

# make it mini

Keep Christmas memories in one tidy and festive spot!

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**Christmas is my favourite time of year to create a mini album!** Glittering holiday lights and cheerfully wrapped gifts, softly falling snow and a cozy cup of hot cocoa, warm, comforting food in the company of dear friends and family—there is so much to love! I love to add my Christmas mini albums to our holiday décor year after year, leaving them out for friends and family to look through and reminisce about Christmases past. It's the perfect conversation starter and a trip down memory lane all rolled up into one.

**MINI SIZE:**  
6 x 8



## hello december

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Hammermill, Simple Stories; PATTERNED PAPER, BRADS, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, LETTER STICKERS, STICKERS: Simple Stories; STAMPS: Carpe Diem, Shimelle for American Crafts, Simple Stories, Studio Calico; INK: Tsukineko; PEN: American Crafts; DIES: Diamond Press, Elle's Studio, Impression Obsession, Papertrey Ink; TRIM: Queen & Co., Spellbinders; DECORATIVE SCISSORS: Provo Craft; PUNCHES: EK Success, We R Memory Keepers; ADHESIVE: AdTech; OTHER: Acetate, baby powder, glitter, sequins



TITLE PAGE

## GETTING STARTED

**The 6x8 SN@P! binders by Simple Stories are the perfect size** for someone to hold in their lap, and I LOVE their versatility. These annual holiday albums include a variety of pocket pages to get you started, insert pages, and even a pocket folder.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Perfect pockets.** Pocket pages are a great starting point and can really help with the dreaded 'staring at the blank page' syndrome. Before I start my project, I sort the pocket pages into several combinations to add variety. I don't always keep them in the initial position I choose, but it helps get me going.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Can we open this one next?** Add a bright, layered ribbon around the front cover of your album with a variety of embellishments, like tags, die cuts, stickers, and brads. Just like a beautifully wrapped Christmas present, these elements combine to entice the reader to open the book to see what's inside!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: All the trimmings.** Use a variety of embellishments with different textures and shapes. You don't need to add much to make a big impact. A perfectly placed brad or a popped-up sticker can make all the difference!





✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Take a peek.**  
 When using pocket pages, treat each section as its own mini layout. Trim down photos slightly, then adhere them to patterned paper or cardstock. The colours and patterns peeking out around the edges are an easy way to add colour and interest.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Shake it up!**  
 Use baby powder or corn starch on the back of tiny puffy stickers to turn them into floating shapes for a shaker pocket. They look so cute and festive among the shiny sequins and glitter!



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Oldies but goodies.**  
 Pull out your older tools and incorporate them into your design. My scalloped scissors that I've had for 20 years are still one of my favourite things to use!

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