

ALBUM IN A YEAR: February online material

Step by step instructions to recreate this layout:

1. Select one vertical and one horizontal 4x6 photo. Trim the horizontal photo to 3x6. Select and trim four additional photos to 3x4.
2. Select three scraps of patterned paper that coordinate. Trim two of these to 3x4 and one to 2x3. (Note: Feel free to substitute photos for patterned paper or vice versa as suits your particular needs.)
3. Print title block and trim to 3x8.
4. Adhere photos, patterned papers and title block across two pieces of 12x12 cardstock, roughly in the middle as shown. (If you want to get technical, I think the top border of my strip is 3.25 inches from the top of the page, leaving the bottom of the strip at 2.75 inches above the bottom of the page.)
5. Cut pieces of coordinating cardstock to create the stripes above and below the photo/PP/title block strip you just created. I cut a 1 inch strip of green for the top and a 0.5 inch strip of pink and a 1.25 inch strip of orange for the bottom. Adhere to pages.
6. Adhere ribbon near the bottom edge of the bottom stripe (orange) on both pages.
7. Attach buttons along the line where the pink and orange stripes meet. Here, I used my paper piercer and some thin silver wire to thread all of the buttons directly to the page. You could also do this with actual thread or simply use glue dots to adhere the buttons. Note the few heart shaped buttons that are thrown in there amid the others.
8. Stamp the month circle or some other design on cardstock. (I love this awesome Hero Arts set.) Cut around it in a circle. Cut a circle mat slightly larger for beneath. Adhere the circle mat to the layout. Use foam tape or pop dots to adhere the stamped circle on top of that.
9. Create the journaling blocks. I printed out my numbers then punched those with a 0.5 inch circle punch. (You could easily stamp these, handwrite them or use stickers or rub-ons as well.) I then adhered those (using foam tape for dimension) to circles of cardstock punched with a 1 inch circle punch. Using my pen, I then just jotted down my quick list items around each number.
10. Adhere the journaling blocks/circles where appropriate.