

## THIS IS US STORY FOUNDATION

### CRAFT THE PAGE

Trim 12x12 white cardstock to be 8 inches tall

10 inches wide

My cardstock is textured on one side. With the smooth side up, slip into the score tool and score 3 inches in on the right side.

Use a pocket page as a guide to place binding hold marks. Punch the holes on left edge of the paper.

Fold on the scored edge. Gently burnish the fold.

(When page is closed it is then a 6x8 page size.)

While 'closed', adhere pattern paper to the 3 inch flap.

Place 6x4 photo (or a photo mat if not ready for a photo yet) so that it is about 1 1/4 inch from the bottom edge and 3/4 in on the flapped right edge.

### EMBELLISH

Adhere pattern paper to the back of the photo

Adhere pattern paper to the inside 3 inch flap

Back up an ephemera frame with PET tape - apply tape to acetate

Pop up on page so that it overlaps the flap and the photo

Cluster with ephemera florals and botanicals

Find the MERRY tag and add trim through the hole and pop up over clusters

Repeat this idea behind the clustering

Adhere sentiment strip to bottom edge of photo as well as a die cut title like Christmas above on the photo

On the lower left hand corner of the inside of page, transfer large floral rub on



## 2 | EVERGREEN STORY TRADITION

Use a 6x8 open pocket page for this page and measure a piece of 12x12 pattern paper to the width and trim.

Measure the height of the pocket page and score at that point. Fold paper down.

Corner round the flap corners.

Distress or sand edges.

Build embellishment on the flap.

### EMBELLISHMENT

Adhere PET tape to a piece of acetate that will be the size of the Page Maker frame. Adhere acetate to the inside back of the frame similar to what we did in Lesson 1.

From the top adhere to the page flap.

To the back of the large tree found in the Ephemera, adhere pattern paper. Trim around the white border. Ink edges if desired. Pop up on the acetate frame.

Layer labels and sentiments and tags from the Ephemera to the top of the tree.

Flip up paper, and repeat on the back of the embellished flap.

Slip paper into the 6x8 open pocket page leaving the flap free and over the front edge.

Utilize that back wide of the page for additional photos of your chosen tradition.



## 3 | POCKET & TAGS CREATIVE PRACTICE

Trim pattern paper 6 1/4 wide by 7 tall.

Use pocket page to make binding holes.

Craft pocket with vellum of choice.

Trim vellum 7 1/4 wide and 4 tall. Score 1/2 in on three sides to form pocket. Fold and add double sided adhesive to the outside of the fold. Adhere to page.

Trim pattern paper 6 1/4 wide and 1/2 tall. Distress edges. Adhere to top pocket edge.

Print tag template from printables. Cut out template. Use template to cut out four pattern paper tags. Punch holes at top. Distress as desired.



## 4 | LITTLE STORIES INTERACTIVE LIFTABLES

Cut acetate 7 x 8 ½. Use pocket template to cut out holes.

Die cut 6 circles to be about 2 ½ inches diameter in solids of 3 different colors. Adhere in a grid format to acetate.

Using the front circles as a way to hide the adhesive, adhere a piece of pattern paper that measures 6x8 to the back of the acetate.

Die cut 5 circles to be about 2 inches diameter from white cardstock.

You will also need ¼ inch strips of paper in a high contrast pattern.

Add rub on designs to the scored portion. Then a ¼ inch strip of pattern paper. Adhere the sentiment prompt and additional embellishing if desired.

Score each white circle about ½ from the 'left side. Adhere a scored portion to larger circle.

Add embellishing to the remaining solid circle.



## 5 | JOYFUL DETAILS FESTIVE TAG PAGE

Choose pattern paper for the front of the tag as well as the back.

Create tag by trimming papers to 4x8. Miter the corners. Using the same paper as the front tag, cut another piece to be 6x1.

Adhere the front of the tag and the back of the tag together with the 'hinge' suspending between on the left hand side centered.

Craft a pocket by trimming paper to  $4 \frac{3}{4}$  wide and  $4 \frac{1}{2}$  tall. Score three sides  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch to form a pocket. Take a small circle bite out of the top. Adhere flaps to bottom edge of front of tag.

Craft another tag to be  $3 \frac{1}{4}$  x 6. Punch hole at top. Transfer rub on. Add trim and some hanging down elements.

With scrap paper (a  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  x  $2 \frac{1}{2}$  trimmed pattern paper), frame, ticket, die cuts and sentiment, creating a festive embellished cluster to the front of the pocket.

Save the back for a photo or embellish or use for journaling.



## 6 | SEASON OF JOY ART JOURNAL ESCAPE

\*\*\*NOTE Watch video first to get a feel for where this art journal page is going. In the GATHER video I forgot to talk about the Decoupage Paper.

Border the edges of Mixed Media paper with Mint Tape.

Ink the paper with Bundled Sage. Layer in a bit of Distressed Tiles stenciling.

With Evergreen Bough, add inking to the corners, then stencil from the edges with the Seasonal Blooms Stencil.

Tear pieces of the collage paper and collage at the top edge as well as the lower edge with a paint brush and craft glue.

With Season of Joy Background stamp, stamp Bundled Sage along the edges.

Stamp sentiments + postage marks with the Winter Etchings stamp and Rustic Wilderness ink.

In this order layer the dimensional elements with double adhesive and or hot glue: striped label, laser cut sentiment, laser cut botanicals, die cut botanical. Then finish with the stag rub on.



## 7 | AT HOME IN DECEMBER POCKET PAGE STORY

First top middle grid: trim a piece of acetate to be 4 x 2. Fold in half long ways. Slip one half into pocket. Add sequins to pocket. Tuck fold into pocket. Staple sentiment to back and front of pocket.

Second row first pocket: Add foam adhesive to laser cut botanicals. Adhere one to front and another to the back. Create notched banners and tuck in and under the botanicals.

Second row last pocket: Choose a circle element for the front and back. Die cut a circle shape from pattern paper. Layer the front circle over the pattern paper. Pierce a hole. Secure with a brad to the pocket. Adhere the other circle element to the back side.

Third row middle pocket: tuck decorative vellum inside pocket. Gather label, a couple of sentiments and layer over the pocket. Repeat on the back side.

Fourth row first pocket: trim pattern paper to 2x2 and slip inside pocket. Find two tags same size. Add trim to each. Use foam adhesive to adhere each to the outside of their respective pockets.

Last pocket: trim pattern paper to be 2 x 4. Score at the 2 inch mark. Fold over in half. V Notch the front flap. Slip back half into pocket. Embellish front flap.



## 8 | STORYED LIFE RIGHT NOW

\*Build a secure background with an open 6x8 pocket page plus pattern paper.

Trim papers to the following dimensions:

6  $\frac{3}{4}$  wide x 7 tall

6  $\frac{3}{4}$  wide x 6 tall

6  $\frac{1}{2}$  wide x 5  $\frac{3}{4}$  tall

6 wide x 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  tall

5  $\frac{1}{4}$  wide x 5  $\frac{1}{4}$  tall

Score each left edge at  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch

Die cut each right side with one of the Variety Edge dies.

Gather and assemble: frame, label, sentiment, icon (star, tag, laser cut envelope, stamp) notched banner, botanical to create embellished clusters for each page.

Add adhesive inside the  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch fold and layer each page onto the other.



## 9 | SIMPLE JOYS A CUP OF CHEER

Build this page on a 4x6 pocket page.

Trim decorative vellum to fit inside pocket.

Trim a piece of white cardstock 3x4. Center it over the decorative vellum. Slip vellum inside pocket.

Cut out 'a cuppa cheer' from the 12x12 cut away papers. Cut both. Trim out the 'a cuppa cheer' sentiment from one of the cards. Find the cup from the Laser Cuts. Use foam adhesive to adhere over the cup on the 3x4 card. Add botanicals to the top of the cup. Layer the 'cuppa' sentiment with foam adhesive over the other one.

Score a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from the top of the cut away card. Add double sided adhesive. Adhere to the top of the pocket overlaying the blank card underneath.

Add circle taps to the edge of the outer card.



## 10 | THE MAIN STORY CHRISTMAS DAY

This lesson will start to be built on the 6x4 top and bottom pocket page.

Trim acetate to fit the pocket. Adhere Season of Joy tape in two strips to the acetate. Slip inside the pocket.

Punch a hole at the top left. String through a pre made tag. Layer tag with sentiment, label, and botanicals.

Trim out a piece of 6x4 Mixed Media paper. Ink edges. Stamp on edges as shown in video. Ink thorough a stencil. Treat the card like a mini art journal. Add a title and slip into pocket.

Slip solid paper to the back side as space for journaling.

Next, trim white cardstock to be 7 wide and 8 1/2 tall. Trim pattern paper to be 6 1/4 wide by 5 tall. Score 1/2 inch at top of paper. Adhere to the top of the white cardstock.

Embellish lower right corner to make a flip. Watch video to see how we crafted a DIY flip from a tag shape.

On the larger page, add floral rub on to corner. Layer in a sentiment title to the page.

