

ALBUM IN A YEAR: BONUS December online material (year wrap-up)

Wow. I don't know about you, but I've thoroughly enjoyed the Album in a Year process! Somehow, taking things just a month at a time makes so much sense amid my busy schedule. Being able to quickly pull together a layout documenting each month has given me great satisfaction, and made life easier. Sure, I'm likely to go back and do individual layouts for some of the events that happened each month. This way, though, I at least have them covered in one place so I needn't feel as behind.

As this year draws to a close, I want to leave you with bonus title and end pages to complete your album (and sketch variations for each). I kept mine fairly simple but think that the structure offers fabulous opportunity for embellishment and creativity. I can't wait to see what you come up with! In the meantime, I wish you joy in finishing your album and thank you for joining me on this little journey!

Month by Month by Amanda Probst. **Supplies** Cardstock: Prism Papers; Chipboard numbers: Rusty Pickle; Acrylic paint: Ranger; Pen: American Crafts Precision Pen; Computer fonts: Century Gothic, Microsoft Word; VNI-HLThuphap, downloaded from TypeNow.net; Other: Glossy Accents by Ranger.

Step by step instructions to recreate this layout:

1. Print or crop one 2" x 2" photo for each month. (A nice square punch will work for this as well.) Arrange them on your background paper in two rows, with the top edge at 6" from the top of the page.
2. Print the title block and trim to 10" x 5" (I've added a dotted line just outside the trim area as a guide). Cut out the circle area and add cardstock or patterned paper behind the title block to fill the void. (I just used scissors to cut the circle space, but feel free to use a circle cutter. This is a 5" circle. You can also cut your own circle slightly larger than 5" and place it over the title block if you'd rather.) Adhere this above the rows of photos and centered horizontally.
3. Cut a piece of paper that coordinates with the paper you printed the title block on to 10" x 1" and adhere below the rows of photos, again centered horizontally.
4. Add painted chipboard numbers for the year (obviously, change the numbers if you were documenting 2008 instead of 2007) atop the circle cut out area. Feel free to use stickers, rub-ons, die cuts, etc.
5. I also used Glossy Accents over my title for a bit more dimension and added a pen outline around the title block "square".

...in a Year by Amanda Probst. **Supplies** Cardstock: Prism Papers; Pen: Zig Writer; Chalk pencils: Koh-i-nor Gioconda; Computer fonts: Century Gothic, Microsoft Word; VNI-HLThuphap, downloaded from TypeNow.net; Steelfish Outline, downloaded from Fontstock.net; Other: Glossy Accents by Ranger.

Step by step instructions to recreate this layout:

1. Select and print/crop one 4" x 4" photo.
2. Print the title block and trim to 4" x 4" (I've added a dotted line just outside the trim area as a guide).
3. Cut a piece of coordinating paper to 4" x 3" and another to 4" x 1".
4. Adhere all the pieces as shown down the middle of your background paper.
5. I also colored in the title letters with chalk pencils (and used Glossy Accents over the top of that) and added a simple pen outline around the outside of the layout. Filling in the title letters would also be fun using paint, ink, pen, etc.