



Happy Fall Ya'll!

It's that time of year again, my favorite! The air is getting crisp and the days are getting shorter. Hopefully, the back to school schedule has ironed itself out so you can schedule some time for yourself to get those pictures in albums.

We are here to help you every step of the way. Remember, when you receive every Back Porch Memories kit, you receive the password for that month's Member Page Plans. These unique sketches and layouts using them will help you quickly and efficiently use your kit to its' fullest potential. Let's get those kits out of their bags and into your albums.

The Back Porch Memories design team is one talented group! Every month the gallery is full of examples that you are free to scraplift – we encourage it! If that isn't enough, the message board gives you great challenges each and every month along with our Guest Design Team Contest.

Make sure you look at everything Back Porch Memories has to offer!



Meet Niki {September Guest Designer}

Hey from Minnesota! I'm Niki Willaert ~ a stay at home mama to three beautiful little darlings and married to my sweetie Patrick for 7 years.

I have a passion for pretty paper, fancy flowers, vintage goodies and anything pink! I have been truly blessed with the gift of creativity and am most in my element when getting my hands sticky with adhesive and glitter. Paper crafting and scrapbooking have evolved from a hobby for me to a way of life. I look at most things with a designer's eye and take my crafty journal with me everywhere I go. You never know when a sketch will come to mind or a song or quote will strike a creative nerve.

I am beyond excited to be the September Guest Designer for Back Porch Memories! I could not have asked for a more delightful group of paper crafters to share ideas with over the next month. Thank you BPM for creating such fantastic kits and for having me as your guest designer this month!



Layouts in 15 Minutes {or Less}

by Deb Harter



10 Minutes

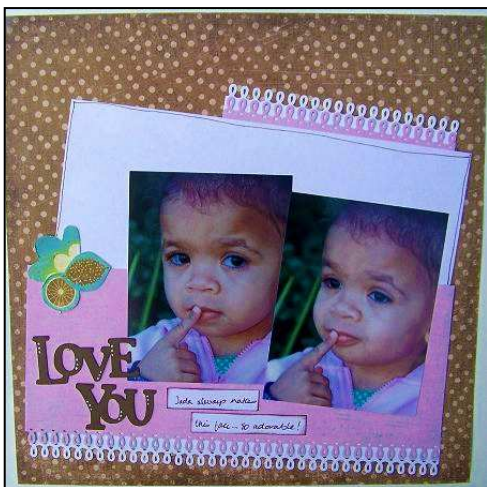
I love working with shaped papers. They add a lot of visual interest without any work from you.

I used the scalloped paper from the Medley kit as the background of my page. I cut a 5x11 inch piece of coordinating patterned paper, matted it with brown cardstock, and adhered it to the center of the page. I cut a 6 1/2" circle from the brown dot paper and placed it to the right top of the page. I added three 3x4 inch photos with a strip of the crepe paper ribbon just under them. I added my title and journaling sticker and was done!

15 Minutes

To add just a bit more, I balanced the page with a brown circle accenting the journaling. I added a few brads to the circles, and I outlined the title to make it stand out a bit more.

Let your shaped paper do the work for you to create fun pages in less time!



Tool Review {Border Punches} by Michelle Swartzinski

Ok...as you can see by the picture of my border punch tool drawer, I have a 'small' addiction. Border punches are a great tool to have in your stash of supplies. They are pretty inexpensive, and you can make your own border strips and frames using plain or patterned paper. I have collected punches by EK Success, Martha Stewart and Fiskars. I honestly can't say I prefer one brand over the other, so buy them all!

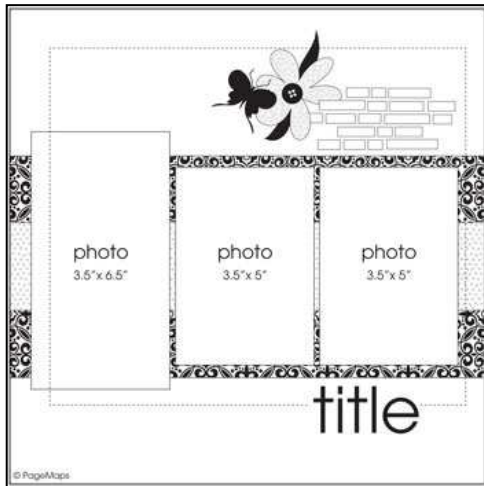
Here's a link to the Fiskars site that provides some border punch tips: http://www.fiskarscrafts.com/articles/t_border-punch-tips-and-techniques.aspx

I created this layout using scraps from the September Medley kit. I kept the layout very simple and used the Martha Stewart Loopy punch as my main embellishment.

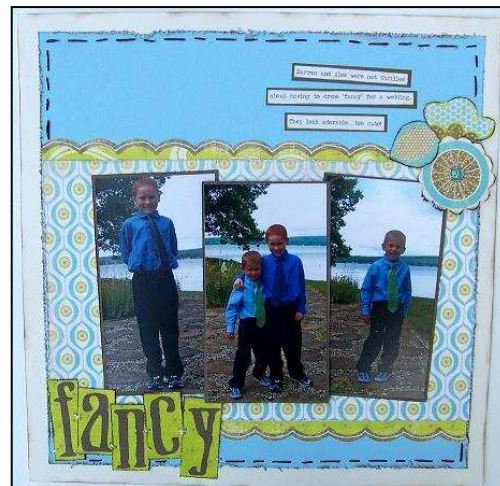
I can't wait to see what you create using border punches – be sure to post your layouts in the gallery!



{September Sketch}
selected from www.pagemaps.com



September Sketch



Michelle Swartzinski



Deb Harter



Danielle Calhoun



Scrapbook Shortcuts {Using Memorabilia}

by Alissa Trowbridge

Want an easy way to include memorabilia (ticket stubs, coins, etc.) on your pages? Put them in the kraft envelopes found in both kits this month!

This was the perfect solution for my page here. The ticket stubs I wanted to include were odd-colored and had previously clashed with every paper (and my



photos) I had put them with previously. Now I can still keep the stubs handy, but they don't have to take center stage. Problem solved!

Challenge! {Glimmer Mist}

by Danielle Calhoun

Glimmer mist, or spray inks can add so much to your layouts or projects! There are so many fun & easy ways to use it! I will go over a few ways that I have used it, and be sure to come over to the forum and tell us about your favorite ways to use glimmer mist! Here are a few of my favorite uses for glimmer mist.

Masking or Stenciling

You can use a piece of paper, masking tape, a chipboard shape, or anything else you can find! Put your paper/shape down and spray your mist at an angle over and around your paper/shape. Leave it to dry for a few minutes and pick up your stencil. You can see in the first example, I used a chipboard star as my mask. In my second example, I used a piece of paper. I created a border with the mist.



Add Color/Shimmer

Glimmer mist is perfect for adding color and shimmer to your plain chipboard shapes. You can use it as a spray or a paint. Spray a bit into a small container and use your paintbrush! You can also add color and shimmer to other items such as journaling cards, ribbon, etc.

Backgrounds

You can use glimmer mist for background color or to add shimmer to your pages. You could also use your masking to make your own patterned paper with plain cardstock!

What to Use with Glimmer Mist

- cardstock
- patterned paper
- ribbon
- fabric
- paper or silk flowers
- chipboard
- grungeboard
- corrugated cardboard
- felt
- buttons

Simple Tips

Cover your work area before you start. I usually use cardboard (priority mail box opened up) or scrap paper. Be sure to shake the bottle well. For a light, evenly misted look spray further away from your project. If you want a thicker raindrop look, spray close to your project. If you spray and don't like the texture of the mist, just wipe it off with a paper towel.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask in the forum. And be sure to look for my challenge as it relates to this tutorial on October 1st!

Creating Stamped Embellishments

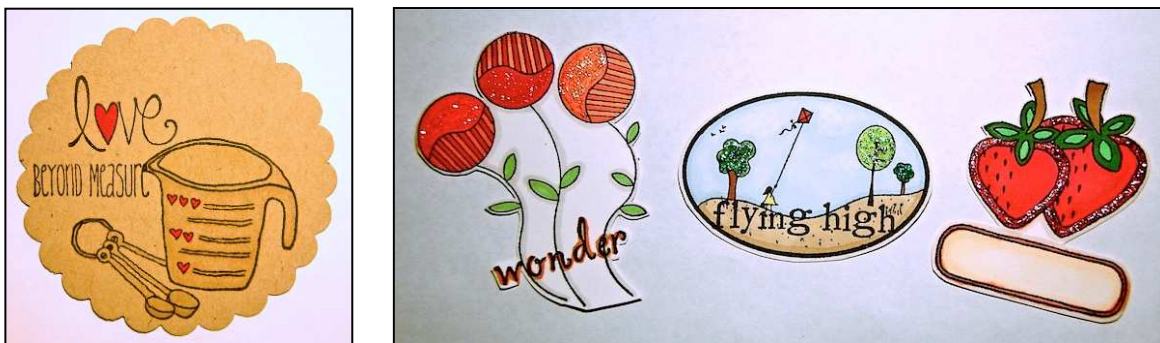
by Audrey Tan

I take delight in creating my own embellishments using stamps. The best part of it is that the stamps can be used over and over again. When Paula started carrying Unity stamp set, I was over the moon as they are one of my favourite stamp companies. I lost no time in playing with them and came up with some ready-to-use embellishments.

To keep the colours neutral, I used a kraft cardstock as the base. Using my scalloped punch, I punched out a few and then chose certain stamps to stamp on them.



This will become my journaling/decorative tags and have kept them simple so that I can easily alter them accordingly. I also created one where I added a bit of colour to the image (below, left) and a few with images that I coloured and later cut out (below, right).



To make them more interesting, I added a bit of stickles to make it sparkly! You can also embossed the stamped images as well. These are ready to be used either on a page or a card.

These were easy to create and handy to keep them around. Have fun playing with your stamped images.

[You can see upcoming sneak peeks and future paper lines here.](#)