

make it mini

Create a traveller's notebook to capture your summer adventures! BY NATHALIE DESOUSA

A few years ago, I discovered traveller's notebooks, and my journal entries have transformed from simple schoolgirl lines to a more graphic and visual storybook. The size and versatility of this format is perfect to document all types of memories. As a busy mom, I love the ease with which pages can come together with very little effort and just a few basic tools. The format of the pages in a TN still gives plenty of space to be creative, but also encourages storytelling. Traveller's Notebooks are truly storybooks!

MINI SIZE:

4¼ x 8¼



GETTING STARTED

The foundation of my traveller's notebook is a premade notebook created just for this purpose. The blank pages are great for sketches, doodles, and photos, and it's a great size to pop in carry-on luggage. Often these notebooks come with a pocket inside the cover where you can store tickets and memorabilia from your trip!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Add bulk to your cover.** Due to the nature of traveller's notebooks, chipboard stickers and other bulky embellishments can be hard to incorporate within the pages of the notebook. However, the cover is fair game for fun dimensional elements like the tassels I used.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Create a closure.** An easy solution to tame the bulkiness of your notebook is to create a closure by using some elastic string and a clear button. Simply thread the button with the string, and tie the ends of the string together. The loop created can easily be used as a hook over the button.

here we go

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, FLAIR, STICKERS, TASSELS, DECORATIVE TAPE: Crate Paper; STAMPS: Crate Paper, Citrus Twist Kits, Heidi Swapp, Project Life; INK: Clearsnap, Ranger Industries; LETTER STICKERS: Citrus Twist Kits; THREAD: DMC; PEN: Muji; FONT: Book Antiqua; TRAVELLER'S NOTEBOOK, INSERTS: Recollections; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Button, elastic band

See more inspiration from Nathalie at tachita55.blogspot.com



✔ **MAKE IT TIP: Set the tone.** Create a title page to share the excitement of your departure! The requisite “wing-of-the-airplane” photo and the shot of your coffee in the airport as you wait to board allows you a place to tell the who, what, where, when, and why of your adventure.



✔ **MAKE IT TIP: Layer it up.** Add a photo flip design to incorporate lots of snapshots from your trip. You can intersperse journaling cards and photos and add the date with a date stamp.



✔ **MAKE IT TIP: Go BIG with photos.** What’s a vacation without a bunch of photos to remember every last minute? Sometimes there will be one photo that captures the moment perfectly. Don’t be afraid to blow it up and make it the basis for one entire spread.



✔ **MAKE IT TIP: Pull out your stamps.** Stamps and traveller’s notebooks go hand-in-hand. Small phrase stamps, icons, letters, and background builders are always a source of inspiration.