

make it mini

Just wait until you see this gorgeous holiday mini album!

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Christmas is a holiday filled with magic and nostalgia. I love to capture our family's activities each year in a mini album as we repeat beloved traditions and establish new ones. The BEST part of a mini album is the size. They come together relatively quickly and are perfect for displaying anywhere. Tuck them among the greenery on your mantel, showcase them on a shelf or the coffee table, or line them up side-by-side on a credenza. Having your mini albums easily accessible will encourage your family and friends to peruse them and enjoy the memories of Christmases gone by.



MINI SIZE:

6 x 8

merry christmas

supplies CARDSTOCK, PATTERNED PAPER, ALBUM, BRADS, CHIPBOARD, EPHEMERA, LETTER STICKERS, STICKERS: Simple Stories; PEN: Sharpie; DIES, GEMS: Spellbinders; ADHESIVE: AdTech; OTHER: Clips, doilies, trim

GETTING STARTED

Don't get your tinsel in a tangle. Before you begin, choose a collection to work with or create a kit from your supplies. Having everything pulled together and ready to go will make the creative process smoother and more enjoyable.

The variety of page protectors available for 6 x 8 albums gives me a lot of versatility—like the ability to highlight a special photo on a full 6 x 8 canvas or create a fold-out insert to accommodate additional photos. I also love that I can add or reorder the pages since I sometimes receive additional photos from my family members after the fact. I can easily incorporate these into my existing album design with the snap binding.

✓ **MINI TIP: Love at frost sight.** A beautiful mini album cover will draw the reader in and set the stage for what's inside. Create a design around a favourite piece from the collection or add a unique and eye-catching detail.

✓ **MINI TIP: Make a list and check it twice.** Look through your photos and select the ones you want to include. Then sketch out the pages and decide where each photo will go. This helps you edit and print your photos in the sizes that you'll need. Now that the prep work is done, it's time to create!

✔ **MINI TIP: 'Tis the season to sparkle.** Be sure to incorporate something sparkly in your mini album to make it feel extra special. The shine from epoxy, metal-rimmed brads, and clear gems in my project helps to make each recorded moment feel magical.



Check out Jana's video to learn more about how she created this charming album. Watch here: bit.ly/W123Jana



✔ **MINI TIP: All spruced up.** Add variety and dimension to your mini album by creating additional festive die cuts with a manual die. I used dies from Spellbinders to add pine sprigs, holly leaves, and poinsettias to accent the ephemera I used throughout my album.

✔ **MINI TIP: #KeptItSimpleSanta.** If your family is anything like mine, your holiday activities tend to repeat themselves year after year. I tend to keep my journaling simple and choose to focus on the moments that were unique to that specific year. If you need additional space for journaling, write it on a tag and tuck it behind a photo-turned-pocket, or type it on an additional card and add it as an insert.



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