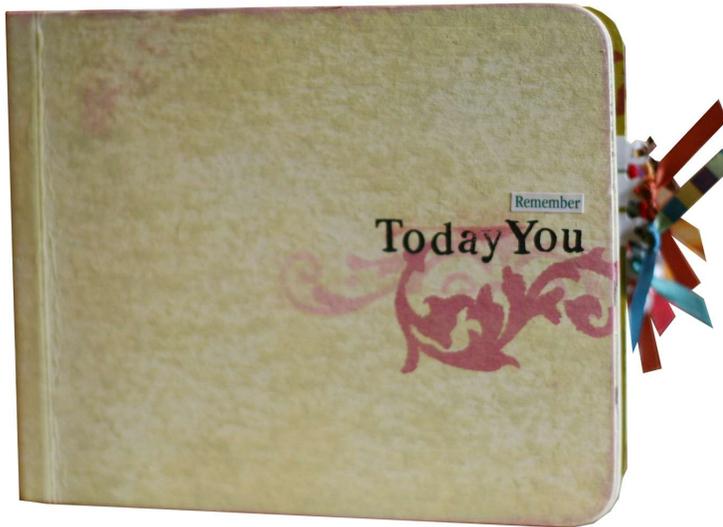




today you

capture life. create art. it is ok. embrace imperfection. don't make it more complicated than it needs to be. tell your story. go with the flow. play. find your voice.



STEP ONE: INKING the INSIDE and OUTSIDE

1. First step with this album is inking - lots of inking. It is always fun to get a bit messy right in the beginning.

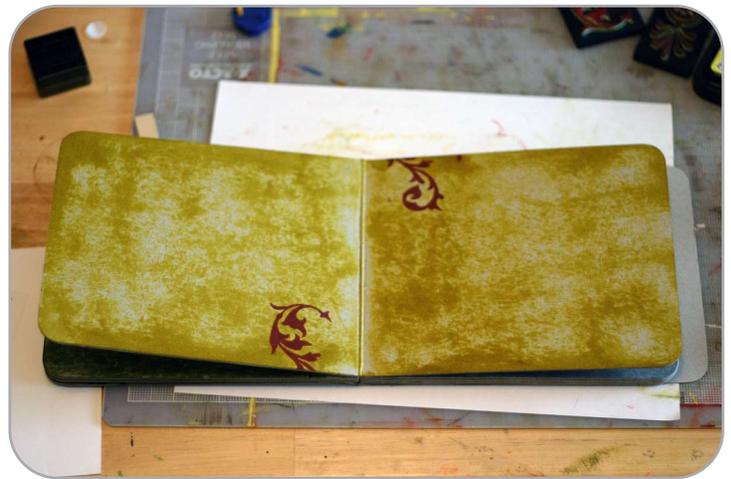
EXTERIOR: green ink

INTERIOR: switch back and forth between yellow, blue and green.

I simply turned the Ranger ink pad over and rubbed ink all over each page in the album.

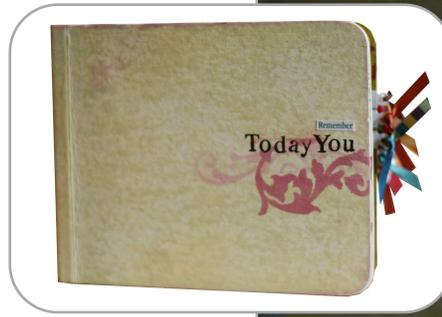
2. Using the Making Memories floral foam stamps, stamp with red ink onto the interior of the album. I stamped one time on each page (for a total of two over the entire spread).

TODAY YOU is a concept that encourages you to record things (from silly to profound) in the daily life of a loved one, friend, or yourself. What happened that day? What was eaten? What was said? Capture time. And voice. Life. This is a concept that could be repeated over and over again (each time with a different result) - in fact, I have a whole album dedicated just to this topic. In my opinion, it is the everyday stuff that is most important and interesting. The goal today is to have you leave this class with an album that is completed (or near completion). A classic little book to celebrate the everyday happenings in the life of someone you love (or yourself)!



STEP TWO: COVER DESIGN

1. After inking the cover, use one of the floral stamps and stamp in red on the cover.
2. Paint the entire cover with white paint.
3. Stamp one more red floral near the center.
4. Stamp "Today You."
5. Add "Remember" sticker (or any others you would like to add).
6. Stamp "Today You" on the spine.



STEP THREE: DAY BY DAY

1. For each day you will need your photo(s), six patterned paper squares (provided by me), Today You stamp, corner rounder, your journaling strips, and ink for adding color and definition to the patterned paper squares & journaling strips.
2. Your photo will go on the left side of the spread - touching the interior spine. Round the outside (left) edges of your photo.
3. Gather your patterned paper squares together to create one large rectangle. Round the two right edges (see visual below to the right).
4. Add Making Memories Wordfetti word stickers and a 7gypsies date sticker directly onto your photo.
5. Adhere your journaling strips right on top of the patterned paper gathering.



STEP FOUR: TAGS and RIBBON

1. You have enough white tags and ribbon to add three tags onto four edges of the chipboard album.
2. Tie ribbon through the small circles on the tags.
3. Add stickers onto the tags for added coolness.

TURN THE PAGE for samples of each spread.



FOLLOWING A FORMULA is a great way to simplify the process of design. I think this is one of the main reason I love mini-albums. I establish a certain look and then I simply repeat it over and over throughout the album. Try it with your next mini-album.

key concepts

1. Patterned paper: Embrace all the colorful options. Remember, selecting patterns is FUN: don't take it too seriously.
2. Foundation: Beginning with a base design & building from there, adding accents, etc.
3. Recording & celebrating daily life
4. Working with what you have & going with the flow
5. Rule of Three: In design theory there is a concept called the Rule of Three; based on a triangular grouping of objects, the goal is to add dynamic visual interest and appeal to your design (used in this design with the dingbat stamping and Wordfetti).

CHOICES FOR YOU

Making Memories Wordfetti

this product is included for you to use however you would like: add to photos, add to patterned paper squares, etc. Get creative. This has long been one of my favorite products.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS

If you feel like you want more on the page, consider adding some of the following:

- quotes about "today" or daily living
- inking or painting the edges of the patterned paper squares (or the edge of the entire layout)
- additional photos replacing the patterned paper squares
- more journaling, stamping, etc.
- use rub ons to include additional sentiments
- journal additional content around the outside of the large gathering

THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to come and play today. I hope you enjoyed the workshop! Please feel free to contact me through email with comments and suggestions. Email me at ali@aliedwardsdesign.com

Hope to encounter you again one of these days!