

# pocket play

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

**A**lmost three years ago (shortly after having our second child), I started scrapbooking. I was tired of having all of these wonderful photographs and memories trapped in my phone and doomed to never see the light of day. In the beginning, memory keeping was a great creative outlet, but it has become so much more for me! Documenting our lives in each of these pages has become a way to practice gratitude, which offers me a tangible reminder of everything I have to be thankful for.



## TIPS

**POCKET TIP #1: Use a mix of photos—some that include people and some that don't.** Even though these pages tell the story of my family, I like to include a variety of photos that don't include people. I'm also aware of a balance of portraits to groups and activities, and even close-up shots.

**POCKET TIP #2: Get creative with your journaling.** I printed my journaling on the computer using two different methods. I printed the longer journaling on vellum and stapled it to a 4 x 6 card. I also printed some journaling on white paper and cut it into strips for visual interest. To sneak in a few more words, I used a digital tag from Ali Edwards.

**Fall is by far my favorite time of year.** In this two-page 12 x 12 spread, I documented a typical fall week for our family. I love looking back on the beauty of those ordinary days and capturing a snapshot of a week in our life. On a spread like this, I'm able to include everything from school field trips to pumpkin carving to simple outside playtime.

## october splendor

**supplies** VELLUM: Strathmore; JOURNALING CARDS: Studio Calico; CHIPBOARD: Project Life; LETTER STICKERS: American Crafts; DIGITAL TAG: Ali Edwards; STAPLER: Ranger Industries; FONT: Rough Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Therm O Web



**BONUS TIP: Think outside the pocket (sort of).**

Sometimes I take a picture I really love, and I instantly know that it needs to be bigger than the rest of the photos in my spread. I thought it would be fun to print the strong landscape photo of my kids checking out a huge spread of pumpkins at 9 x 3 and then trim it to fit into a row of three pockets. On other spreads I've even printed a photo at 12 x 3 to go across the whole page!

I grew up in Florida, so my first visit to a pumpkin patch was as an adult after we had my daughter. I instantly fell in love. My kids feel the same way, and visiting the same pumpkin patch every fall has become a tradition for our family. I loved putting together a one-page spread that lets me include all the photos I want!

**so many pumpkins**

**supplies** VELLUM: Strathmore; JOURNALING CARDS: Life Love Paper, Studio Calico; STAMP: Life Love Paper; PHOTO SLEEVE TOOL: We R Memory Keepers; STAPLER: Ranger Industries; FONT: Rough Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Therm O Web

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**TIPS**

**POCKET TIP #1: Create harmony with your colour choices.** Take a look at your photos and search for products that not only convey the theme, but continue the colour scheme to create a pleasing result. My photos led me to choose rich oranges and muted greens to further the fall-like theme.

**POCKET TIP #2: Edit your photos.** I love the bold and bright colors of these photos from the pumpkin patch which I achieved by making quick and easy edits with various apps on my smart phone. Because they were shot in great light (outside on a sunny day), they didn't need much, but just a tweak of the contrast, a bump of saturation and exposure make a world of difference.