month and leaving the day cards blank with only a stamped date, your calendar recipient can use these cards for documenting their everyday moments with small photos and journaling or to jot down important appointments or reminders.

DESIGN TIP: Once 2018 has come to an end, the cards from the spinner can be removed and kept for years to come.