

make it mini

Document your summer vacation with a chic traveller's notebook! BY JESS FORSTER

For me, summer is a time to enjoy warm weather and family adventures. When it comes to scrapbooking the season of summer, I try to balance making memories with documenting them. I love traveller's notebook inserts because they are the perfect mini album to document on-the-go. Not only are TNs (as they are affectionately called) portable and easy to carry, you can quickly design a double-page layout. I also love the fact that they are an opportunity to play with both traditional and mixed media supplies.

MINI SIZE:

4¼ x 8¼



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Consider the options!**
Traveller's notebook inserts can be used for more than travel. You can keep quotes, write lists, or even art journal!

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supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES: Crate Paper; PEN: Elle's Studio; CLIPS, JOURNAL: Heidi Swapp; LETTER STICKERS, DECORATIVE TAPE: Crate Paper, Heidi Swapp; WATERCOLOURS, WATERCOLOUR BRUSHES: American Crafts; FONT: Remington Noiseless; ADHESIVE: Tombow

GETTING STARTED

Before you start creating pages in your traveller's notebook insert,

open up each page by folding or flattening the paper along the spine. This will help you to use all of the space on each individual page and avoid damaging your previous pages

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Decorate the outside cover of your TN insert.** Use 3 x 4 journaling cards, cardstock, and patterned paper to create simple layers. Add embellishments like die cuts, washi tape, and stickers to add depth.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Store multiple inserts in one cover.** You can house a series of different stories in one place, and they come with fun pockets that you can fill with extra things to commemorate your journeys.

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✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Break out your mixed media supplies.**

Create an ombre effect with watercolour paint on cardstock which you can match to the product of your choice. Once I finished painting, I adhered the paper to the first page of my TN album. This is a great way to hide stamping mistakes while keeping the paper in your TN insert intact.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Print a variety of photo sizes.**

Traveller's notebooks can hold smaller photos or full page photos at 4 x 8. Don't forget to incorporate regular size pictures including 3 x 4, 4 x 6, or 5 x 7! The possibilities are endless.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Make your TN interactive!**

Here I created my own interactive tag, which tells a deeper story including the conversations my kids had while we played on the beach.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Add dimension with clips.**

To enhance the touchability of your notebook, pop in clips for lots of interest!



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Think 8 x 8.**

Regardless of the brand of TN you are using, when creating a double-page layout, your canvas is essentially 8 x 8. Use basic design principles, like balance, emphasis, and repetition just like any scrapbook page.