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december documented

The month of December is an active one. From parties to performances, much time is spent dashing through the snow. With your time at a premium, we've got ideas for documenting this exciting season in a single sitting. From planner projects and pocket pages to traditional layouts and phone-made designs, there's something for every creative preference. BY MEGAN HOEPFNER

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play your cards

Journaling cards designed for pocket scrapbooking make memory keeping virtually effortless—a great option if you're capturing a large story on a single spread. In and out of the pocket, cards are a simple storytelling solution. Here, Lisa added standard journaling cards to a 24 x 12 layout. They fit together nicely and instantly make homes for many photos.

shine bright

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idea no. 2

put it in a pocket

To offer a card comparison, here's an example using journaling cards in a divided photo sleeve. No matter your scrapbooking preference, pocket scrapbooking components make documenting simple and gorgeous.

2010

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idea no. 3

for the love of mini

Mini albums are an excellent choice for documenting a specific period of time. They have a designated start and end, they have more room than a layout, and they can be added to as events take place. In this sweet example, Meghann focused on Christmas specifically, proving small books also work wonderfully for event-based storytelling. Just remember, many = mini! If it's a tale with many photos, many moments, and many details, a mini album should do the trick.



a very girly christmas

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MONTHLY MINI TIP Even if you don't have time to print and add photos in the moment, design a small book with photo placeholders, and add your journaling in the moment. This is great way to capture details while the memories are fresh and easy to recall.

idea no. 4



PHOTO TIP Use a photo collage app to print several small images on a single 4 x 6 print. Jennifer used PicsArt for Andriod to add her images. Pic Stitch is another option that works well with many mobile devices.

make a date to create

If a documented month is what you're after, a decorative planner is an easy answer. Before the month begins, simply make note of your appointments, parties, and other events. As the moments unfold, print small photos and add them to the dates (over your notes). Okay, so maybe a photo for a doc appointment isn't necessary, but you bet the space marked "Ugly Sweater Shindig" is photo worthy. Once the month is complete, go back and dress the page up further in some of the open spaces. You can also turn to planner-specific stamps, stickers, etc., as Jennifer has, to make your appointment tracking more decorative in blocks where photos won't reside.

planner to album

Once the year is through and it's time to fill your planner with fresh inserts, take your decorated monthly spreads and add them to a binder of some sort (another planner, a smaller scrapbook, etc.). You'll have a year in review right before your eyes!

month of december

BY JENNIFER EVANS

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idea no. 5



one layout, one month

An entire month on a single, traditional scrapbook page? Seems the stuff of holiday legends. But Emily proves it can happen. And it can happen in a darling way, too! The trick to this photo-packed gift is in the images. Their white borders keep them from blending together. They're all in black and white, which avoids any colour clash. They're a combination of close ups and scenery, which helps with the overall flow. And they're done in a variety of sizes, leaving room for more pics but also allowing certain shots to be bigger. It's a brilliant approach to scrapbooking this busy season!

YOUR PLANNING PARTNER Now's your chance to start the year off right. Our 2017 *Creative Planner* is here! If the idea of a photo-filled, embellished book of dates makes your heart happy, this is a great resource. It's a 13-month calendar, with scrapbook page ideas, paper crafted projects, sketches, story starters, and more. Order your copy at scrapbookandcards.com/2017-creative-planner

how we did december

BY EMILY PITTS

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PHOTO TIP Filling an entire two-page spread with photos doesn't leave much room for embellishing. And that's okay! But if the desire to decorate can't be silenced, consider accenting directly on your images. Look for a shot that offers some open space...or, in this case, multiple shots! Emily's addition of a spilt embellishment that rests on two pictures is a neat idea, no matter how you slice it.



idea no. 6



phone booking meets paper

Scrapbooking on my phone is one of my favourite creative shortcuts. Using various apps and the photos on my device, I can quickly create projects as events occur. But this doesn't always feed my need for paper play, which is where this idea comes in. I edited my photos, created a collage, and added journaling all from my phone. To get my paper fix, I then printed the designs and added them to a whimsical winter setting I made using traditional supplies. This combination of phone and paper is a fun way to work in documenting, even during the busiest of seasons, without sacrificing any of the fun.

PHONE TO PAPER TIP Even if you don't have time to make the leap from device to desk right away, complete the phone-booked aspect of your project in the moment. By collecting the images and adding the journaled details, you can easily go in later to print and embellish without fear of forgetting anything.

december 2015

BY MEGAN HOEPPNER

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SURPRISE! Here's the month at a glance. Using the Collect App, I created a photo-filled calendar. The journaled tag offers a quick key, describing the events pictured.



Want to see a step-by-step tutorial for how my project came together? Check out my website for a detailed post. meganhoeppner.com/blog