

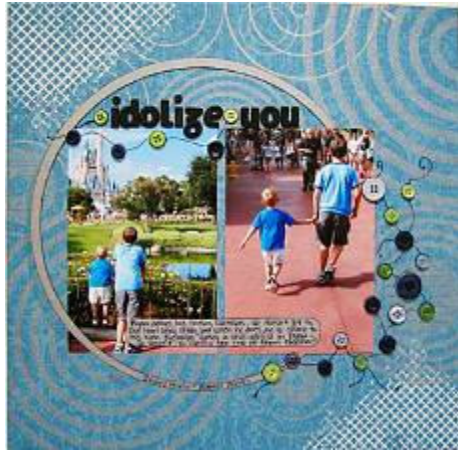


The March 2010 Monthly Perk Newsletter issue will be our final issue in this format. Beginning in April, we will be moving all of our newsletter content to our ScrapRoom Blog at www.thescraproomblog.blogspot.com In an effort to streamline mid-month inspiration and communication to our members, we have found that our Blog appears to be the tool that is the easiest and most convenient for members and non-members alike to access. Our blog got a makeover last fall, and we are excited about our new look and our new focus. We kicked off the new blog by issuing a Weekly Challenge with accompanying prize package every Monday. Last month, we added our brand new "Sneak Peek Week" updates and photos on the blog, beginning on the 25th and continuing until the new kits are revealed on the last day of the month. "Sneak Peek Week" is only going to get better, as we have some fun things planned for the future. ☺ And, beginning in April, we will be featuring a "Mid-Month Pick-Me-Up" article on our blog on the 15th of the month. Each month, you'll get a shot of inspiration and some fun "how-tos" from one of our talented Baristas. It will be the inspirational pick-me-up that we all crave between kits. We've also got some other fun ideas and plans for our blog throughout 2010, and you'll just have to keep checking in with us to see what we have in store for you!

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TSR MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:

While perusing the February Kits Member Gallery, the following layout and project caught my eye for this month's Member Spotlight! Nice Work!



Layout by TSR Member, scoop71



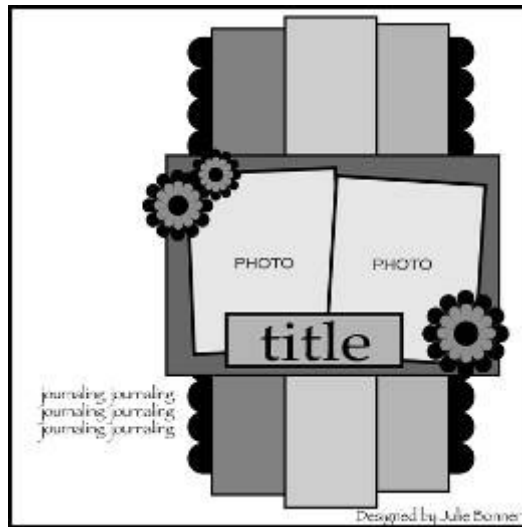
Layout by TSR Member, rgeile



Layout by TSR Member, ZoezMom

Be Inspired by TSR's February Sketch:

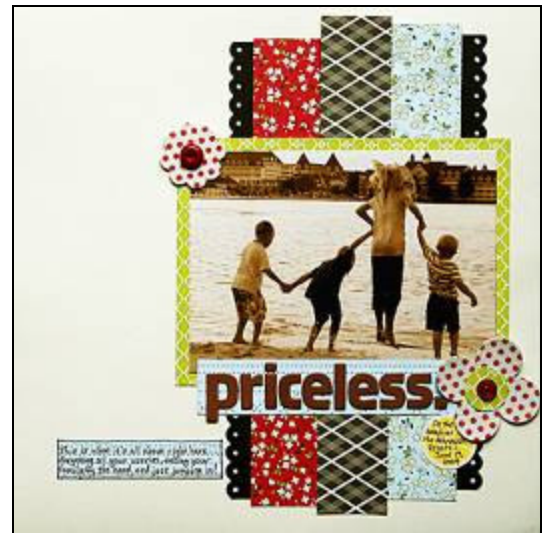
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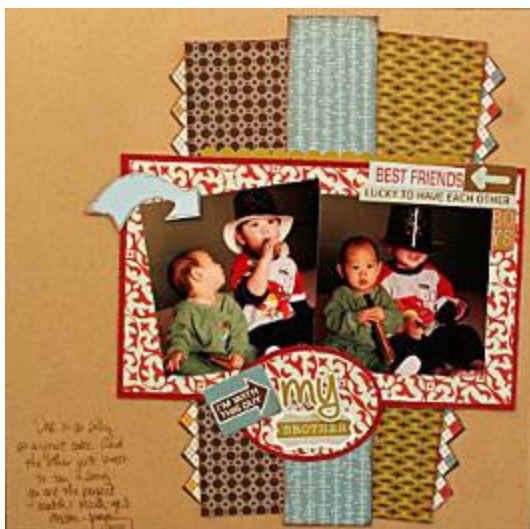
Inspiration from our Baristas:



Brenda Carpenter



Jenny Moore



Lan Amphone



Christine Dunker

Be Inspired to Organize

Chaos to Creativity: Organize Your Scrap Space – Tools

By Shawna Samples

This month our focus is on tools. We have many of them and yet we always want MORE. One crucial aspect of USING all these tools we collect is having a system in place that allows us to easily ACCESS them when we need them. As always the first step in organizing and storing is to assess what you have on hand. So go ahead and take a few minutes and look at what you already have on hand considering each of the groups of items listed below.

- Die-cutting tools/machines and dies/cartridges
- Paper cutters
- Punches
- Crop-A-Dile / Eyelet Setter
- Rulers
- Adhesives
- Scissors
- Pens

If you run across an item you have not used in over a year, consider purging it. You can donate it to a school, a friend in need, or possibly sell it to earn some dough for the next item on your wish list.

There are a few different ways to store tools. If you scrap at a desk, you may want to store your frequently used tools in a drawer beside you. You can see this option in action in Deb's (coloradocropper @ 2peas) scrap room. This is a great way to cut down on desk clutter and is a great example of a closed storage solution.



However, if you are a standing scrapper, like me, then you may want to purchase a spinning caddy like the ones pictured on Laura Vegas' (laura-vegas @ 2peas) desk. Baskets also work well for this type of open storage and many of us already have several lying around the house.



If you have a larger scrap room with plenty of wall space you could add a peg board to your area as you can see in Lizzy's (just-lizzy @ 2peas) scrap room. To add a finishing touch she added some molding to the edges of her peg board. This is a great idea and keep in mind you could always paint the peg board and trim to give your room a vivid POP of COLOR.



The most important aspect of organizing is finding a system that works for you. If you try either an open or closed system that doesn't seem to be working, do not get discouraged, just try something new. Before you know it you will no longer be spending excess time looking for that perfect tool, but instead you will be using that time to create more pages. This month is our final organizational article in our Chaos to Creativity series. I sincerely hope this 6 month long process has helped you in some way, either to motivate you to get started or to just give you some ideas for organizing in the future. ☺

To see more pictures from our three scrap rooms pictured this month, copy the following URLs and paste them into your address bar:

laura vegas:

<http://www.twopeasinabucket.com/gallery/member/163755-laura-vegas/1535751-my-new-scraproom/>

just lizzy:

<http://www.twopeasinabucket.com/gallery/member/19817-just-lizzy/1604868-my-scrappy-space/>

coloradocropper:

<http://www.twopeasinabucket.com/gallery/member/103067-coloradocropper/988472-debs-scrapbooking-sanctuary-part-2/>

Be Inspired To Add Some Stitching To Your Scrapbooks!

By Christine Dunker

It seems like everybody is talking about sewing and scrapbooking--- but is it all talk? If you are like me, I was intimidated to just try it! I was worried about not only ruining a perfectly good piece of card stock but I questioned the necessity of this extra step. I decided to start with pockets--- small baby steps--- come on, take one with me!

1. For the display pocket below, I trimmed a page protector to fit my card stock and simply ran a stitch around 3 sides to form a pocket. Slip in your memorabilia and you have yourself a quick, inexpensive embellishment!! It honestly takes more time to get your sewing machine out--- so make sure you make some extras for the next time. If you have any of those transparencies, those sew up nice too.



2. My next pocket example was super easy and I loved experimenting with the fabric strips. Same simple concept-- just sew around 3 sides to form a pocket. Remember ladies to sew the fabric strips on first so you do not close up your pocket. (That tip would come from personal experience of course!)



3. Different look with the same simple concept. Have fun experimenting!!!



HELPFUL HINT: When sewing your corners make sure your needle is in down position before you turn directions. This will help make a nice, clean corner. If not, just add a button to hide---I mean embellish your pocket!!



BELLA BLVD. MAN OF THE HOUSE *BONUS* RECIPE CARD The ScrapRoom 3/10
 Designed by Jenny Moore www.scrap-room.com

(March Kits Used: Bella Blvd Man of the House FOTM Kit, March Patterned Paper Kit, March Embellishment Kit)

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS:

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| Distinguished (yellow side): | (1) 9.25"x 9.25" |
| Cuff Links (blue side): | (1) 3" circle |
| Cuff Links (green side): | (1) 5"x 7" photo mat |
| Wide Tie (scroll side): | (1) 2.5" circle |
| Wide Tie (stripe side): | (1) 1"x 6" strip (stripes going horizontally) |
| Bits A Bella (bits side): | (1) 9.25" blue striped strip (second one from the top) |

Photo Needed: (1) 4"x 6" vertical photo

PAGE ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Use brown cardstock as the base.
2. Adhere 9.25"x 9.25" Distinguished paper centered on the page.
3. Add 9.25" blue striped strip from the Bits A Bella paper just above the Distinguished paper.
4. Mat photo with the green Cuff Links paper. Lightly adhere matted photo to the Distinguished paper, slightly to the lower right of center, as shown.
5. Add blue Cuff Links circle to the upper left corner of the photo. The lower right quadrant of the circle should tuck underneath the upper left corner of the photo, as shown.
6. Adhere 1"x 6" strip of striped Wide Tie paper to layout, approximately 4" up from the bottom of the page, flush with the left edge of the page. The right edge of the strip should tuck underneath the photo.
7. Add scroll Wide Tie circle to the lower right quadrant of the Distinguished paper, slightly overlapping both the photo and the brown cardstock base.
8. Add title** underneath the Distinguished paper, as shown. If your title uses two words, then place the first word on top of the Distinguished paper above the main word.
9. Add the 1/2"x 6" green scalloped sticker from the Embellishment Kit underneath the Distinguished paper. (Tip: To stretch my 6" sticker across 9.25", I cut the sticker so that it would show up on both sides of the title but would not run underneath my title letters.)
10. Add journaling strips above the striped strip.
11. Add additional circle embellishments in the yellow patterned space to the left of the title, if desired.
12. For added interest, stamp a large scroll curving around the blue circle, as shown. Stamp same scroll on top of the scroll-patterned circle.

***Alphabets and other items used for Titles and Journaling are not always included in the monthly kit. Substitute something suitable from your own stash or print something up on your computer! Our Recipe Card layouts and directions also sometimes include "common scrapbooking staple items" such as brads, buttons, mounting cardstock and ribbon that can be easily substituted with something from your stash for that little extra "zing" on your pages if desired.*