

make it mini

With all the right tools, you can create an amazing mini album in no time flat! BY ENZA GUDOR

Mini albums are the perfect way to document special memories and events in a format that is not only easily accessible but fun to put together. The ability to change the size and style of mini albums makes them the ideal project if you are looking for new ways to express your creativity. Whether you choose to go with a simple design or a more detailed one, you are sure to treasure this bundle of memories for years to come. I can't get enough of them!

MINI SIZE:

5 x 6½



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Stitch it up.** Let your bookbinding steal the show with colourful stitching that coordinates with your album cover.

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supplies PATTERNED PAPER, ADHESIVE, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL DOTS, LETTER STICKERS, STICKERS: American Crafts; BOOKBINDING GUIDE, FRAME PUNCH BOARD, POCKET PUNCH: W R Memory Keepers

GETTING STARTED

Having the right tools at hand when making a mini album can help simplify the process,

especially in the planning stage.

Here I used the Bookbinding Guide by We R Memory Keepers to create my Japanese bound book. I love the unique look of the hand-stitched spine; and it came together in no time, which is always a plus in my book!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Stick with one collection (or manufacturer).**

Collections are designed to have matching or coordinating elements, making it easier to mix patterned paper and embellishments. There's no guesswork involved!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Mix and match your embellishments.** Die cuts, chipboard stickers, and puffy stickers bring in different textures and dimension, adding more interest to your pages.

Get more creative ideas from Enza at creativefindingsblog.wordpress.com



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Consistency is key.** Once you decide how to approach your mini album, repeat your steps for a consistent look. I created several pockets in different sizes to place throughout the album; not only do they give wonderful dimension, they also add a playful, interactive component to my project.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Clip it up!** Use shaped paper clips to hold clusters of embellishments together, or simply decorate a pocket or a photo. Super fun!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Create pockets!** Pockets are perfect for hidden journaling, memorabilia, or more decorative pieces.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Get interactive!** Whether you have more photos to add to your mini album or just want to tell stories that are part of your memories, then an accordion style insert is all you need.

