

Happy October!

This is the month of cute little kiddos dressing up as their favorite super hero, character or what have you. I love seeing what everyone dresses up as and what the trends are for each age group.

Luckily, this month's Medley Kit has some adorable Halloween paper in it called "Frankie & Company" by Simple Stories! It's just perfect for scrapping those Halloween pictures this year or from years past. It mixes and matches beautifully with another line in the kit, Basic Grey's "Second City" as well. Finally, Echo Park's "Creative Agenda" is the perfect line for scrapping those everyday moments. The Medley has some great embellishments in it as well, including epoxy dots, google eyes, a layered fabric flower and coordinating stickers.

Fancy Pants "True Friends" is the paper line in our Solo Kit and wow, this paper is adorable! We love the versatility of the patterns and colors. It's great for fall photos to baby photos to beachy pictures. Plus, it's filled with a ton of coordinating embellishments. Diecuts, buttons, frames, ephemera, twine and ribbon.... Oh my!

I hope you enjoy crafting with your kit(s) this month!
- Paula



Welcome Back, Tammy {October Guest Designer}



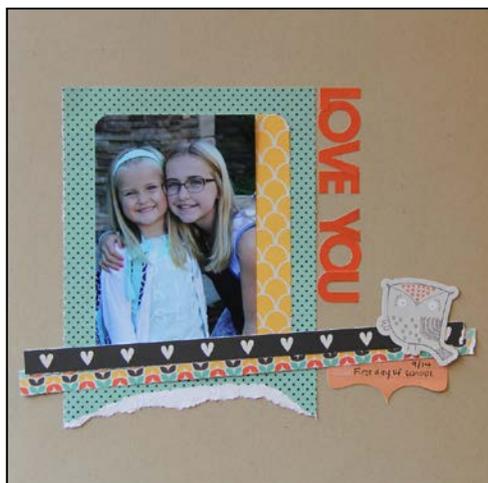
Tammy Luiz is back designing for us in October! Tammy's work probably looks familiar, because she was also our Guest Designer for September ☺ We had a crazy month in September behind the scenes and felt like Tammy didn't get a chance to really get a true Guest Designer experience, so we asked her to stay on for another month. And she graciously accepted! Yay!

Thanks for joining us again, Tammy! We appreciate you rolling with the punches!

Layout in 15 Minutes {or Less}

by Danielle Calhoun

This simple, but well-designed layout comes together fast. If you want to spend a little more time adding details, be sure to do the “optional” steps. If you’d rather get the page done in about 10 minutes, skip those portions. Have fun!



Papers Needed:

- (1) 12x12 cardstock
- (1) 8x6 patterned paper (blue w/brown polka dots)
- (2) 1x9 patterned paper strips (hearts & multi-color)
- (1) 6x1 patterned paper (yellow geo)

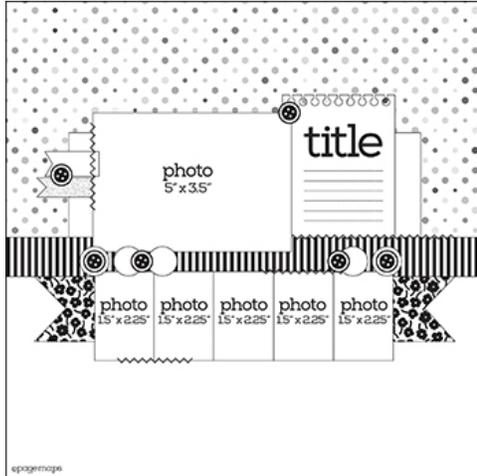
Optional Supplies:

Corner Rounder

Instructions:

1. Adhere largest patterned paper piece to your cardstock (option: hand tear across the bottom).
2. Adhere your 4x6 photo to the 6x1 patterned paper piece (option: corner rounder to edges of left side of photo and patterned paper).
3. Adhere photo to larger patterned paper.
4. Adhere 2 strips of patterned paper over bottom of photo.
5. Add embellishment to the right hand corner.
6. Add title down the side of your photo.
7. Add optional journaling.

{October Sketch}
selected from www.pagemaps.com



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Danielle Calhoun



Danielle Price



Tammy {Guest Designer}



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If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on our [blog](#) and like us on [our Facebook page](#). On both, you'll find kit updates, links to our monthly Guest Designer contest, kit sneaks, etc.

See you online!

Washi to the Rescue

by Tammy {October Guest Designer}



Do you ever have paper that you really want to use for a layout and then you struggle to get all the right complimentary papers to finish the layout? That's what happened to me this month. I had a sketch, paper that I really wanted to use with my pictures, and the cute cityscape overlay that went well with my story. I moved papers around for a very long time and just wasn't happy with any of the combinations no matter how I mixed them up. I finally went to bed, and the next day I still wasn't happy with how everything coordinated.

Then I got an idea to try my washi tape colors out for the accent strip and voila! I added a white paper underneath two strips of the orange washi tape so that the house pattern didn't show through the semi-transparent tape. I really needed a little something to brighten the layout up a little. I wasn't really happy with my ribbons or paper scraps for the two pennants off the left side of the large photo, so washi to the rescue again! When you don't have that just right paper to match

your colors and your ribbons just don't do it either, get out that washi collection and give some tape a try.

Editor's note: See Tammy's completed layout in our Sketch article, previous page.



Scrapbook Shortcuts {Personalizing Pre-Made Journaling Product}

by Alissa Trowbridge



This month's Medley Kit features an adorable Halloween paper line by Simple Stories. It was just perfect for these Halloween photos of my son's first Halloween party!

When I was almost finished embellishing this page, I realized I really wanted to use the journaling sticker that said "our little pumpkins." Except that we just have one little pumpkin! Rather than awkwardly trimming off the "s" from "pumpkins," I decided to cover it with one of the smallest epoxy dots in the kit. Bingo! That worked great and didn't mess with the balance of the typed out phrase.

This was a super quick and super easy solution!

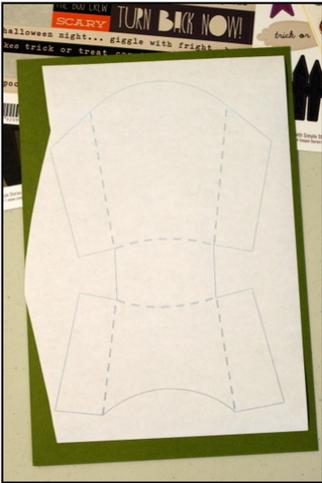
Other ideas are to cover words with a strip of different colored cardstock (so that it looks intentional) and write the correct word on this piece instead. Or cut off words you don't want to use and creatively place the others at an angle, stacked one after the other or peppered throughout your handwritten (or typed) journaling.

By thinking creatively, you can easily work in pre-made journaling strips that are cute, but not quite right for your page.

Halloween Fry Box

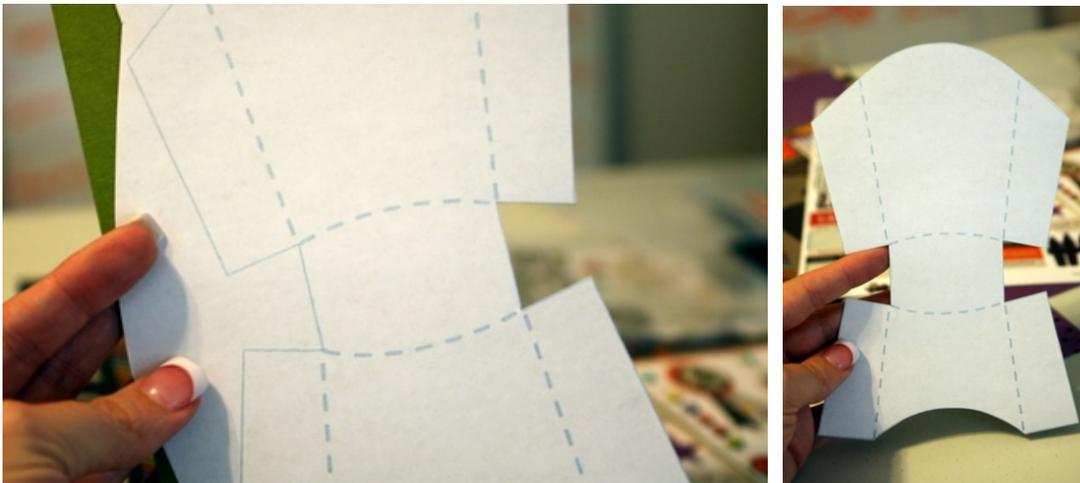
by Danielle Price

So this is defiantly a Pinterest hack, with a little bit of me in it! Here is how you make it:



1. Go to this link: http://www.creatingkeepsakes.com/content_downloads/TP-FRY-D-PDF-6_464.pdf and print out the file. Cut in half and using repositionable adhesive and attach to the color of cardstock you would like to use.

2. Cut out on the solid lines.



3. If you have a score pad or just a cutter, score your fry box template on the dotted lines and fold.



4. Attach the sides with some pretty good adhesive.



5. Decorate as you see fit!

6. Tie some candy up with a ribbon and add inside. If you want, make your own paper stuffing. Cut small strips of paper and wrap around a pencil. Then tuck inside! Happy Halloween!!

