



Fall. It's a great season full of wonderful family-filled activities. Fall makes me think of pumpkin patches, pumpkin carving, playing in the leaves, cheering on my favorite football teams and being with family on Thanksgiving.

Luckily, both kits this month are the perfect solution for fall photos, whether you're catching up on years gone by or photos from last weekend. The Solo kit is full of autumn colors and patterns with Imaginisce's adorable Apple Cider line. The Medley has another Fall line in We R Memory Keeper's Maple Grove. Darling! We love them both.

Fall also always makes me take stock of all the things I'm grateful for. Even though we're still several weeks out from Thanksgiving Day here in the US, our Canadian friends recently celebrated the holiday. I'd like to take a moment now to thank you, our members, for making Back Porch Memories YOUR kit club, your place to call home on our message board, and for your continued support. We are grateful for you!

Blessings for a beautiful autumn,
Paula



Meet Christy {October Guest Designer}



Hello Back Porch Memories! My name is Christy Saeger and I am honored to be guest designing for Back Porch Memories! I am a Radiologic Technologist by day and scrap/paper crafting addict by night. My family consists of my best friend and husband Scott and my children Ross-age 2 and Katie-7 months.

I have been scrapping for 12 years and while my style has changed drastically my passion for the craft has not. I have been published in on-line magazines and also have several publications coming up with Cards, Cricut Idea Book, and Scrapbook Trends-Mini Albums! In the last six months I have really challenged myself to put myself "out-there" in the scrapping world instead of being a by-stander and the blessings that have come my way are incredible. I currently serve on several design teams including Kaisercraft and Creative Scrappers.

Looking forward to a great October here at Back Porch Memories. I hope I can inspire you in some way!
Thanks for having me as your guest!

Layouts in 15 Minutes {or Less}

by Tami Floyd



10 Minutes

Start with Kraft cardstock as your base. Cut a 10x2” piece of CC Birds of a Feather and tear bottom edge. Adhere approximately 1” from bottom on the left side. Place a 9½x7” piece of Fancy Pants Hoopla – red side – just above the torn CC yellow strip. Cut then adhere a 1¾x7” piece of CC Kite Strings to the red pp. Mat a 5x7” photo on to plaid side of CC Kite Strings. Mount photo placing the glue only on the sides and bottom of photo to form a pocket. Cut 5¼x4” piece of Bazzill Lagoon to use as your journaling spot. Decorate with strips of Fancy Pants paper and piece of FP ribbon. Cut (3) 1½” circles from CC Pinwheels pp and place where shown. Use pen to draw faux stitching. Cut title using Pinwheels pp (I used Cheri font). Place title where shown. I used a sticker from the add-on and mounted it on red cs. Place sticker on top of

page and use for part of your title.

15 Minutes

Place flower buttons from the Cosmo Cricket chipboard atop of the circles. Adhere the “MADE WITH LOVE” chipboard element on the journaling spot with a brad as shown. I outlined the letters in the title and placed a scalloped edge sticker from the Cosmo Cricket Togetherness element stickers included in the medley add-on. You could just as easily cut a small scallop border from cardstock or patterned paper if you don’t have the stickers.



Scrapbook Shortcuts {Fixing Mistakes}

by Alissa Trowbridge

We all make mistakes. Whether we cut a piece of paper wrong, misspell a word in our journaling or otherwise goof. I’m no exception!

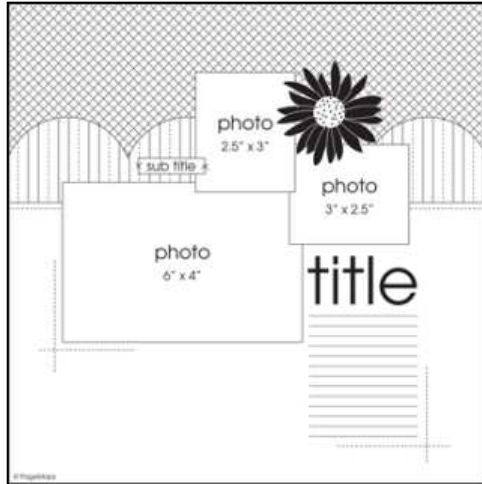
In my two-page layout here, I meant to mat the photos on the left side of the layout. Oops. I realized this after I had already carefully arranged and glued them down to the kraft cardstock. So



what did I do? I cut two thin width “L” shaped pieces from the cardstock and butted them right next to my photos, trimmed off the excess hanging off the layout and covered the seam with the sticker. I then cut two long similar sized pieces and adhered them above and below the patterned paper on the right side the same way.

Other than everyone reading this article, I’m the only one who knows I ever “goofed” on this page! ☺

{October Sketch}
selected from www.pagemaps.com



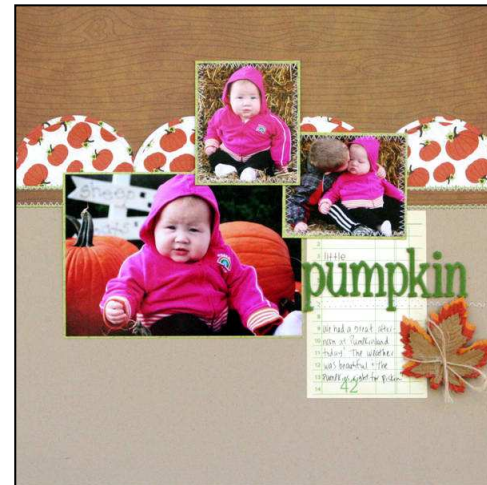
October Sketch



Tami Floyd



Michelle Swartzinski



Christy (October Guest Designer)



December Guest Designer Search

The search is on for our December Guest Designer! Are you interested? Check out the details on our message board, under our "contests" heading. Here you'll find the full rules of our search, a look at the sketch and a place to ask any questions you may have.

Our contest is open to anyone, as long as they haven't been a guest designer for us in the last six months. So, what do you have to lose? Get out your favorite papers, those great photos you've been meaning to scrap anyway, and get going!

We can't wait to see your layouts! Good luck!

Tool Review {Large Edge Punches}

by Michelle Swartzinski



I recently purchased a few of the larger edge punches from EK Success to add to my growing obsession with edge punches (love them). They are really sturdy and cut through cardstock without having to push too hard.

These punches lock shut for stackable storage and are labeled for easy identification. They are also easy to use...just line up your borders...use the template plate on the base of the punch to line up punched images for a punched edge of any length.

I recommend the large edge punch by EK Success if you are looking for a fun new tool to add to your collection!

Here is a layout I created using one of the punches with the October Solo kit.



Creative Cards

by Danielle Calhoun



Do you ever get bored with the same square/rectangle shape to your cards? I know there are times that I do! I love to experiment with different shapes. I love the look of a circle, half circle, oval...etc.

When I opened up this month's medley kit and saw the birthday stickers, I immediately thought of the cards that I could make with them. This shaped sticker gave me the perfect opportunity to turn this rectangle shaped card into something more exciting. I am happy how it turned out!

I challenge you to make a card this month that has a non-traditional card shape!

How-To {Quilled Flowers}

by Aleta Wills

Quilled Flowers are actually pretty easy. Of course you can buy quilled embellishments, but why not make exactly what you want in the colors you need it. All you need is paper scraps and a straight edge paper trimmer!

1. Gather your scraps and cut them into strips. Depending on the size you want, you can cut strips anywhere from 3-12 inches in length.



2. Take a strip and start rolling. Curl the end up on itself and roll, roll, roll! Use a dab of glue at the end to secure the quilled circle.



3. Repeat step two as many times as you want your flower to have petals. You can keep a tight roll, or let it loosen up a bit if you'd like. Glue your petals to your center and you have a flower!



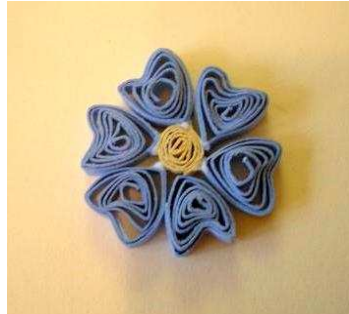
4. Take a loosely rolled circle and pinch each end for a leaf shape.



5. Arrange your flower on your page or card and glue down.



6. Pinch one end of the circle and the push in the other end for a heart shaped petal.



And be sure to look in the challenge section this month for a quilling challenge!