

pocket play

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

I love so many forms of storytelling and scrapbooking. Pocket scrapbooking is one that I particularly love. I look at each little pocket as its own little canvas: it's ready to hold a full-sized photo, a journaling card, or a little bit of creativity with embellishments and layers. Like all forms of scrapbooking, it's a format that allows you to be creative. One major benefit of pocket scrapbooking is that it's not quite the commitment that a traditional 12 x 12 scrapbook page can be, and that is what makes it a very inviting storytelling style.

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TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Set the tone. I find that using a larger-sized pocket for the title of my page (6 x 4 in this case) allows me to set the mood for the layout.

POCKET TIP #2: Keep it sleek. Leaving a white border around a photo helps to keep the page feeling less cluttered and overwhelmed.

POCKET TIP #3: Add to photos. Larger photos can include layers of phrase stickers to help tell a little story.

As the year comes to a close, you may be contemplating crafty resolutions. Simple pocket pages like this one take the pressure off memory keeping. Pop in a few favourite photos and capture your everyday moments. Use your handwriting to make the process even simpler. Take some time to creatively play in one of the pockets like I did in the bottom right, or better yet, just use a pretty card and call it done. It's totally up to you!

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POCKET TIP #1: Don't let pocket sizes dictate photo sizes. Printing smaller photos allows for a multi-photo pocket which is always fun.

POCKET TIP #2: Get the most out of your stash. Trimming out shapes from patterned paper makes for pretty and cost-effective DIY embellishments.

POCKET TIP #3: Dive into the dramatic. Long pockets (3 x 6 on this layout) are great spacing for more dramatic storytelling by way of photo, title, and embellishment.

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You know how they say a picture is worth a thousand words? Lean into that and remember that long, drawn out journaling isn't always necessary. Grab a favourite patterned paper and let it set the tone for your photos. A title, a few phrase stickers, and an embellishment or two are all you need to remember these moments.

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