

# make it mini

Gather cherished moments in a pretty mini album perfect for sharing with family and friends. BY JODI SANFORD

**M**ini albums offer the ease of having all of your photos, thoughts, and memories for one occasion in one place, making them ideal for busy scrapbookers (a.k.a. YOU). Plus, creating a coordinating album with similar products and styles is fun, and you can change your style from album to album to suit your needs. They really are my favourite way to scrapbook!



MINI SIZE:

6 x 8

## GETTING STARTED

When it's time to start creating a mini album, I usually ask myself where I want to display my album. The best part of mini albums is sharing them with others, so displaying the album in a way that is easy to access is important. Once I've made that decision, I have a better idea of the size and style of album I want to make.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: For consistency's sake and ease,** print all of your photos in one size. My mini albums always highlight photos that are 4 x 6 or smaller.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Wrap it up (literally) with some pretty ribbon** or twine to hold it together. This makes it simple to re-open time and time again!

## fall family

**supplies** PATTERNED PAPER, BINDER RING, BUTTONS, LETTER STICKERS, CORK STICKERS, DIE CUT SHAPES, PAPER CLIPS, PATTERNED VELLUM, PEN: Fancy Pants Designs; RIBBON: May Arts; LACE: Aria; BATTING: Morning Glory; FONTS: Lunchbox, Rainy Day; ADHESIVE: Tombow

**DESIGNER TIP:** Here are a few fun ways I like to display my mini albums:

- Inside an open antique suitcase.
- In a wire basket on a coffee table.
- Placed on a bookshelf like a crafty bookend.
- Stacked in a fabric basket inside the kids' playroom.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Use one collection to help things flow.** Most collections include an assortment of patterns and colours, so if your family has boys AND girls you can usually find a more masculine paper to use. B sides are key!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Add texture with your embellishments.** Mini albums are meant to be shared and touched, so pull out all the stops.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Use a ring.** One of the best things about mini albums is that there are no rules. This album consists of chunky pages that are held together by a ring that allows you to add, subtract, or pull out each page to your heart's content. That freedom allows you to wrap a big bow around one page if that's what you want to do!



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Get edgy.** Add another element of texture with interesting edges. It gives your album that touchability appeal.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Don't forget the date!** You think you'll remember the exact date, but chances are you won't, right? Add the date so that you don't have to try to remember.

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