

Supplies

1 12x12 sheet of kraft cardstock or other colour of your choice
A selection of patterned paper leftovers, you'll need one piece to be at least 6x6 size or there about to make your paper cuts
embellishment with and one piece for a photo matt.
Alphabet stickers for title

Tools

Sewing machine, (optional) If not using a sewing machine you can doodle on stitches so grab a pen.
Corner Rounder
Scissors, (small scissors that are easy to cut with are best)

This class uses one photo, portrait or landscape - both will work.

Class #7

Paper Cuts

In this class we'll be making simple but effective hand cut embellishments using our patterned paper scraps.



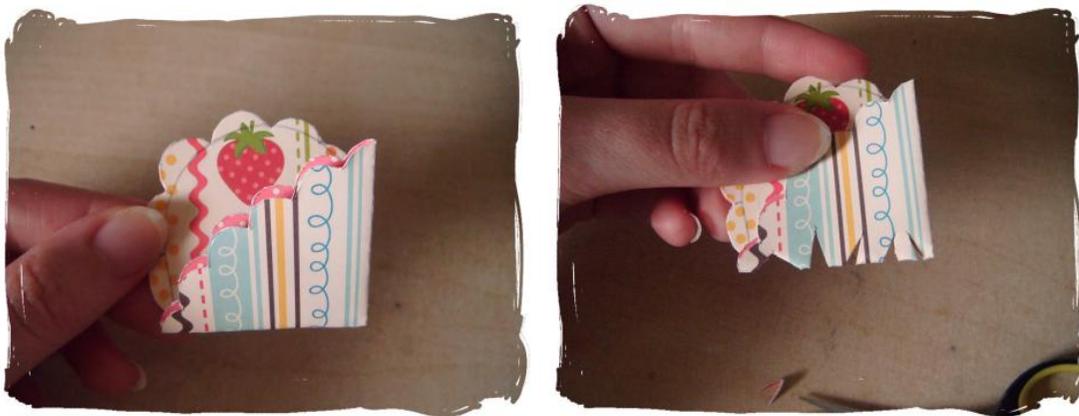
If you have a patterned paper that's thin pick a piece out to use for your paper cut embellishment rather than the thick card weight ones because we'll be folding and cutting the paper.

Step 1 – making your paper cut embellishment

Cut a piece of thin patterned paper to measure 4 inches square. Fold it in half. Draw a half a heart shape on the paper. Draw a scalloped edge around the heart. Cut it out along the scalloped edge keeping the paper folded. If you're not confident to hand cut a scalloped edge you can cut out just the heart shape with decorative edged scissors instead.



Still keep the piece folded up and now fold it up again so it's folded into quarters. Cut out some random shapes from the folded edge at the bottom.



Cut out some more random shapes from the other folded edge. Fold it in half again from the pointed edge.



Cut some more random shapes from the folded edge. When you've finished cutting open it out.



They'll be different each time you make one so you can make more than one and pick out the one you like best if you wanted to – you're using up your scraps so have a play! Here's another one I made using decorative edged scissors to cut out a heart from a 3x4 inch rectangle of paper.



These embellishments are really simple to make from paper scraps and have a lovely folk art feel. You can make more than one for your layout if you like.

Step 2 – building up your layout

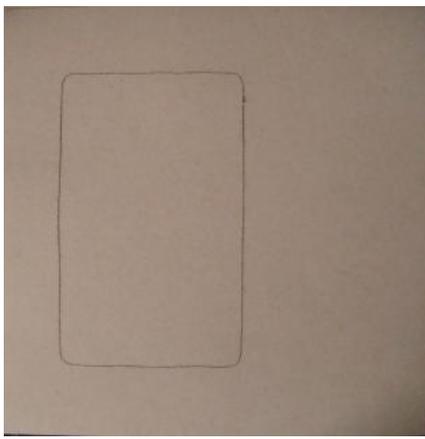
Cut out a 4x6 inch rectangle from a scrap of patterned paper. This is going to be a photo matt so if your photo is larger cut out the corresponding size. Use your corner rounder punch to round the corners of the paper and of your photograph. Adhere your photo and your matt together so the photo is slightly drifting off the right hand side of the matt.



Cut another rectangle measuring 5x8 inches from a piece of printer or copier paper, or even newspaper as it's just going to be used as a template. Round the corners of the rectangle with your corner rounder. Place it on your sheet of card so it's central but nearer to the left edge than the right. Draw around it.



Take the template away and put it in the recycle bin. Stitch along the lines with your sewing machine. If you don't have a sewing machine you can doodle some stitches along the line instead. When you've done erase any showing pencil lines.



Cut out some more random sized rectangles from your patterned paper scraps, let the size of the scrap dictate the size of your rectangles. Use your corner rounder punch to round all the edges.



Build up the rectangles on your layout – these are going to act as a background to your photo. Make sure you leave some of your sewing showing too. When you're happy with your background adhere your photo on top.



Add your paper cut embellishment to your layout. I've used 3D foam pads to attach this one to give it definition from the page.



Create a cluster of embellishments in one corner of your layout. I'm using buttons but you could use brads instead – use whatever you have the most of.



From here you can add more embellishment to your layout as you see fit. Raid your embellishment stash to see what you can find that you haven't used in a while or maybe you have something that you always pass up when you're picking out your embellishments. Add on your title to finish.

Completed layout



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Class #7 Extra Project

As we primarily used scraps and leftovers for this project to begin with there shouldn't be many leftovers from today's class so for our extra project today we're going to have a special prize challenge instead. Use the same principles learned in class today to make a greetings card. Even if you don't normally make greetings cards have a go, they're ideal to use up scraps and they're useful too. Some of the things we did in class today were: learn how to make a paper cut embellishment – so you could use one on your card. We also used our small scraps to dictate our background just adding simple rounded corners to make them neater so you could use that idea. We also used clusters of embellishments so if you still have lots of small embellishments to use up you could use this principle.

Once you have completed your card add it to an online gallery and email the link or email your image directly to me at enquiries@craftyprincess.co.uk I'll pop all the finished cards on the Crafty Templates [blog](#) and pick one out to win a special prize. Closing date for entries is Wednesday 28th July, I'll announce the winner on the blog on the following Thursday, (29th)

Have fun using up your stash!

xx Leonora