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*It's hard to believe that the holidays are already over and we're two weeks into 2006! It seems like just yesterday that I was sitting here writing about what I was looking forward to in December! These months are flying by. Before things get too hectic this year I challenge you to take a few moments to jot down a few scrapping goals for yourself this year. Give yourself a real challenge and make a goal for yourself to try something new this year- a technique you've always wanted to try, submitting to a magazine for the first time- you name it, give it a shot! Don't forget to show us the results in the gallery! Happy New Year!*

Tammy

### This Month's Available Tour Packages

#### Too Cool

No, we're not talking about the climate...it's the papers in this kit are too cool!! You will have a blast working with the fun product in this package! This kit includes:

*This adorable kit features the following products:*



#### 12x12 Patterned Paper:

- 2 Karen Foster Cool Stripes
- 2 Karen Foster Cool Dots
- 1 Sassafras Lass Smitten Green
- 1 Sassafras Lass Smitten Brown
- 1 Sassafras Lass Divine

#### 12x12 Cardstock:

- 2 Hershey Bazzill

#### Embellishments:

- 1 Lil Davis Antique Wood Sign Family
- 1 Bazzill Realy Big Button
- 1 Junkitz Stitched Mini File Folder Album
- 1 Bazzill Hershey Policy Envelope
- 1 Rusty Pickle Weathered Tag
- 1 Yard May Arts Blue Striped Ribbon
- 1 Yard Offray Brown Dots Ribbon
- 1 Scenic Route Jade or Chestnut Happy Valley Alphabet
- 6 Making Memories Mini Copper Brads

#### New Years Countdown:

You'll be counting down the days until this kit arrives on your door step! The vibrant pink and black combo in this awesome kit will make putting layouts together a breeze. This kit includes:

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#### 12 x 12 Patterned Paper:

- 2 Center City United Nations Park
- 1 Center City Doral Park
- 2 Fancy Pants Dressing Room Stripes
- 1 Fancy Pants Dressing Room Diamonds
- 2 Fancy Pants Dressing Room Wide Stripes

#### 12x12 Cardstock:

- 2 Lily White Bazzill

#### Embellishments:

- 1 pkg A2Z numbers, white
- 1 pkg Magic Scraps Flair, pink/black
- 1 pkg Making Memories Nothing But Numbers, black
- 1 Waste Not hang tab, pink or grey
- 1 Maya Road small journey tin
- ½ yard Maya Road Las Vegas Nightlife ribbon

½ yard Maya Road Las Vegas Cityscape ribbon  
1 yard ribbon, color/style/pattern will vary

## Tips and Techniques

### Fun Projects

#### Project: Altered CD clock by Susan Cyrus

One of the reasons I chose this kit was because I loved the way the Making Memories Nothing But Numbers stickers looked straight out of the package. So I decided to use them as-is on an altered cd clock.

*To make the clock:*

1. Lay a cd on top of the sticker sheet, and trace around it with a pen. Cut out with scissors. Carefully cut out the center hole with a craft knife.

2. Tear away a small strip of the backing paper down the middle of the circle sticker, leaving just a small portion of adhesive exposed. Adhere sticker to cd, pulling the backing paper away as you work from the center outward. Work gently, and keep track of any numbers or portions of numbers which become dislodged, so that they can be returned to the proper place once the cd is covered.

3. Assemble clock mechanism and hands through the hole of the cd, according to the package directions. This one is made by Walnut Hollow and it came from Michaels. I painted the second hand with acrylic paint. (Spray paint would have been preferable.)



#### Project: Office Magnets by Mimi Schramm

*Directions:*

I bought a pack self adhesive "business card" magnets at Michaels (found in front of the check out stands).

1. Peel the protective sheet off the top of the magnet.

2. Stick sticky side to the back side of the patterned paper, lining it up with 2 sides of the paper. Cut away the remaining 2 sides with a craft knife or scissors.



3. Generously coat the paper that is stuck to the magnet with artists gel medium or mod podge using a foam brush. I used gel medium in matte. Use glossy if you want a shiny finish.

4. Place strip of solid cardstock on top of coated patterned paper and apply another coat on top of cardstock. Brush several times to smooth out the paper and squeeze out any excess liquid.

5. Paint MM chipboard jigsaw alphabet with acrylic paint.

6. After it dries, place letters on top of the wet gel medium and brush more gel medium over the letters. Take the tip of the brush to smooth any excess liquid between the letters and in the corners.

7. Let dry (preferably while stuck to something metal so the magnets dry flat and not curved)

8. Stamp other words with black StazOn ink.

When done, stick appropriate magnet to your office door to let people know whether you are in, out or not to be disturbed. I made these for my mom who doesn't have a window in her door or wall of her office.

#### Stitched Mini File Folder Book

The fantastic mini book included in this month's Too Cool kit was designed by our guest designer Teresa Collins. Each of the designers did something fun and unique with the book to demonstrate just how versatile it is.

##### Lucky by Teresa Collins

This adorable mini book was designed to let Teresa's sweet son know just how lucky she feels to have him in her life. Kids love books all about them, and what a neat momento for when he gets older!



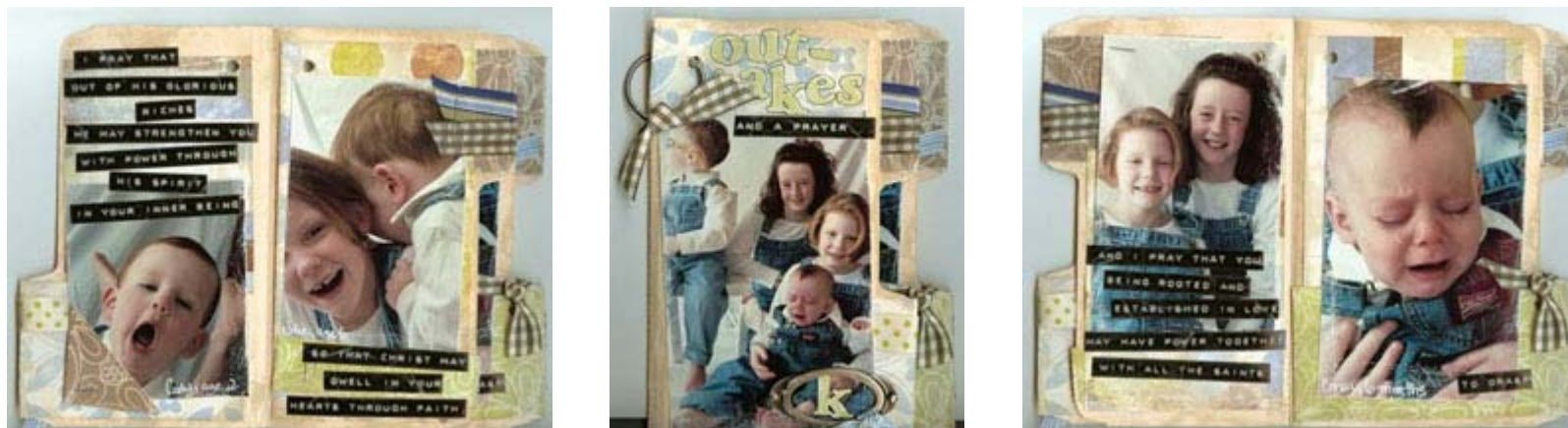
**2006 Goals by Kristin Baxter**

You won't lose that list of new years resolutions this year! This adorable book by designer Kristin Baxter is a great place to keep track of your goals. It's so cute, you won't be able to help but look at it often!



**Outtakes and a Prayer by Stacey Kingman**

This is such a clever idea! We all have hundreds of photos from family photo shoots that we don't know what to do with...here's the solution! Make a mini book incorporating all of those "unused" pictures. It is often these pictures that capture the true personalities of our loved ones at that moment in time. What a precious memory to have!



**December Photos by Greta Hammond**

Greta Created this fun little album to celebrate all the activities of December. "I took tons of pictures this past month and wanted a fun place to remember them. I turned my photos to sepia to give it a uniform feel."



What do I do with this?

**New Year's Countdown**



Tea for 8



They are all mine

**AZZ Numbers:**

--Susan used repositionable adhesive to adhere the AZZ "8" to her background paper, using it as a stencil to chalk and ink around. After removing the stencil, she added cross hatching with a pen to make the edges stand out even more. (see Tea for 8)

-- Sharon made the AZZ numbers really 'pop' on dark colored paper. "After spreading the numbers out I decided to do a layout featuring my 7 kids and I...the title is just something funny that I have repeatedly answered to people's questions over the years! These numbers are perfect for journaling on! (see Yes, They're All Mine)

--Mimi covered the AtoZ numbers with patterned paper. NOTE: Put adhesive on the FRONT of the numbers, stick to the BACK of the patterned paper. Cut out with a craft knife. (see 123 Go!) --Lisa and Sharon used the AZZ numbers

as journaling points (see Yes, They're All Mine and Reasons We Love You)



123 Go!



Reasons We Love You



9 Days

**Pink/Black Flair:**

- Use as bullet points
- Lisa used one as an "O" in her title (see Snow Bunny)
- Paint to change the color, or cover with fabric, gathering the raw edges on the back side.
- Use a large circle punch on your layout or photos, and center a button in the negative space.
- Sharon created flower centers (see Flower Card and Things I Love)
- Use them for an XOXO title for Valentine's Day layouts
- Use them on the end of a tag for the portion you pull out to read journaling
- Use as photo corners
- Mimi used 3 as a page accent to balance her layout (see 9 Days)
- Use to link 2 elements together.



Snow Bunny



Flower Card



Things I Love

**Small Round Tin:**

**Craft ideas :**

- Use as a mini gift box (for jewelry, etc.)
- Place photo inside and use as a refrigerator magnet
- Punch holes and attach ribbon or cording to wear as a necklace
- Drill hole and attach to gift bag with ribbon for use as a gift tag

**Layout Ideas :**

- Remove lid and use as a shadow box (glue items onto bottom of tin)
- Use just the lid as a frame for a photo
- Use a keeper for baby's first lock of hair or child's teeth for tooth fairy
- Special love note curled around a pencil
- Use tin in a title in place of an "O"
- Fill with shells, beads, etc. and use as a shaker box (be sure to glue lid to base)

*Ideas by Lisa Cole, Sharon Laakonen, Susan Cyrus and Mimi Schramm. Altered CD clock and Tea for 8 by Susan Cyrus; Flower Card, Yes, They're All Mine and Things I Love by Sharon Laakonen; Reasons we Love You and Snow Bunny by Lisa Cole; 9 Days and Office Magnets by Mimi Schramm.*

**Too Cool**

Teresa used the policy envelope in such a clever way this month. She turned it into a mini album! Using the matching cardstock in



the kit, she created pages that fit inside the envelope. She decorated the outside of the envelope and her homemade pages. SO cute!!

Designer Barb Hogan created some beautiful projects with the Tool Cool kit this month. Here are a few fun project instructions to help you get the same great look as Barb.

### Engagement Card

- 1) Mount wooden plaque on black cardstock and embellish with ribbon.
- 2) Cut patterned paper to fit on black card
- 3) Stamp patterned paper with black paint, using foam stamps and let dry
- 4) Mount plaque and ribbons on patterned paper
- 5) Stamp greeting using alpha stamps and black ink.
- 6) Add ribbon and brad
- 7) Mount patterned paper on black card.



### Under the Weather Card

- 1) Cut card base out of brown cardstock and fold
- 2) Tear striped paper for the "sky" and mount on white cardstock
- 3) Make an umbrella template out of scrap paper and use to cut patterned paper in umbrella shape. Rub with ink. Cut a handle out of brown cardstock and glue together
- 4) Add fiber to edge of umbrella and sky
- 5) Pop umbrella off of the white cardstock with pop dots
- 6) Add ribbon accent with blue pearl stickpin, stuck into the foam of the pop dot
- 7) Add the title using handwriting, rub ons and letter stickers
- 8) Add button
- 9) Add raindrops (Heidi Swapp Jewelz) and silver brads
- 10) Mount card face on folded cardstock.



## Monthly Challenge

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

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