



nathalie's memory

Nathalie's best memory

of 2023 was her vacation to Ecuador and her hometown. After seven years, she was finally able to work out a two-week vacation. Her mom and daughter were the perfect companions, and they all loved visiting Nathalie's town and all their family who still live there.

the best moments

BY NATHALIE DESOUSA

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, EPHEMERA, STICKERS: Vicki Boutin for American Crafts; PEN: Sharpie; TRIM: Michaels; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

favourite memories of 2023

As we say goodbye to 2023 and greet the new year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the memories we've made in the last 12 months. We asked a group of designers to create a layout focusing on one of their favourite memories of 2023. Oh boy, were they inspired, and we can't wait to share the results with you.

BY SUSAN R. OPEL

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the challenge:
Create layouts based on a favourite memory from the last year.



2 meghann's memory

In 2023, Meghann turned 40, and her husband planned a very special surprise trip to Napa Valley so they could celebrate with their best friends. They made so many memories on their unforgettable trip!

DESIGN TIP: When you have a lot of photos to add to your layout, chipboard frames help keep the design clean. Meghann arranged her frames to overlap each other in a diagonal line and then tucked die-cut flowers and her title around the frames to keep the photos the page's focus.

a perfect day in napa

BY MEGHANN ANDREW

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, ENAMEL DOTS, EPHEMERA, STICKERS: Pinkfresh Studio; STAMPS: Elle's Studio; INK: Close To My Heart; STAPLER: Tim Holtz; FONT: American Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Scrapbook.com

3 victoria's memory

Victoria's daughter reached a milestone in 2023 that was months in the making—her first time dancing *en pointe*! It takes a lot of hard work, commitment, focus, and determination to reach such a goal. Victoria's beautiful photos help to further this story. Oh, the smile on her sweet girl's face!

DESIGN TIP: Changing her photos to black and white give this layout a timeless feel. The elegance of ballet is seen in the arch of the wrists and the strength of the legs. Eliminating the colour removes the "noise" in the photos.

moments captured

BY VICTORIA CALVIN

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, EPHEMERA, STICKERS: Photoplay Paper; FONT: American Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L, Scrapbook.com



paige's memory

For Paige, it's all about family. One of her favourite memories from 2023 was a photo shoot in a field full of sunflowers with her family. As each year passes, these precious photographic memories are truly special. This gorgeous photo captured the Evans family as they were in 2023!

DESIGN TIP: The colour choices on Paige's layout complement the warmth of the photo. The peachy background is a stunning base for the glow emanating from the faces of this cute family.

thankful

BY PAIGE EVANS

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, ENAMEL DOTS, EPHEMERA, STICKERS: Paige Evans for American Crafts; ADHESIVE: American Crafts



lisa's memory

When we look back on pop culture in 2023, no doubt, this year will be

remembered for all things Barbie! Lisa and her girl gang dressed up and enjoyed a trip to see the movie this past July, and Lisa called it an "unexpected highlight" of the summer!

DESIGN TIP: Match the theme of your photos to the supplies that you use.

Lisa's retro icons like mix tapes and roller skates harken back to the days of playing Barbies with her BFFs.

you go girl

BY LISA DICKINSON

supplies CARDSTOCK: Bazzill Basics; PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, EPHEMERA, STICKERS: Jen Hadfield from American Crafts; DATE STAMP: American Crafts; PUNCH: EK Success; FONT: American Typewriter; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L

DESIGN TIP: Intersperse photos of people with pictures of landscapes and detail shots. The variety will not only tell the story more clearly, but it will help you remember different aspects of the time spent together.



Jana's memory

Jana counts the mountains as her happy place. After an emotionally difficult year, her most cherished memories from 2023 were the times she was able to sneak away with her family to rest, relax, and recuperate. On this getaway, she and her husband and daughter visited the beautiful town of McCall, ID, located on the south end of Payette Lake.

lake life

BY JANA EUBANK

supplies CARDSTOCK: Sylvamo; PATTERNED PAPER, CHIPBOARD, ENAMEL DOTS, EPHEMERA, STICKERS: Bella Blvd; PUNCHES: EK Success; FONT: Prestige Elite Std.; ADHESIVE: AdTech; OTHER: Trim



Jess's memory

For Jess, her favourite memory of 2023 was getting a new puppy: River the Bernedoodle! It had been four years since her dog Charlie passed away from cancer, and in some ways, she knew it was time for another furry friend to join their family. Watching River grow and seeing the joy he brings every day to the whole family was easily her best memory from this past year.

DESIGN TIP: Don't forget to scrapbook your precious pets. Heavens knows you have a camera roll of photos, am I right? Choose one of your absolute favourite photos and document all the things you love about him or her.

good boy, river hunter!

BY JESS FORSTER

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, ENAMEL DOTS, EPHEMERA: Echo Park Paper; PAGE PROTECTOR: Becky Higgins; FUSE TOOL: We R Makers; FONT: Georgia Italic; ADHESIVE: Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L



Jennie's memory

For Jennie, this memory in 2023 is everything. This photo session felt like a precipice for her family. They had said goodbye to her husband's father a couple of weeks before and their beloved family dog just days before. Their eldest son would be moving across the country shortly and would graduate in a few months. In addition, another one of their sons would move to college later that fall. This beautiful beach and sunset made an impression, but this moment in their story did, too.

DESIGN TIP: When a photo has empty space, don't be afraid to let it go off the page like Jennie did. This design choice gives the layout an energy and look that reminds us of scrapbooks from days gone by.

the best moments

BY JENNIE MCGARVEY

supplies PATTERNED PAPER, EPHEMERA, STICKERS: Crate Paper; STAMPS: Heidi Swapp; INK: Ranger; PEN: Sharpie; PLANNER PAGES: Cocoa Daisy; ADHESIVE: Therm O Web

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