

design your story

Design team member Lisa Dickinson savours recording the details of her daily life. BY CATHY ZIELSKE

The stories you save in your albums need not be the flashy events of life!

Lisa Dickinson has a knack for combining everyday stories with flawless design. From layering photos and ephemera, to building beautiful grids, Lisa's pages always stand out as wonderful ways to document life.



layout 1

ROUTINES

What do you do every day? What about the people in your family? It seems like such a simple story, yet our routines make up most of our daily experiences! Tell the story in a short paragraph, like Lisa did.

DESIGN TIP: Split the space! Lisa's split design makes such an impact. The plaid background is the home for the photos and ephemera and provides the perfect balance for the journaling and title on the right-hand side.

DESIGN TIP: Stitch it up. Machine stitching adds such a gorgeous texture to any layout. Lisa's circle is a fabulous visual connection to the ephemera and photos, which complete the circle. So clever!

daily rituals

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DESIGN TIP: Work the contrast.

Combine large and small stickers for a big design punch on any title. The gold capped letters are a perfect contrast to the big, scripty *rituals*.

STORY TIP: Pets are family!

For many of us, we can't imagine what everyday life would be without our beloved pets. Be sure to include them in your albums!

layout 2



EMBRACE THE GRID

Lisa has long been a master of grid design on her layouts. This collection of her adorable pups is so sweet but also adheres to a very solid, symmetrical grid base. The cool thing about grids is that you can mix and match whatever you like! Photos or fun patterned papers and pieces of ephemera can be plugged into each space perfectly.

DESIGN TIP: Soft palettes for the win. Lisa chose such an elegant palette for her layout. You can totally choose a soft, almost feminine set of products for any story you are telling, even one for your pooches!

a dog's life

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