



patterned paper tricks

Patterned paper is one of the very best parts of paper crafting, and you have SO much of it. Am I right? It's a common thing, so don't feel too bad. We're here to give you all kinds of clever ways to use your favourite sheets of paper and delve into that stash of patterned paper scraps that have been begging to be used. Get ready to be inspired! BY SUSAN R. OPEL

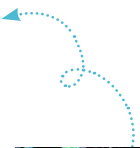
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layout 1

DESIGN TIP: Give your fussy cut elements even more interest by popping portions up with foam dots for dimension and adding buttons and enamel dots to enhance the design.



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fussy cut elements

If you've ever hoarded a gorgeous piece of paper that you didn't want to cover up with photos, we have an awesome idea for you! Grab a small pair of scissors and trim around your favourite elements to be used as an embellishment on your layouts or cards! While it takes some time to trim, there's something fun and relaxing to the time it takes, and the results are out of this world.

DESIGN TIP: Instead of trying to move the scissors along the desired cut line, move the paper and keep the scissors stationary for the best results.

today is the best ever

BY NICOLE NOWOSAD

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, BUTTONS, ENAMEL DOTS: American Crafts; GLITTER GLUE: Ranger Industries; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

layout 2

DESIGN TIP: Save yourself some time by choosing patterned papers that are all from one collection. This will ensure that you have a perfectly harmonious colour palette.



perk up your cut files

Gorgeous cut files bring your cards and layouts super star status all on their own, but you can take your design to next level awesome by backing them with pretty patterned papers!

you blow my mind

BY ZSOKA MARKO

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STEP-BY-STEP

Try your hand at using patterned paper behind a lacy electronic cut file by following these steps:



1 Apply glue to the back of the cut file with a fine-tip glue bottle for maximum control.



2 Adhere the cut file to the piece of patterned paper and begin trimming slightly smaller than the image.



3 Continue trimming until any extraneous patterned paper is cut away. **TIP:** Cut the shape out right after adhering while the paper is still a little bit moist. Once it's dry, it gets hard, and it's more difficult to cut around the shape.

layout 3

DESIGN TIP: If one of your photos spans two pockets, make sure that the cut doesn't intersect with one of the subject's heads.



create a shape

Pocket pages can benefit from patterned paper tricks, too!

Create big impact by cutting your patterned papers into a large shape for a dominant design.

DESIGN TIP: Pair a colourful pattern with a more neutral or monochromatic patterned paper to make your shape stand out.

DESIGN TIP: Trim the large shape first, and then cut it down the middle and then in thirds to neatly fit in the pockets.

i (heart) us

BY CANDACE PERKINS

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card 1

layer it up

Pretty patterned papers play well together, so layer them up for a pleasing result! The white margin around three edges tames this riot of colour and the rounded corners take the edge off Melissa's soft design.

DESIGN TIP: Use a neutral tag for your sentiment to highlight it and give the design a restful feel.

hip hip hooray

BY MELISSA PHILLIPS

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: American Crafts; TAG: Papertrey Ink; TWINE: Martha Stewart Crafts; PUNCH: EK Success; ADHESIVE: Beacon, Tombow



layout 4



use journaling card sheets

Patterned papers often include a sheet of journaling cards that can be cut and used in pocket pages and on cards. Virginia used one such card by simply cutting it down the middle to flank the adorable photo of her daughter.

DESIGN TIP: Use a monochromatic patterned paper as the base to show off the pretty elements in your design, and mount it on a pretty pattern for a gorgeous coordinating border.



you are amazing

BY VIRGINIA NEBEL

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, ENAMEL DOTS, JOURNALING CARDS: Cart Bella; PUNCH: EK Success; ELECTRONIC CUT FILE: Silhouette America; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Felt embellishments

cards 2 & 3



paper piece with scraps

All of those scraps you've been hoarding are worth holding onto when it comes to paper piecing! Stamp your images on patterned papers to create a whole new look. Just trim around the black edge and adhere for adorable fun!

DESIGN TIP: Simple patterns like dots and gingham work well for paper piecing since the areas are often small.

DESIGN TIP: Feature your cute paper pieced images in a grid design with the sentiment in the center.



eggstra special day

BY MENDI YOSHIKAWA

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happy easter

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★ tips to tame your paper scraps

Don't toss those colourful scraps! Here are some ideas to make the most of your leftovers:

- Trim larger pieces of leftover patterned paper to 4¼ x 5½ to use as card fronts.
- Use envelopes or file folders to store scraps by colour or theme.
- Punch circles, stars, tags, and squares from your scraps to use as accents and journaling spots for future projects.
- Clip scraps into your 6 x 6 paper pads with a binder clip so you don't lose them.

