



2010 came and went. Can you believe it? It seems like I just wrote my end of the year greeting to you... for 2009. Well, like it or not, 2011 is here!

Before we forget all the memories made in 2010, I challenge each one of you to sit down and journal a few of the highlights. Go month by month, or just brainstorm the things that really stand out to you. Take it one step further and scrap a "year in review" or 2010 "highlights" page using this journaling or bullet points of the major events. It's a great way to finish off your family's album for the year. This sort of page is also wonderful for filling in the blanks for any events you may not have taken photos of or might not otherwise scrap.

With the start of 2011, we have some changes to announce with our Design Team. Tami Floyd, who has been with us for years, recently stepped down from our team so that she can go back to school. We will sincerely miss Tami's talent, but she assures us she'll still hang out with us our message boards. Good luck, Tami! We then asked Danielle Price to step into the opening. I think you're going to love her style – she's not afraid of two page spreads and her mini books are adorable! Look for her latest mini book at the end of this newsletter (it's so cute)! Welcome, Danielle!

Things tend to slow down a bit for most of us in the month of January. After a busy holiday season, I hope you're able to take a little more time for YOU. Make yourself a cup of hot chocolate, settle into a favorite chair and enjoy this month's newsletter. After that, how about sneaking away to your scrap space and completing a layout or two? You deserve it!

Here's to a happy and healthy 2011!

Paula



## **Meet Karry {January Guest Designer}**



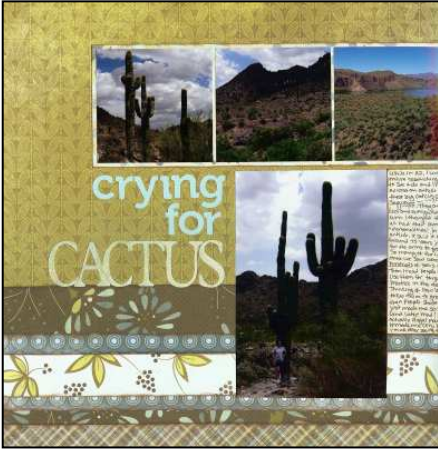
I am just so excited to be January's Guest Designer! What an honor this is!

My name is Karry Weaver. I'm from Georgia. I live in a tiny, tiny little town about 100 miles northeast of Atlanta. My husband, Michael and I have 4 kids, Justin (20), Christine (15), Taylor (10), and Chloe (5) (and NO, we aren't having another baby this year, the pattern is officially broken. LOL)!

Christ has blessed me more than I ever deserve, my family is my life. They keep me busy with plenty of things to scrap about! I've only been scrapping for about 5 years now so I have lots of catching up to do. I also work full time as a secretary for GA Farm Bureau.

## Layouts in 15 Minutes {or Less}

by Alissa Trowbridge

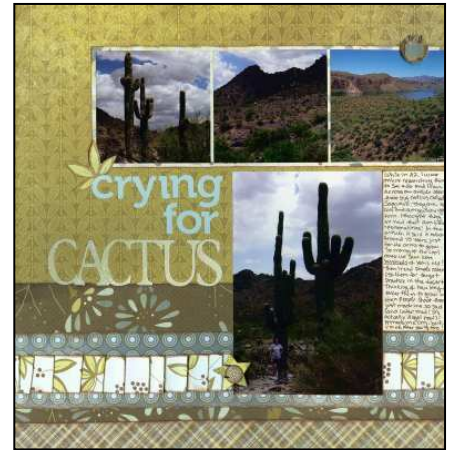


### 10 Minutes

All papers are inked with brown distress ink. Use Turtle Pie as background. Cut 9 1/2x3 3/4 piece from Butter Cream & mount flush to right side, 1 1/4" from top. Adhere three 3x3 photos. Adhere 12x1" piece plaid to bottom. Adhere 12x3 3/4 brown floral above. Adhere 12x2" blue dot towards bottom of brown, so that 1/4" of brown floral shows. Adhere 12x1" floral side Coffee Cake to blue piece, 1/4" from bottom. Cut 1 3/4 x4 3/4 journaling block from CS; glue to right side as shown. Mount 4x6 photo. Arrange letter stickers and cut font from Butter Cream using die cutting system.

### 15 Minutes

Cut out flower/leaf shape from floral side Coffee Cake and adhere under "C." Pleat (2) 12x1" pieces of floral side Coffee Cake and adhere on blue circle piece. You will need to piece these two together so that they're long enough. Use Glossy Accents to cover each letter in "cactus" and allow to dry. It's hard to see in my scan, but this makes for a great dimensional effect! Adhere small sticker to upper right photo and to lower left focal point photo.



## Tool Review {Provo Craft Gypsy}

by Michelle Swartzinski



I {heart} this cool little tool. The Gypsy is small in size and huge in capacity. It weighs only 11 ounces with a capacity of 4GB memory to hold up to thousands of cartridges and more than ten thousand designs. It fits nicely in my hand. The Gypsy really makes using my Cricut Expression easy. I am learning new things each day. There are some videos on the Cricut site you can watch and also a ton on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). The Gypsy allows you to store Cricut cartridge content, create designs with that content and connect to any Cricut machine.

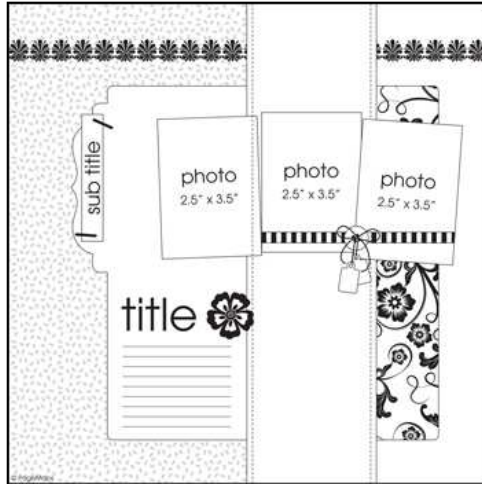
One of my favorite features is the search option. You type in 'heart' and it will show every single cartridge that has a heart on it...even the cartridges you don't own (which is a good enabler because I have bought carts because of this feature)! I also love that all my cartridges are loaded so when I go to crops I just bring my machine and Gypsy...much easier! You can also design, group, weld, rotate, slant, stretch and flip using the Gypsy.

I could go on an on...there are just so many reasons to buy a Gypsy if you own a Cricut machine...you won't be sorry with this purchase!

Be sure to check out my gallery to see samples using the Gypsy...I used it a lot this month with my design team work using the January Medley kit (loved this kit too)!

# {January Sketch}

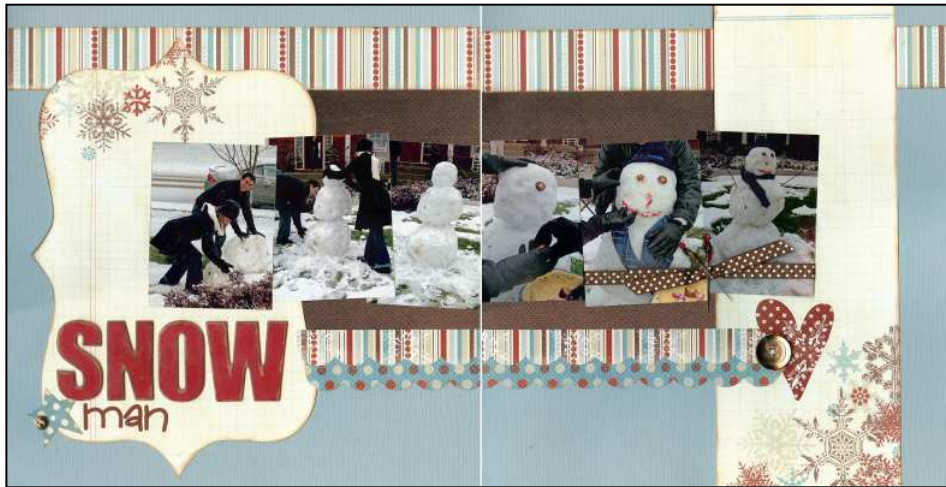
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January Sketch



Danielle Calhoun



Alissa Trowbridge



Karry {January Guest Designer}

## Photo Organization

by Danielle Calhoun

It's a new year, time to organize, right? Why not start with photo organization? How are your photos organized? Do you have a system? There are two types of photo organization for me. First, I have my digital photos. The photos that come fresh off of my camera. After they are uploaded, I organize them in iPhoto (if you do not have a MAC computer, there are very similar programs for PCs). In iPhoto, my photos are organized by months. I find it to be the simplest way for me to look back through my digital photos.

After uploading and organizing my digital photos on my laptop, the first thing I do is figure out which photos I want to print. I print photos 1-2 times a month, in order to keep up with them. Otherwise, the photos get backed up months and months and good photos don't get scrapbooked! Keeping a file on your computer titled "photos to print" helps out a lot. Each time you upload your photos to your computer, file the ones you know you want to print in this file. That way, when you are ready to print, you don't have to go looking through files.

Now, the second step to photo organization is your printed photographs. Once you print your photos, how to you organize them? There are so many neat photo organizers out there! I use clear, plastic 4x6 photo holders that each hold a 2-inch stack of photos. Eight plastic containers file nicely away into a larger plastic photo organizer. It is such a nice way to organize photos. I also organize these prints by months. Since I don't print tons of photos, I can fit about 3 months worth of photos into one photo holder. I then file them away by month and year, so it is simple to go back through them when I need to find photos.

So, if you need that push to help you get those photos organized, here it is! I definitely believe that having organized photos makes it easier to scrapbook!

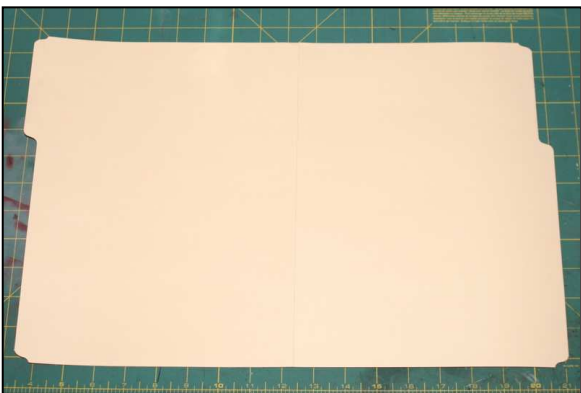


## File Folder Album

by Danielle Price

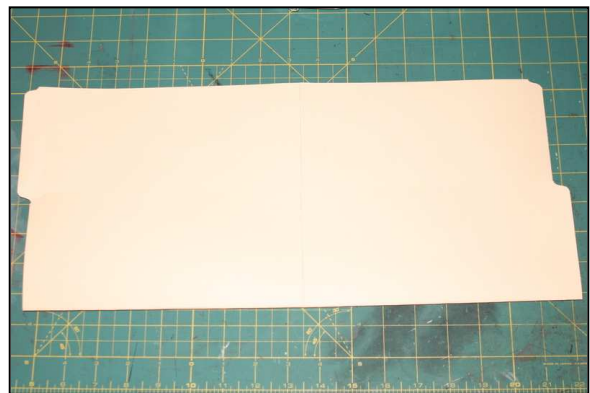
This file folder album is so fun to make! It takes just a plain office file folder for the construction. I used the Bo Bunny Valentine paper in this month's Medley to dress mine up (plus some extra ribbon and chipboard letters from my stash). Here's a step-by-step guide on how to make this quick, easy and inexpensive mini book!

Step 1:



Grab an ordinary office folder and open it flat.

Step 2:



Fold up bottom half to where the curves match up.

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Step 3:



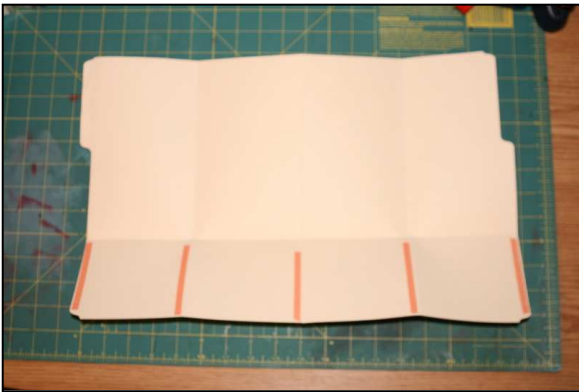
Fold left & right sides into the center.

Step 4:



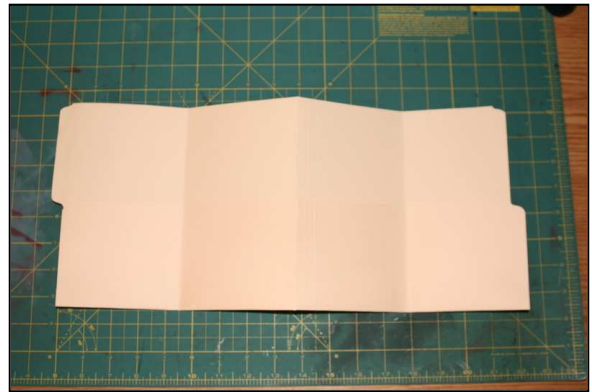
Stretch out and open bottom half.

Step 5:



Add red-liner tape to the sides of the fold marks.

Step 6:



Fold bottom half up to make pockets.

Step 7:



Cut in following sizes:

Cardstock: 3 ½ x 4 (3), 3 ½ x 3 ½ (1), 4 x 7 ½ (1),  
3 ¾ x 7 ¼ (1)

Patterned Paper: 3 ½ x 4 (4), 4 x 7 ½ (2), 3 ½ x 7 ½ (1),  
3 ½ x 7, Tags: 3 x 5 ½ (8)

Step 8:



Ink everything.

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Step 9:



Attach paper to inside album.

Step 10:



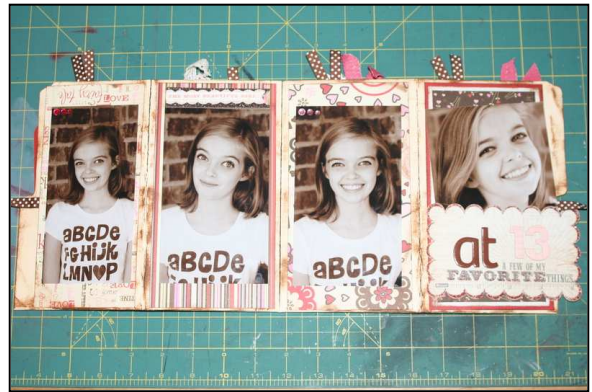
Attach paper to outside of album.

Step 11:



Add photo to tags. Add ribbon and embellishments.

Step 12:



Add more photos and embellishments to the back. Double mat the front cover.

The Finished Product:

