



1 whoop it up

Birthday collections are a staple in the industry so find one you love and pour on the cute! This Echo Park Paper collection is super adorable AND happens to work so well with the sweet photos of Eli.

DESIGN TIP: Cut large banners in various sizes with the patterned papers and create a BIG area to anchor the elements of the layout.

birthday boy

BY ERICA THOMPSON

supplies CARDSTOCK: American Crafts, Echo Park Paper; PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS: Echo Park Paper; ELECTRONIC CUT FILE: Lacey Ann Designs; FONT: Special Elite; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

a birthday extravaganza!

There's nothing like a birthday party and the chance to preserve those precious memories with a scrapbook layout! Since this issue marks the 16th birthday of *Scrapbook & Cards Today*, we thought it would be a blast to celebrate! In this issue you'll find several layouts from a crew of talented designers who are sure to inspire you to commemorate birthdays with flair and a lot of fun, too!

BY SUSAN R. OPEL

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the challenge: Create layouts to celebrate a variety of birthdays!

2 make a monster title

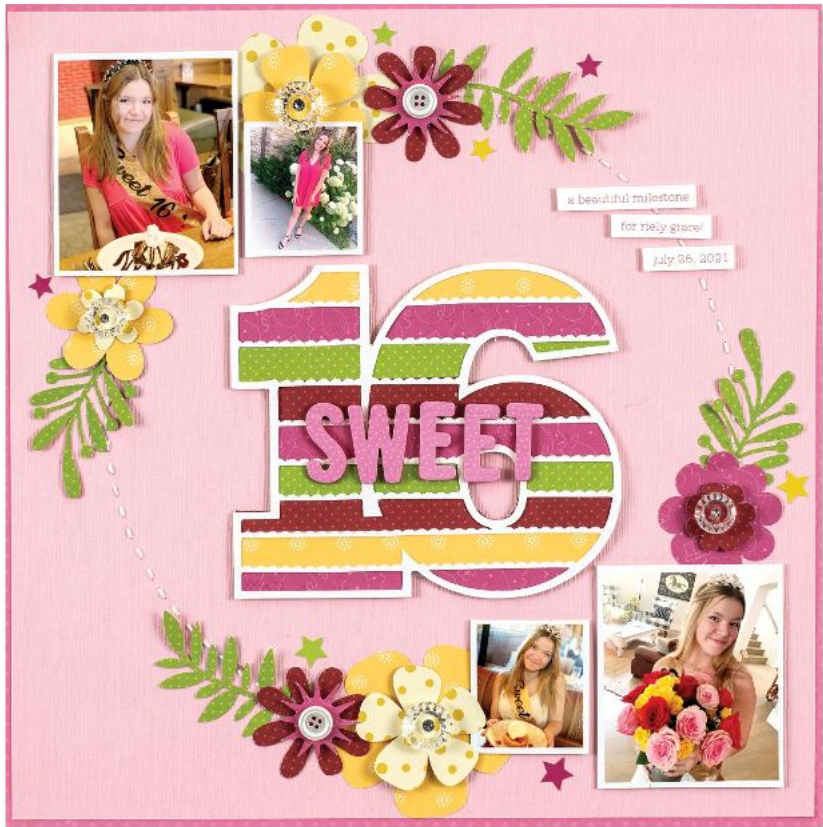
Focus on the number. Milestone birthdays are particularly fun to scrapbook, so make a big impact with the number as the title. A big and bold cut file can do the trick!

DESIGN TIP: Lisa drew colour inspiration from the beautiful bouquet her daughter is holding in the bottom right photo. The stripes in the title help accent the photos and the pretty flowers.

sweet 16

BY LISA DICKINSON

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER: American Crafts, Photoplay Paper; STICKERS: Photoplay Paper; LETTER STICKERS: American Crafts; ELECTRONIC CUT FILE: Blue Star Design; FONT: Qlarendon; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Buttons



3 capture a personality

Choose a word that describes the personality of the birthday boy or girl, and then choose photos from through the years that reflect that descriptor! Use elements that further that vibe to show the true nature of the celebrant.

DESIGN TIP: This fun May baby deserves a layout with a FUN title! Aurélie's title work adds whimsy and energy--perfect for celebrating her fun girl.

22nd of may fun baby

BY AURÉLIE CORMIER

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES: Amy Tangerine for American Crafts; STAMPS: Elle's Studio, Heidi Swapp; INK: Ranger, Tsukineko; PEN: Pilot; STICKERS: Amy Tangerine for American Crafts, Elle's Studio; LETTER STICKERS, DIES: Elle's Studio; ELECTRONIC CUT FILES: Echo Park Paper, Paige Taylor Evans; DIMENSIONAL GLAZE: Tonic Studios; TRIM: DMC; STITCHING TEMPLATE: Crafter's Workshop; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



reduce, reuse, recycle

Get creative with birthday décor! The numbers on top of the cake in Nathalie's layout are the ones that decorated the top of the cake. She simply trimmed the sticks off to fit on the layout!

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BY NATHALIE DESOUSA

supplies CARDSTOCK: Michaels; PATTERNED PAPER, JOURNALING CARD, STICKERS: Echo Park Paper; PEN: Micron; DIES: Real Canadian Superstore; TRIM: DMC; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



celebrate the sweets

Birthday cakes and cupcakes are little works of art so play up the sweetness in a birthday layout. Victoria's photos focus on her sweet 7-year-old's face and the colourful stack of cupcakes. You'll notice she included lots of stickers and die cut shapes that are delicious and delectable treats.

DESIGN TIP: Layer coordinating patterned papers to create depth and interest and use slim borders of black to make them pop.

happy birthday

BY VICTORIA CALVIN

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Echo Park Paper; FONT: American Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Tombow



Meghann walks you through how she created this layout. Watch here: bit.ly/yaylayout

repeat a short title

Use various colours of ink to stamp yay in the perfect colours. The title and banners on Meghann's layout give a sense of excitement and movement with the attention she paid to the rule of thirds and repetition design principles.

DESIGN TIP: Stamping a title gives you so many options for colours! It's the perfect way to match the photos and feel of your layout.

DESIGN TIP: Get the decorations you chose so carefully in the shot. It's a great way to remember the day!

yay

BY MEGHANN ANDREW

supplies CARDSTOCK, DIES, ENAMEL DOTS: Concord & 9th; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES: Elle's Studio; STAMPS: Concord & 9th, Elle's Studio; INK: Concord & 9th, Tsukineko; FONT: Rough Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



go easy on yourself

Birthday pages don't have to be elaborate! Use pocket pages to get those memories down in a jiffy!

DESIGN TIP: Share photo sequences for action. The main photo shows Rowan with her cake, and the smaller photo shows her blowing out the candle.

DESIGN TIP: Add quick colour with strips of decorative tape. It's a fun way to give your pocket pages a little something extra!

rowan at ten

BY JESS FORSTER

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, DECORATIVE TAPE, ENAMEL DOTS: Simple Stories; STICKERS: Elle's Studio, Simple Stories; FONT: Remington Noiseless; ADHESIVE: 3M; OTHER: Pocket Page Protector