

make it mini

Celebrate spring with an adorable and oh-so-colourful
mini album in a box! BY OBED MARSHALL

Mini albums are definitely one of my favourite papercrafts with their endless creative possibilities and ways to treasure memories. I love to play around with my supplies and come up with non-traditional mini album shapes or page ideas, and I love to make albums in a variety of sizes. I had so much fun creating this mini album in a box using my very own product line from American Crafts called Buenos Días!

MINI SIZE:

5 x 7½ x 4



recuérdalo (remember it)

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, BOXED CARD SET, DIE CUT SHAPES, RINGS, STAMPS, STICKERS, TASSEL, TRIM: Obed Marshall for American Crafts; INK: Lora Bailora; PUNCH: We R Memory Keepers; ADHESIVE: American Crafts

GETTING STARTED

Don't get caught up in standards or rules.

Start creating right away no matter the number of supplies you have or techniques you may know. With some imagination and a bit of fun, you'll be surprised at what you can create. Think back to when you were a kid and you built forts and had fun without a lot of stuff. The same holds true for mini albums. Come up with a plan and figure out how to make it a reality!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Reuse and recycle.** Look around your home for boxes or objects you can alter into mini albums. My mini album box is recycled—I made it out of a box of chocolate bars!

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Make it special.** Mini albums are one-of-a-kind gifts for family and friends. Make a coordinated gift box for your mini album. Not only will it make the gift unique, but the box is also a great way to store the album.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Experiment with placement.** Make the cover visually attractive by playing around with colour, bold titles, or embellishments until you come up with a pleasing result!

Get more creative ideas from Obed by following him on Instagram at [@obed-marshall](https://www.instagram.com/obed-marshall).



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Mix techniques and styles.**

I love trying different bindings or page designs. I used an accordion group of pages on one side and a banner tag style binding on the other side.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Add in pockets.** Pockets are another fun way to add interest to mini albums. They can hold journaling, souvenirs, or even more photos!



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

Ribbons and rings add dimension, texture, and interaction to your album. Think about how you can keep the attention of anyone looking at your album!



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Pour on the product.** Ever find a product that you just love so much? Find creative ways to use it in your mini albums. Since the albums aren't flat, it doesn't matter how bulky they turn out!