

pocket play

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

Hi, everyone! I'm Barbara, and I've been making pocket pages since 2010. When I first started scrapbooking, I made traditional layouts that were event-based, but once I started creating pocket pages, I began to capture more of our daily lives rather than just holidays, vacations, and birthdays. Here are a few of my recent pages.



TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Set a photo limit. When I'm capturing multiple days, I limit myself to two photos from each day so I can capture as much as possible. If I want to use more than two photos, then I will make a separate page for just that day.

POCKET TIP #2: Don't limit yourself to chronological order. I don't worry if my photos are in the exact order of when they occurred. I like to focus more on a cohesive look when arranging the photos rather than whether they're in chronological order.

Make every little moment a memory.

This layout encapsulates the beginning of summer—from afternoons by the pool and cool summer treats to Netflix favourites and half birthday celebrations.

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My spreads have evolved into a snapshot of my life and my family's life, too! I love looking at my albums and seeing how far we have come, how quickly we have changed, and how much we have to be thankful for. It's rewarding to see and that's why I enjoy the process so much.

TIPS

POCKET TIP #1: Focus on one colour. I always try to work my layouts around a single colour. For this spread the photos were all very yellow in tone. I actively look for colour stories when I'm pulling photos for layouts because I always love how cohesive they look when it happens.

POCKET TIP #2: Pick a colour story for the embellishments. This makes for really striking spreads, and they are so much fun to put together.

POCKET TIP #2: Create with clusters. I love embellishment clusters and layering things on top of each other. When I have cards with lots of dimension or layers, I avoid embellishing my photos. I like my photos clean and will usually only add things on top if there is a clear white space section on the photo. Otherwise, it can get too busy.



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Document what you are loving currently with pocket pages. Nails, naps, books, and selfies capture a unique moment in time. Think how special it will be to look back some day!

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