

This month's kits are so much fun! I hope you've already checked out what our Design Team has created with both kits.

October Afternoon never fails to design beautiful papers in their signature colors. The Solo is filled with their goodies, including paper, pieces of "flair," chipboard and a smattering of diecut embellishments from the "Woodland" collection. Top it off with our favorite sticker here at Back Porch Memories – Thickers – and add in some texture with a FabRip and ribbon... and you have one fun kit!

Then there's our Medley. What I love about our Medleys is how great they mix and match. If you got the Medley this month, spend some time flipping all the papers over, back and forth. You'll be surprised how well all three lines mix and match. There's the Little Yellow Bicycle travel line "Escape," October Afternoon's "Cakewalk," and Studio Calico's "Heyday." Such fun and versatile papers!

Enjoy!

Paula



## Meet Our August Guest Designer

*We're honored to have Berta back as our Guest Designer for August! Instead of a bio, we thought it would be fun to ask her a few scrappy questions. Here's what she had to say.*

### **How did you get your start scrapbooking?**

I've been keeping scrapbooks since I was a teenager. I started this kind of scrapbooking in the late 90's when a friend introduced me to 'acid free' papers and stickers, and deco scissors. I laugh when I look at some of my early pages. Then in 2004 I went to a 'scrap camp' at my daughter-in-law's local scrapbook store. That's when I was introduced to online scrapping. I've been hooked ever since.

### **What are your three favorite tools, other than the basics?**

My favorite tools are simple...corner rounder, cats eye inks, and the traditional stapler. I don't own a cutting system but love to do fussy cutting. So a pair of nice sharp scissors is a must.

### **Do you prefer to scrap by yourself or with others?**

I would love it if there was a LSS nearby so I could meet other scrappers and mingle occasionally. But alas, there are none, so I scrap alone most of the time. But to be honest I get a lot more done by myself.

**Are you more of an "events" type of scrapper or an "everyday moments" kind of gal?** I do both. I think the 'events' are important to document. I don't try to scrap every photo, however. But I really enjoy scrapping the 'everyday moments' more. To me life isn't an event, it's a journey. It's all these everyday moments that make it what it is. I want to remember all the little things as well as the big events.





## Scrapbook Shortcuts {Pattern Mix & Matching with Ease}

by Alissa Trowbridge



One of my favorite things to do is to mix and match papers from different manufactures. However, I store my paper by collection, so this is often hard for me to do without pulling out tons of paper!

Instead, I let the scraps of a few projects pile up on my desk. Ok, so it looks like I'm just lazy and don't want to put things away... but there's a method to this madness!

Once I have a nice little pile of scraps collected, I make something. I turn all the papers over to be sure I look at both sides, looking for similar colors to jump out at me. Once I find the connection between 3-

4, I start my project. Sometimes a layout calls my name (especially when the scraps are large), but more often than not, it's a card.

I decided to do this with my Medley scraps this month and wouldn't you know it – they look great together! You might not think the bright primary colors of the Little Yellow Bicycle line would look good with Heyday and Cakewalk, but I turned them over. And one of the patterns was a pretty yellow that looked great with the others.

This card is what I ended up with. Every little bit is leftover from the Medley kit. Cool, huh? Try it!



## Back to School Memory Notebook

by Karry Weaver



I should have started making notebooks like this every year, years ago. I am so excited about it.

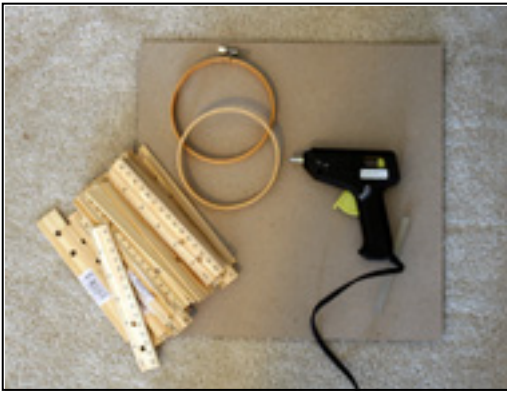
I'm going to put each kid's first (and last) day of school pictures in here, notes and pictures about their teachers. I want to take pictures of all their favorite outfits and their favorite shoes. I plan to include all of my favorite papers and grades, any notes that come home from their parents. I'll even take some photos of the insides of their agendas from time to time. I hope one day they will have fun sharing this book with their kids. They can share a laugh at the crazy clothes they used to wear!

I hope my little notebook inspires you to do something similar as well. If you decide to make one, post it on our message board so we can all see!

## Back to School Supplies Wreath

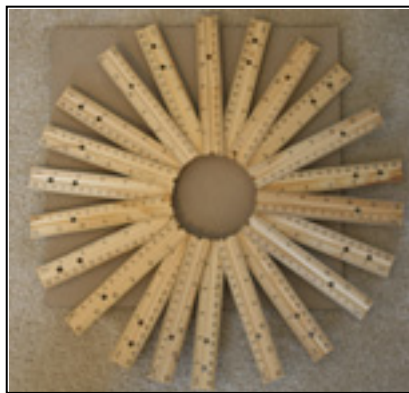
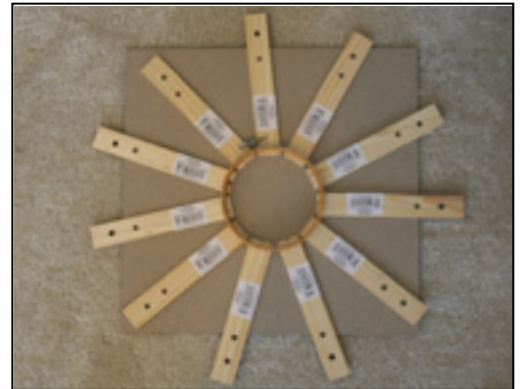
by Danielle Price

Now that school is in full swing in a lot of areas, school supplies are to be found every where! I love buying new supplies! Well, I was browsing around on Pinterest and found an amazing wreath made out of wooden rulers and fell in love. So this is my version of the wreath. Here is what I did.



You will need 11 wooden rulers (get them now while school supplies are on sale!), a four inch wooden hoop, glue-gun and embellishments. Cut the wooden rulers in half with a rotary saw, making 22 six inch pieces. I bribed my husband with ice cream!! And you will only need to use the outer rim of the wooden hoop. Make sure you tighten the twisty top all the way.

Lay your rulers with the cut edge facing towards the middle on your work surface. I found it was easier to arrange the rulers how I wanted them before I glued them together. After you have arranged your rulers, put a good helping of hot glue along the rim of the wooden hoop and place on your rulers leaving about a half inch of the rulers facing in.



Flip your wreath over and hot glue the ends of the other ruler pieces and place them on top of the others overlapping the gaps making sure your line up the edges. This is shown in the first picture, far left. This is how it should look when you are done, near left.

Add whatever embellishments you would like. The paper, brads, and chipboard buttons are from this months solo kit. All the rest is from my stash.

Add a ribbon and hang it up. Enjoy!

