

pocket play

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

Happy fall, friends! This year marks ten years that I have been documenting my life in pocket pages. No doubt that a decade is a long time spent using one craft supply! So you may be wondering, how do I keep divided page protectors fresh and interesting? It's simple, really—by playing with colour and storytelling techniques, of course! Challenging yourself creatively can keep you engaged and fulfilled in scrapbooking, regardless of what "season of life" you're in currently!



TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Start with product.

In this double-page layout, I was immediately drawn to Carta Bella Paper's 3 x 4 "But I think I love fall most of all" filler card. The red, orange, yellow, and green reminds me of cooler, crisp weather associated with fall. As such, I selected autumn-themed photos that highlighted these colours.

POCKET TIP #2: Create a visual list.

Here I have included eight of my favourite things to do in September, October, and November. When creating a simple list of moments, don't forget to number your photos. Use up your letter and number stickers!

The beauty of fall will likely have you snapping photos left and right, so take the opportunity to get those photos into your pocket pages quickly. It's fun to capture the daily goodness of this picturesque season. I scrolled through my camera roll and found detail shots and fun activities that embody this time of year.

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supplies CARDSTOCK: American Crafts; PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL DOTS: Carta Bella Paper; LETTER STICKERS: Ali Edwards; POCKET PAGE PROTECTOR: Studio Calico; FONT: Remington Noiseless; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Choose a limited colour palette. By sticking to black, white, and orange tones, I made it easy on myself when picking products to use. And bonus: those colours work perfectly with my kids, their Thanksgiving outfits, and their pumpkins.

POCKET TIP #2: Use your traditional supplies to create your own title card. For this layout, I loved the orange Carta Bella Paper's 3 x 4 "pumpkins" filler card and attached it to piece of traditional black and white patterned paper. I love the bright and bold look this effect gives.

POCKET TIP #3: Don't forget the finishing touches. Add enamel dots and chipboard to give texture, interest, and depth to your design.

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Capture your feelings right now by writing a letter. Not only is this an easy way to compose your journaling, it's a wonderful way to document a relationship. In this single-page layout, I wrote a letter to my children reflecting on what I was thankful for at Thanksgiving.

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