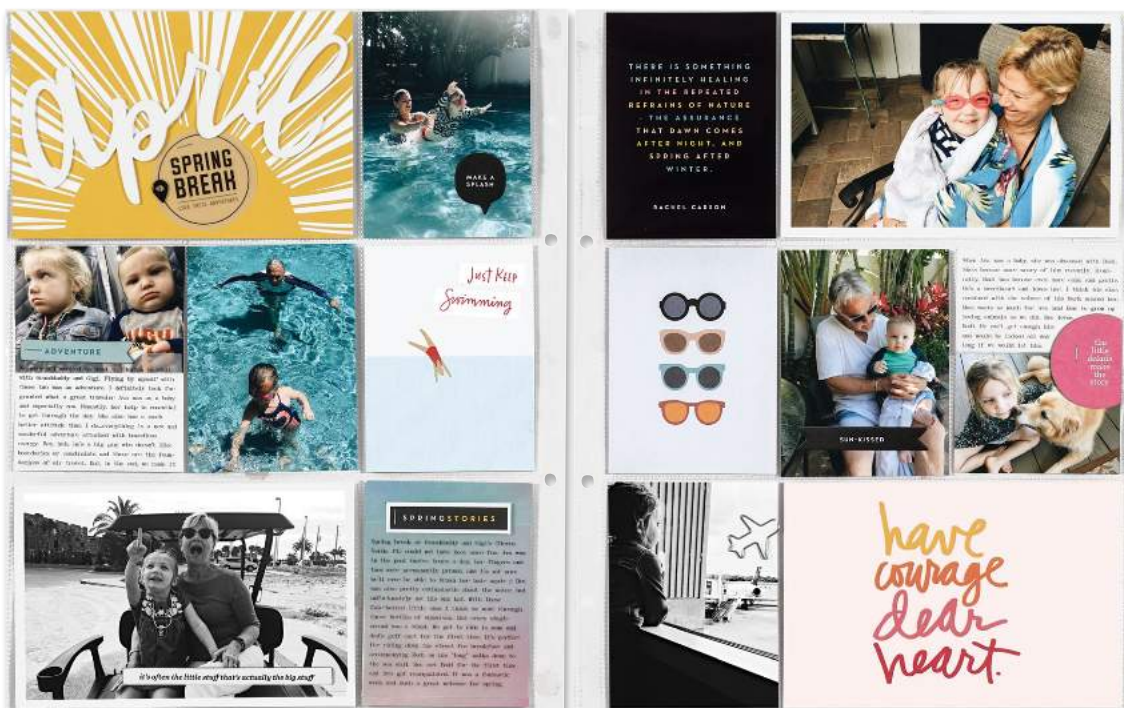


pocket play

Short on time? Here you'll find creative ideas to make the most of your pocket pages. BY LISA WILLIAMS VARSHINE

Up With two small children, life is sometimes a blur. People say the days are long, but the years are short. And there's so much truth to that! About a year ago, I started documenting our everyday moments and telling our family's story in a pocket page album. I've become so passionate about it because each of these pages is a moment frozen in time. Pocket pages are a great format for quick and beautiful storytelling.



TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Use consistent filters. If your photos are taking place over the span of a week, they are likely a mix of indoors and outdoors and lots of different colours, etc. I've found that applying the same filter to all my photographs provides visual consistency.

POCKET TIP #2: Try black as a colour. In addition to a few black and white photos, I used black filler cards and embellishments to add some "edge" to a spread that was heavy on pastels and pinks.

POCKET TIP #3: Don't be afraid to leave a card naked. Sometimes leaving one or two photos and/or journaling cards *au naturel* gives your spread some room to breathe.

Celebrate spring break! My kids and I took a trip to Florida to visit Granddaddy and Gigi for spring break, and I wanted to remember the snuggles and fun we experienced while there. This pocket page layout captures memories and moments we'll never forget!

PHOTO TIP: Try this app! I love the VSCO app for applying filters to more than one image at a time.

spring break

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DESIGN TIP: Don't forget the date!

You think you will remember what year it was, but don't risk it!

Make pocket page magic. One spring break we decided to spend the day at Disney World while we were in Orlando because as I told my husband, "Disney is always a good decision." Though we were only there for a few hours, this layout tells the story—with sweet shots of Mike and Ava and all the colourful fun that is Disney.

magic kingdom

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Follow Lisa on Instagram—@frecklepickle—for more of her delightful pocket pages.

TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Include candid shots. The photo of Ava and Mike holding hands as they pass through Cinderella's castle is one of my favourites. Candid shots like this one sometimes convey more emotion and can add variety in the perspectives you include in your pages.

POCKET TIP #2: Cut up your cards. Sometimes I love a phrase or design element featured on a filler card, but my spreads are typically dominated by photos, and I don't always have enough space to use the whole card.

POCKET TIP #3: Grab some vellum. Print your text on vellum, trim it, and slide it over any filler card and voilà! Instant journal card. To tell the story on this layout, I journaled around the word *magical*.