

design your story

Holiday scrapbooking need not be complicated. Just pick a few favourites and keep it simple! BY CATHY ZIELSKE

Sometimes it seems that holiday scrapbooking gets a bad wrap! (Pun intended!) It's like you have to pull out all the stops to expertly capture your holiday memories. But me? I look for the smaller, less flashy stories to tell—the ones that truly reflect my everyday life. Here are a couple of layouts that keep it simple to inspire you this season!



layout 1

SIMPLE TRADITIONS

Every year since I can recall, my sisters-in-law and I get together for a holiday shopping event in my hometown. It's really not about the shopping at all. It's just about our tradition as sisters to spend a December day together. I wanted to document this strange pandemic year by celebrating last year and connecting to what will likely be the first year we've had to skip our annual outing. It's a real-life story for the current era, and that belongs in my album.

DESIGN TIP: Repeat those stickers! I used some gorgeous stickers from Close To My Heart to sprinkle around the page in a visual triangle. I like to use a powder tool to take the stick off my stickers, so I can move them around until I get a design I like. Then, I pop them up with some foam squares for a bit of dimension. I also repeated some adhesive gems and two black embellishments.

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layout 2

**REVISIT OLDER MEMORIES**

This photo of my children from 2005 never found its way onto a scrapbook page until now! While I may document far less about them now that they are adults, I still have so many stories to document and remember. This photo? It melts my heart.

STORY TIP: What was the story behind the pretty picture?

I totally remember bribing these two to get this shot. Just take a peek at my blurry outtakes, and you'll see the silliness behind the hero shot! Those would also make a great idea for a layout!

DESIGN TIP: Patterned papers are so versatile! I love to find neutral patterns to serve as my backgrounds for a break from plain cardstock. Coordinated collections are designed to work together, too! That takes the guesswork out of pattern matching.

DESIGN TIP: Match your materials! The gold foiled strip of stars and December 25th sticker inspired me to pull out some metallic gold cardstock from Lawn Fawn for my title. It cut beautifully on my electronic die cutter and added a bit more shine to my simple design.



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