

# make it mini

Celebrate spring break, a girls' trip, or any fun vacation with a cute and vibrant mini album. BY TEGAN SKWIAT

**I love mini albums for so many reasons!** I love that a mini album allows me to document multiple photos of an activity like my recent girls' trip to Florida. Mini albums are great because sometimes I enjoy mixing up my papercrafting and creating on a smaller scale for a change. And there is nothing like the feeling of holding and flipping through a sweet little mini album when it's complete!

MINI SIZE:

7 x 5



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Add chunk and texture.**

Enamel dots, dimensional doo-dads, and baker's twine add a touchability to mini albums.

## disney world

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Echo Park Paper; PATTERNED PAPER, DECORATIVE TAPE, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL SHAPES, LETTER STICKERS, STICKERS: Doodlebug Design; ELECTRONIC CUT FILE: Doodlebug Design for Silhouette America; BINDER RINGS: 7gypsies; PUNCHES: EK Success; TYPEWRITER: We R Memory Keepers; ADHESIVE: 3M

## GETTING STARTED

To create my own mini album, I used a die cut machine and cardstock to cut out multiple postage stamp-shaped pages. I adhered three layers of cardstock together for each page, and then I decorated the cardstock pages with patterned papers cut using the same shape. The process went pretty quickly because the machine did most of the work, and the many layers made each page nice and sturdy!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Put a photo on the cover.**

Have a favourite photo you want to feature? I used a photo frame ephemera piece to feature my favourite photo on the mini album cover.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Don't feel like a**

**collection locks you into a theme.** The Doodlebug collection I used on this mini album is a Valentine's Day collection, but it ended up working great for this girls' trip album, too! I simply concentrated on the florals, birds, and general patterns and elements in the collection and left out most of the overly-themed product.

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✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Don't forget the journaling.** I like to add lots of journaling, especially to my travel-themed mini albums. I try to jot down a few basic travel details during my trips because I surely won't remember all the details after I get home!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Use large ephemera pieces as unexpected photo frames.** I used a 1-inch circle punch to punch out my photographs and then adhered them onto a couple different large floral ephemera pieces for a unique design.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Don't leave out the silly photos.** Sometimes it's fun to mix up the posed photos and add a photo like this one with us being silly and our arms in the air. It still makes me laugh!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Use a variety of photo sizes to add interest.** I used both horizontal and vertical pictures of different sizes in this mini album to keep things interesting!

