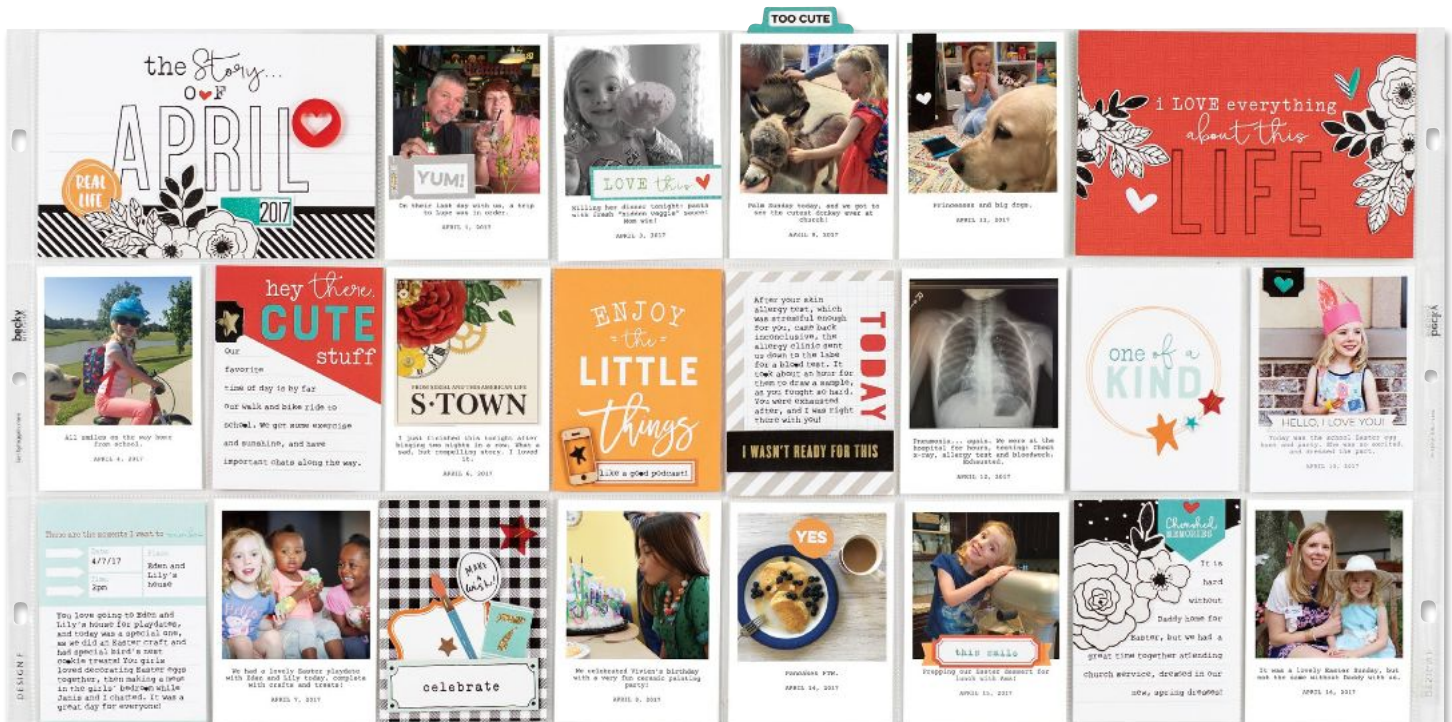


# pocket play

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

I'm Meghann Andrew, a self-professed lover of pocket pages. I love pockets because in the amount of time it would take me to document one or two layouts about a single moment or event, I can beautifully document a month's worth of memories in a double-pocket page spread. Less time spent + less space taken = a happy documenter.



## TIPS

### POCKET TIP #1: Choose a consistent colour scheme.

To expedite my creative process, I let a group of pocket cards dictate my colour scheme, whether from a cut-apart sheet in a scrapbook collection or from a pocket page card series like this one from Close To My Heart.

**POCKET TIP #2: Give the eye a place to rest.** By keeping some of my pockets simpler, like the one of a kind card which I embellished with just a few stars, I've given the viewer's eye a place to rest.

**POCKET TIP #3: Think about balance.** In this layout which has some pops of bright colour, I've balanced the orange, red, and teal across the spread so that no one colour is dominant.

Monthly spreads are the best way for me to see an overview of our daily lives. I've found that these are my family's favourite albums to look at! You can use them to document the overview of your month—whether that is with a photo each day or sporadically throughout the month. Use the memories from your monthly spreads to decide which events you need to document in more detail, whether with a scrapbook layout, mini album, traveller's notebook spread, or a separate pocket page dedicated to that memory.

## april 2017 monthly spread

**supplies** POCKET CARDS, INK: Close To My Heart; PATTERNED PAPER: Crate Paper; STAMPS, ACRYLIC SHAPE: Elle's Studio; STICKERS: Crate Paper, Elle's Studio; DIE CUT SHAPES: Elle's Studio, Studio Calico; WOOD VENEER: Studio Calico; FONT: Rough Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Therm O Web

**Dedicate a pocket page to one event.**

This event-based, 10 x 12 pocket layout was created because there were not enough details of my daughter's birthday included in my monthly spread, and an entire page dedicated to an awesome dinosaur birthday party documented all of the details from the day that I didn't want to forget.

**TIPS**

**POCKET TIP #1: Don't let pocket sizes limit you.** I didn't have enough portrait images to fill the pockets on the right, so I decided to print the photo of my daughter at 3 x 3 and framed it with patterned paper before placing it on the 4 x 6 patterned paper pocket filler.

**POCKET TIP #2: Think outside the pocket.** I wanted a large title on this page, but there was no way that I could fit both the words "Dino" and "Party" in one 4 x 6 pocket. So, I pretended that the pocket separation didn't exist and just continued the word down the pocket below. You can use this same idea when it comes to photos, embellishments, or whatever you want to continue across multiple pockets!

**POCKET TIP #3: Consider visual weight of colours and elements.**

Instead of the balloon card that I placed on the top, I was going to place a bright coral card, which would have balanced with my journaling card, but it felt SO heavy at the top of my page. By switching it out for the balloon card, the layout was lighter and brighter, and I was able to have a minimally-embellished pocket to create that resting space on the page.

INSIDE THE POCKET  
**SCT 365**  
 2019 pocket page class

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**dino party**

**supplies** JOURNALING CARD: Project Life; PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, LETTER STICKERS, STICKERS: Crate Paper; FONT: Rough Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Stampin' Up!, Therm O Web

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