

make it mini

Document your big summer travels in a charming mini way.

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Last summer we went on a cruise to the Greek islands, and it was everything I dreamed it would be and more! I took so many pictures and wondered the best way to share them. Why not make a mini album?! This was a really fun challenge for me to delve into the world of minis, and I'll admit...I'm addicted! Now I want to make a mini from everywhere we've visited. I might never finish, but it's a good goal to have and makes me feel inspired.

MINI SIZE:
5 x 7



GETTING STARTED

You don't need an actual album to make a mini album. I made mine from scratch by cutting most of the pages and cover from cardstock and patterned paper to 10 x 7 inches (other pages are 10 x 5 inches). Add in envelopes and die cut shapes for even more whimsy, and then stack everything and stitch it together down the middle.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** For less bulk, use fewer pages or wrap string around the entire album to keep it shut.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Make the cover reflect the vibe of the trip. Greece was super colourful, so the cover is bursting with lots of saturated hues.

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supplies CARDSTOCK, VELLUM, PEN, ADHESIVE: American Crafts; PATTERNED PAPER, STAMPS, DIE CUT SHAPES, CHIPBOARD, LETTER STICKERS, STICKERS, WOOD VENEER, PAPER CLIPS, BOW, BUTTONS: Pink Paislee; INK: Studio Calico, Tsukineko; BRADS: Crate Paper; SEQUINS: Studio Calico; TWINE: Divine Twine; FLOSS: DMC; THREAD: Coats & Clark; FONT: Remington Noiseless; SEWING MACHINE: Brother; OTHER: Washi tape



✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Use machine stitching as a replacement for adhesive, to add texture, to create pockets, and to attach more papers to create interactive flaps and additional pages.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Allow the photos to be the star of the show but have fun capturing the memories. The more embellishments you use, the chunkier your album will become making it more whimsical and imperfect, but that's half the fun, isn't it?

✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Include your kids in the project! Inside one of the flaps I stitched a paper pocket and asked my kids to colour me something about the trip. I cherish their contribution, and their artwork is now tucked inside the custom pocket.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP:** Take a stack of journaling cards with you, and jot down memories as they happen. Handwritten journaling makes mini albums special, and you'll love adding these tidbits from your trip.



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