

pocket play

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

As a full-time mom with a part-time job and a husband who travels, there are so many memories that I want to get into my albums, but sometimes I get overwhelmed with the enormous task of documenting them. When that feeling of "scrapbooking anxiety" hits, I know that I can turn to pocket pages to get an overview of photos and memories recorded in a beautiful way, without having to create several individual scrapbook layouts. I can then go back and decide which memories I want to document further, by creating more in-depth projects.



TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Think big. Don't think of filling only individual pockets, but how you can stretch a design or photo across several pockets like I did with the title. This also helps to create movement across the spread.

POCKET TIP #2: Use the negative space. In my photos, I used the negative space to add more journaling on small die cut tags, as well as small embellishments.

POCKET TIP #3: Stay consistent with fonts. I used a typewriter font for my journaling, as well as typed phrase stamps to add on small embellishments to keep the look consistent across my pages.

Don't be stingy with colour! We spent a beautiful day in the charming town of Salcombe in Devon, England last summer, and I had so many colourful photos of our family and friends, as well as the details of our surroundings to document. Choosing an equally colourful collection to document this day gave continuity across the double-page spread, and adding the name "Salcombe" to the center of the spread divided across both pages made it clear exactly what this spread was about.

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DESIGN TIP: Achieve balance on your pages by creating visual triangles of colour. You can see one on this page with the red heart die cut, red "home" journaling tag, and "yay!" epoxy sticker.

Document on the go. My everyday photo documentation is recorded in the Collect app on my phone, which includes a square photo per day with my journaling at the bottom in a Polaroid-style design. When creating pocket pages, I add a mix of filler tags as well as journaling tags to these photos when I feel like more detail needs to be included. I love the clean and graphic nature of my photos, and the design possibilities for my pages are endless!

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POCKET TIP #1: Set the tone. I like to include a filler tag at the top of my layout that introduces the spread and includes the date. The title card at the top of this page was perfect for my everyday memories.

POCKET TIP #2: Use patterned paper. I couldn't find the perfect multi-coloured journaling card to add to my page at the bottom, so I trimmed the dotted 6 x 6 patterned paper piece to fit into the pocket.

POCKET TIP #3: Don't forget about stamps! On this spread, stamps helped me include the date, create a custom camera embellishment, and add interest to journaling tags. Since they can be used again and again, they're the perfect product to use in pockets in so many different ways!

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