

This month's kits are sure to get you scrapping! The Solo Kit features the line "Cut and Paste" by My Mind's Eye. The vibrant colors are just perfect for scrapping photos from over the summer! Be sure to check out the "b" or back sides of each paper... the patterns on both sides are equally great and versatile!

Next up, our ever popular Medley Kit. September's Medley Kit includes My Mind's Eye's "Chalk" line, Carta Bella's adorable "Hello Again" papers and We R Memory Keeper's "Storytime" line. Again, all three of these paper lines are super versatile and have fantastic patterns on both the fronts and backs. As always, check out how great the papers, embellishments and coordinating cardstock mix and match among themselves to really stretch your kit!

I hope you enjoy crafting with your September kit(s)! Don't forget to check out what our Design Team created with their kits in our gallery [here](#).

Happy scrapping,
Paula



Welcome Sally {September Guest Designer}



My name is Sally Cranney. I've been scrapbooking for a little over 17 years, shortly after my first daughter was born so that I could document her life. Since then I have just grown more addicted to scrapbooking than every before. I love to create! It just fills something inside of me and creates happiness in my life. I love a good challenge as it gives me a direction as well as pushes me to think outside my box. My favorite techniques you'll see on my layouts include mixing patterned papers, sewing, distressing edges and, lately, mist/paint splattering.

By day I work as a part time Energy Healer, doing the bookwork for our own Real Estate Appraisal company, as well as creating layout kits for my Etsy store. I have 3 great kids: my oldest just finished her 2nd year of college and we have 2 boys ages 15 and 13. My husband and I, who have been married for 22 years, live in Meridian, Idaho. I am thrilled to be a guest designer here at Back Porch Memories and I hope I can inspire you in some way.

Layouts in 15 Minutes {or Less}

by Margy Eastman

This month's Medley kit was so versatile – everything went together! The papers for this 12x12 two-photo page are from the WRMK “Storytime” portion of the kit, but I borrowed a few embellishments from the Carta Bella package. Oh, and that cute brown paper bag with the washi tape makes a perfect photo mat!

I've been sitting on the photos from Rocky's fifteenth birthday since last March. The greens and oranges in this kit went perfectly with my lovely auburn dog. Let me apologize in advance for the off-kilter tag in the 15-minute photo. I didn't realize the tag has slipped until I'd already added additional embellishments and glued it all down. But you get the idea, right?



15 Minute Layout

Cardstock – Bazzill “Dusk”

Patterned paper – We Are Memory Keepers “Storytime,” Goldilocks, and Gretel

Artisan Tag – BPM

Stickers – Pink Paislee Artisan Words, “Cherish,” WRM chipboard alpha “Storytime”

Trim – Fancy Pants pom pom

Other – brown bag with washi tape, Pressed Petals metal flowers, Tim Holtz staples

30 Minute Layout

Border Punch – Fiskars “Apron Strings”

Patterned Paper – WRM “Frog Prince”

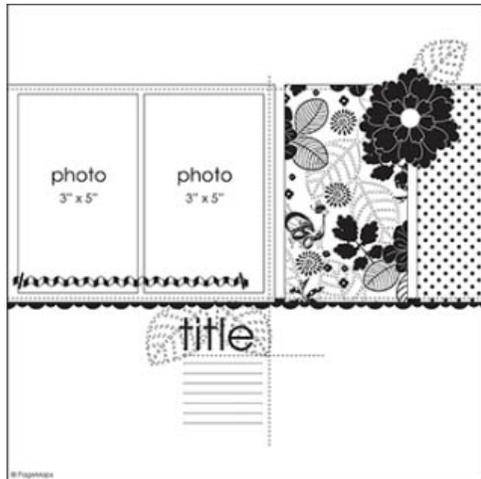
Sticker – Carta Bella “Hello Again” sticker sheet

Ink - Cat's Eye Chalk Ink Pad, “Blue Lagoon”



I dismantled the 15 minute layout and stitched down my background layers with the addition of a punched border, also made from the “Dusk” cardstock. I added a strip of PP to hide my seam. The tension on my sewing machine was acting up, but it gave the zigzag a more interesting look. (I was pleased to find the problem easily corrected, interesting or not.) I used a “chalk” ink from Clear Snap (from an earlier kit this summer) to color the Artisan words and hearts. And I added the cute sticker from the Carta Bella kit. A little detail goes a long way with this design!

{September Sketch}
selected from www.pagemaps.com



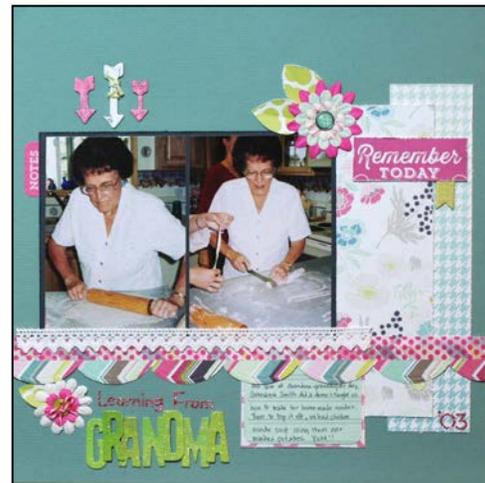
September Sketch



Misty Willis



Margy Eastman



Sally {Guest Designer}



November Guest Designer Contest

Have you ever wanted to see what it's like to design for Back Porch Memories? This is your chance! We're looking for a Guest Designer for the month of November. Duties include: creating at least three layouts and one project (mini book, altered item, gift set, etc.) with your assigned November kit; creating a page using our monthly sketch for our newsletter; hosting a November challenge; and participating on our message board.

Does this sound like something you'd love to try? Check out the details of our November contest on our message board under "contests." Good luck!

Back to School Teacher's Gift

by Misty Willis

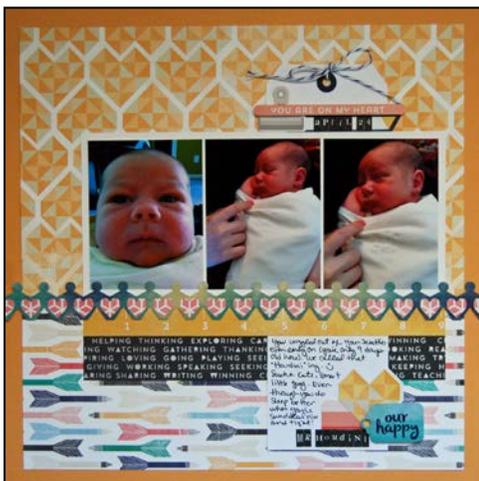
Here is a quick and easy altered project that would make a perfect teacher's gift! I found this old clip board that my husband used YEARS ago...and there was nothing wrong with it...except that it was a soccer clipboard. I decided to alter it and let my daughter give it to her teacher as a "Back to School" gift.

First, I chose my papers and trimmed them all to the sized of the clipboard and arranged them in the manner I wanted them. Next, I used a sponge applicator to cover the clipboard with ModPodge and stick the papers in place. Then, after I arranged all the papers and it dried a bit, I put another layer of Mod Podge on top of everything to seal it in. After that was dry, I selected some ribbons from my stash and hot glued them to the top of the clip. Then, DONE!



Scrapbook Shortcuts {Making a Mistake Work}

by Alissa Trowbridge



I'm the first to admit I make mistakes on my layouts. Often! But sometimes those "mistakes" end up working out ok!

On this layout, I incorporated the cute hand stamped journaling tag at the bottom of my page. But then I made a MAJOR error in my handwritten journaling. Oops. There was no way to save the tag, try as I might. So I decided to run with it. I flipped the tag over and cut it into two. I journaled on the bottom half this time and added more of the Carta Bella stickers to it than I had planned. This jazzed up the tag and added some interest to my page.

I did have to rearrange my design a bit to make it all fit, but it turned out fine! And no one is the wiser ☺

