

Simple Sketches

January/February 2014 Edition

Simple Sketches is a printed supplement of ideas for main Quirky Kit subscribers. The sheet contains sketches and starting point ideas for scrapbook pages and embellishing to give you a kick start in creating with your new kit. Remember to also visit the Quirky Kit blog and Pinterest boards for more ideas and inspiration from the design team and across the web. You can find links to these on the main store page, www.craftytemplates.co.uk

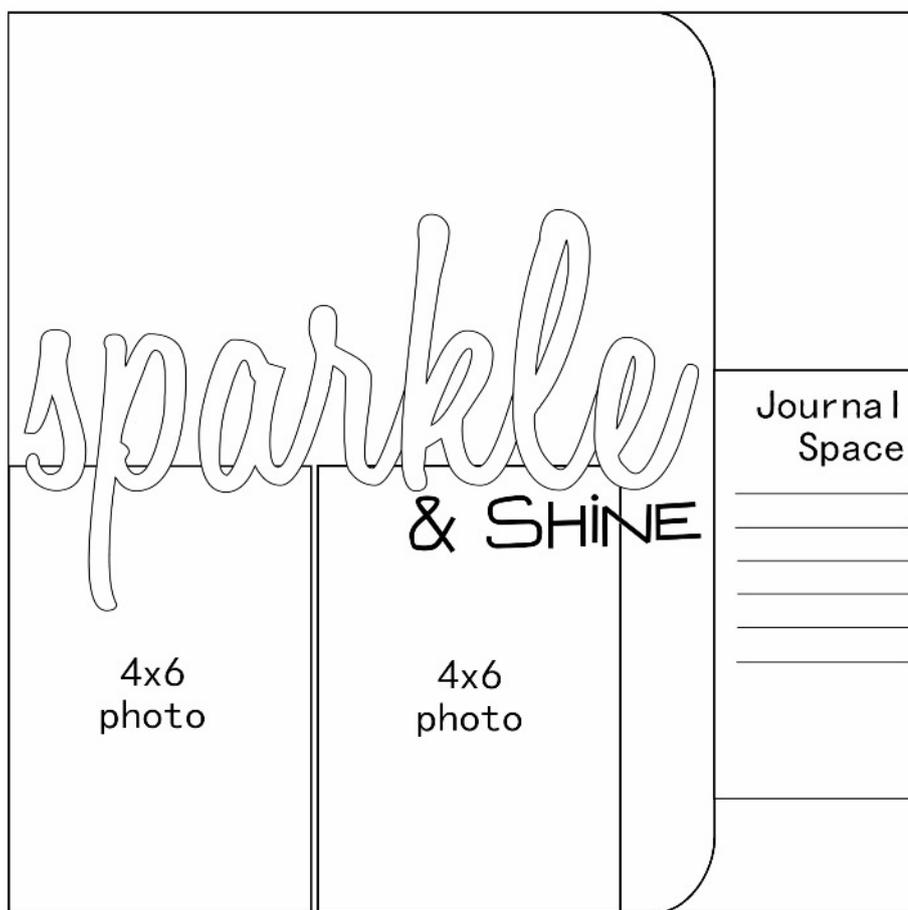
Giant Titles

Cutting out a decorative title is a popular trend right now. Why not take it up a notch and create a huge title for your page from a sheet of patterned paper or cardstock from your kit. This is something simple to achieve but creates a dramatic impact on your project.

Hints & Tips

Use a layer of patterned paper in the background then add a sheet of cardstock as the next layer on top rounding the corners on the right side and leaving a space for journalling down the left side of the page. Add photos on the lower half of the page. Cut out a title from the remainder of the same colour cardstock and add it across the middle of the page. If you need to add more to your title use the alphabet stickers in your kit to continue it underneath the cut out portion.

Sketch One



How to

To create a giant hand cut title. First sketch out your word on the back of your cardstock or print on out using your computer. Make sure each of the letters of the word touch so it keeps the letters together. Cut out your word then turn right side up to use.

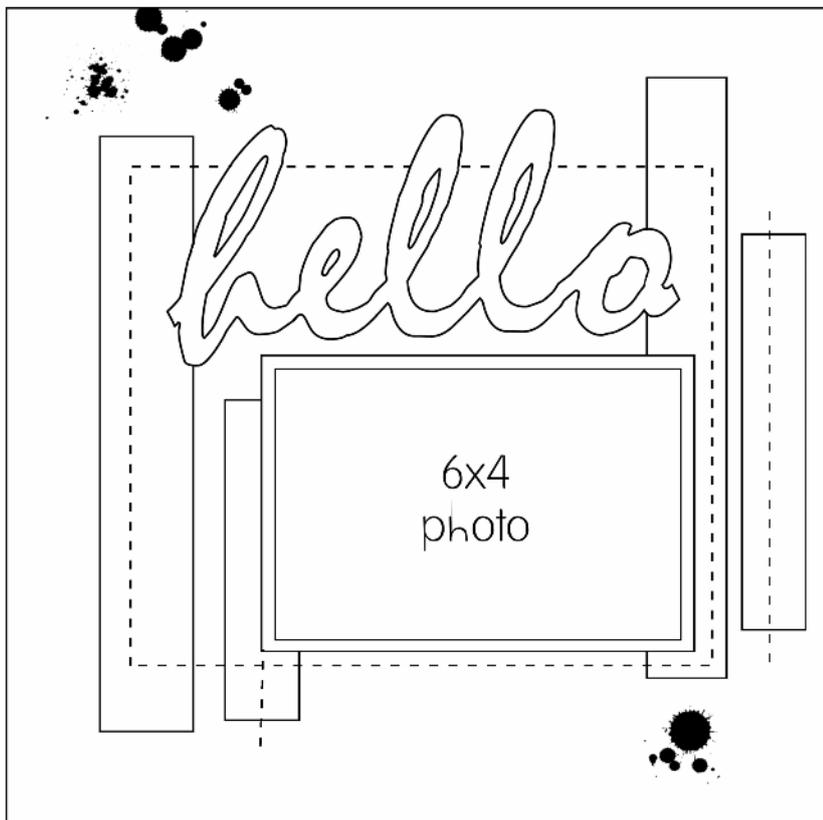


Hints & Tips

Use strips of cut out patterned paper, making each stripe a different pattern. Apply them to a white background cardstock. Use stitching, (sewing machine stitching or by hand) to fix the strips in place. Add splashes of watercolour paint to the white background.

Mat your photo on a piece of patterned paper so a small border is around the edge then fix to your page. Cut out your giant title from coloured cardstock, then fix it to your layout above your photo.

Sketch Two



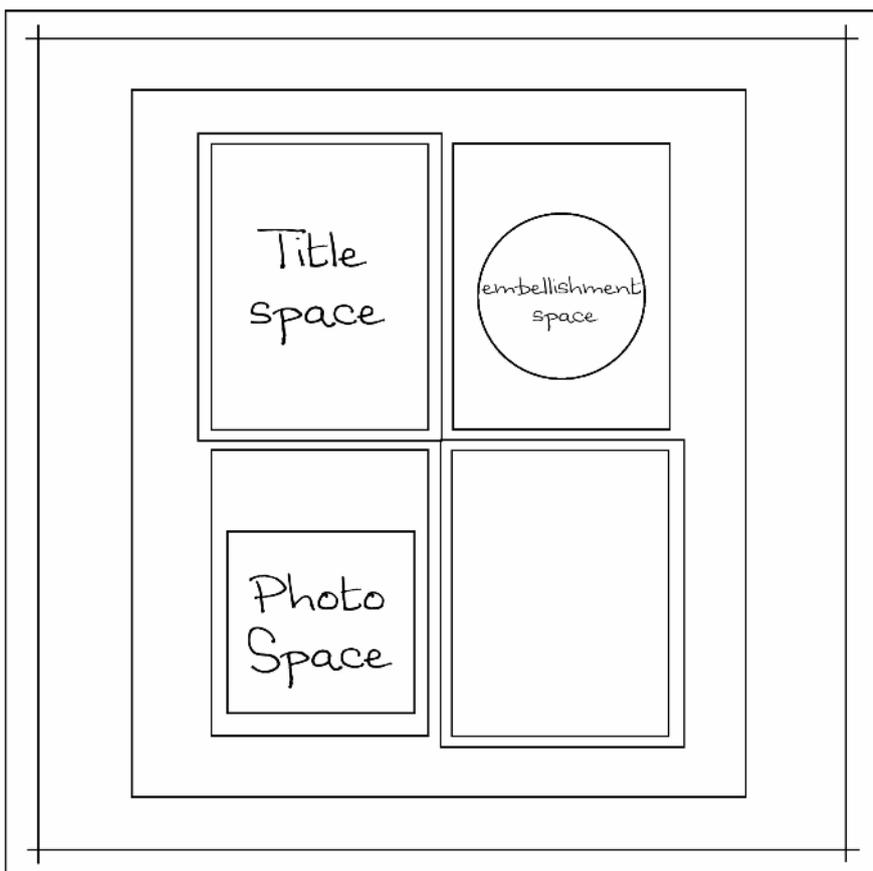
Patchwork Scrapbooking

Here's another starting point for you to try with your new kit. In your kit you'll find some 3x4 inch card size embellishments and a sheet of patterned paper you can cut down into small card size pieces. Try using these 3x4 inch cards layered up on a page to create a patchwork effect on your page background. Cut out more square and rectangle shapes to accompany them from the other patterned paper in the kit building up layers with the papers and other embellishments.

Hints & Tips

Layer the mini card embellishments onto your patterned paper then cut around the edge to leave a small border around the edge. Layer the cards onto your page. Cut out small portions from photos or print out photos in small sizes and add on top of the mini cards. Use the words/phrases already printed on the cards as your title. Build up larger layers of squares of paper in your background to echo the smaller ones as shown in the sketch..

Sketch Three



Hints & Tips

Cut out lots of random shapes from your patterned paper and build them up onto a background of plain white cardstock.

Layer your title and other embellishments over the tops of the shapes and add your journaling in between putting it right onto the cardstock background. Cut off a small amount from around the edge of your white card background and fix it to a sheet of patterned paper to give your page a small splash of colour around the very edge, (you can always cut out the middle portion of the paper you're covering up if you didn't want to use up the complete sheet of patterned paper).

Sketch Four



Reverse Applique

The last idea to try out this month is 'reverse applique'. Cut out rectangles or squares of your patterned paper then cut out shapes from the middle of the pieces. You could be using dies or punches for this or just cut free-hand. Once you've cut out the paper shapes, stitch around the edges of them then fix them to a second paper piece using something like 3D foam pads to give a bit of space between the paper layers and give depth to the shaped 'window' you've cut out. Use these paper layers to build up your layout.

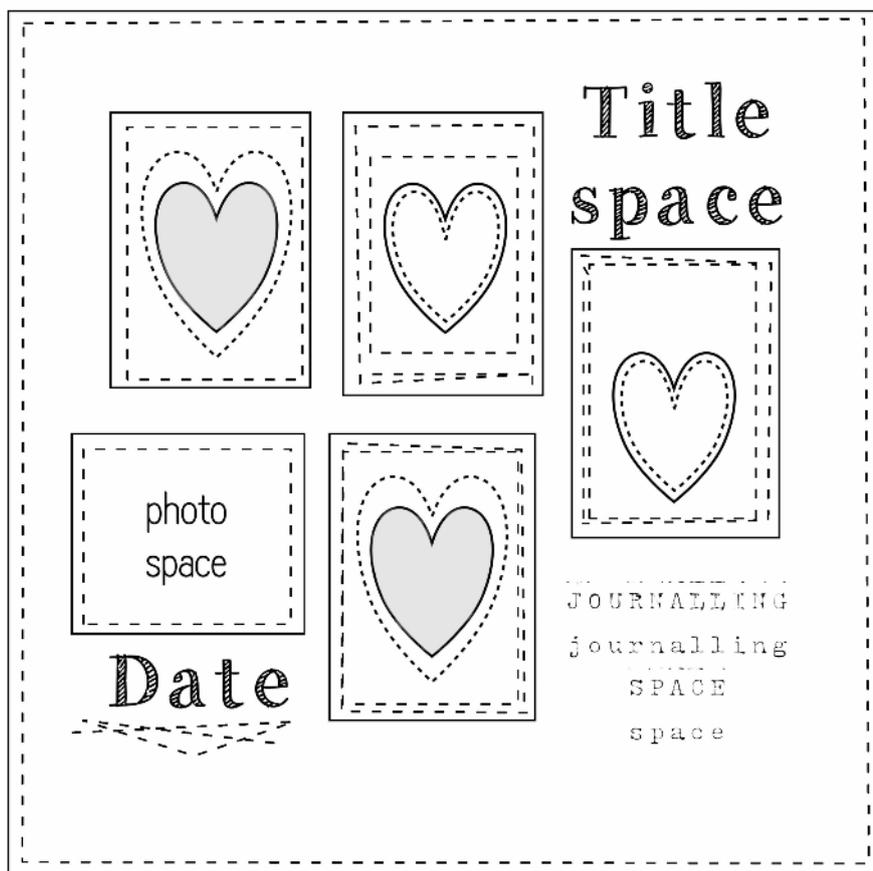
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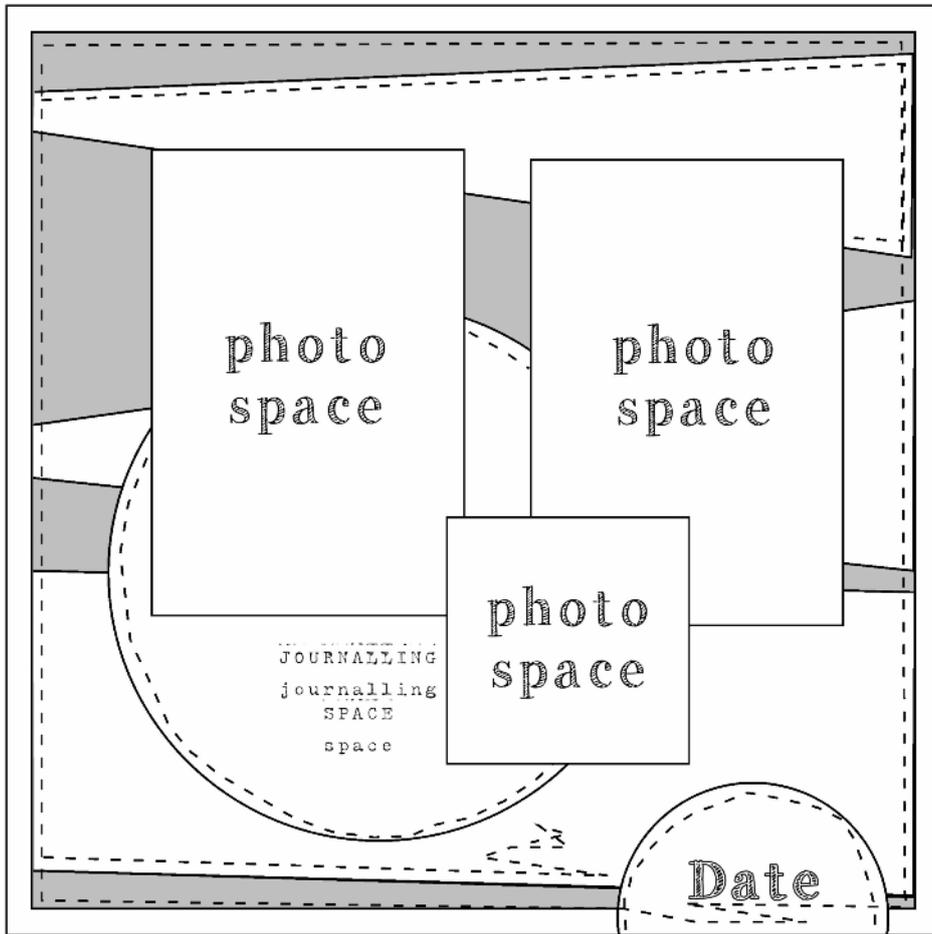
Use the shapes cut out from the negative spaces as well as the positive to make your embellishments. The greyed areas on the sketch show the areas cut out from the middles with the stitching around the edges.

You could create this layout using a pattern in the background and make the embellishments from coloured cardstock or use cardstock as the background and pattern for the embellishments.

Use drawn on stitches instead of real ones if you don't have a sewing machine to use.

Sketch Five





Hints & Tips

Another idea for a paper applique scrapbook page would be to slice up your 12x12 sheet of patterned paper into wedge shaped sections and fix them down on to a background of a second patterned paper or plain cardstock so the two merge together. Use the stitching around the edges to define each pattern/colour. You could also then add other shapes on top like the circles shown in the sketch. The large circle on this sketch done cut out from the lined paper in your kit would provide a nice base for journalling.

More Starting Points

More starting points for the January/February Quirky Kit

- This month your kit has in some custom made botanical images. The ink used on these is water resistant and the heavy cardstock used. Both these attributes have been picked out to give you a perfect base for creating your own watercoloured embellishments. Add your own custom colours to the images to make them suited to your project. If you don't have watercolour paints or pencils to use try using other paint thinned down or use your scrapbooking ink sprays with water applied with a paint brush just like you would a watercolour. Try mixing these delicate images, just using them as you would an embellishment with the bolder patterns in your kit for an interesting and on trend combination..
- This is the first kit of 2014 so why not think about putting together a year long scrapbook documenting your everyday goings on. Put together a title page then plan space in your album for around two 12x12 layouts per month. This is a nice manageable amount to accomplish and it'll give you 24 pages at the end of the year which will make a nice full scrapbook of 2014 memories.

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