

pocket play

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

When it comes to summer, our minds often focus on travel. Compared to classic layouts or even mini albums, I find that pocket pages are an easier and quicker way to record my trips. Pocket pages have a large capacity for photos which is a plus since typically we tend to take a ton of pictures when we are on vacation. Once my travel pages are finished, I like that they can be part of my everyday pocket page family album rather than in a separate place. It's a pretty great way to record fun summer travels while still being a seamless part of our memory keeping!



TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Do a pocket page DIY. You really don't need special pocket page supplies to start. Make your own journaling and filler cards like I did with patterned papers, die cuts, and embellishments.

POCKET TIP #2: Make your journaling pop. A great way to add journaling on patterned paper is to type or write it on plain cardstock and cut it into strips. The journaling pops against the background, but you can still see the pattern of the paper.

POCKET TIP #3: Be flexible! Create a full page just for one day or two or for one event like a birthday if you feel like it.

Preserve precious memories of time spent with family on vacation.

When selecting photos from my vacations, if it comes down to an amazing photo that is merely scenery or an okay photo featuring someone that I love, I will almost always pick the photo featuring someone. When I look back at my past albums, those photos are the ones that matter most.

two days in the south of france

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES: Pebbles; VELLUM: Canson; ENAMEL DOTS: Echo Park Paper; STICKERS: Crate Paper, Elle's Studio, Pebbles; LETTER STICKERS, CORK, WOOD VENEER: Elle's Studio; TRIM: Doodlebug Design; STAPLER: Ranger Industries; ADHESIVE: 3M

Celebrate those staycations, too! Even though we live by the ocean, spending time together at the beach doesn't happen as often as you'd think. When we do take a trip to the beach, I like to capture our happy faces during the golden hour just before sunset when the light is warm and soft.

TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Don't stress.

In order to release some of the stress that stamping directly on photos can bring, start by stamping on vellum (scraps are fine) and place it over the photo to check for placement, ink colour, etc. Once you're satisfied, you're ready to stamp on your photos.

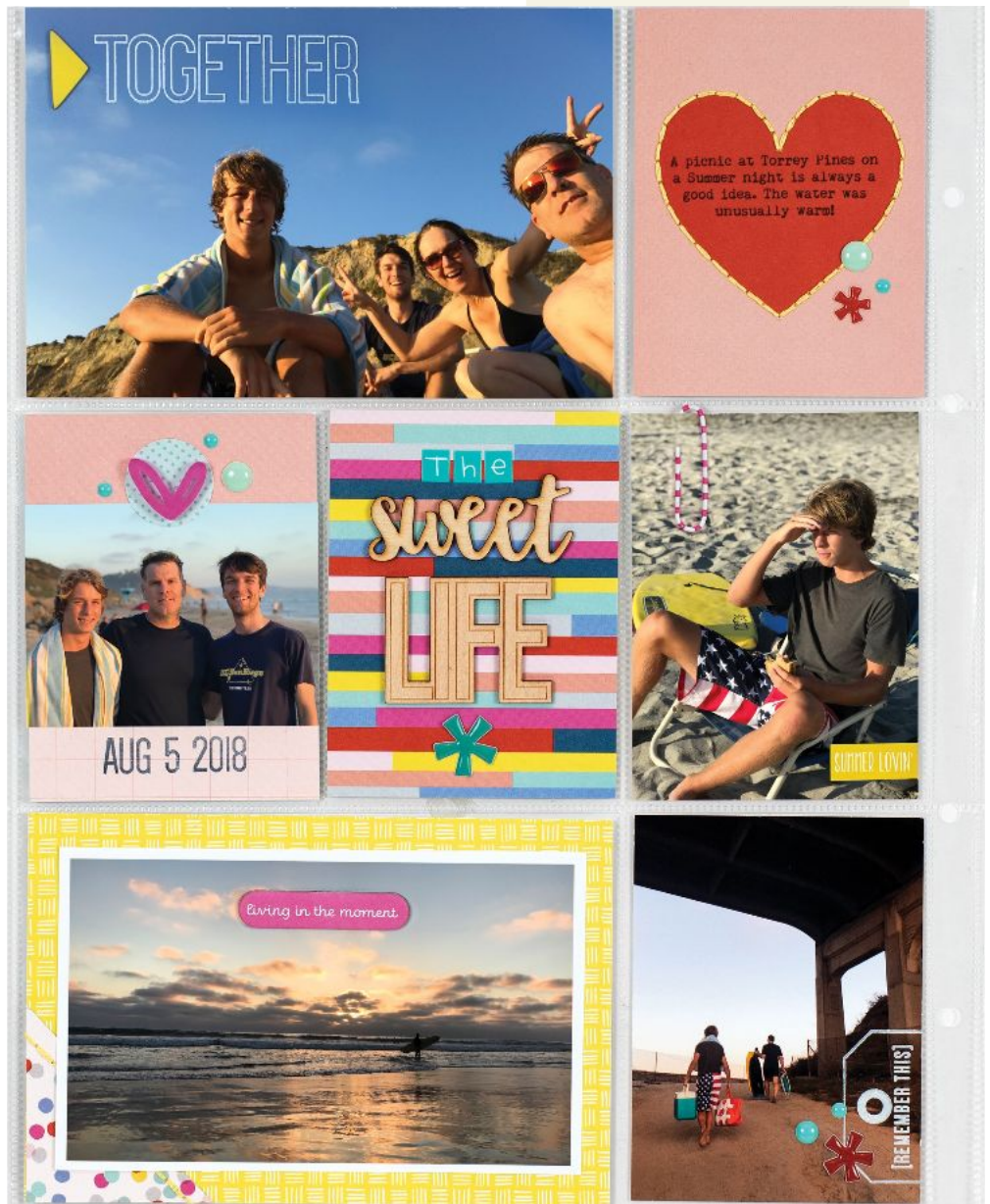
POCKET TIP #2: Create harmonious colour combinations.

Begin by choosing one multi-coloured card like the one in the center of my spread and select all of the other elements based on those colours. It's a trick I use quite often.

POCKET TIP #3: Add interest to your pockets.

Remember to vary the size of your photos and vary the texture of your embellishments—think chipboard, enamel dots, wood veneer, puffy stickers, metals like staples and clips.

DESIGN TIP: Hand stitching adds wonderful texture and is a simple technique to try!



the sweet life

supplies JOURNALING CARDS, CHIPBOARD: Studio Calico; STAMPS, ACRYLIC SHAPE, WOOD VENEER: Elle's Studio; INK: Prima, Tsukineko; ENAMEL DOTS: Doodlebug Design, Studio Calico; CLIPS: Staples; STICKERS: Simple Stories, Studio Calico; LETTER STICKERS: Doodlebug Design; TRIM: DMC; FONT: Remington Noiseless; ADHESIVE: 3M, Tombow

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