



Class #2 – Clean & Simple

Today we're going to look at clean and simple scrapbooking style and use it to create the first two pages of our book. Clean and simple is self explanatory – it's a simple uncluttered style of scrapbooking where embellishments are few and journaling tends to take center stage.

During the process of making this mini album we're going to delve into lots of different styles so even if you're not sure about making a clean and simple style page use this as an opportunity to give it a go. This album also uses lots of photos but if you're not yet sure what photos you want to use or if you're making the book as a gift for the recipient to add photos to just replace the photos in the class with rectangles of patterned paper or plain card ready for the photo to be added afterwards. Throughout the book I'm going to make spaces for journaling but I won't be adding the journaling until after the whole book is completed. If you'd rather add your journaling as you go you can do that too. OK let's get into today's class 'Clean & Simple'.



The easiest way I've found to produce a clean and simple style is to limit yourself to a few supplies – especially if you like me tend to be a bit of a embellishment magpie! It's very easy to keep adding embellishments, it can be much harder to add just the right amount of embellishment and know when to stop. As long as you start out with the right amount of supplies you can't go wrong with how many you add. What supplies you pick out is also important. If you've not yet picked out your supplies using the supply list as a guide I'd definitely suggest going back and doing this as it'll help not just with this class but later on. Sticking to a colour theme throughout making your book will help all the different styles we're using gel together and it will also help with the clean and simple look of these first couple of pages.

For this class you'll need from the supply list:
Your sheet of stickers, (patterned & tab stickers)
Your sheet of label stickers
Your memo pad or tags, (the memo pad pages are about 4.5x3 inches so you can cut out a pieces of simple patterned paper or plain card this size to use instead).
Your washi tape, (if using)
Your off cuts of transparency from yesterdays class.



That's it – don't be tempted to pick out anything else from your supplies. You'll also need four of your photos. All the photos I'm using are 6x4 or 4x6.

For the first page we're going to be working with the 6x8 inch size page with the one decorative edge we made yesterday.



I'm going to go through how I've put my page together. If you'd rather do your own thing at this stage you can get straight to work and play around with your supplies – remember to keep to the limited supplies you picked out earlier!

Begin by chopping down a piece of the transparency off cut to 6x4 inches. Use your page as a template and make the holes along the edge of the piece of transparency.



Put the transparency to one side for now and take your page. Add one of the memo blocks, (or a block of plain paper or a tag, whatever you're using) add a piece of washi tape along the bottom and a sticker over the top of that in the bottom left corner of the memo block. That's all we're going to add to this page. We're going to add the photos in a different way.



Now take the transparency and two of your photos. The photos need to be the same orientation as we'll be gluing the together back to back. See how both my photos are portrait photos.



Add doublesided tape to one of the photos on the back. Stick this photo over the transparency about half way across.



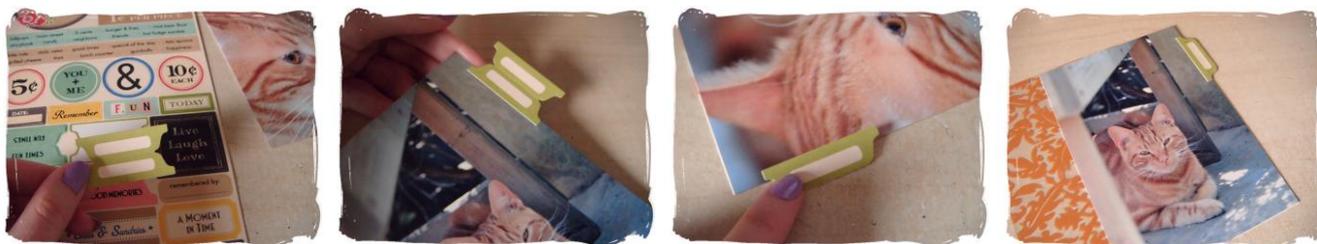
Turn it over and add more doublesided tape where the photo overlaps on the transparency.



Stick the other photo over the back of the first making sure none of the photos edges show and it's nice and neat.



Take one of the tab stickers from the stickers sheet, (or use other tabs you have) and add one to the edge of the photos.



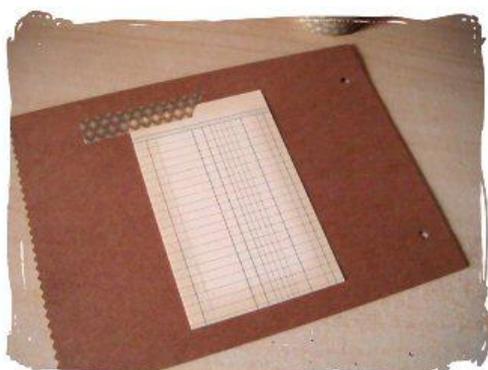
As another touch I've added some more washi tape along the join between the transparency and the photos.



Finally add a label sticker to the top left of your transparency/photo page. To this you can add some journaling or a title. I've gone with a title using the chipboard alphabet stickers.



Put the transparency/photo page to one side for now as we need to decorate the other side of your card page. Turn the page over to the plain side. Add another of the memo blocks, (or a tag or piece of card) to the center of the page with a little bit of washi tape in the top left corner. Add a small off cut of transparency to the left side of the memo block. Fix it in place with a sticker and a small piece of washi tape over the top.



That's it for page one. The transparency/photo page layers over the top of the card page when it goes in your album. When your album is finished you can go back and add the journaling on the memo blocks.



For the next page I'm going to be using the diecut page we made yesterday. For a start this page is already decorative with the colour and the fancy edge. With the clean and simple style another simple way to make it work is to use a patterned background. That will then work as your 'filler' or your main embellishment if you like. To that you then only need to add your photo and one small sticker embellishment or strip of plain card onto which you can add your title or journaling over the top.

To your patterned paper page add one of your photos leaving a larger margin on the left side than the right.



Add a piece of washi tape along the bottom edge of the photo. This will help to 'ground' the photo and not give the impression it's floating around. Adding any embellishment underneath your photo like this will work in the same way. It's important when we're using so few embellishments to add them in the right places and not have them hovering around the page but anchored around the photo or journaling block.



I've added some more stickers from the patterned sticker sheet underneath the photo in the same way.



That's all I'm going to add to this page. Once you've completed your page to your liking turn it over and we'll decorate the other side.

Begin again by adding the photo first. This time instead of adding the embellishments under the photo I'm going to anchor the photo by adding the embellishments along the side. I've added a memo block along the left side along with stickers over the top of that.



As a last finishing touch and to link in with the transparency that's going on the next page as well as the pages with the transparency on before it I've added a strip of transparency underneath the photo.



Add the page back inside your album.

That's today's pages completed.

Put anything you have leftover from today back in with the supplies you've picked out for the classes. The next page in your album should be the whole page of transparency, that's what page we'll be working on in the next class.

