



ATDML May Virtual Crop Class

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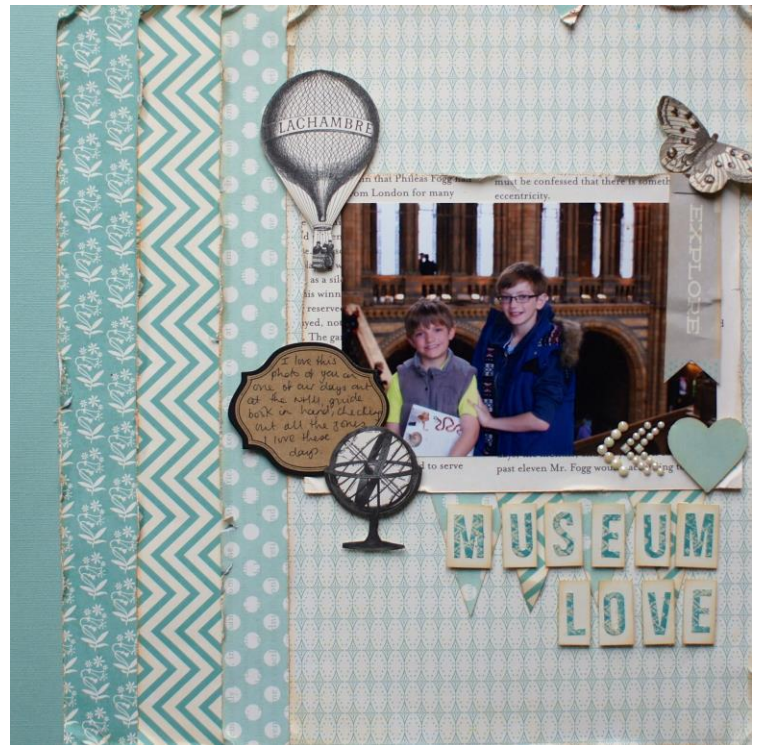
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Before we start...

I like to distress edges, you can use a distressing tool, a sanding block or emery board or the edge of your scissors (be careful). I also use Tea Dye distress ink, which is a brown colour.

Extra tools –

- Glossy accents
- Stapler
- Broken China (blue) distress ink pad or stain
- Embossing ink and clear embossing powder and heat gun and heat proof mat.
- Gold ink pad
- Foam squares/dots
- Heart punch
- Edge punch



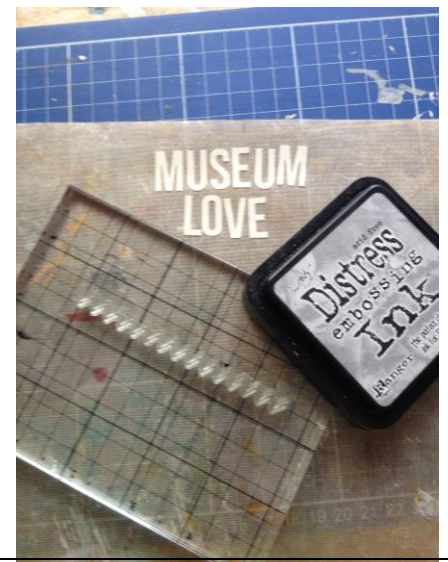
If you are putting your own kit together you need

- 5 patterned papers
- 2 sheets of cardstock
- Journal spots
- Pearl bling

Layout 1 – Museum Love

- I went for an ombre effect for this page so start with the duck-egg cardstock as your base and cut 2" off the top (so each piece is 2" by 12") of each of the papers 'Children's Section', 'Fiction' and 'Reference Section'

- Cut a piece of biography 7 ½' by 12". Distress all the edges and ink with tea dye distress ink
- Layer the pieces on the duck-egg cardstock. Stick the 'Children's Section' 3" in from the right hand-side of the cardstock so there should be 1" of duck-egg cardstock showing. Then the 'Fiction' (blue chevron) should be stuck 4 ¼" in, the 'Reference Section' (blue polka dot) 5 ½" in and finally the 'Biography' paper on top of these. All these pieces will have about 1" showing (except the biography)
- Cut a piece of 'Story Time' 5" by 7" – avoid the globe and the balloon as we use these. Distress and Ink the edges.
- Carefully cut out the globe and balloon with a craft knife and ink the edges. Cut out the banner 'Explore' and butterfly from 'Children's Section' and punch out a heart from the blue side of 'Story Time'
- Using the inside of the chipboard flag as a template cut out 2 triangles from both the blue chevron and blue polka dot papers.
- Stick your photo onto the 'Story Time' 5 by 7" piece, then staple the explore banner to the top right hand corner. Stick this onto your layout, and add the blue triangles at the bottom – I overlap mine slightly (they start from 2" in from the left hand corner of the 'Storytime' paper and stretch for about 4" in all)
- Add one of the craft journal tabs to the right hand side of the photo, and then stick the balloon and globe on with foam dots. Bend the butterfly in half and stick just the centre/body section onto the top left hand corner of your photo – add some dots of glossy accents (you could use glitter too) over the circles on the butterfly.
- Add the blue heart at the bottom right hand corner of your photo and some of the pearl arrows.
- I wanted to add some colour to my alphabet so stick your title onto a heat proof craft mat, then use any stamp with some clear embossing ink and cover the letters. Add the embossing powder and then remove the excess, heat until the powder goes clear. Once this was done I used a distress stain and went over the top of the letters so you have a resist technique – you can still see the cream of the letter underneath. If you don't have

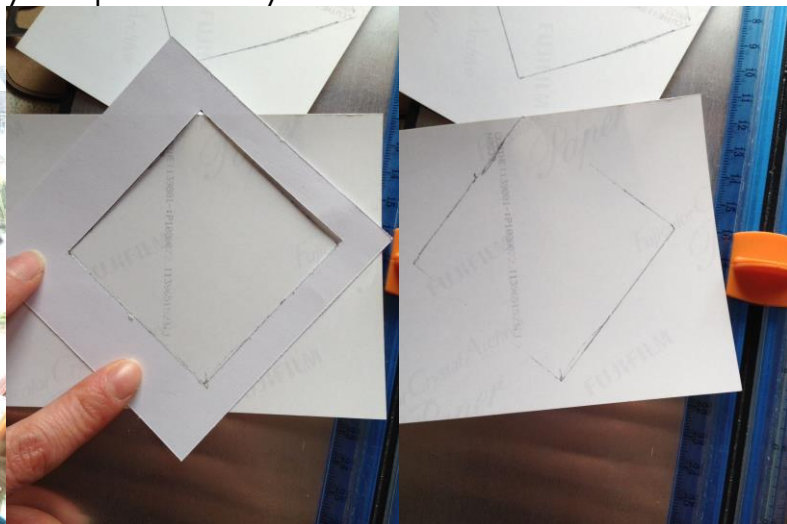


distress stain any water based ink – like the distress inks will work. Once this was done I stuck them onto some of the cream from 'Reference Section' and cut it just slightly larger than the letters, then I inked the edges and mounted them on foam pads.



Layout 2- Day Trips

- Start by cutting out the diamonds.
- Cut 3 2 ½" squares from 'Fiction', 'Children's Section' and 'Due Date' and 1 2 ½" square from 'Biography'
- To cut your photos on an angle I made a template out of some card and cut a 2 ½" square hole in the middle.
- Hold the template behind your photo and use a light to position it in the right place for your photo – once you are happy then turn your photo over and use the template to draw on the back of your photo so you can trim it to the correct size.



- When sticking your diamonds onto the cardstock I started with the top one – which was the ‘Biography Paper’ I only use half of it and stuck it $\frac{1}{2}$ ” in from the right hand corner. From there it gets easier as you layer up your other squares with $\frac{1}{4}$ ” gaps from this square and keep on going to the bottom of the paper – use the photo for guidance. Also add in your photos. I place one square on the left hand side of the page – I lined up its placement with one of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” squares as I went (so I pretended a square was going to go in the gap to work it out).



- To embellish the top square cut a 2” square from ‘Biography’ and then using an

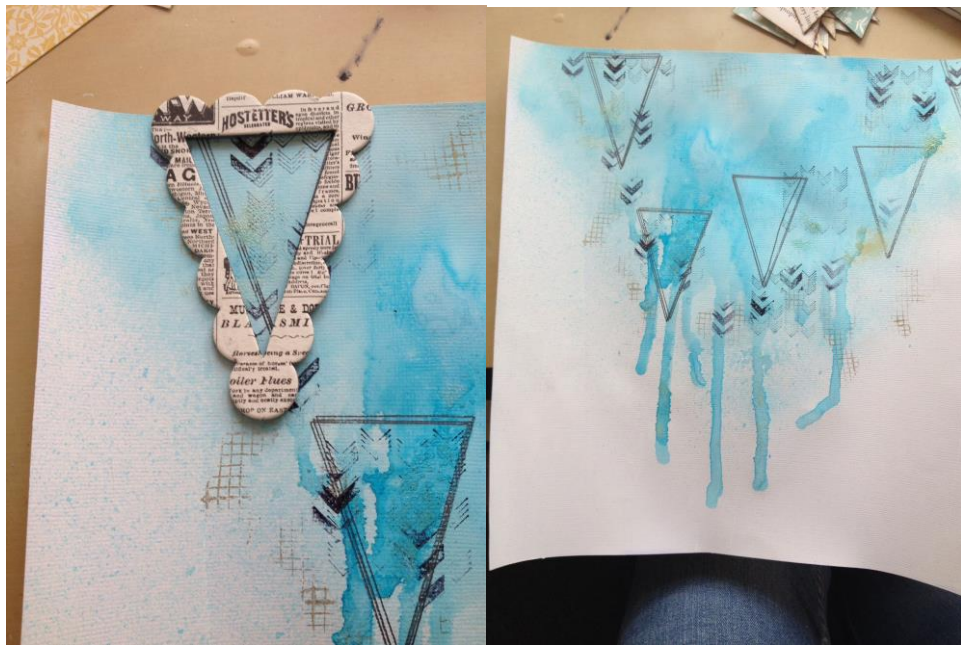
edge punch, punch some strips from ‘Children’s Section’, ink the edges and then cover the 2” square in them, trim off the edges’. Add a punched heart to the centre on foam dots.

- To embellish the squares I made a little boat as my photos are about boats, but you could add flowers, stars, anything that goes with the theme of your page. The sail of the boat is half of a $1\frac{1}{2}$ ” by 2” rectangle and the base is a $1\frac{3}{4}$ ” by $\frac{3}{4}$ ” rectangle with triangles taken off the end both from ‘Due Date’. I also hand cut a cloud out of the ‘Story Time’ paper. These are mounted on foam pads.
- Cut out the star from ‘Children’s Section’ and mount it on some of the reverse of that paper. The mount is $1\frac{3}{8}$ ” then mount this on foam dots and trim the edge off.
- I made a banner from ‘Due Date’ from a strip $2\frac{1}{2}$ ” by 1” and cutting a triangle out of the bottom, layered on top was a banner from ‘Children’s section’ $\frac{3}{4}$ ” by $1\frac{1}{2}$ ” again with a triangle cut out the bottom, staple them together and add them to the bottom square.
- Add a journal spot on foam pads to one of the squares too.
- I changed the alphabets colour using a gold ink pad, again I stuck the letters onto a mat and then covered it in gold ink – leave it to dry and then peel the letters off and stick them on the page. I also added some little splatters from a gold spray – you could use watered down gold paint too.

There is still lots left in the kit, so I had a go at a mixed media page just by adding in a sheet of white cardstock.

I used textured white cardstock and covered the whole page in gesso (using an old credit card) and then using my Marion Smith blue mist I spritzed at the top of the page until I got drips, which ran down. I also added some gold embossing powder in there too and heated it underneath. I left it to dry and cut out and inked all my triangles (I used the chipboard flag as the template) in dark brown this time and worked on some mounts for my photo. Once the base page was dry I stamped with some chevrons and a grid texture stamp using both gold and black inks. I then randomly drew triangles around the page in pencils – I drew the triangle 3 times just offsetting it a little each time (again using the chipboard piece to draw around). Once I was happy with their placement I then layered up the cut out triangles. I stuck my photo mounts and picture on, added another journal spot, some 7 Gypsy's cogs, a bit of grey striped glitz washi tape and then a Fancy Pants tag and Crate Paper polaroid frame that went with the colours, some little gems and a camera paper clip by Websters. Here are a few photos if you fancy trying anything like this at home ☺





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