

ALBUM IN A YEAR: August online material

We Were Here by Amanda Probst. **Supplies** Cardstock: Prism Papers; Clear sticker & rub-on letters: American Crafts; Stamps: Hero Arts; Ink: Close to My Heart, Stampin' Up!; Photo corners: Scrapbook Adhesives; Pens: American Crafts Precision Pen, Bik Mark it; Chipboard shape: Maya Road; Acrylic paint: Ranger; Computer fonts: Century Schoolbook, Haettenschweiler, Tahoma (Microsoft Word); Other: scanned maps.

Step by step instructions to recreate this layout:

1. Select and print eleven 3.5"x3.5" squares. I used nine photos and two maps that I scanned and printed on cardstock. (Feel free to substitute blocks of patterned paper or memorabilia or add additional photos.)
2. Select and print one 3.5"x7" vertical photo. (Again, feel free to substitute patterned paper or two smaller photos or whatever works for you.)
3. Prepare two journaling blocks that are 3.5"x7". I used the yellow one for my journaling (which could easily be handwritten) and added stickers and stamps to the green one to offset the boldness of the journaling on the yellow one.
4. Arrange and adhere to layout as shown. Top and bottom edges should be about ¼ inch from the edges.
5. Print title block and trim around the shape, leaving a slight white border as shown so that it remains 3.5" tall. (I simply cut this out by hand, though you could try to use a trimmer.) Adhere to layout as shown, using foam tape to raise it off the layout slightly.
6. Stamp circular design on red cardstock (or whatever color you're using) and cut or punch circles. Mine were about 2" in diameter. Note, I stamped the design using a medium brown ink so that it didn't become the focus and stayed in the background.
7. Apply rub-ons to two of the circles. Adhere painted chipboard shape to the remaining circle. Adhere all three to the layout as shown, using foam tape for dimension.
8. Stamp text on strip of brown cardstock and adhere over photos as shown. (This could easily be replaced by ribbon or a line of buttons or any number of other things!)
9. Add black photo corners to the outer corners of the entire block.
10. If desired, add a hand-drawn border around the entire layout. (I love to draw two parallel black lines with my American Crafts Precision Pen (usually in .03 size) and then fill the middle with a color, here green.)