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Happy February! I love celebrating valentines! There is just something about making those cute little cards to let special people in your life know how you feel about them that makes me happy! I get asked all the time why I like to scrapbook so much, or how I find the time to make homemade cards. That gave me an idea! Why not put a little twist on the love theme this month and create a page all about why you "love" to scrapbook? We'd love to see your creations! Don't forget to upload them in the gallery so we can get a glimpse at what inspires your passion for this great hobby! Have a wonderful month!

Tammy

This Month's Available Tour Packages

Night at the Theatre

This kit is so versatile. Whether you are in the mood for romance or creating cute pages about your family you are sure to find inspiration here! This kit includes:

This adorable kit features the following products:



12x12 Patterned Paper:

- 2 Seven Gypsies Louis
- 2 Rusty Pickle Crimson Curtain Call (double sided)
- 2 Rusty Pickle Striped Curtain (double sided)
- 2 Rusty Pickle Weathered Music

12x12 Cardstock:

- 2 Barkley Bazzill

Embellishments:

- 2 Black Seven Gypsies Metal index Tabs
- Scenic Route Rub-ons "Advice"
- 3 Basic Grey Undressed Tags
- 2 7 Gypsies 97% Complete Flash Cards Words
- Prima Flowers
- Gold/Burgundy Curtain Cord/Ribbon
- Black Shimmer Ribbon
- Me and My Big Ideas Black Alphabet Stickers

Bling:

Everyone needs a little more bling in their lives! This fun and spunky kit is perfect for those valentine photos or any other fun moments you've captured. This kit includes:

This adorable kit features the following products:



Patterned Paper:

12 x 12 Patterned Paper:

- 2 MAMBI Denim Crown
- 2 MAMBI Rhinestones Red
- 1 Rusty Pickle Valentine Words
- 1 Hambly Studios Red/Gold Swanky Heart
- 1 Basic Grey Vagabond Corrugated

12x12 Cardstock:

- 2 Bazzill Amaretto
- 2 Bazzill Sea

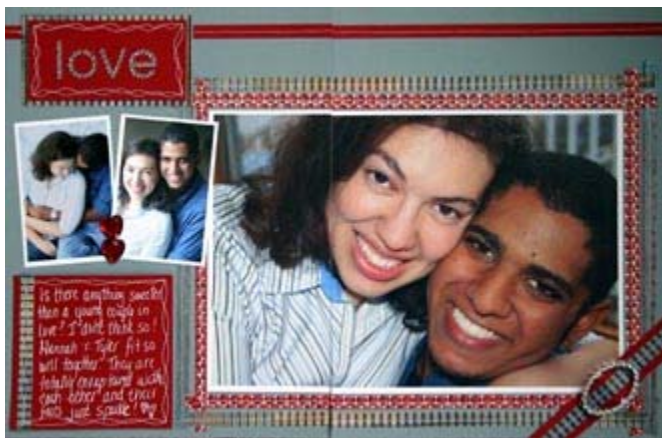
Embellishments:

- 1 pkg Li'l Davis silver buckles
- 1 MAMBI Rhinestones Word, My Love
- 1 MAMBI Glitter Alphabet, silver
- Westrim clear and/or red jewels

1 yard May Arts gold sequin strand
1 yard May Arts tan velvet

Tips and Techniques

Project Coordinates - Bling Kit



Sharon created a layout is a lot of fun and can be adjusted to fit your needs in many ways:

1. Start out by cutting 2 pieces of blue/grey cardstock down to 8.5 x11.
2. Print out an 8.5 x 11 picture or use the space for four 4x6 pics (crop if necessary.) Adhere to layout as shown.
3. If any of the pictures run across both pages slice down the picture using your trimmer. (I adhere the picture to the page and put the whole page in my trimmer for a perfect cut down the picture.)
4. Add strips of patterned paper around the layout as shown. I used a variety of patterns, widths and lengths (stripes, hearts, jean patterns). Perfection is not required! Stitch around papers twice. If stitching isn't preferred try using rub-on stitches or a white pen to draw stitches on the papers!
5. Using one of the Li'l Davis buckles cut strips of paper to slide through it. Stitch the striped paper on top of the red cardstock. (I used red cardstock cut from the gold heart paper)
6. Slide the papers through your buckle. Adhere to page and trims paper ends. (glue dots will hold it down the best)
7. For the title block: Cut red cardstock 2 x 4. Mount onto striped paper. Stitch 2 wiggly stitches around the edge. Add the LOVE diamond title. (cut the "MY LOVE" title apart for this--save "MY" for another use.)
7. Cut 2 thin strips of red cardstock. Run across the top of the page as shown. stitch down. Add title block to the top left of page.
8. Add 2 smaller photos below the title. (Mine are 3x3.5) Adhere 2 red heart gems.
9. For the journaling block cut one square of red cardstock (4x4). Stitch a thin strip of striped paper on the the left side. Journal with a white pen or use your computer to journal before adding the strip. Stitch a few decorative stitches around the square. (Again--use a pen or rub-on stitches if desired!) I did my stitching and journaling and then adhered this to the page. That way if you mess up you just toss it and do another block!



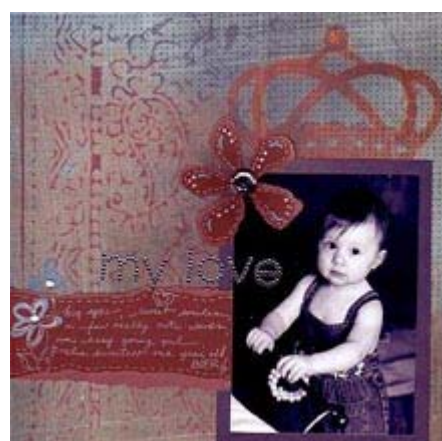
One Kit, Three Layouts - Bling Kit



King 4 a Day



The king of pop



my love LO

King 4 a Day

Susan provides the following directions for this fun layout:

1. Print photo on white cardstock for a slightly muted look. Cut out. Cut slit at the base of the crown on the MAMBI crown paper and insert top of head into the slit.
2. Mount MAMBI stickers on white cardstock for title. Cut large 4 from MAMBI jewel paper and adhere.
3. Doodle on crown and add journaling with a Sharpie marker.
4. Embellish with acrylic jewels, and individual sequins, and household items.

The King of Pop

Lisa used a new product from Ranger called "Stickles" in Christmas Red. It is basically a glitter glue with a fine tip on the end that you use to write. She outlined the crown and then some of the background on the left edge. The title was applied using KI Memories rub-ons for "the" and "of", and Heidi Swapp red glitter iron-ons for "King". She used the MAMBI silver letter stickers for "Pop" and outlined both words with a black slick writer. Slick writers are the only things that work on glossy paper such as this, they will not smear or bleed. She adhered a rhinestone at the center of the crown, added a few more doodles with the Stickles on the photos, and then added journaling with the Slick Writer.

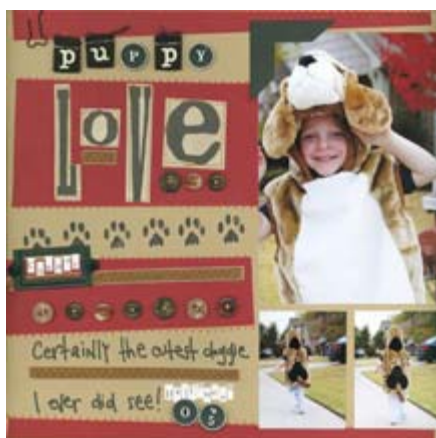
My Love

Barb 's instructions for her layout:

- 1) Mount photo on metallic blue cardstock.
- 2) Tear dark red cardstock into a journaling strip and flower petals.
- 3) Mount photo and journaling strip on to patterned paper
- 4) Add journaling and doodling with a silver pen and a galaxy marker
- 5) Assemble flower on the page. Add jewel as flower center and doodling
- 6) Add gemstone title



Fun Ideas From The Design Team - Bling Kit



Puppy Love



My Love Card



Smoothies

Puppy Love

Idea to note from Susan : Cut individual letters from Rusty Pickle paper and fill in with a black pen to use as a title.

My Love card

Thanks for the fun idea Lisa : Cut and fold cardstock, ink edges in black. Apply the MAMBI "My Love" rhinestone sticker and randomly place rhinestones around for effect. Place small heart rhinestone in center of the "O" in "love". Stamp sayings around the rhinestone word. Run ribbon across the top of the card and add a tailored bow (take one length of ribbon, loop each end around to the back and staple to hold. Take smaller piece of ribbon and wrap around the center to act as the center band, glue dot to hold).

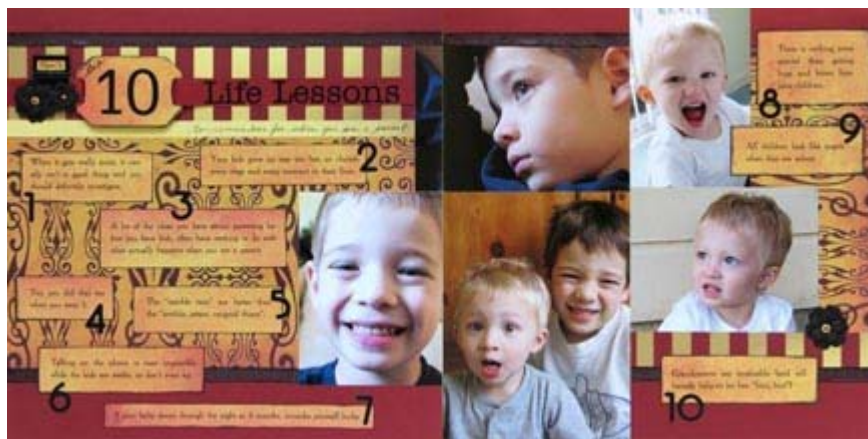
Smoothies

We can always count on Barb for something original:

- 1) Cut heart pattern out of scrap cardstock.
- 2) using scraps of red patterned paper, make collage heart incorporating photograph and mounting it on scrap pattern
- 3) trim to size
- 4) Cut pieces of ribbon and edge different papers, wrapping around the back side of the heart
- 5) Mount heart on black cardstock and trim it to size
- 6) Cut black cardstock edges and mount on white cardstock
- 7) Mount heart on to layout and add extra ribbon accents
- 8) Add journaling and doodles
- 9) Create title using various extra letter stickers



Project Coordinates- Night at the Theater



Mimi created a beautiful layout using the Night at the Theater kit. Here's how to get the look:

Mom's top 10 Life Lessons:

Instructions:

1. Cut the Rusty Pickle curtain call paper to 12x6.5 inches and another piece to 3.5x8 inches.
2. Cut the RP Moulin Rouge strip paper to 12x2.5 inches and 1x7 inches.
3. Cut a 12 inch yellow strip from the stripe paper.
4. Attach patterned paper to the first page starting about 1 inch from top of red cardstock. (stripe on top, then yellow strip, then curtain call paper).
5. On the second page, line the curtain call paper up with the right side of the cardstock (about 1 inch from top of cardstock), then attach the striped paper underneath.
6. Next, print photos (large photo is 5x7, photo on left page is 4x6, photo on top is 4x6, other two photos are 3.5x5 and 4x5.25).
7. Attach photos to layout, making sure the edges line up with each other.
8. Cut ribbon and attach to layout with xyron adhesive (ribbon lengths: 12 in, 5 1/8 in, 8 in, and 6 3/4 in)

To make the title:

1. Put adhesive runner on top of chipboard tag. Lay patterned paper (backside of Curtain call paper) on top. Take a sanding block and sand the edges until the excess paper cuts off. Rub edges with black distressing ink. Using a craft knife, cut out the slots on each side.
2. Place number stickers on top of tag. Use pen to write "top".
3. Cut a strip of 12x3/4 inch cardstock in a coordinating red. Slip it through the slots on the chipboard tag.
4. Apply rub on words to the carstock strip to the right of the tag.
5. Write "mom's" on a small piece of paper (I used the back of curtain call paper). Apply adhesive to back of paper, slide it into the index tab, and press down when you have it centered.
6. Attach index tab to cardstock on the left side of tag (same method as step 4.).
7. Attach paper flowers below the index tab with tape runner adhesive (glue dots won't stick to the flowers).
8. Apply adhesive to entire title and place on layout 3/4 of the way down the striped paper.

For journaling blocks:

1. Print journaling on back side of other sheet of curtain call paper in varying size text boxes.
2. Cut them out and rub the edges with black distressing ink.
3. Attach to layout in the places you want them.
4. Apply number stickers near the text boxes, overlapping on them slightly.
5. Last step, attach a third flower on the second page to balance the design and draw the eye across the layout.



Terrific Ideas from the Design Team - Night at the Theatre Kit



Greta Hammond

Greta shares her ideas for using products found in the kit.

Chipboard tags:

1. cover with paper and embellish.
2. paint and use rub-ons.
3. Use the large one as a cover for a mini book.

Flash cards:

1. make a small mini book out of them.
2. cut out the words and use in title or journaling

Dream Big Tag

Greta Hammond made this quick and easy tag. "I used the large chipboard tag and covered it with paper. Made a flower out of patterned paper and put the rub-on on."



Believe in your Dreams Card

1. Cut cardstock to 5x10 inches and fold in half
2. Cut sheet music paper to 4 3/4x4 3/4 inches and adhere to front of card.
3. Cut matching cardstock (I used a gold metallic paper) to 4.5 x 3.5 inches and adhere to right side of card.
4. Cut reverse side of curtain call paper to 4x4 inches and adhere toward left side of card.
5. Sew around sheet music and curtain call paper with a sewing machine using tan colored thread.
6. Cover square shaped chipboard tag with adhesive and lay cream colored cardstock over it.
7. Rub edges with distressing ink pad (I used Antique Linen, Tim Holtz ink). Then use your finger, dipped in the ink, in a circular motion to ink toward the center of the square.
8. Cut rub on words from the sheet and apply to the square tag.
9. Tie a simple knot in the cording and cut the ends to about one inch. Attach with glue dots.

Ring Dance

Stacey Kingman had these tips for making her Ring Dance Layout: I used the kit papers to make the chipboard squares for the title. I covered them with Mod Podge and put 3-D glue dots behind the letters n, a, and e. The Basic Grey chipboard tag I just inked and added rub-ons and flower.



Heart box

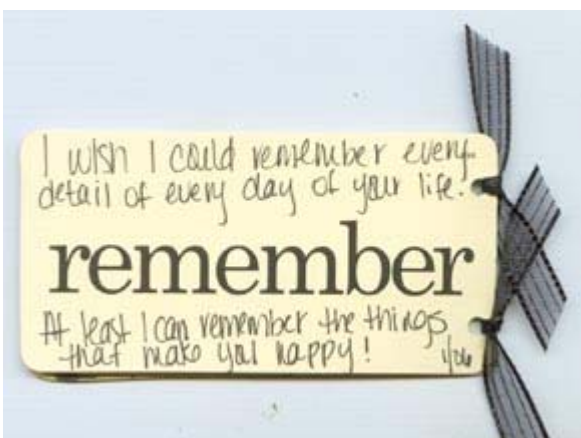
Having Fun at 4 Mini Book

Heart box and Having Fun at Four

Kristin Baxter created two unique projects using the items from this month's kit. Using a heart shaped box she found in the \$1 section at Target, she simply covered it with the patterned paper from the kit and wrapped the cording around it to give it a finished look. Darling!

To help her and Cade remember some of his favorite moments about being four she simply bound the mini flash

cards that are included in the kit together with some ribbon and created this adorable mini book.



Gift Box:

1. Cut a square of paper a bit larger than the top of the box. Adhere it (I used Mod Podge), smoothing as you go to get rid of bumps. Use an X-Acto knife to trim around the edges.
 2. Measure the sides of box and cut 2 strips of paper to fit. Adhere the paper, smoothing as you go, and trim any excess.
 3. Use glue lines to adhere the cording around the edge of the box.
- Voila! A fancy gift box that was super simple to make!

Mini Book:

1. For the front, use rub-ons and stickers to add to the word on the flashcard to make the title.
2. Add patterned paper to the end of the card.
3. For the back, hand write a bit of journaling that revolves around the word on the flashcard.
4. For the inside, cover the blank sides of both cards with patterned paper. Add journaling strips and mini brads.
5. Put the cards together, punch 2 holes and tie with ribbon.

Check out the new “weekly challenge” section of the message board for fun inspiration and contests to get you scrapping.

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