



ATDML July Virtual Crop Class

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Papers "Firecracker" by BoBunny

It would be good to have a border punch and also some star punches in 2 different sizes (you can adapt the stars to be whatever shape you would like). I die cut the titles out of some of the yellow cardstock, but again if you don't have dies maybe try some stamping or co-ordinate some letter stickers that you already have. You will also need a white gel pen and I use tea dye distress ink to ink the edges.

We will make a double layout and then 2 single pages. Although the papers are definitely American in theme, they are packed with stars and bright colours and from the photos I've chosen you don't need to go to America to use them (unless you want use this as an excuse to!



Layout 1

- For the base – get the navy cardstock and cut it at 8"
- Cut the Picnic Paper (blue stripes) at 8" too.
- Cut two 2" strips of Fired Up (stars).
- Distress and ink the left hand side of 1 of the Fired Up strips and the 4" Picnic paper, and the right hand side of the 8" Picnic paper and one of the Fired Up strips.
- Reassemble the card into your 2 pages. Start with the 8" navy cardstock and stick one of the 2" Fired Up Strips on top of it, overlapping the navy cardstock by about 1", then add the 4" Picnic paper over the top of the Fired Up stars, overlapping by 1" so that your paper is back to being 12". I use a piece of cardstock that is 12" square and have that behind just so I can lay everything straight and make sure it is the correct size. For the 2nd side start with the Picnic 8" paper, then layer the Fired Up paper underneath it and overlap it (or underlap in this case) by 1", then stick the remaining blue cardstock underneath the Fired Up paper to make it 12" again. I found that my blue cardstock was a little larger than the paper so I trimmed it down once I had the paper assembled.
- Draw a line 5 ½" wide on Fired Up, and use a dinner plate – mine was 9 ¾" diameter – fit as much of the plate onto the 5 ½" strip as you can so you end up with a semi-circle, cut this out. Do the same but draw a 3" line on what you have left and fit a smaller side plate (mine was 7" in diameter). Keep the rest of the offcuts from this paper to punch stars out of.
- Distress and ink the edges of the circles and then adhere them as per the photos so that they just tuck under the Fired Up paper.
- Mount your two 6 by 4" onto the yellow cardstock and trim a small border ¼" around them. Mount your four 2 ½" square photos onto another piece of yellow cardstock and leave a small border around the edge.
- Cut a piece of Freedom to be 6 ¾ by 8" put it in your trimmer landscape and cut it 2" from one side so you end up with a 2" by 6 ¾" and a 6" by 6 ¾". Distress and Ink the edges
- From Anthem I cut the left hand bottom 6 3 by 2"s for the



mount (I used the red stars with yellow background side) – see the picture. The total size is 9 by 8", cut this 2 ½" in from one side so you end up with a piece 8" by 2 ½" and another 8" by 6 ½".

- Assemble your paper layers and photos.
- Cut the journal card from the Sparklers paper, trim it to be 3 by 4".
- Punch 22 1" stars from the remains of papers that you have, and 29 small ones – I did this after I had made all the layouts as this just needs to be from paper scraps. I drew banner lines at the top of the page – each one has 3 lines to it, and also just below the photo.

Layout 2



- Print out the template for the word "Love" and stick it with some washi tape to the yellow side of Patriot. Using a craft knife cut out the letters (remember to keep the centre of the o).
- Back the letters with Stripe, a journal spot from Sparklers (I used the one with the little girl on it) and the reverse side of Stripe.

- Cut a piece of Freedom 5 by 12". Cut a piece of Stripe 3 by 12", then punch this with a border punch. Tuck the punched strip behind the freedom paper and stick it onto the yellow Patriot base – make sure it is about 6 ½" wide (including the punched strip) altogether
- Cut the blue flags 6" square from Parade and mount this approximately 2" down from the top of the paper
- Add your photo.
- Cut out another journal spot from Sparklers, I trimmed the yellow with flags to be 3" square and mounted it on some of the Stripe paper.

Layout 3



- For the final page use Celebration as the base.
- Trim the 6" star/cream stripe square from Parade to be a portrait 4 by 6" piece/
- Use one of the 4" squares from Sparklers (mine has bang on the reverse)
- Trim a piece of Freedom to be 6 ½" by 4".
- Cut out the boy waving the flag from Sparklers (2" square).

- Cut out the circle (red with yellow stars) below the little boy waving the flag too.
- Distress and ink all the papers and arrange behind your photos as per the picture.
- Add another punched star on foam dots on top of the red star circle.
- Die-cut your title and add journaling.

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

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