



It's July and as you may or may not know, the scrapbooking industry is gearing up for the second trade show of the year (CHA – Craft and Hobby Association). Here at Back Porch Memories, we're gearing up to see what our favorite manufacturers will be offering for the second half of the year!

You can bet you'll find all the best of the best of what's released at the end of this month in your upcoming kits. Exciting, don't you think? You don't have to do any of the shopping, matching or coordinating. And our Design Team will then help you along with fantastic ideas on how to use it all!

Isn't it great to be a member of our club? If you've yet to see how wonderful it is to be a member of Back Porch Memories, I encourage you to check out the details on our website at [www.backporchmemories.com](http://www.backporchmemories.com)

Paula



## Meet Lisa {July Guest Designer}



My name is Lisa Watson but most of you know me by my sign in, Pictures2pages.

I've been scrapping for 9 years thanks to my husband who literally drove me to the first scrapbook store and made me start this hobby. It wasn't until the last 2 years that I have become completely OBSESSED with our fabulous hobby thanks to the world of online forums. I now scrap just about everyday and LOVE it!

I have 3 kids which comprise the majority of my scrapping, but I also like to scrap about nature, our trips to Disney and just normal everyday life. I love creating layouts and capturing my family's memories for years to come.

I am on the DT over at My Sketch World, where we create layouts based on Lucy's Sketches. I'm also a contributing writer for a paper magazine, *Michigan Scrapbooker Magazine* (which can be picked up at LSS around Michigan). I have been featured at Page Maps twice and have been a GDT at Scrappierie, Sassy lil Sketches, and most recently Liz Qualman's blog. I've been published in *Scrapbook News & Review*, *Ready Set Create* where I was featured on one of the covers and in July I will be in *ScrapStreet* for the first time.

## Layouts in 15 Minutes {or Less}

by Tami Floyd

### 10 Minutes



Start with white cardstock as your base. Cut 3x1½” piece of DeLectable with a large scalloped edge. I used a lid to trace the circles and then cut with deco scissors. Place piece approximately 1” or so from bottom. Cut 10x6” piece of DeLicious and adhere to pink patterned paper overlapping 1” and offsetting to the right. I distressed and rolled the edges. Cut ¾x6” piece of DeLicious (blue side). Round top corners and glue above the green pp as shown. Cut four 1” circles from DeLuxe (yellow side) and then cut in half. Place (3) half circles above the blue pp to form a scallop. Cut (2)½x12” strips from DeLuxe. I used a scallop border punch on one. Place both strips along the pink patterned paper with one striped side and one yellow showing. Cut another ¼” strip from DeLuxe and fold back and forth accordion style. Adhere to top part of green (DeLicious) and place Prima pearls as shown. I hand drew and cut the number six and then applied the rest of my title with the included alphabet.

### 15 Minutes

Cut 2 ½” square from yellow cardstock to make the larger pinwheel. The other two pinwheels were cut at 2”. For the centers I used buttons from my stash and the Prima pearls. Place pinwheels as shown. Adhere more Prima pearls along the right and left sides. Apply a couple of the labels from the “Bonus Sheet” included with your alphabet to your photo.

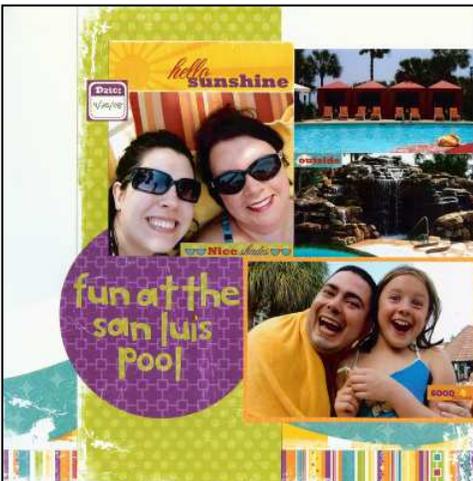
Just in case you were wondering how to make pinwheels, here is a link to instructions:

[www.leslietryon.com/3dcolorcutout/makepinw/makepinwheel.html](http://www.leslietryon.com/3dcolorcutout/makepinw/makepinwheel.html)



## Scrapbook Shortcuts {Stickers for Journaling}

by Alissa Trowbridge



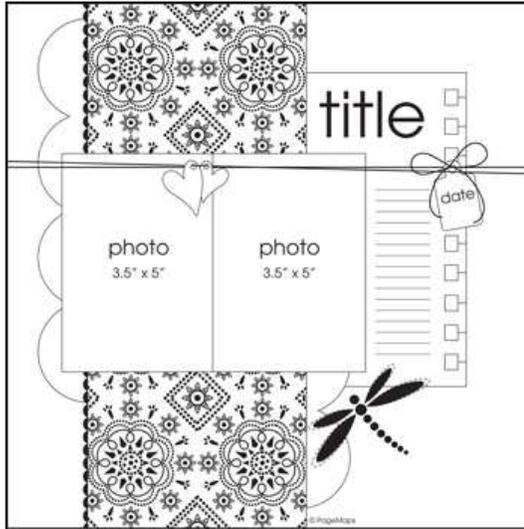
Never fear, journaling phobia can be cured with this month’s Solo kit! That’s right, no need to take pen to paper if you creatively use the included sticker sheet to your advantage.

Here, I used the generous alphabets on the sticker sheet to create a little longer title, which helps to describe my page. I then used a lot of the various stickers, including the smaller pre-printed “journaling” strips, to accent and describe my page and the photos. The only place I used a marker to write on my page was on the “date” sticker. So easy!

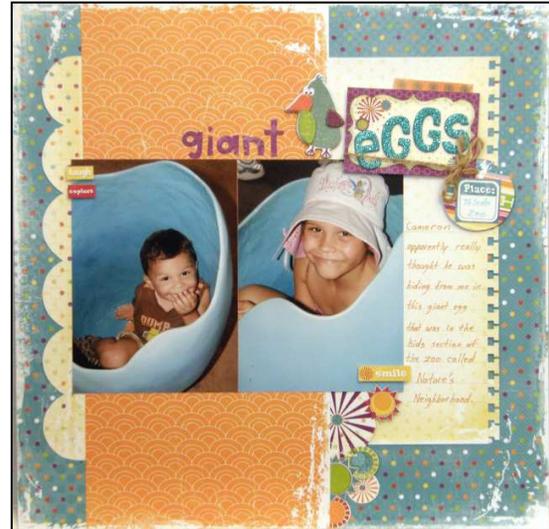
*Editor’s Note: This is the left side of Alissa’s two-page layout. Check out the July Design Team Gallery to see the full spread!*

## {July Sketch}

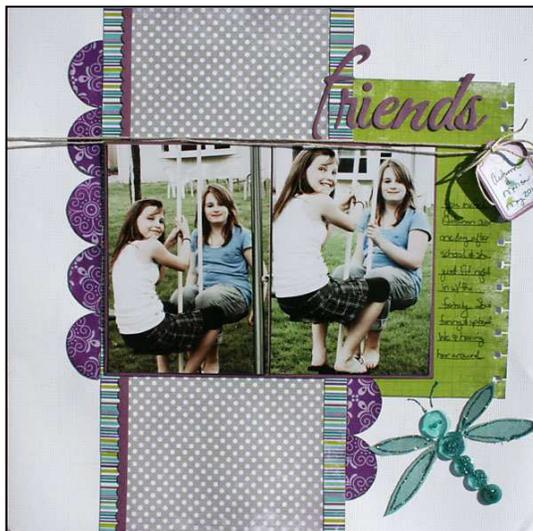
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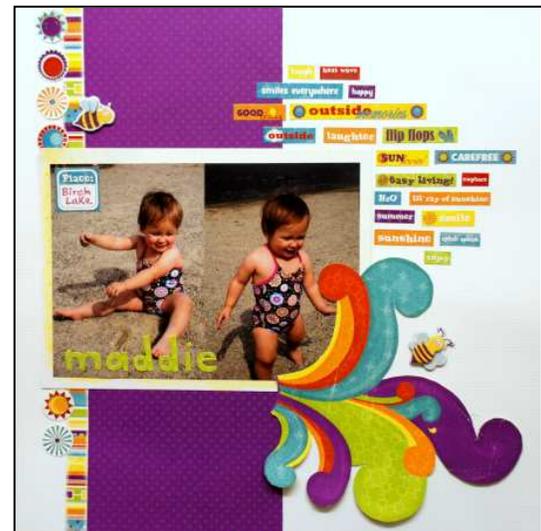
July Sketch



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## Want to be a Guest Designer?

Are you interested in being our Guest Designer? Each month, we post a contest on our Message Board, under the "contests" forum, looking for the next month's guest designer. This contest uses an exclusive sketch by our friend Becky Fleck of [www.pagemaps.com](http://www.pagemaps.com) (yes, she creates one sketch a month just for us)! All you need to do is create a layout using the sketch, upload into the proper folder in the gallery and then the rest is up to our Design Team to decide. It's so much fun! Even if you're not interested in the contest, check out the sketches for your own use – we love them and think you will, too!

## Tool Review {Martha Stewart Punch Around the Page Punches}

by Michelle Swartzinski



I have quite a few of these border/corner punch sets and was too intimidated to try them. I found that with a little patience they were easy to use (practice on scrap paper first). Punch your corners first and then use the edge punch to connect the pattern from corner to corner using the guides printed on the tool's wings.

You can create a continuous pattern around any size of cardstock using the corner punch and border punch together. You can also use them separately to create unique corners or trim on your scrapbook pages and cards.

I can't wait to see your layouts and cards using these fun punches. Please be sure to share at [www.backporchmemories.com](http://www.backporchmemories.com) in the gallery.



## Photo Mojo {Using Photoshop to Crop Photos}

by Danielle Calhoun

Have you ever used Photoshop to crop your photos? There are so many different tools you can use in Photoshop to crop your photos into various shapes and sizes.

**Rounded Rectangle Tool**--If you look in your toolbox on the left, you will see the rounded rectangle tool. This is probably the shape tool that I use the most in Photoshop (you can see my tutorial on this tool in the June newsletter).

**Cookie Cutter Tool**--Look in your toolbox, and you will see what looks like a star shaped cookie cutter. This tool is great for all kinds of shapes. If you click on the tool, you will see a drop down menu at the top, and there will be all kinds of shapes you can choose from! One of my favorites is the heart shaped tool. So cute!

A few tips...

\*When you use Photoshop to crop your photos, you can still print them as regular 4x6 photos, and just cut them out yourself.

\*Be sure you always save your new photo as "save as." That way you will still have your original print.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask in the forum!

## How-To {Twisted Ribbon Roses}

by Aleta Wills

### Supplies:

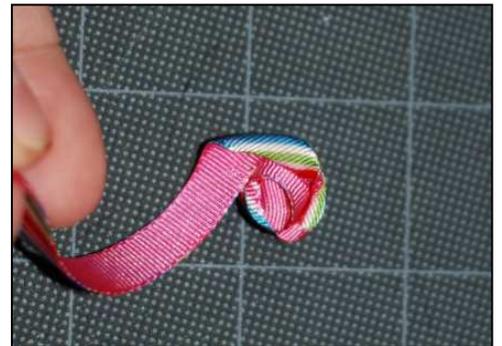
Ribbon

Fabric glue



Start off with a length of about 15 inches of 3/8-inch ribbon. Fold the end in half and curl it in towards itself to make the center of the rose. Secure with glue.

Now, twist your ribbon as you curl it around your center, gluing down every twist. In the picture, this is two-sided ribbon, so you can see the twisting when you see the stripes or pink.



Continue twisting and gluing until you almost get to the end of your ribbon.

Fold end of ribbon across back and glue down.



Trim the edge if desired, and you have your very own ribbon rose!

