

pocket play

Short on time? Here you'll find creative ideas to make the most of your memory keeping minutes. BY SHANNON DOMBKOWSKI

Sometimes life zooms by at warp speed, and we hardly have time to catch our breath and let the moments sink in. I suppose that's why we scrapbook, isn't it? We do it to preserve the fleeting moments so we can relive them at a slower speed for years to come. But sometimes our busy lives leave little time for scrapbooking. This is why I love pocket pages. Pockets offer a defined structure and provide undeniable direction to put a page together in no time. If I'm short on time, I stick to the basics with photos, cards, and journaling. If I have some extra time to spare, I can't help but let loose and add all sorts of layers and embellishments. The beauty of pockets is that they fit my life, no matter how it ebbs and flows over the years!



TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Maximize it. Pocket page protectors include pockets in a variety of sizes. Some include a full 6 x 8 size which is perfect for showcasing a special photo.

POCKET TIP #2: Support the story. While one large photo shines, the smaller photos in the 3 x 4 pockets stand in as supporting actors to tell the whole story.

Make every little moment a memory. This layout captures one day when my daughter Lauryn couldn't resist wading in the pond at the dog park. I let her live her best life, and it was all worth it for the smiles and giggles!

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Make the most of every moment. When Lauryn was too sick to go on a field trip with her class, we decided to make it up to her with a family trip! Take the time to capture those special times and preserve the memories.

TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Tell the story. When I have a lot to say, I like to type out my journaling. Clear sticker paper makes it very easy to add journaling to your page without worrying about printing directly on the card!

POCKET TIP #2: Colour is key. As I choose the products for my page, I aim to stick with no more than three main colours with a pop of one or two additional hues. As you can see here, I used pinks and yellows with a pop of purple. I also included plenty of neutral or white space so the eye can rest.



POCKET TIP #3: Delve into your stash. Traditional scrapbooking supplies make great pocket page supplies. In fact, they allow for a lot of personalization! I cut a 4 x 6 card from a sheet of patterned paper and added some die cuts and a foam sticker to make a unique title card for my page.

oh what a beautiful day

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