

pic tips

Celebrate fall fun with a festive mini album.

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This issue's column is brought to you by the letter F—as in fall, festivals, family, and fun! There's no shortage of fun this time of year, and you'll certainly want to document it. Here's a shortcut: maximize the mini! A single mini album containing a page for each adventure will save time and keep all of your adventures together in one fall-infused project.



DESIGN TIP: Make a mini your own with hand-painted watercolour touches. Sure, it may seem intimidating, but watercolour paint is user friendly and an awesome doodling medium.

PIC TIP: Capture the excitement of a fun-filled experience by including action shots.

PIC TIP: Much fall fun is had after the sun goes down which can be hard on those photos, but poorly lit pics aren't a lost cause. Instead, have fun exaggerating the look and adding whimsy using photo filters on your phone. I edited these dark shots in an app called PicTapGo.



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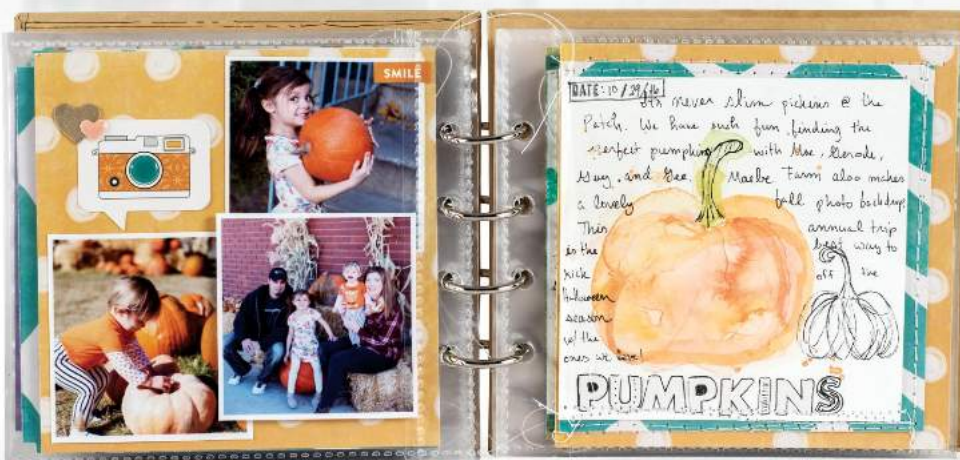
PIC TIP: Let your camera's zoom help you capture a place you visit year after year in a fresh way. Close-up shots are sometimes all you need and will make a repetitive story feel unique.

TRY THIS!

WATERCOLOUR TRICKS

Here are a few tricks for using watercolour on your next project:

- **Less is more.** When illustrating icons and setting a scene, don't agonize over every detail. Instead, keep your art simple.
- **Stick with watercolour paper—** it won't warp when wet.
- **Start with a pencil sketch.** Simply erase any markings when your page has dried.
- **Don't be bashful with the water.** Add plenty to your paint palette—it allows the paint to spread better and creates a softer finish. Less water is great for adding shading and finer details.
- **Once dry, use a fine-point pen to add detail.** I used a .01 black Micron pen.
- **Add splatter.** Dip a wet brush into wet paint, hold that brush over your work, and tap it to splash color droplets. Splatter is an easy way to make your watercoloured images feel more finished and interesting.



PIC TIP: Shooting my tiny kiddos next to their pumpkin patch picks is an awesome way to illustrate scale and magnify just how young they are.

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