



paper patchwork pretties

Patchwork isn't just for quilts anymore. I've noticed this homey and often colourful design trending in fashion and home décor as well as papercrafting. It's such a cozy and cheerful way to add lots of pattern and pizzazz to a design. We called on some of our designers to translate this trend onto scrapbook layouts and cards, and we're pretty sure that you will love the results! BY SUSAN R. OPEL

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layout 1



DESIGN TIP: The trim at the top of each tag complements the fabric feel of Victoria's patchwork tags.

keep your patchwork focused

Victoria's beautiful double-page spread features six stand-out tags each with an original design. Notice how she built each tag with patterned paper squares. The beauty of this design is how three of the tags have the squares straight and three have the squares with the points up. This really gives the layout variety and interest!

DESIGN TIP: Big tags are a great way to ground photos on your layouts, so having six across this spread takes your eye across the design.

a good day

BY VICTORIA CALVIN

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QUICK TIP: Use a shape die of any style to create perfectly cut pieces for your patchworks!

This is such an easy way to use up your scraps of patterned paper, too. Die cut a bunch at one time so you have them ready to go for your next layout or card project.

SHAPED DIE BY GINA K. DESIGNS
PATTERNED PAPER BY CLOSE TO MY HEART

layout 2

DESIGN TIP: Temper the colourful nature of the patchwork with an otherwise tame and neutral layout to allow the patchwork to shine.



square punch your patchwork

Dig through your patterned paper scraps and dream up a beautiful paper quilt! Nicole used a square punch to evenly line up the background patchwork pattern that appears on the right-hand side of her layout.

DESIGN TIP: Give depth to the patchwork by adding neutral colour and glitter cardstock corners (also made with a paper punch). Nicole stitched over these layers to give them a decidedly patchwork feel.

everyday life

BY NICOLE NOWOSAD

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layout 3



DESIGN TIP: Highlight a vertical scene with a long and lean photo that spans the page from top to bottom!

page protector patchwork

This patchwork technique is ridiculously simple!

Consider each pocket in your page protectors as a spot to add another pattern. Choose a soft and pretty colour family and layer pattern on pattern to create your patchwork design. Add bits of stitching and soft patterned paper mats to finish the design.

DESIGN TIP: There's something decidedly feminine about the patterns in patchwork designs. Further the theme with lush roses, beautiful butterflies, and pretty script fonts.

walk in kew gardens

BY JESS FORSTER

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, STICKERS: Simple Stories; DIES: Elle's Studio; POCKET PAGE PROTECTORS: Ali Edwards; FONT: Remington Noiseless; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

card 1

strip your way to patchwork

Instead of square patches, make a patchwork with patterned paper strips in the same width; die cut them on an angle to give the design lots of energy. Layer the patchwork panel on a coordinating patterned paper fancy bracket panel for extra charm and coziness.

DESIGN TIP: Latisha's card subtly calls to mind a traditional baby motif: the baby blanket. The patchwork almost feels like an actual handmade quilt that one might wrap around a sweet baby girl!

congrats

BY LATISHA YOAST

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card 2

layer your way to patchwork

This clean and elegant design might not appear to fit our theme at first glance, but take a closer look. Latisha layered intricate die cut squares in gorgeous white for a beautiful and chic lacy patchwork design. The pops of lavender in the delicate florals and the perimeter expertly showcase the sophisticated patchwork design.

DESIGN TIP: Layer die cuts in the same colour to create a lovely monochromatic depth to your card.

elegant hello

BY LATISHA YOAST

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layout 4

DESIGN TIP: The cut file that Paige created has so many options! She chose to include three photos and two journaling spots, but there could easily be six photos if desired.



use a digital cut file

Paige's creative quilt cut file is a feast for the eyes! The white cardstock frames the colourful patterns and keeps the layout neatly organized. She included SO many patterned papers that I lost count. Even the words *for you* have a handmade patchwork appeal.



Paige is sharing a free download of her Quilt cut file. You can create your own quilt with your patterned paper scraps! Find it on our website here:

scrapbookandcards.com/bonus-content

so much love for you

BY PAIGE EVANS

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