

Simple Sketches

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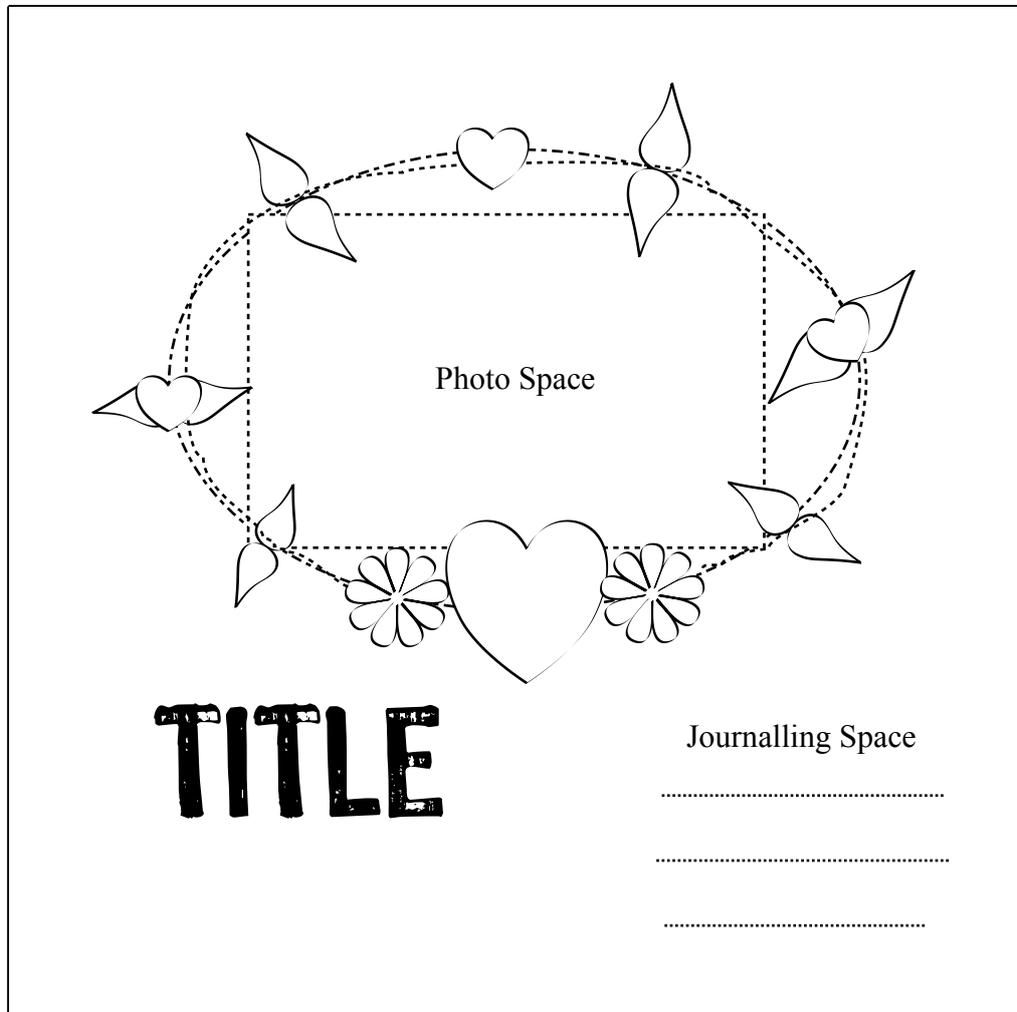
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Simple Sketches is a printed supplement of ideas for main Quirky Kit subscribers. The sheet contains sketches and starting point ideas for scrapbook pages and embellishing to give you a kick start in creating with your new kit. Remember to also visit 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

Fancy Paper Frames

The first starting point for this month is to have a think about embellishing in borders and frames. Both your patterned paper and the small sized embellishments in the kit can be used to make your own decorative borders to showcase either your photos or your journalling or both!

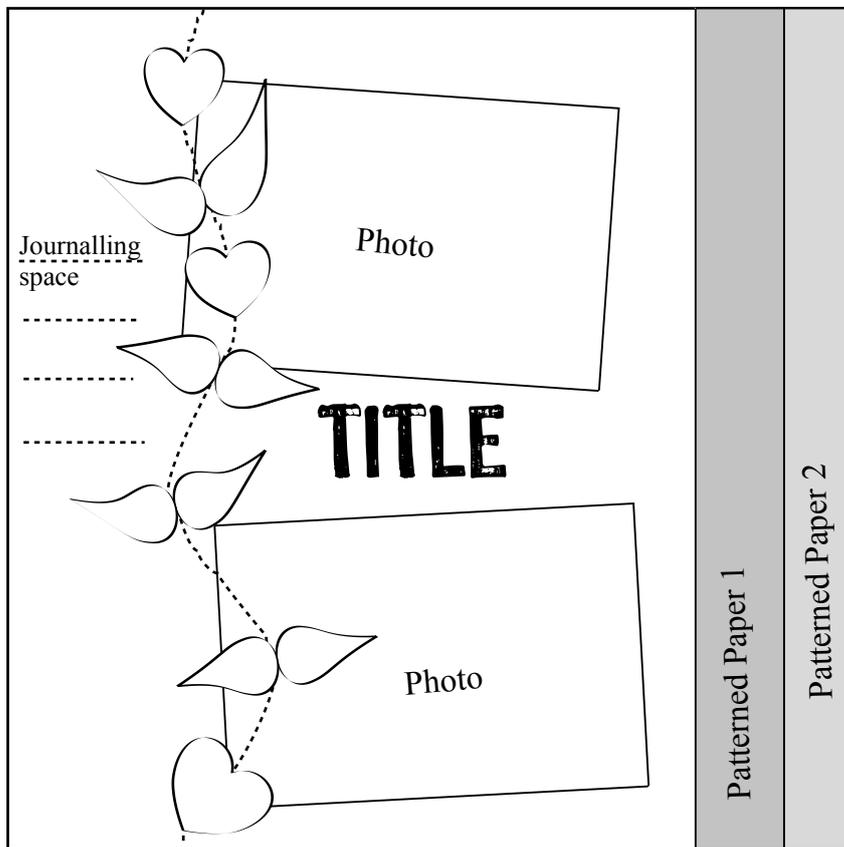
Sketch One



Hints & Tips

Use punches to create a selection of paper pieces or hand cut them out. Make them little leaves or flowers or stars and circles, work with what matches your subject. You could also exclusively use the cork heart shapes from the kit but add a little bit of paper shape if you're using a plain background to add some colour. Place your photo on your layout background and lightly draw around in an oval shape with pencil. Go over the top of the drawing with sewing machine stitches or doodled lines/stitching or even hand stitching. Place the photo over the top then arrange the paper shapes and stickers around the oval border. Use some larger embellishments at the base of the border and finish

Sketch Two



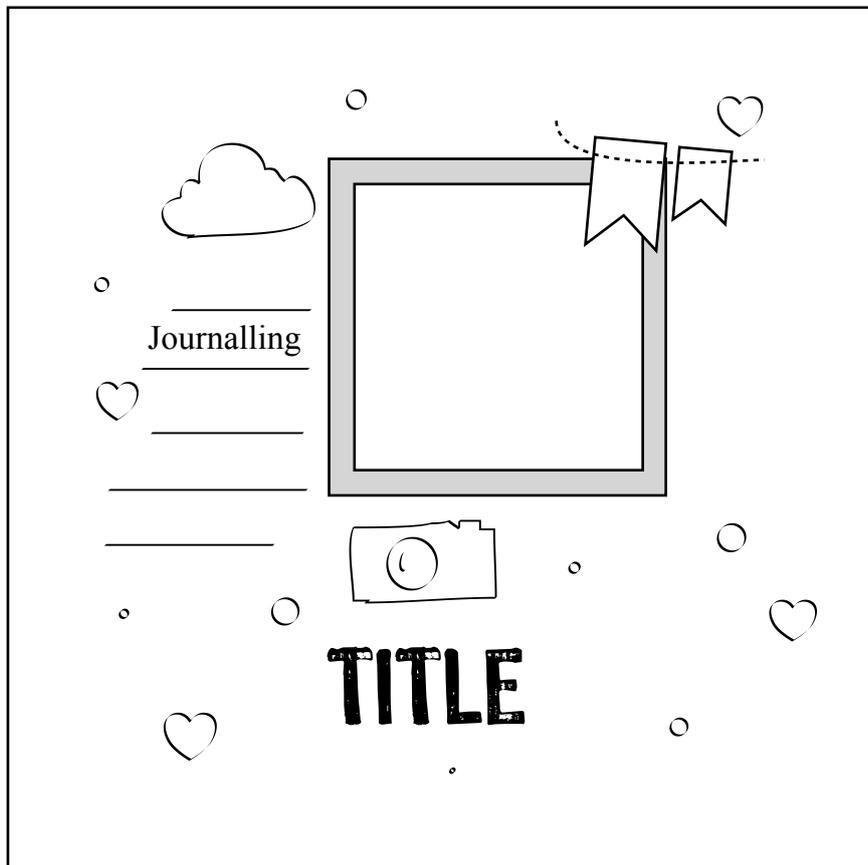
Hints & Tips

Instead of a border all the way around your photo or journalling try making a decorative border down one side of the page. Add your photos first and then stitch or draw on your border on top. You could also make a straight line with a strip of paper to tuck photos underneath and then add your border over the top of that.

Fill some more of the space with strips of your patterned paper along the edge of the page.

'Framed' or 'Unframed'

With these next ideas try out making a double framed layout or a 'floaty' style layout with just your photo framed and lots of little embellishments scattered around the open space..



Hints & Tips

This first layout just has a framed photo everything else on the layout is 'floating' around the photo.

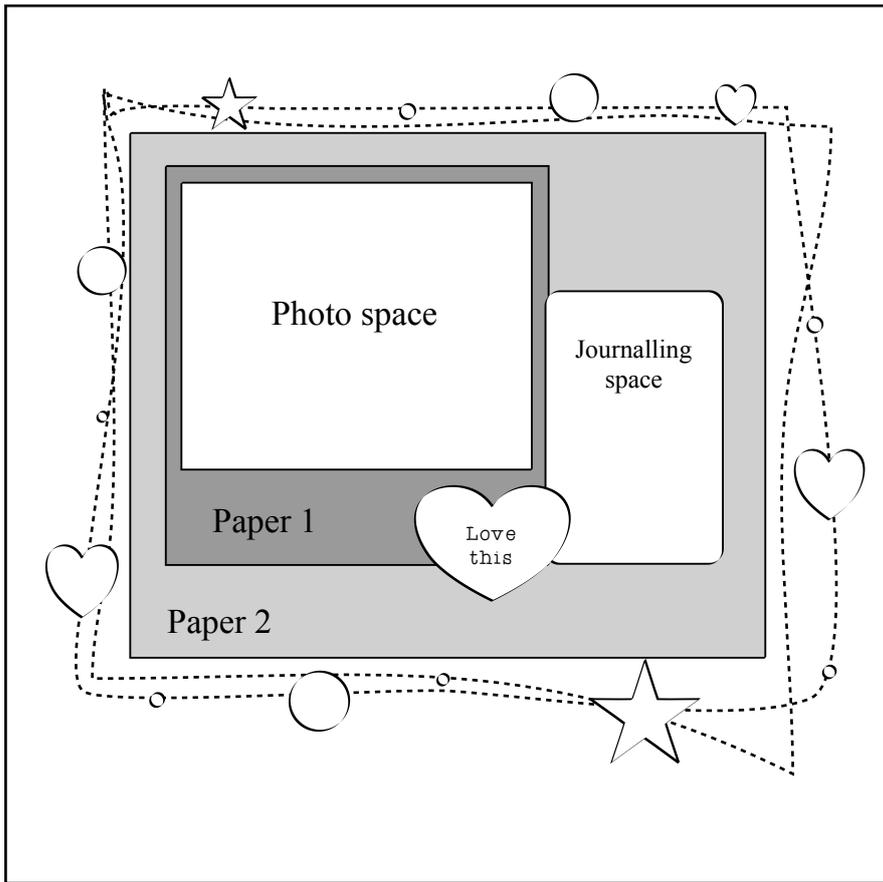
Cut out a piece of paper about 1/2 inch larger than your photo then glue the photo over the top of it. Use more patterned paper to cut out little decoration bits like bunting and little paper punch outs.

Tip - use a hole punch with the kit patterned papers to create paper 'confetti' and use it alongside enamel dots and/or sequins to add to your floating embellishments.

Sketch Three

Sketch Four

Hints & Tips



Here's an idea for a 'double framed' layout. Cut out a paper piece to fit in the centre of your page so there are large spaces around the edges. Add a second patterned paper piece on top making it slightly larger than your photo with a larger space at the bottom and add this on top of the first piece of paper to create the 'double framed' look. Add the journalling alongside and frame the whole thing with doodling or stitching and little embellishments.

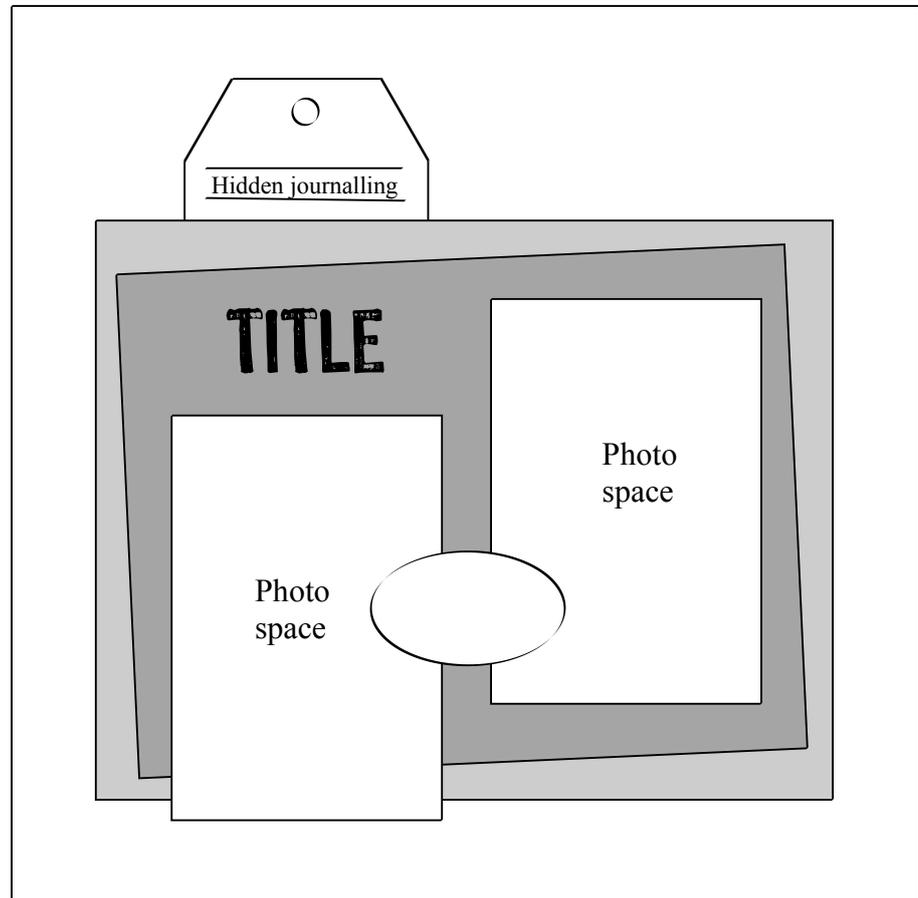
Idea: use small paper punches to make little 'confetti' shapes to scatter around the edges of the layout.

Hints & Tips

Another idea creating a double frame is to make the first cut out of paper into a pocket. You can then tuck hidden journalling into the pocket and make more space on the layout for photos.

Experiment with the angles of the two papers you use as the layers to create more interest.

Try making a double frame with a mix of plain cardstock and the vellum in the kit to create a more subtle background.

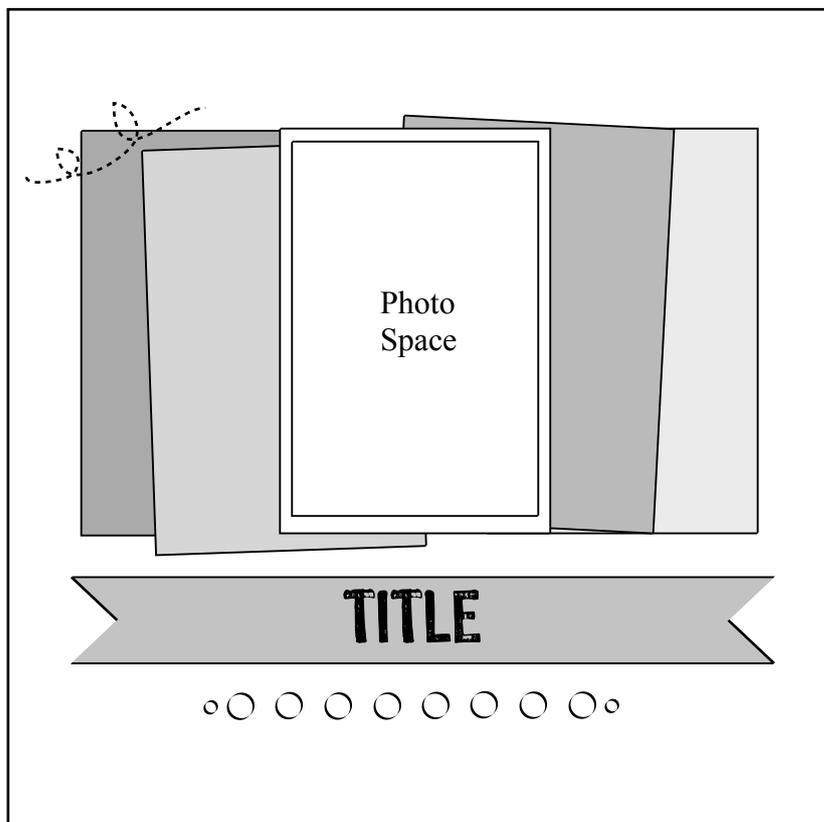


Sketch Five

Repeated Photo Mats

The next idea this month is making repeated photo mats with your kit patterned papers. A photo mat is a piece of card or paper that's cut out to just a little bit larger than your photo. The photo is then glued down or 'matted' to the piece so it leaves a little border around the edge of your photo. This idea uses the idea of cutting out photo mats but using them to build up your layout.

Sketch Six



Hints & Tips

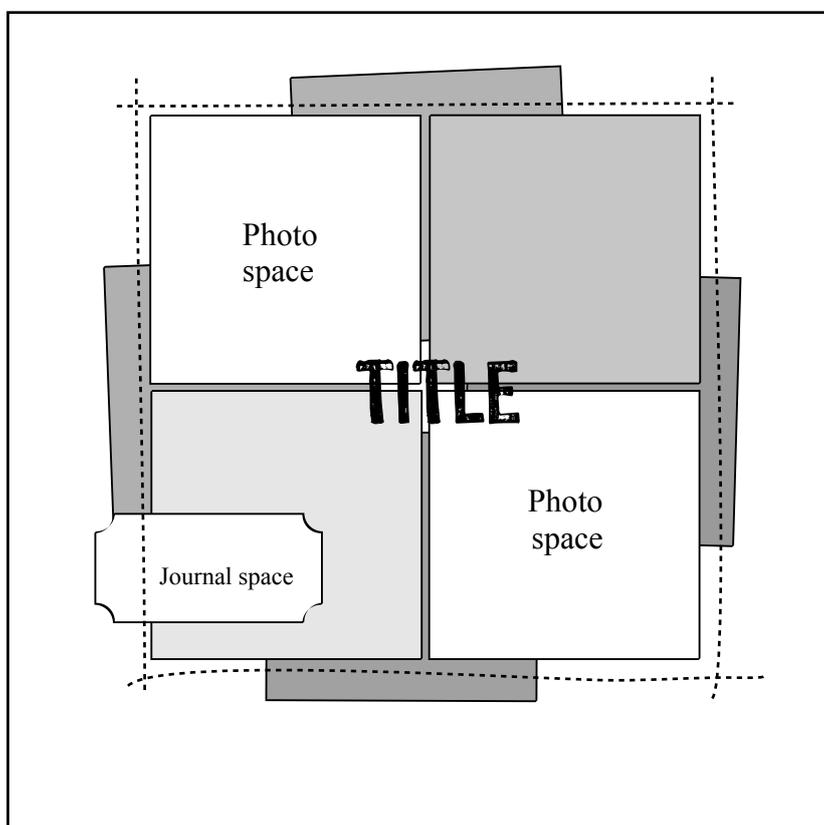
This sketch is based on using a 4x6 size photo and photo mats. You can change the look of the layout by changing the photo size and orientation. Cut your mat pieces to the same size as whatever your photo/s is to create this repeated look.

Journaling could be added to the layout by adding it down the edge of one of the mat cut outs.

Hints & Tips

This sketch is based around 4x4 inch photos. Cut the mats to 4x4 inches and arrange them in layers with four pieces making a square as the uppermost layer. Photos can then be added on top of the uppermost paper squares and the title across the centre so it overlaps them.

The spare squares you don't use for photos, (although you could fill all four of the squares with photos) you could use fill with journaling depending on how much you want to add to your page.



Sketch Seven