

make it mini

Take your mini album game to a super tiny level with this sweet, pint-sized book of memories! BY AMBER MITCHELL

MINI SIZE:

2½ x 4 x 2

Paper crafting has been a hobby of mine for the past few years. In that time, I have yet to find something I love to create more than a handmade mini album! They are such an incredibly fun way to document those special moments in life. I love that each one is personal and unique since there are endless possible ways to create each one. It's a great way to unleash your creativity while simultaneously creating a keepsake you'll cherish forever.



GETTING STARTED

I wanted to create a super small mini album for this column and what fun it was! It really stretched

my creativity. I started with chipboard to make the album itself. Chipboard creates a sturdy, long-lasting base, as well as a safe place to store your pages and photos. I had a blast using lots of tiny products. You might have a little bowl full of bits and pieces on your desk. This is the perfect place to add some of those forgotten pieces of prettiness.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Add delightful details.**

Stitching, tassels, and decorative tape are great additions to a mini album. Since you're not confined to a page protector, your mini can have lots of dimension!

wonderful and so very magical

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, DIE CUT SHAPES, LETTER STICKERS: Crate Paper; CHIPBOARD: Grafix Arts; TRIM: Michael's, Target; PUNCHES: Fiskars, We R Memory Keepers; FONT: Courier New; ADHESIVE: Darice, Scor-Pal, Tombow; OTHER: Vellum, tassels

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Make your own embellishments.**

Use punches, cut files, dies, or your own hands to make cute handmade embellishments. These will help fill up any blank spaces while also adding a personal touch to the project.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Create more space and interest with pockets.**

If you have a lot of photos or memories to document, add pockets throughout your album to create more space as well as an interactive element.

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✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Use tags.** Tags are a fun way to make your album interactive since they can be removed from the album itself when viewing. Your journaling can also be hidden away on the backside of the tags to give the album a cleaner look.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Add photo mats.** Matting photos will make them pop. White cardstock or patterned paper from the collection you're working with will work well as photo mats.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Incorporate vellum.** Using different types of materials is a great way to spice up your mini albums. Adding vellum pages amidst the paper pages adds to the fun by providing a backdrop for special little embellishments.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Go all out with texture.** Create texture throughout the album. My favourite technique for this is to add stitching and dimension where I can. Texture draws the eye and adds more details.

