



## ATDML January Virtual Crop Class

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Papers "Life Documented" by Simple Stories

Extras you will need

- Brown inkpad for inking the edges, mine is tea dye distress ink.
- Nice to have a distressing tool, though you can use the edge of your scissors or some sand paper. I distress and ink all the edges as I go
- Foam pads and a little bit of twine or string.



I have made a 4 page layout for photos of the entire year, and made it like it is 2 double pages, so when you get to the last 6 months of the year the layout of the pages are very similar to the first 6 months. I used black and white photos to make it easier for me to use any photo I wanted. If you need to trim your photos, they all need to be 3 ¾" square in total, if you want to add a white boarder like in mine the photos should be 3 ½" and then add the boarder to take them up to 3 ¾".

## Layout 1

- Cut out all of the 6 by 4" month cards.
- You can change the colour ways of the backgrounds for these pages as there is a stripy background and orange background and the B sides are all fairly neutral. I chose the blue polka dot for the base to this page.



- Cut 1" off the base (blue polka dot) as you use this on page 2 to link the two pages in with some similar colour.
- Cut the boarder strip with the scallops from the Elements paper then distress and ink the edges, use this to make your blue polka dot base back to a 12" page (you can use one of the spare sheets of paper or a piece of cardstock to help line it all up)
- Cut out the January and March labels, I left a ¼" border (roughly) to add a little more colour. Ink and distress.
- Cut the February card down to 3 ½" wide by 4" tall – on the reverse of the remains of this journal card is another label bit with the days of the week on, cut this out, ink and distress and use this to tuck in behind the other side of the photo.
- Stick the cards and photos at angles down the page. Add some of the Notebook stickers inking the edges and sticking them on foam pads (I added some twine into the tags, as I don't like leaving them without twine!) Add your journaling.

## Layout 2

- Use one of the cream sheets of paper as the base (mine has the multi-stripes on the back - 100% real life).
- Cut out the “best things in life come threes” with 2 squares from the black strip black strip above it (approx. 4 ¼” by 12”), ink and distress the edges. Also ink and distress the edges of the



- blue polka dot 1” by 12” strip you cut previously. Stick these to the base of your paper so they measure roughly 5 ¼” from the bottom of the paper to the top of the blue polka dots.
- Also cut out the banners from the Celebrate Life paper – I use the top one for this page. Ink the edge of the banner and add foam dots and stick it as shown in the photo.

- For the photos cut each of the months from the journal cards using a craft knife (so you only cut the month out and it is just a hole in the centre of the journal card that will be covered by the photo).
- Cut the April card to 4 by 4” – use the green side with the Note to Self at the top to mount the photo on, then cut the scroll shape that you have left over at the bottom which will go along the base of the photo

- For May you use the side of the paper with May on it, so the photo is mounted on the polka dots and trim 1 ½” from the bottom of the card that will go along the bottom of the photo.

- For June use the reverse of the June side of the card (polka dots), and create a 4" square mount for the photo, the boarder at the bottom of the photo for June comes from the elements cardstock – 2 of the label tabs on that border fit perfectly across the photo.
- Mount the photos on the 4 by 4" mounts you've created and then add the paper strips at the bottom, overlapping the photos. Make each rectangle 4 ¾" by 4". Mount the months on foam dots on the boarders at the bottom of the photos.
- Stick the photos in a line onto the paper, leaving a gap for journaling, and then add some of the stickers on foam dots.

### Layout 3

- This is fairly similar to layout 2.
- Cut 1" off the red polka dot paper, which you will use for the base of the 4<sup>th</sup> page.
- Cut all the months out of the journal cards with a craft knife (so just the month is cut out), and then cut the cards to 4" squares,
- For July use the reverse of the card with the brown bracket and a 1 ½" strip off the bottom for the boarder.
- For August use the side with August on (blue) and again a 1 ½" strip from the bottom.
- For September use the side with September on for the photo mount, but the scroll from the reverse of the September card along the base.
- Cut the Number strip down to the brown labels for the base of the page and then add the red 1" strip, this section is slightly shorter at 4 ¼" because we add the banner at the top of the page on foam dots.



- Start assembling the page as per the picture, ink and distress all the edges and add the months on foam pads.

#### Layout 4

- Hopefully you are well in the zone and possibly just looking at the pictures now.
- I use the red polka dot as the base and take the “We don't remember Days we remember moments” element – cut out the pointy edge and leave about ¼” border of the



polka dot paper, use that to make the base layer back to 12” square and cover over the missing 1” we took off earlier.

- Cut out October and December's label leaving a ¼” border.
- November is a longer word so I cut down by the R and then along to the E using grid lines so that I could slide my photo under the month name.
- Distress and ink all the edges and then add to the base layer.
- Add some of the sticker on foam dots.
- Cut out the “Life Documented” label and add the year to it, then stick this on foam dots at the right hand side of the page, mid-way up.

I hope you have enjoyed taking this class. Further ideas, products and information can be found at

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