

Easy & Fast Mini Scrapbook Album by Dawn Macfie



The Easy & Fast Mini Scrapbook Album is just that! Quick and easy to make with very few supplies and many of you may already have these supplies in your craft stash.

With this PDF and the Step by Step Video Tutorial I make it using 7 x 5 cards but the hinge measurements are the same for any card size you choose as the card blanks determined the height and I have work out the width measurements for you.

Please bear in mind when using other sizes of card you will need to adjust the spine height, cover size and pattern paper sizes.

So gather up your supplies and enjoy making this Easy & Fast Mini Scrapbook Album.

Supplies:

- 11 x 5x7 card blanks
- 4 x A4 card stock same colour as card blanks
- Patterned papers
- Embellishments of your choice.

Instructions:

Make 8 pages from your card blanks

- Open each card trim off $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from the one long side. Then using a corner rounder, round the 2 corners of the part you have just trimmed.
- Then from your other 2 card blanks cut 8 strips that measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x the height of the card. Then round 2 of the corner on the long side. (do not stick the pocket down yet)
- Cut your patterned paper like this for each page:
2 pieces of $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{1}{4}$ "
1 piece of $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x $2\frac{1}{4}$ "
1 piece of $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x 3"
- Round the corners where needed.
- Now start sticking down your patterned papers to each page and remember 4 pages need to open one way and the other 4 need to open the opposite way. (This is especially important if you have a pattern or image on your paper as it could end up being sucked upside down.)
- This time you will also be sticking down your pocket and remember to only add a thin line of glue.

Making your Hinge:

You will use these same hinge measurements when making Easy & Fast Albums with different size card blanks.

- From your other card blank cut 3 strips measuring -
- $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x the height of the card - on the short side score in at $\frac{3}{4}$ " on both sides
- $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x the height of the card - on the short side score in at $\frac{1}{2}$ " on both sides
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x the height of the card - on the short side score in at $\frac{1}{2}$ " on both sides
- Now follow the video to see how to assemble the hinge.

Making your Cover;

- From your A4 card stock cut out 2 pieces measuring $7 \frac{1}{2}'' \times 7 \frac{1}{2}''$.
- On one side score in 2'' and fold.
- Now glue these 2 stripes together to create your spine.
- Cut patterned paper to decorate your cover;
- Inside Cover - cut 2 pieces at $7 \frac{1}{4}'' \times 4 \frac{3}{4}''$ and glue into place.
- Outside Cover - Cut 2 pieces at $7 \frac{1}{4}'' \times 4 \frac{3}{4}''$ plus 1 piece at $7 \frac{1}{4}'' \times 1 \frac{3}{4}''$ and glue into place.

Assembling your Mini Book;

- Next stick your hinge in to place and video will explain the easiest way to do this.
- Now sort out the order of your pages and stick these to your hinge in turn. Making sure you burnish each page well as you do this.
- Make 8 photo mats to go into the pockets. For this size book and to save on card stock I cut 2 A4 sheets in half and then in half again - this gives you photo mats of A6 in size.
- To make the photo corners. Cut 1 $\frac{3}{4}''$ squares and cut again at a diagonally to make triangles.
- When gluing these to your photo mats only use a thin bead of glue on 2 sides.

Your album is now ready for you to decorate your cover as you wish however don't over embellish or the album won't lay flat when you come to view it.



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