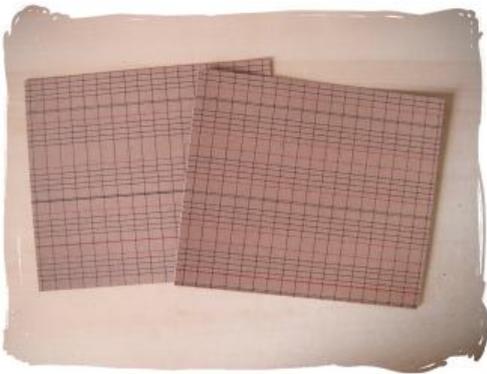


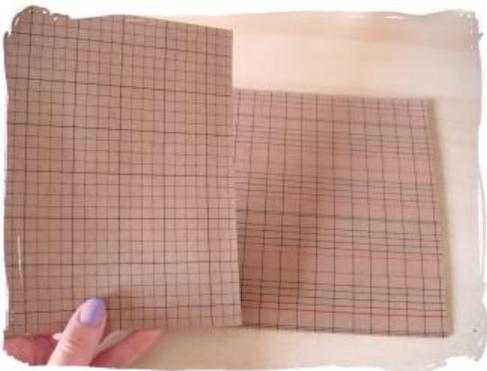


Class #1 – Laying the Foundations

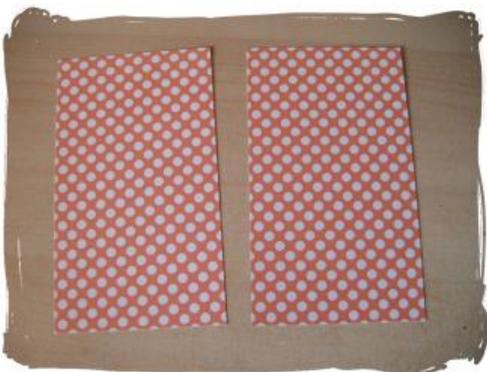
Welcome to class 1 of Create 10 Mix it Up Mini Album. We're going to begin this first class by creating our album. We're going to make it from scratch using the supplies you should have already prepared. If you haven't yet got your supplies ready grab the supply list first and put together your kit as it'll be easier to work from a put together 'kit' with these classes. First we need to make our front and back covers. This album is going to be 8x7 inches as it's a nice size to work with the 6x4 photos and it will easily accommodate the 6x6 page protectors. Begin by cutting two pieces of card to the 8 inches wide by 7 inches top to bottom size. I've used the Papermania card for the covers but you can use plain if you like.



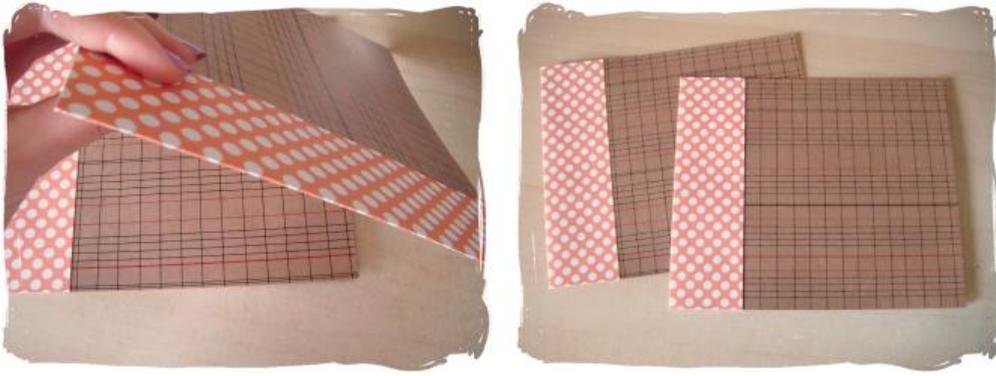
To make the covers a little stronger I've glued some more card to the back to make it twice thickness. This part is optional it just gives the covers a little more thickness.



Next cut out two pieces of patterned paper to 4x7 inches then score and fold the two pieces in half.



Glue the paper pieces along the left edge of each of the cover pieces so it wraps around the edge.



For the binding I'm using book rings so I'm going to make holes in the cover pieces that can then be used as a guide for the rest of the pages. If you're using a different kind of binding you might want to change how you make your holes.

Begin by measuring a line half an inch from the edge of the cover. Make another mark one and a half inches from the top and bottom edge then make a cross. This is where I'll be making my holes for the bookrings. Use a hole punch to make the holes. Repeat the process for the other cover piece.

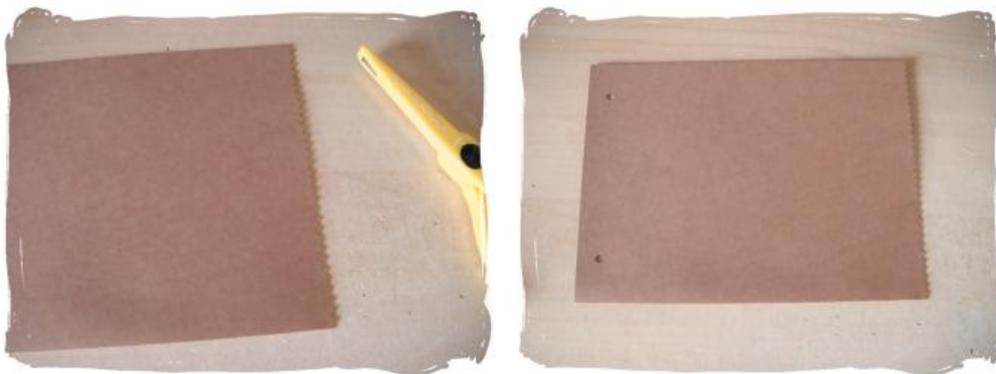


Now we're going to make some more pages to go inside the book.

For one page I'm going to use a diecut piece of paper. If you don't have a piece of diecut paper to use just use a piece of regular card weight patterned paper. Score the piece paper in half and then fold it over. Glue the two back sides together. Trim the page down to 8 inches wide. To add the holes use one of the cover pieces as a template, place the page over the cover matching it up so it's central. Flip the pages over keeping them together and then draw with a pencil through the holes to mark where the punched holes need to be. Punch the holes with a hole punch.



Make another page in the same way, (folding a sheet of 12x12 in half) but this time using a sheet of plain card. This time when you trim down one end to make the page 8 inches wide use decorative edged scissors or a decorative punch to give the edge a pattern.



The next page we need to make is a transparency page. Just cut a piece of patterned transparency to 8 x7 inches the same as your cover pieces. Make holes in the page using the cover again as a template.



For another page you'll need a sturdy card page that will take paint. For this I've used the Papermania card from the supply list. You can make it a slightly different size if you like but my page is 8x7 inches. Use the cover as a template to make the holes. Keep all your off cuts when you're making these pages as we'll be using them to decorate pages later.



Make another 8x7 inch page cut from a piece of different coloured 12x12 plain card. I've used the Bazzill card from the supply list for this one.



Use your larger off cut of that same piece of card to make another page. Mine measures 5x7.5 inches. Use the larger page as a template to get the holes in the right place.



Next we need to make a canvas page. I'm going to make mine 8x7. If you haven't got canvas to use as an alternative you can glue a piece of fabric to a piece of paper or card – it's just to get a different texture into your book.



Next as another part of the book we're going to use page protectors. I'm using 6x6 size ones. In the classes we'll be decorating over the top of them but as an extra touch I'm going to add patterned paper to the inside of the page protectors. If you'd like to do the same for this next part you'll need to cut some patterned paper to 6x6 inch size to go inside the page protectors. I'm going to use 6 page protectors in my book, (with two photos inside each one) but if you have lots of photos to use you can make more of the page protector pages if you choose. I'm using doublesided papers so both sides show. If you're using single sided papers or don't want the back pattern to show you'll need to cut two 6x6 piece of patterned paper for each page protector and slide them in back to back.



By now your mini album should be starting to take shape. You should have your front and back covers, two 6x8 size pages, a transparency page, two plain cardstock pages, a patterned, (or plain) 8x7 inch size page of cardstock, a canvas page and six page protectors with patterned paper inside them. You should also have a sheet of 12x12 patterned paper and a sheet of 12x12 plain cardstock leftover. You'll need these later to make your pocket page and your fold out photo page. You should also have a bunch of off cut pieces. Save these pieces in your supplies as we will use them decorating the book later on.



That's it for today. You can pop your bookrings onto your book to help keep all the pages together until you come to decorate them. We'll be decorating the first couple of pages tomorrow using the two 6x8 inch pages we've made today.



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