

make it mini

Create a pretty mini album to commemorate your child's birthday celebration. BY SHERI REGULY

I love creating mini albums, especially when it comes to special occasions, milestones, or vacations. The best thing about them is that there are no rules. Sometimes I like to keep things sweet and simple while on other occasions I enjoy adding additional pages and tons of detail. Whether I spend a couple of hours on an album or several days, there's always a great sense of accomplishment once it's done. All too often, our scrapbook albums and memories are kept tucked away, so I like to keep a few displayed in a pretty little basket where they're easy to access and appreciate on a daily basis.

MINI SIZE:

4½ x 5½

GETTING STARTED

My favourite way to assemble a mini album is to group the pages together with a simple binder ring. This method easily allows for the addition of extra pages and variety since not all pages have to be the exact same size. It's always fun to embellish the ring with an assortment of pretty ribbons, charms, etc.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Keep things consistent.** I opted to use the same pretty turquoise patterned paper throughout the album, as well as various versions of the "starburst" pattern. The patterned paper on each page is consistent throughout the album allowing for an attractive white border which emphasizes the decorative edges.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Gather all of your supplies in advance** and create a "mini album kit." After selecting my patterned papers, I selected an ephemera pack to work with, two sticker sheets, and coordinating enamel dots. These supplies were used throughout my album which provided consistency.



shine

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER: Crate Paper, Pink Paislee; STAMPS: My Favorite Things; INK: Papertrey Ink; STICKERS: Crate Paper, Simple Stories; CHARM, EPHEMERA: Crate Paper; ENAMEL DOTS: American Crafts, Doodlebug Designs, My Mind's Eye; ELECTRONIC CUT FILE: Silhouette America; DIES: Simon Says Stamp, Sizzix; FONTS: Arial, Courier New, Daydreamer; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Xyron; OTHER: Binder ring, cork, pocket page, ribbon, vellum



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Create a "page" with photos.** By printing and trimming two photos to the same dimensions and adhering them back to back, you can create a "page" in your album that consists solely of photos. The back to back photos end up being smaller than the other album pages adding to the variety of your ring-bound album.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Get close up.** When putting together a mini album, I love to incorporate close-up images of the special little details like my daughter's birthday breakfast.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Create pockets.**

I trimmed a pocket page and inserted a piece of vellum and a die cut tag, and then filled the pocket with homemade confetti I created using manual dies and coordinating patterned papers. This emphasizes the "birthday celebration theme" of the album. The stitching detail not only provides a pretty touch, but it also holds the confetti in the pocket.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Remember the details.**

I included a simple journaling block consisting of the details of my daughter's birthday slumber party.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Embellish it up!** Because a mini album isn't confined to a page protector, you can have fun adding lots of embellishments. It's the perfect excuse to use that stash!



See more inspiration from Sheri at sherireguly.blogspot.com