

# make it mini

Just wait until you see this fun way to create your own mini album! BY TARA CHAUSSEE

**I love creating with pretty paper and, in my opinion, the best way to show it is to make a mini album!** Mini albums are the sweetest way to relive a special day or slice of time in a quick and fun format. They allow you to really focus on the best details of your memories and with fewer photos, you can go all out and embellish each page to your heart's content! Mini albums are easy to hold and delightful to look through! And best of all, because they are small and compact, they make amazing décor for your desk, shelf, or anywhere in your space.

**MINI SIZE:**

4¼ x 8½ folded,  
22 fully open



## let's be merry

**supplies** CARDSTOCK: Papertrey Ink; PATTERNED PAPER, BRADS, CHIPBOARD, DIE CUT SHAPES, ENAMEL DOTS, STICKERS: Simple Stories; MARKERS: Tombow; PEN: Elle's Studio; DIES: Papertrey Ink, Simon Says Stamp; ADHESIVE: 3M, American Crafts, Scor-Pal, Stampin' Up!; OTHER: Round magnets

### GETTING STARTED

**A zig-zag mini album is the perfect way to see all of the gorgeous papers in a collection!**

This one is made with two 8½ x 11 sheets of coloured cardstock that have been angle cut, scored, and adhered before any patterned paper or decorations were added. I included a ¼-inch space between sections to accommodate all the pretty embellishments I added!

- ✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Prepare for longevity.** For a long-lasting album, use 80lb. to 100lb. cardstock for the base. The base will be sturdier this way to accommodate all the patterned papers and embellishments that you will add.
- ✓ **MAKE IT TIP: If giving as a gift or adding photos later,** make sure to add adhesive to the outside edges of your embellishments so that photos and journaling spots can be slipped under easily.
- ✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Make it a DIY gift.** Include a packet of extra embellishments for the recipient so that she can add additional decorations to her photos and journaling.

Get more creative ideas from Tara by visiting her on Instagram @secretbees\_studio



**Don't miss Tara's video** to find out how she created this clever mini album shape. Watch here: [bit.ly/wi22tara](https://bit.ly/wi22tara)



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Mix and layer your embellishments!**

Don't be afraid to put a sticker on top of another sticker or tuck an embellishment under another even if just a small portion shows. Little details add so much depth and charm to a project.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Stress less by using a coordinated paper collection.** These collections have already been designed to complement and match. All the elements look great together which makes creating your mini super easy!



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Increase the memory space by adding pockets, photo flips, and double-sided photo elements.** Include fun surprises like a letter to Santa or a rotating element that doubles as a photo flip closure. Interactive elements always add interest and whimsy to a small design.

