

pocket play

From sentimental side-by-sides to unique recipe pages, it's all about the pocket! BY PAM BALDWIN

idea 1

Pocket page scrapbooking is one of my favourite ways to document my family's stories—old stories, new stories, big moments, everyday moments, and even collections of our favourite things.



I love digging through photos from my childhood and discovering remarkable similarities between my mom and me. That's how this page began. Seeing a shot of my mother in her coat prompted me to get a selfie in my own puffy, blue, winter wear. With the photos gathered, the story came together with ease. I love seeing these photos together!

TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Go horizontal and vertical with your words. It's okay to mix and match the orientation of your text in pockets. It adds movement to the overall design.

POCKET TIP #2: If scanning is not an option or you're not happy with the quality of the scanned images, try photographing old photos (instead of using the originals). You can edit/crop/enlarge them to the correct size on your computer or phone before printing them.

POCKET TIP #3: Customize your pocket page design with a Fuse tool or sewing machine and clear thread.

flashback

supplies PAGE PROTECTOR, FUSING TOOL: We R Memory Keepers; JOURNALING CARDS, CHIPBOARD, RUBBER WORDS: Ali Edwards; OTHER: Shipping tags

BONUS TIP: Embellish the outside of your pocket

page to break up the basic grid design and add visual interest to your page.



idea 2



Meal times in our home can be really challenging, but if there's one meal that's a guaranteed winner for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, it's pancakes. That simple fact makes this recipe an important part of our everyday life and a fun detail to include in our album. I love seeing recipes laid out visually and thought it would be a fun approach to telling this story—including both the *before* (the ingredients) and *after* (the pancakes).

pancakes

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TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Fill the pockets in your spread with a collection or series of photos that, when combined, tell a visual story. White foam board makes an excellent background when photographing a collection or series of objects.

POCKET TIP #2: Don't be afraid to combine different page sizes to best fit the story you want to tell. This spread is made with a 9 x 12 page (3 x 3 pockets) on the left and 6 x 12 full page photo on the right.

POCKET TIP #3: Tags are it when it comes to pocket journaling. They can be trimmed to fit within a pocket but also look cute sticking out of a pocket. Whether they're tucked in or stapled to the outside, they're an accommodating choice to consider.