



Dotsartrific

Create 10 Simple Recipes Class 2

In this class we're concentrating on using up left over scraps of patterned paper and using dots as our basis for design.

The first step will be to pick out the supplies to use. We're working with leftovers today so if you have a place that you keep a pile of random off cuts of patterned paper grab these. You can use full sheets too if you don't have leftovers. Because we are using random colours we're going to need a neutral background. For my layout I've used kraft coloured card but you could also use white or black. Now to make it simple to pick out papers to use we're going to pick an accent colour. You can choose a colour from the photo you're using or you can choose a colour at random.

OK let's start. First if you need to now prepare your cardstock background. I'm making a 8.5x11" size layout so I've cut it down to size first. You may be choosing a different size, 6x6, 8x8, 12x12 etc. You'll also need a photo. There will be room to fit more than one photo on but if you want to copy the sample exactly I've used one 4x6 portrait photo.



Next we need to pick out the patterned papers to use. My photo is mostly black and white so it's not really important what colour I choose so I'm going to pick out a colour at random and I've gone for green. You can choose any colour that you want. Pick out the main colour from your photo if you're struggling. Once you've decided on your colour take your pile of leftover papers and hunt out for papers in that colour. If they're patterns with multiple colours as long as the colour you've chosen is in there that will work. Here are the pieces I've managed to find from my leftovers:



Now take your background cardstock and add the dots to your page in a polka dot pattern or a random pattern if you preferred.



Next add your photo on the right hand side. To give my photo definition from the background I've used 3D foam pads to fix my photo to my layout.



Some of the pieces of paper that were too small to cut circles from I've cut into or left as strips then glued them down alongside the photo. I've used some of the embellishments here too. If you have boarder punches you could make some of the strips decorative too.



Finally to finish off your layout add your title. I've added mine to the top left corner.



There we have our finished layout. Really simple and made from leftovers!

Photo of finished layout:



Cards

Here we have a card idea made using dots. This is a more formal way of using them than the doodled dots made in the layout but we're still using the same principles of dots in a pattern. In this case too they've been used as an accent rather than a background so you can if you want to switch them around like that. Have a go at making a dots boarder on a project that's more of an accent than a background. Try mixing up the textures of the dots by embossing different patterns on plain card dots. Try cutting dots out of felt or fabrics. There are so many different things you can try using the same principles to create different looks.



Have fun!

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