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## stories to be told

We all have stories. ALL of us. We live our lives learning, experiencing, and growing, and each moment of our lives, we are gathering stories that are unique to us. Instead of tucking those stories away, it's our privilege to get those stories down for future generations. Dig deep and think about what story of yours is just waiting to make it onto a scrapbook layout.

BY SUSAN R. OPEL

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## What sort of stories should I tell?



## memories of grandma

In her journaling, Sheri documents wonderful memories of all of the amazing pies that her grandmother would bake—not only for Thanksgiving, but essentially every Sunday. She captures Baba's fun personality in her journaling, too. Baba always asked for her aluminum foil disposable pie pans back, because, "They aren't cheap, you know?" What a wonderful way to commemorate all of those delicious pies she'd bake over so many years.

**DESIGN TIP:** In lieu of a photo of Baba with one of her pies (which might be hard to come by), Sheri snapped a photo of her own version of one of Baba's pies. Delicious!

## baba's pie

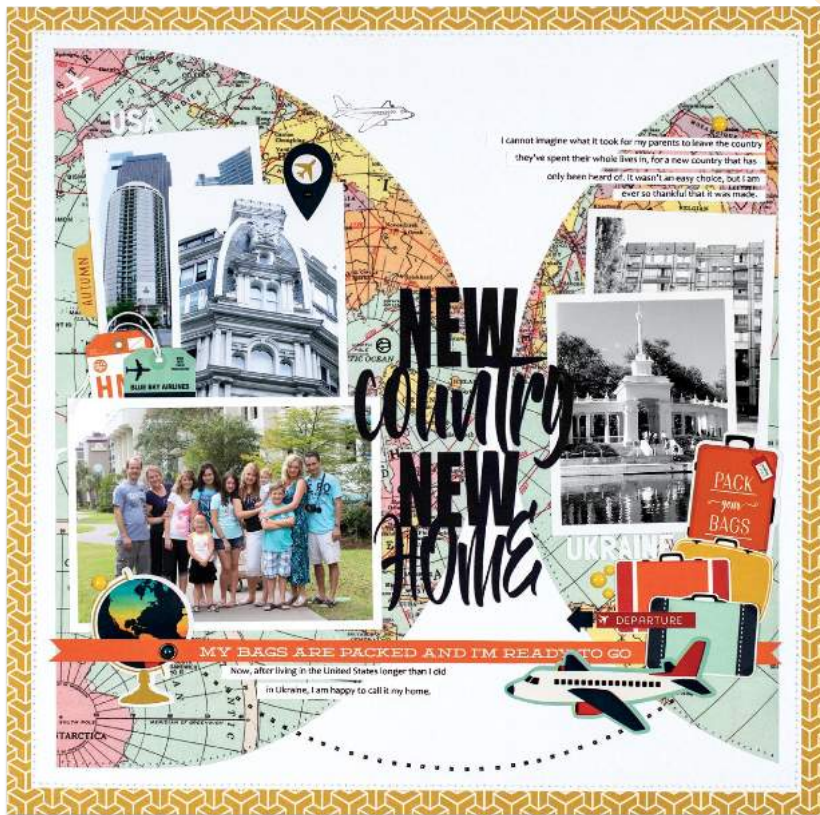
BY SHERI REGULY

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, DECORATIVE TAPE: Crate Paper; ENAMEL DOTS: American Crafts, Simple Stories; STICKERS: Crate Paper, Jillibean Soup, Pinkfresh Studio; FONTS: Amazone BT, Arial, Harrington; ADHESIVE: Therm O Web





Get a free download of Anya's title cut file. Even if you haven't moved to a new country, the new home part of the title could prove to be very useful!  
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## an epic move

**Anya's parents made a life-changing decision to move to the United States from Ukraine**—a place they had spent their whole lives. This layout pays homage to the courage it must have taken to pack up and start a new life, and the happiness Anya feels to call the USA her home.

**DESIGN TIP:** When creating a layout about travel, you might want to incorporate a globe. Instead of using a full round globe, Anya cut a large circle of map paper in half, and her title "connects" the two halves much like her family is now connected to two parts of the world.

## new country new home

BY ANYA LUNCENKO

**supplies** CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS: Carta Bella; STAMPS, BRADS, ENAMEL DOTS: Echo Park Paper; INK: Clearsnap; ELECTRONIC DIE CUT MACHINE: Silhouette America; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

## a childhood adventure

**In 1972, Cathy's family headed to Liberia courtesy of her dad's job.** And what an adventure it was! In her journaling, she lists a whole slew of memories from those days in Africa—from coming down with chicken pox to drinking Fanta Orange soda and listening to The Beatles. Sadly she never saw lions or giraffes—except for at the zoo—but she'll never forget this fascinating part of her family history!

**DESIGN TIP:** Cathy's colour choices convey the dusty African lands as well as that amazing harvest gold of the 1970s. While the photos of the time aren't always the best quality, the fashions and the car in the photo fit the feel of the layout perfectly.

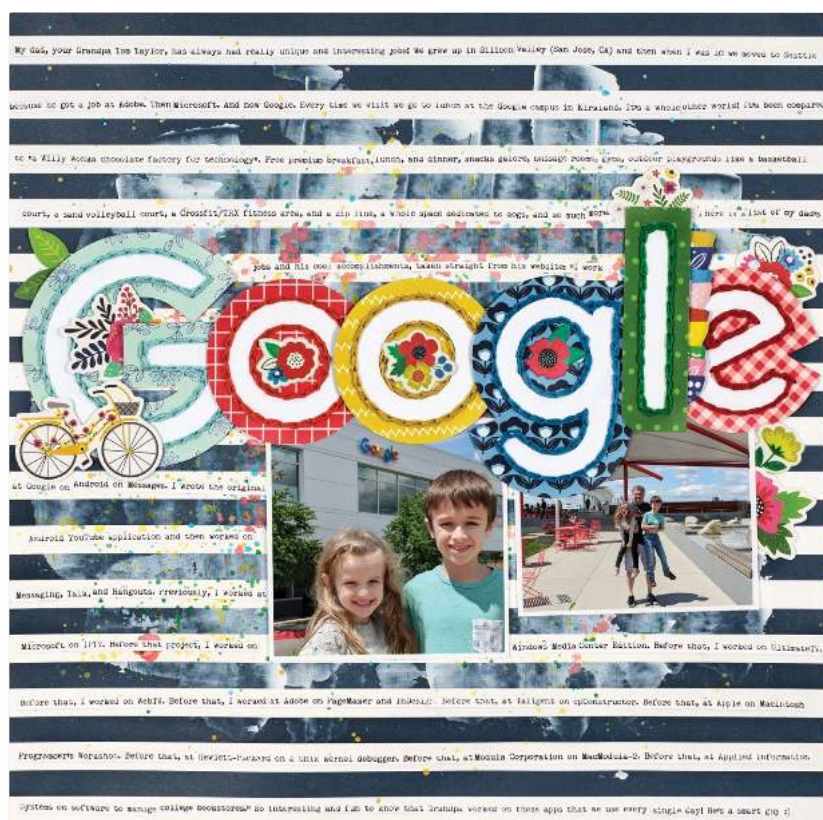
## will we be able to see the lions?

BY CATHY ZIELSKE

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Gina K. Designs; PAPER: Close To My Heart; DIES: CZ Design for Simon Says Stamp, Simon Says Stamp; FONT: Archer; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L







## dad's cool job

Many of us can remember a time before Google, but for our kids it's a way of life.

Paige's dad, Tom, has worked with Adobe, Microsoft, and Google in his illustrious career, and her layout gives all the details of the innovative and interesting things he's been a part of, including the fact that he wrote the original Android YouTube application and has worked on Messaging, Talk, and Hangouts.

**DESIGN TIP:** Google's iconic font is highly recognizable, and Paige played it up for her title with its distinctive colours, too. Each letter has a pretty personality with stitching and patterned paper with colour coordinated accents.

google

BY PAIGE EVANS

**supplies** PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Pebbles; WATERCOLOURS: Loew-Cornell; GESSO: Liquitex; TRIM: DMC; ELECTRONIC DIE CUT MACHINE: Silhouette America; FONT: Remington Noiseless; ADHESIVE: Therm O Web

## a love story

Stacy's mom and Avu never expected to fall in love again after each losing their spouses, but that was before they found each other! Both in their 70s, destiny had it that the two of them would meet and become inseparable. When they decided to tie the knot, Stacy became an ordained marriage minister (how cool is that?!)

**DESIGN TIP:** The hemp cord on an angle is the perfect anchor for the meat of Stacy's layout, starting with the floral pattern on the bottom left leading your eye to the photo of the happy couple, the journaling, the ceremony shot, and the perfect title.

## pure kismet

BY STACY COHEN

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER: Jilibean Soup, Pink Paislee; DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Jilibean Soup; FLOWERS: Prima Marketing, Queen & Co.; LETTER STICKERS: American Crafts; DIES: Cheery Lynn Designs, My Favorite Things; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Therm O Web; OTHER: Doily, hemp cord





**DESIGN TIP:** Plaid, stripes, muted tones, and texture work well for layouts about guys. And little embellishments like the tab and photo corners add the perfect touch to most any design!



## a tribute to your hubby

**Jennifer's husband works hard and worries that he isn't teaching the kids everything they need to know**, but he's there for the big and small moments. Jen is thankful that her husband took charge of the scary lessons like riding a bike, applying for a credit card, and teaching the kids how to drive.

## believe in yourself

BY JENNIFER S. GALLACHER

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: American Crafts, Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER: Echo Park Paper; CHIPBOARD: Project Life; ENAMEL DOTS: Carta Bella; PHOTO CORNERS: Canson; STICKER: Pinkfresh Studio; TAGS: JoAnn Crafts; WOOD VENEER: Elle's Studio; ELECTRONIC CUT FILES: Silhouette America; FONT: Baskerville; ADHESIVE: GlueDots, Scrapbook.com; OTHER: Burlap bird



## an ancestral story

**The year was 1939, and Lisa's grandparents, Roy and Neva, were in love**, so they snuck off to Newton, Kansas, to elope. Once they returned home, they kept it a secret and each continued living with their own parents. Almost four months later, they finally spilled the beans. What an amazing beginning to a life-long marriage!

**STORY TIP: What awesome stories are hiding in the branches of your family tree?** Sit down with an older relative and let them talk. You'll love the stories they share, and they'll love the time spent with you.

## they eloped

BY LISA DICKINSON

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, FLOWERS, LETTER STICKERS, PEN: American Crafts; BUTTONS: BasicGrey; DIE CUT SHAPES, LABEL: Pebbles; GEMS: Prima Marketing; CIRCLE PUNCH: Creative Memories; ELECTRONIC DIE CUT MACHINE: Silhouette America; FONT: Veteran Typewriter; ADHESIVE: American Crafts, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L





## a story of a home

**Nicole shares a unique story about the house that her grandfather built.** What an undertaking it must have been for him to build his own home over the course of a few years. And how proud he must have been to complete it and move! What a wonderful way to honour an industrious and hardworking man!



**DESIGN TIP:** Use brick and wood papers to make your own house! With simple rectangles and triangles, you can build a paper home on your layout. Add details with flowers boxes and cute little curtains and use electronic cut files for doors and windows.

## the house that love built

BY NICOLE NOWOSAD

**supplies** PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES: Fancy Pants Designs; ENAMEL DOTS: Simple Stories; ELECTRONIC CUT FILES: Jillibean Soup; ADHESIVE CARDSTOCK, ELECTRONIC DIE CUT MACHINE: Silhouette America; ADHESIVE: Therm O Web