

Create

FREE

10 day minibook workshop

Class Two

GETTING DOWN THE BASICS

Today we're going to create our basic inside structure of our book. We'll be using your remaining sheets of cardstock, patterned paper, a hole punch, photos and if you are using one the large Nestabilities die from the supply list. You'll also need a ruler, pencil and your favourite glue for sticking paper to card.

Take the full sheets of cardstock, you should have used two of the five sheets cutting out your cover pieces and have some smaller pieces left over, save those for now. Cut out fourteen 6x4 inch pieces from full sheets of card. You should have three off cuts left - cut these into seven 4x4 inch squares you will have enough from your off cuts to make 12 4x4 squares but for now we only need 7. If you're using a die cut out the shapes from the 4x4 squares. You can make another shape if you prefer, just keep it to around the 4x4 size. You can also just leave the squares as 4x4 squares and maybe use a corner rounder punch to give them some interest.



Pick out seven of the 4x6 sheets of card and your photos and matt each of your photos to a piece of card.



Next take a piece of blank paper, we're going to use it to make a template so it can be any scrap of paper you have. Cut it to 6x4 inches. Measure with a ruler a line half an inch in from the side of the paper. Make two marks one inch from the top and bottom then make marks where those points meet.



Punch out holes so they're on these marks exactly. This is going to be your page template so mark it as such and keep it in a safe place.



PATTERNED PAPERS

Now it's time to pick out your patterned papers. It's up to you how many you want to use but you won't need any more than five sheets to decorate your book. I've picked out seven papers because I want a different pattern on each page, you can choose to do the same if you like or you can use a smaller amount and use the same pattern a couple of times. When you pick out your papers think about the overall look of your finished book. I'm going for a shabby chic look but I've introduced a little bit of boldness adding the red and black. I've picked out papers that will work with the same look.



From right to left: Prima Annalee 'Ashton', Cosmo Cricket Togetherness 'Making Plans', October Afternoon Seaside 'Sailboat', MME Lost and Found 'union square home sweet home', October Afternoon Thrift Store 'Needs Paint', October Afternoon Seaside 'Beach Chair', October Afternoon Seaside 'On the Shore'.

Cut out seven 6x4 inch pieces from your patterned papers. Just like you did with your photos matt each one of the papers to each one of the remaining seven pieces of card.



Next take your remaining patterned paper and cut out seven more pieces that measure 6x4 inches. Take your matted photos and glue the paper pieces to the backs of them covering the card side.



You should now have fourteen 6x4 pages, half with photos and paper and half with just one side covered with paper.



Finally for today we're going to add our punched holes to each of the pages. Take the page template you made earlier and your fourteen pages. We're going to stack the pages in order so we know which side to punch the holes on each page. Split the pages into two piles, one with your photo pages and the other pile with the patterned paper covered pieces. Lay a photo on the left and the patterned paper page on the right.



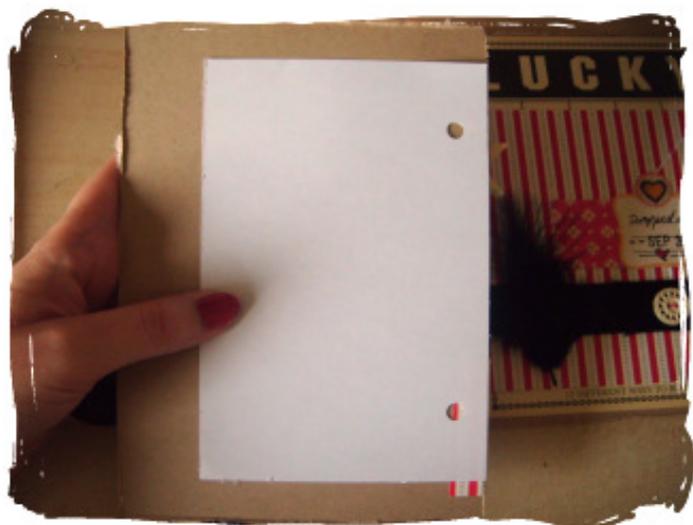
This is how they'll eventually sit inside your book so you need to put the hole in the photo page on the right side and the patterned paper piece on the left side. Pop the page template on top of the page and punch the holes through.



Repeat this for each of your pages.



While we are adding hole we're going to finish class today by punching the hole in our front and back cover pages we made in class one. Take your front cover and turn it around to the back. Take your page template and place it on the back of your front cover so it's placed leaving equal gaps at the top and bottom. Carefully punch the holes through. Do the same on your back cover.



That's it for today. Keep everything together as we'll be using the little shaped card pieces we cut out earlier today in class tomorrow.



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