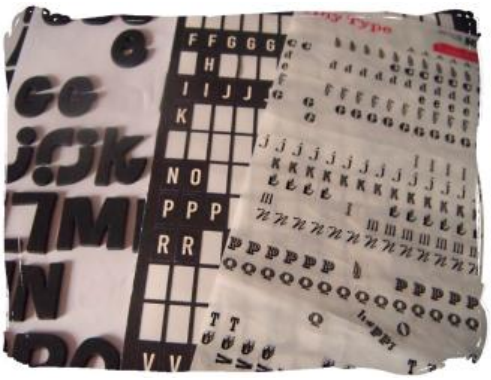
Stars are the Stars

Create 10 Simple Recipes Class 4

In this class we're going to use stars to build up our design. Stars are great to use as a base for your page design as they'll go with any theme. To begin with we need to add the other ingredients to our recipe for this layout. I'll be using three photos, you can use three photos or just pick out one or two so do this first.

Next you need to pick out an accent colour. You can pick out a colour from your photo or just pick one out at random. In this instance I've picked out a colour from my photos and gone for a pale turquoise/blue colour. Once you have your colour raid your supplies for bits and pieces to use in that colour.

Next we need to add the basics. I'm using black card for my base and because I didn't find much in my supplies in the blue I've also picked out a few more things in basic black and cream colours. I've also picked out basic black alphabets. If you have alphabets to use in your accent colour you can use those too, I didn't so to stick to the recipe I've picked out black.



Finally to add a little twist to this recipe we're going to use our design element of stars and pick out some things that have stars on them for the layout. Here's what I found:

I've not stuck to the recipe colours for these are my supplies aren't that varied but if you have things in the right accent colour do grab those. We will be also making star embellishments so don't worry too much if you don't have anything with stars that will work it's just an added little twist to the recipe.

Now we have all our ingredients ready to work with I'm going to start making a layout.

Layout

Take your background cardstock and start to build up the background with some of the patterned papers you have. I've picked out two papers and cut one to a 9.5 inch square and the second to a 7x6 inch piece.

If using print off the template sheet and cut out some star shapes from your papers and card pieces.

I've also cut out some strips from the remaining papers.

Start building up the pieces on your background. You can lay your photos on top of your page first without sticking them down so you get the right placement. I'm just working with the size of the pieces I have so I've stuck down the larger pieces first with the long strip across the middle and the large star in one corner.

Next I've added some more of the strips to build up some more interest in layers.

Next I'm going to add my photos in a cluster around the centre of the layout.

On top of that I've added the remaining stars, a little of the ribbon and a button. The layout was already getting a little busy with the background so I've decided to be a little bit sparing with the embellishments; there are still lots for the eye to look at around the layout.

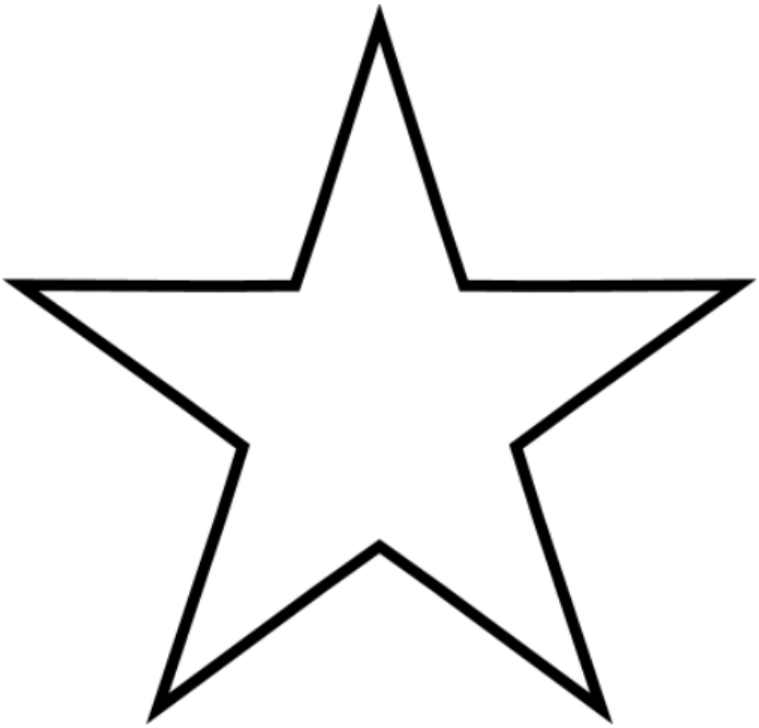
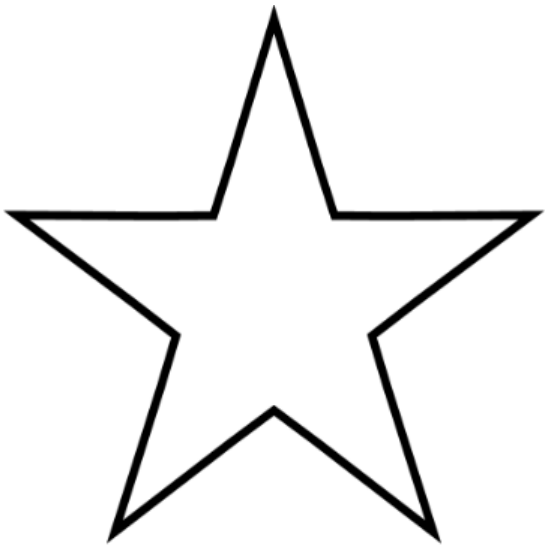
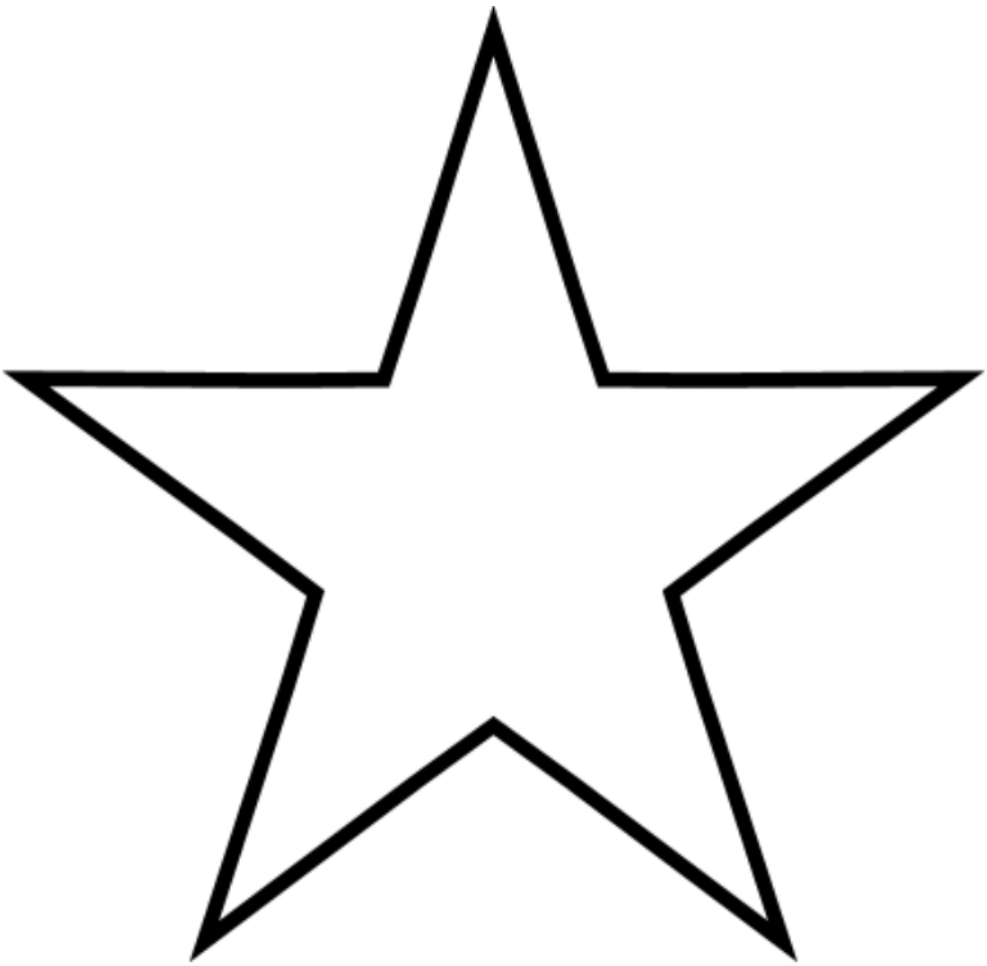
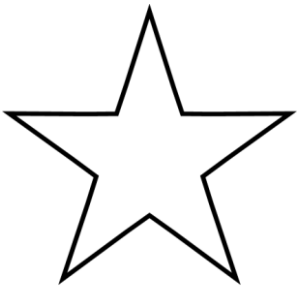
Now all that's left to add is the title. I've split it up in to two parts and added it to the top left and the centre of the layout. Where you add your title could be different depending on where you've added your photos.

That's the layout complete!

If you'd rather make cards or have leftovers to make cards here's some more starry design ideas…….

Cards

With these cards I've grabbed the star templates and the bits and pieces remaining from the things I collected for the layout. If you wanted to make a series of cards in place of a layout, (or as well as) just keep changing up the accent colour you pick out to make each one slightly different.

Have fun!

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