

Do you find yourself creating more or less in the summer months? Around here, people take advantage of the constant daylight and the warm temperatures to live life to the fullest outdoors. I'm afraid I don't craft too much in the summer!

On the other hand, my Design Team Coordinator tells me she actually crafts more in the summer. Why? Because she lives in a very hot and humid climate and wants to be indoors with the air conditioner blasting (if she's not at the pool)! Go figure ☺

No matter what your schedule looks like during the summer, at least be sure to take lots of photos! Then you're sure to have plenty to scrap when time permits.

Have a great summer!

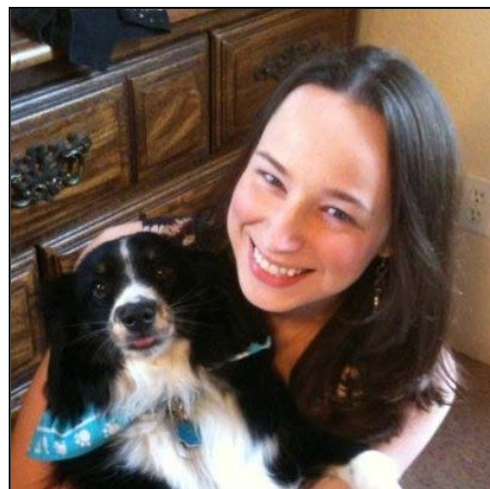
Paula



## Meet Our June Guest Designer

Hello! My name is Elise Mears and I live in Tulsa, Oklahoma with my brand-new husband, Chad, and our two kitties, Cleopatra and Julius. I spend my days working as a receptionist at an animal hospital.

I was introduced to scrapbooking back in 1999 and now I can't imagine my life without it. It keeps me sane! In addition to scrapping, I love quilting, making cupcakes, and traveling. I collect vintage dishes, old postcards, and scrap supplies (don't we all?!). I find my scrap style hard to define as it seems to be constantly changing. Lately, I'm loving florals, butterflies, doilies, and scalloped edges. My two favorite scrapbooking tools are sketches and kits. I love having a nice little package of coordinating products waiting for me when I get a chance to scrap.



I've been a BPM member for almost four years now and I'm so grateful for the wonderful community I've found with you girls. I am honored and thrilled to be this month's guest designer! I hope I inspire you to get your memories scrapped!

## Layouts in 15 Minutes {or Less}

by Margy Eastman

I don't do a lot of 12x12 pages, and certainly not for one photo. And I don't do a lot of "girly" pages, and I certainly don't use whole sheets of flowered paper. But rules were meant to be broken! I really liked the floral Basic Grey PB&J paper, but the large pattern gets lost if I dice it up in my usual manner. So I challenged myself to use a big chunk of it and I think it turned out pretty well. The only reason I got away with this is the simple photograph. It's got a definite focal point surrounded by muted colors and white space. I tried a group shot with this layout, and the busy photo with the patterned paper was just too much. So go find yourself a "serene" photo, some pretty paper and let it come together!



### 15 Minutes

(And this really did take only 15 minutes...thank you computer journaling!)

#### Ingredients:

Cardstock – Bazzill Aqua

Patterned Paper – Basic Grey PB&J Daisy Mae and Bag of Chips

Ribbon – May Arts from Paula's store

American Crafts Thickers – Hello, Amy Tangerine

Font – Cabin

### 30 Minutes

#### Additional Ingredients:

Stickers – PB&J Layered stickers

Embellishments – PB&J Pins and Tags

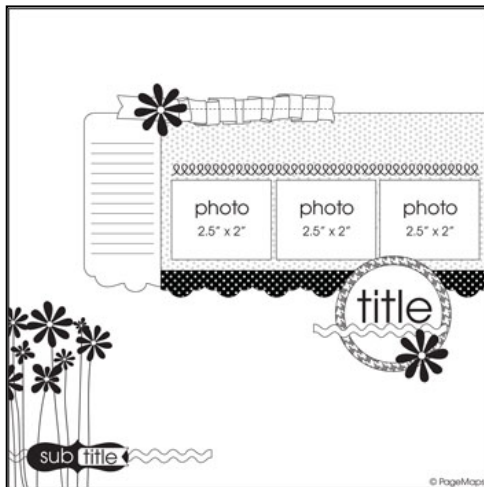
Bling – Kaiser Craft Split Pea rhinestones

Paint – Ranger Butterscotch Acrylic Paint Dabber

I cut my journaling block apart to make word strips and added a distressed edge to the green and cream matt. I used paint on the edge of the floral and stitched down the mat to hold it all together.



**{June Sketch}**  
selected from [www.pagemaps.com](http://www.pagemaps.com)



**June Sketch**



**Danielle Calhoun**



**Margy Eastman**



**Elise {June Guest Designer}**



**June Design Team Projects**

With our gallery going down, our Design Team cannot upload their projects to our gallery. We have added their layouts, cards and other projects to our home page on the website.

Once our gallery is up and running again, our Design Team will add their layouts to our gallery as usual.



## Tutorial {Egg Carton Buttons}

by Karry Weaver

Here is a fun and easy tutorial for making adorable little cardboard egg carton buttons.



I used a roll of tape as a template for my circles. Once I had them all cut out I used a bit of sand paper to give the edges a smooth finished look.

Then I used my handy dandy ice pick to poke the holes through to make them into buttons.



Then, I had my little helpers paint my buttons for me. ☺ They really enjoyed that.

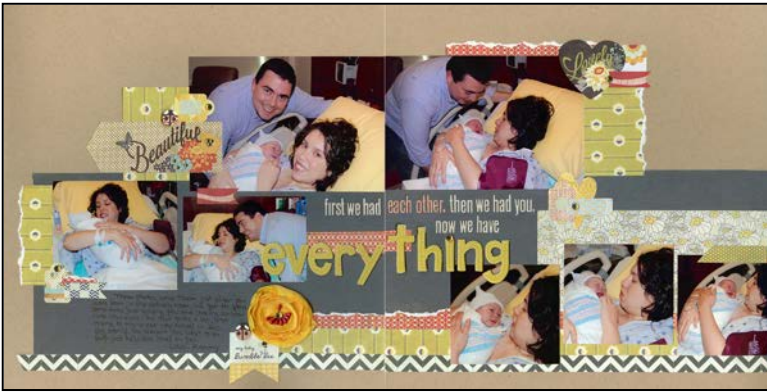
Then once they were mostly dry I used the ice pick again, dipped it in paint and re-poked all the buttonholes. Then I let them dry over night. Cute, cute!



You can create custom buttons to match any project!

## Scrapbook Shortcuts {Faux Washi Tape}

by Alissa Trowbridge



Washi Tape is all the rage in paper crafting right now! This thin, colorful tape is a lot of fun to attach to the tops of photographs, run across a two-page spread to tie the pages together or as a fun accent all on its own!

But you don't actually have to own Washi Tape to get the look! On my two-page spread, I used some of the solid colored "flags" in the Solo Kit to mimic the Washi Tape feeling over a few of my photos and on some of the embellishment clusters.

Rather than folding them in half to make a flag, I just adhered the pieces straight to my page.

You could also cut small pieces of patterned paper to use in the same way!

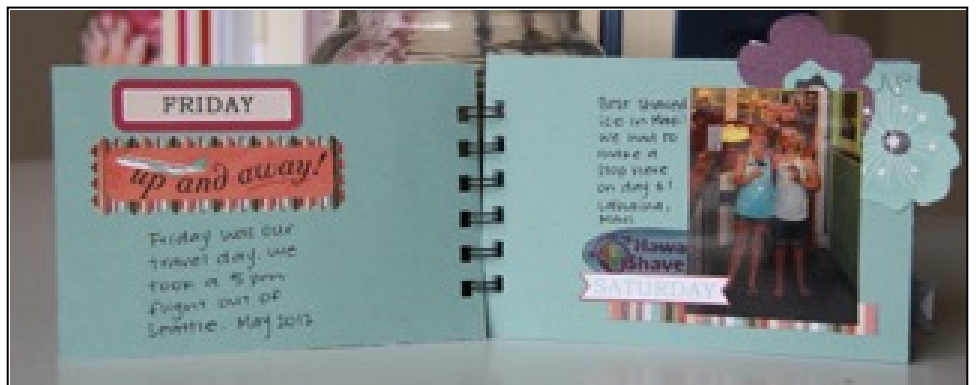


## A Week in the Life Mini Book

by Danielle Calhoun

A fun thing to do with your kit scraps is put together a mini album! I used the cardstock from the medley for my base. The Monday-Friday embellishments in the Medley this month made for the perfect excuse to put together a week in the life mini album!

For this particular album I chose to highlight one photo (or 2) from each day on our recent vacation. My girls always want to take pictures to school or to show their friends when we return from a vacation, so this was the perfect opportunity to make this for them. I used various scraps, stickers & embellishments from this month's Medley kit to put this together. You could easily do a week in the life from day to day photos at home (I love those!). I completed it with a simple binding using my bind it all. A very fun project!



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