

# make it mini

Capture winter fun in a cozy mini album perfect for sharing with family and friends. BY JENNIFER S. GALLACHER

**I tend to take a lot of photos of my favourite events to really capture the story.**

And for me, the best way to document all those amazing photos is in a mini album. I can adjust the number of pages in my mini album based on the photos I want to include as well as the elements I want to add to help tell my story. What I really love about mini albums is that in one afternoon I can complete an entire scrapbook!

**MINI SIZE:**

5 x 4¾



**GETTING STARTED**

This album was created from just four long strips of textured paper. I scored the strips down the middle to create a spine and then attached the pages together with ribbon that runs through the center and ties on the outside. If you're stuck in a snowstorm and can't go out to get the perfect album, you can create your own with supplies you likely already have on hand. How awesome is that?

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Your cover page is the first thing your family and friends will see.**

Make sure it conveys the theme of the album and have fun with textures and layers.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: My mini album features photos of my son,**

so I stuck with a more masculine design. If you want to go more girlie with your mini album, break out the pinks and aquas. Remember, the design is totally up to you!

**all bundled up**

**supplies** PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS, ENAMEL DOTS, STICKERS: Carta Bella; DIE CUT SHAPES: Carta Bella, Echo Park; RIBBON: Offray; EYELETS: Karen Foster Design; PHOTO CORNERS: Canson; DIE: Echo Park; ADHESIVE: American Crafts; OTHER: Twine

**DESIGN TIP: This is not only a simple way to create an album,** it also allows you the freedom to have fewer pages or more pages. If you find you need more pages, simply trim and score another strip of paper and slip it into the ribbon binding.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Use elements from a winter collection to help tell your story.

I find my kids enjoy looking at their books when there are whimsical stickers, shapes, and textures to touch.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Embellish your photos with elements from the collection. My son looks like he's blowing snow out of his mittened hands, so I added a couple of snowflakes to add to the action taking place in the photo.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Use photo corners to add your photos to your album.

There's something nostalgic about photo corners, and the tan ones I used fit my colour scheme perfectly.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Focus toward the spine. Notice how the moose is looking right toward the center of the album, and my son is slightly turned to the left. Having your subjects and elements facing "in" keeps the eye in the center of the action.



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