

# make it mini

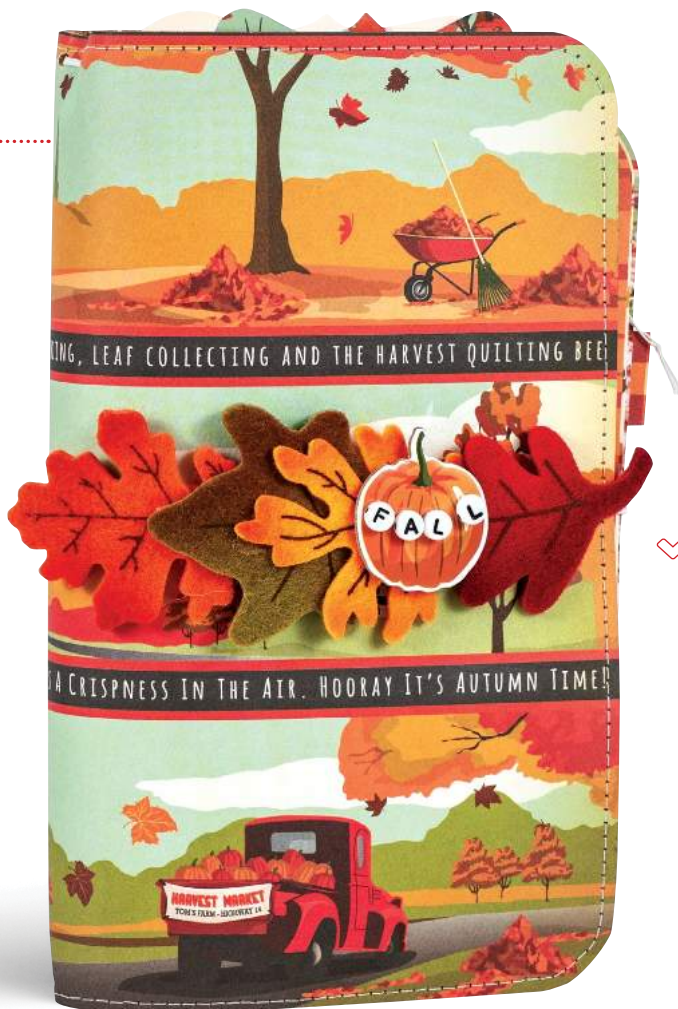
Capture the colours of fall in a conveniently-sized traveller's notebook! BY SHELLYE MCDANIEL

Autumn is such a fun time of year, filled with rich colours and family adventures. I love this new take on making a commemorative mini album in a traveller's notebook fashion. And what's even better is that you can make these from the ground up with just a few basic supplies. You're also not limited to size, so make them smaller or make them larger—there are no rules!

**MINI SIZE:**

5½ x 8½

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Make your cover sturdy.** If you choose not to add stitching to the cover, reinforce the edges by using high-tack adhesive in addition to the solid adhesive sheet. You can also apply laminate to the cover before stitching.



**GETTING STARTED**

**Fun foam sheets come in an array of colours and some are even glittered on one side.** After cutting the foam sheet down to 8 x 11, select a really fun piece of patterned paper for the cover and cut it to the same size. Use a high-tack, permanent adhesive sheet to apply the paper to the smooth side of the foam. Round the edges with a corner punch and machine-stitch around the perimeter if desired.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Create your own binding.** While there are many patterns online for creating your binding, I simply used a ruler and fine-tip marker. First, find the center (horizontally) of the cover and mark two holes approximately ¼ inch on the left and right of the center. I do this to the top and bottom of the cover and just above the stitched line. For the vertical hole, you will only need to punch one with either a long-reaching ¼ inch hole punch or an eyelet setter. Find the center vertically and create a hole.

**fall**

**supplies** PATTERNED PAPER: Carta Bella, We R Memory Keepers; STAMPS, CHIPBOARD, DIES, ENAMEL DOTS: Carta Bella; INK: Tsukineko; STICKERS: Carta Bella, Ranger Industries; LETTER STICKERS: My Mind's Eye; CLIP: The Paper Studio; DIE CUT SHAPES: Recollections; FELT SHAPES, TRIM: Hobby Lobby; PUNCHES: We R Memory Keepers; PAGE PROTECTOR SLEEVE: Simple Stories; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Letter beads, buttons, fun foam, magnet

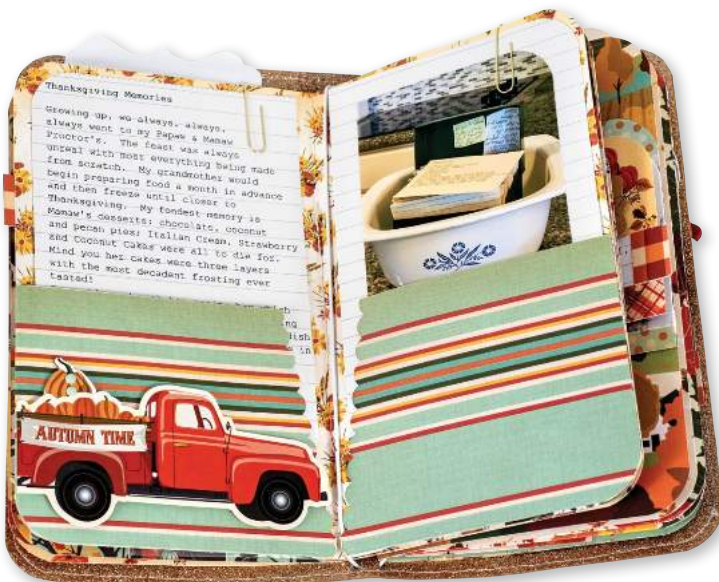
See more inspiration from Shellye at [shellye-mcdaniel.com](http://shellye-mcdaniel.com)



✔ **MAKE IT TIP: Make it interactive.** Create a flap with your journaling that hides the photo. Flip it open, and the story is revealed. Making the memories is enjoyable, so make your mini albums a delight as well!



✔ **MAKE IT TIP: Add interest with pocket pages.** Incorporating 8 x 8 pocket page protectors is another fun element that can showcase smaller photos and even 3 x 4 journal cards. It's touches like this that add more to your beautiful memory keeping.



✔ **MAKE IT TIP: Type it up and tell it.** Using lined patterned paper that mimics an old recipe card, I typed up memories of Thanksgiving celebrations at Papaw and Mamaw Proctor's house. Even if you don't have a photo of the exact celebrations, take a photo of something (like Mamaw's Corelle baking dish) to evoke the memories.



✔ **MAKE IT TIP: Stage some fun photos.** Capture memories with your teenagers in a pile full of leaves out front. They may grumble about raking, but your photo will be a treasure (and you can let them swipe it for their own social media, if you're nice!).