

Transparent Touches

Tags

transparenttouches.com

October 2006

Featured News:

October Kits	Page 2
Oct. Guest Designer	Page 3
Oct. Kit Reveals	Page 4
Oct. Kit Reveals	Page 5
Halloween Ideas	Page 6
Technique Highlight	Page 7
Card Corner	Page 7
TTT Member Spotlight	Page 8
"What a Catch"	Page 9
TTT Tip	Page 10
Product Highlight	Page 10
Sketch of the Month	Page 11
Sponsors for TTT	Page 12
Contest Winners	Page 13

Monica's Monthly Message

Hello Ladies!

Happy October to everyone! September was one of the craziest months ever for me. We moved from Oregon to Washington, I was a vendor at a scrapbook convention earlier in the month, and I also attended a weekend scrapbook retreat later in the month. I was a vendor there and also enjoyed teaching a class...so, I'm staying busy!

Signs of autumn are starting to pop up all around here. I love the cool, crisp mornings; and I look forward to watching all of the beautiful leaves change colors and fall to the ground.

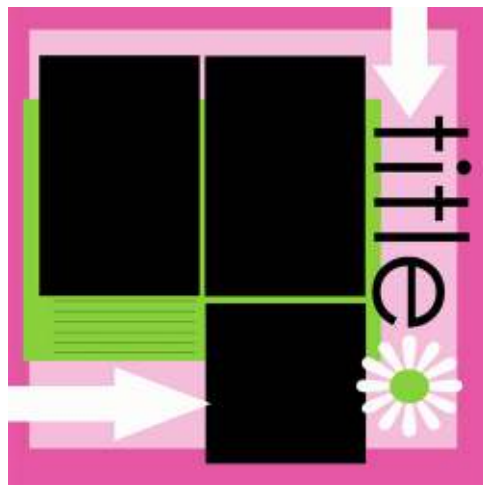
How do celebrate fall? Do you visit your local pumpkin

patch? Do you pick apples and do some baking? My favorite fall treat is a nice, big juicy CAMEL APPLE! I have always loved them....be sure to check out the cute project on page 6 that involves my favorite treat!

I have some exciting news to share with everyone...we have 2 new Design Team Members at TTT! They are: **Tana Lacy** and **Marilyn McKnight**. They are looking forward to sharing their creative talents with all of you! Click [here](#) to read more about these terrific ladies on our website.

Have a great day! *Monica*

October Monthly Kit Sketch



October Monthly Kit Sketch
by Nicole White

This month the Design Team members who created layouts with the October kits used this great sketch as the blueprint for one of their layouts. This is the sketch that one of our message board members gave us a link to. You can see more of Nicole White's sketches by clicking [here](#).

Look for the DT's layouts using this sketch, pages 3-5 of this newsletter.

I'm always on the look out for some great sketches to use as our monthly sketch. If you like to design sketches, please upload them to the "sketch" section of the message board! We'd love to be inspired by your work.

Be sure to check out all of the new products that were added to the store in the last couple of weeks.

Remember that the sneak peek for next month's kits will be on the message board Oct. 15that that time you'll be able to start reserving your kit(s)



*October Monthly Kit #1
Scenic Route: Cape Town*

- 8 different sheets each of DOUBLE SIDED Patterned Paper from Scenic Route
- 1 Sheet of Coordinating Scrap Strips from Scenic Route
- 1 Pkg of Cape Town Chipboard words and shapes
- 1 Sheet of 7 Different Coordinating Colors of Bazzill Paper
- 1 Pkg Black Alpha Chipboard Coasters from Imagination Project
- 1 Pkg Rub on Stitches from Die Cuts With a View
- 8 Biggie Brads from Karen Foster
- 4 Red Photo Turns from 7 Gypsies
- 1 Pkg Chipboard Frames from Junkitz
- Black Rick Rack and Cream Twill Ribbon
- TTT Products:**
- Just Be You Transparency (NEW!)
- 1/2 sheet of Brackets & Symbols (NEW!)
- Simplify Transparency (NEW!)
- I Love Being Your Mom-- Pocket Block
- Taking Time....Coaster Block (NEW!)



*October Monthly Kit #2
Piggy Tales: Little Red Riding Hood*

- 2 sheets of 6 different designs of DOUBLE SIDED Patterned Paper from Piggy Tales
- 1 Sheet of Coordinating Die Cut Tags
- 6 Heidi Swapp Ghost Flowers
- 1 Heidi Swapp Foto Folder: Color--Grass
- 2 Daisy D's Book Plates
- 1 Pkg. Junkitz Alphabet Rub Ons
- Making Memories Buttercream Blossoms: 2 of each size
- 1 Pkg Making Memories Chipboard Alphabet Letters: white
- 1 Sheet Heidi Swapp Expressions in black
- 4 photo corners--2 different colors
- Sage and Cream Ribbon
- TTT Products:**
- Free (with flowers).... Transparency (NEW!)
- Sugar & Spice Transparency (NEW!)
- Girl Thought Block
- Too Cute Coaster Block (NEW!)



*October Monthly Kit #3
Imagination Project:
Scientifically Weird and Nantucket*

- 5 sheets of Patterned Paper from Imagination Project: Scientifically Weird
- 5 sheets of Patterned Paper from Imagination Project: Nantucket
- 12 sheets of Coordination Bazzill paper (2 each of 6 colors)
- 1 Pkg of Star Chipboard Shapes from Imagination Project
- 1 Pkg of Jumbles "About a Boy" Chipboard from Imagination Project
- 1 Pkg Nantucket Chipboard Buttons from Imagination Project
- 1 Pkg EK Success Chipboard Letters
- 1 Pkg Magistical Memories Dot Photo Border Chipboard Pieces
- TTT Products:**
- Free (with stars) (NEW!)
- Rough and Tough (NEW!)
- Boy Thought Block
- So Fun Coaster Block (NEW!)



6 different sheets each of Patterned Paper from Heidi Grace Designs
 2 Sheet of Coordinating FLOCKED Alphabet Monogram Punch Outs

TTT Products:

Happy Halloween Transparency (NEW!)
 "Boo" Coaster Block (NEW!)
 "Candy" Coaster Block (NEW!)

****I also have another Halloween Mini Kit this month. It is identical to kit #4, except is has flocked tags instead of the monogram letters. ****

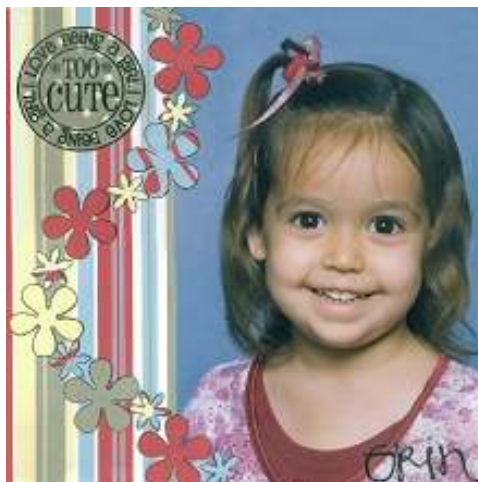
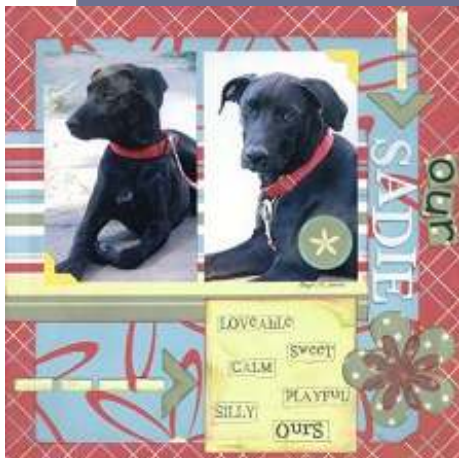
October Monthly Kit #4
 Heidi Grace Design:
 Halloween Mini Kit

Monthly Guest Designer for October: Angela Prieto

Layouts by Angela Prieto (MGD) using October Kit #2

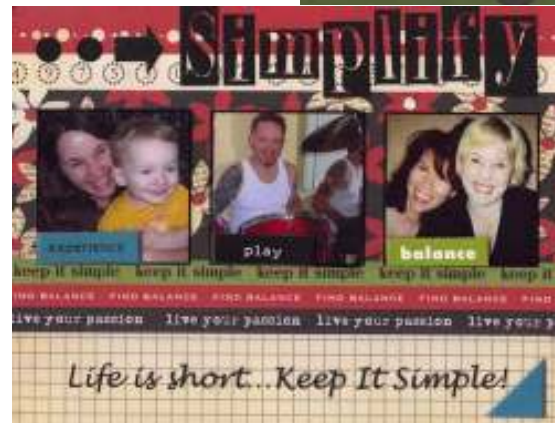
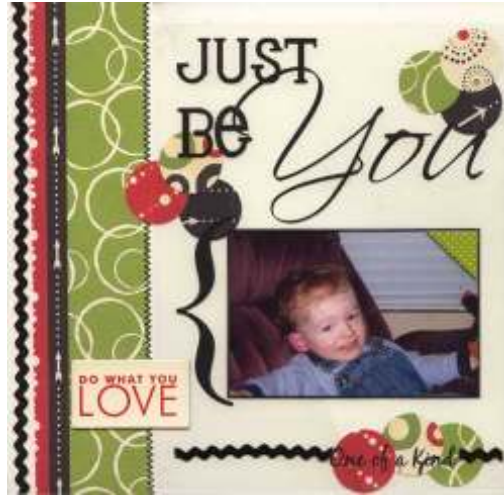
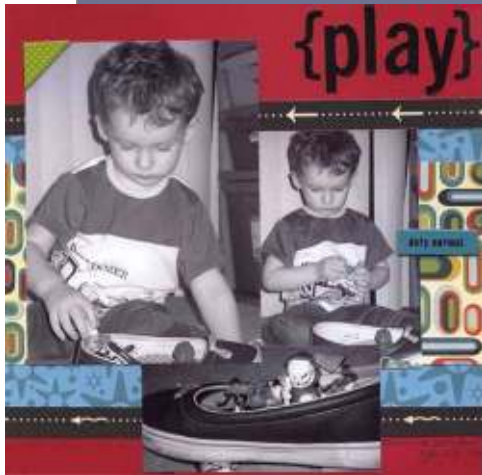
Angela is TTT's first Monthly Guest Designer (MGD) She created fabulous layouts for us this month using Kit #2! Great job Angela ☺

Layout using the monthly Sketch:



Kit # 1 Layouts by Heather Mc Harg

Layout using the monthly Sketch:



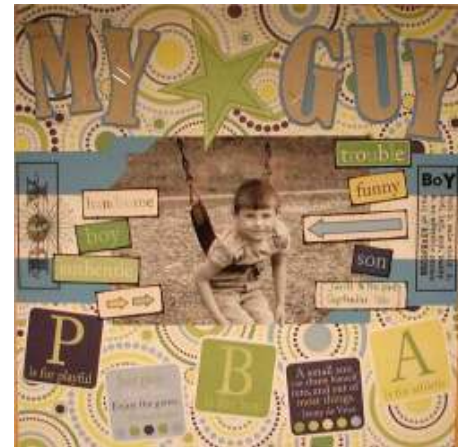
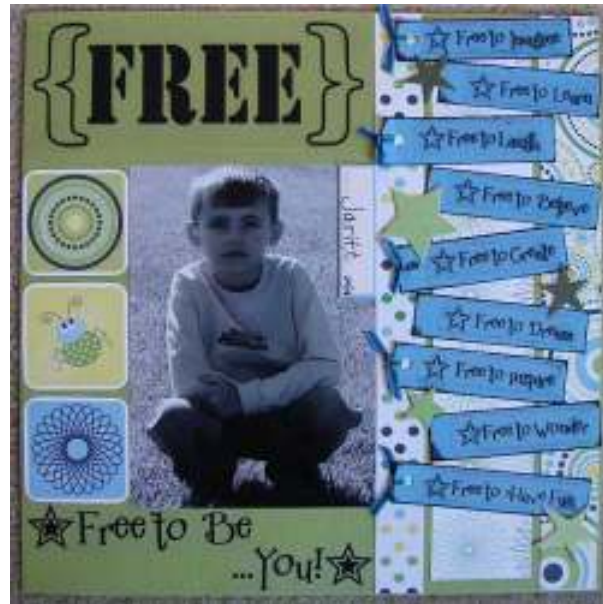
Kit # 2 Layouts by Sandy Phelan

Layout using the monthly sketch



Kit # 3 Layouts by Jamie Cook

Layout using the monthly sketch



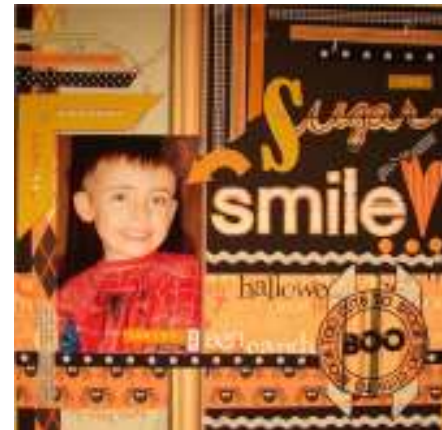
Halloween Mini Kit Layouts and Cards



LO & Cards by: Sandy Phelan



Layout by: Heather McHarg



Layouts by: Jamie Cook





Check out TTT's Halloween Transparencies, Pocket Blocks, Coaster Blocks and Thought Block!

Title ideas:

- Too Cute To Spook
- Boo From the Crew
- Carving Out Good Times
- Happy Haunting
- You Look Fangtastic
- Boo-Time
- Mummy Madness
- Mom's Little Pumpkins
- Cutest Little Pumpkins in the Patch
- Chills and Thrills
- Broom Parking—5 Cents
- I am Boo-tiful
- Where the Wild Things Are
- Monster Mash
- A Monstrously Good Kid
- Don't Be Scared, It's Just Us

Quote:

Halloween brings us lots of treats as ghosts and goblins beg for sweets, And children--young and old--delight in all the spooky fun tonight! —author unknown

Halloween Project: Caramel Apple Kit by: Tana Lacy



Supplies needed for this project

Step one: Prepare the box

Paint top to match paper. I used black to match my Halloween paper from TTT's Halloween Kit.

Next, cut pieces of paper to fit around the box. Adhere, with glue or double sided tape.

Use any embellishments for decorate or decoupage more paper around the sides.



Step two: Fill the box

- 6 apples
- 1 lb of caramels
- wooden sticks
- extra candy to dip apples into (mini m&m's, candy corn)

Step three: Make the recipe tag

Cut out your left over Halloween paper into the shape of a tag. On the back of the tag, put the recipe:

Heat caramels with 4 Tablespoons of water, in microwave-safe bowl on high for 2 1/2-3 minutes or until melted. Stir to smooth every minute.

Dip apples into melted caramel spooning caramel over apples to coat. Allow excess caramel to drip off. Place on greased waxed-paper; let stand about 15 minutes or until caramel sets.



Step one: Prepare the box

Change the paper and contents to create a Christmas cookie-decorating kit, birthday cupcake-decorating kit, or Easter egg-dying kit



For anyone who has their eye on scrapbooking trends, it's hard to miss the current trend of doodling on your pages. **Doodles** are everywhere, as accents, as part of the patterned paper, or anything else you can imagine to do with them. Much as I am a BIG fan of the doodling, unfortunately my talent does not rest in the free-flowing pen!

Aside from using TTT's delicious Doodle Art transparencies, how is a girl like me to fake it? STAMPS! I have discovered how to doodle using my favorite stamps as my guide. **Here's what you do...**

Step 1. Get your stamps (here, I have used the Making Memories foam flower stamps found in the Transparent Touches store,) your favorite journaling pen, and a Versa Mark ink pad. If you don't have one, you can find them at Michael's or Hobby Lobby. It is "colorless" ink pad that leaves a watermark type impression just a shade darker than the paper. You can also do tone-on-tone stamping, i.e. pink ink on pink paper. The idea is that it is dark enough to see for tracing, but light enough to not be noticeable when you're finished.

Step 2. Stamp your image.



Step 3. Trace around the outside however you want. Voila! You can use black to keep it simple or colored pens to match your paper. Here I've done solid lines and dots. This is also a good way to use up scraps of patterned paper. Here I've used a mix of Bazzill and patterned paper and hand-cut one of them to use as a page accent.

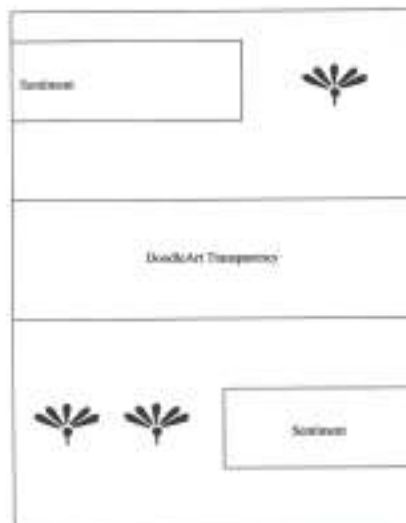


Step 1: Get Your Stamps



Card Corner- by: Crystal Riddell

Card Sketch



Each month TTT will be honoring one of our active members...someone who is a regular participant in our community. This would be someone who is not only active on our message board, but who keeps an up-to-date and active online gallery at TTT. By spotlighting a member, we will get a chance to learn more about one of our friends here at TTT and celebrate her wonderful scrapbooking work. Besides being honored in our newsletter, the **Spotlight Member of the Month** will also receive a 15% off coupon from TTT, as well as a RAK from a DT member. How cool is that? ☺

Jennifer Hedgepath



Our Spotlight Member for September is **Jennifer Hedgepath** you may all know her as *Jenn Hedge* on the boards. Jennifer "has the transparent touch" with almost 1100 posts on the TTT Message Board. Jenn rarely misses a day on the board, and is always there with encouraging words. She goes above and beyond and has even been providing us with crock pot recipes on a daily basis - THANK YOU!!

Besides being an active member at TTT, Jenn has been married to her husband Neil for five years. Together they have three children, Chloe (5), Mason (4), and Abigail (19 months). Neil is working on his Master's Degree and Chloe has just started kindergarten. Jenn is looking forward to the "scrappy" moments that will come along with two students in the house. Jenn and her family live in Medford, Oregon. Jenn works from home as a personal shopper for Shade Clothing. She takes pride in her work as she teaches women and girls how to make their wardrobe modern and fashion forward, but still be modest and stick to their morals (Way to go Jenn!) When she isn't scrapping, Jenn loves to spend time with her family, but she also enjoys reading, walking and SHOPPING!

Jenn has been scrapbooking for about five years now. Monica (yes, the TTT Monica) is a friend of Jenn's and is the one who introduced Jenn to scrapbooking. That is how Jenn found out about TTT and she "fell in love with everyone else on the message board". Her favorite thing about TTT is the gallery. She finds much inspiration from

the other scrappers and the "Fabulous" Design Team (on behalf of the DT, *Thanks* Jenn!). The gallery has motivated Jenn "to get her booty in gear and get scrapping!"



JENN's Favorite LO... This layout is my favorite because it's a memory of a very hard time. Abigail was only 6 weeks old and this was from the day she had a central (PICC) line placed. Easter morning 2005. It just shows the love that my husband has for her and reminds us all of the blessing it is to have her here with us and healthy today! Plus it holds her little blood pressure cuff from the procedure. Seeing that little cuff and how big she is now is yet another blessing!

“What a catch” - by: Jamie Cook

Each month one Design Team member will be on the lookout for layouts that “Catch Her Eye” in the user gallery. Here are my three picks for this newsletter...

Remember that anyone can upload layouts into our User Gallery....they don't all have to have TTT products on them. Come check it out and be inspired by other scrappers' work!

“Spring” by: 1scrappymom



I fell in love with this LO the first time I saw it. I love the pictures and that there are SO MANY of them! Eight pictures on a 1 page LO is AWESOME! The colors are PERFECT for this LO! Love it!

“Emily” by: Cheryl



This is a very soft LO and so feminine...absolutely BEAUTIFUL! I love the flowers, the buttons, the ric-rac...ALL OF IT! The picture is wonderful as well! Great job!

From Messy to Silly by: Stacip



I came across this LO in the gallery and found it to be so fun! The little boy in this picture has beautiful blue eyes and Staci found a way to make them "pop" out at you by using blue cardstock. Nice work!

Challenge:

Apply one of the ideas from Sandi's article next time you use transparencies!

If you're like me, once you cut out the transparency you want to use, there are leftovers. Sometimes, lots and lots of them. What do you do with them? Just throw them away? Well, **here's a few tip to help you get the most from your transparency scraps.** Have you ever thought about.....

-Using the leftover pieces to punch out shapes to add to your projects? (Think Heidi Swapp ghost shapes, alphabets, etc) You can add ink or paint to the edges of the punched out piece to add some pizzazz.

-You can make your own doodles, as Kimberly described in the last newsletter, using paint pens, markers, etc.

-Try stamping on the left over pieces using Staz-On ink and get some new life out of your stamps!

-Cut out square or rectangles and using a Sharpie marker, add your journaling to them.

-Cut up pieces into squares, rectangles, triangles, etc and add Tim Holtz's alcohol inks to them to make your own (very light) mosaic pieces.

-For larger pieces, re-run them through your printer (remember to change the print setting to transparency first!) and use dingbats to make your own accents or titles, etc. (To get the perfect print-print out what you want you create first on a blank sheet of printer paper. Now take your leftover piece of transparency and adhere it with repositionable adhesive OVER the printed out accent. Now rerun the piece through your printer and voila! A perfect print!)

Now that you have some of these extra tips, don't be afraid to use your scraps. It's a sure fire way to get the most bang for your buck. Happy creating!

These wonderful inks are available in the TTT store for 1.99 each.



Product Highlight/Review by: Kimberly Archer, Design Team Coordinator

COLOR BOX Fluid Chalk is a wonderful product and very versatile. The little box of padded ink is in the shape of a "CATS-EYE." What is wonderful about this product that it allows you the versatility of moving the "cat-eye" shaped box in different directions while inking your projects. It is great for those small areas as well. They come in 38 colors and Transparent Touches & Tags sells a majority of the colors in the store.

You can layer the colors easily without bleeding. Color Box also has a Stylus Handle that you can directly put on the back of the little

The most wonderful advantage to the Color Box Fluid Chalk Inkpads is that they are **COST EFFECTIVE** and allow you many colors to put into your scrapbooking collection without your wallet feeling the crunch!

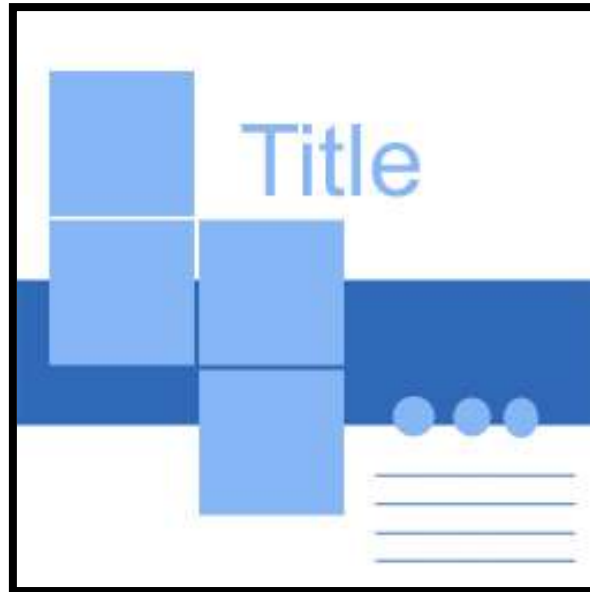
So, the next time you are in the Transparent Touches & Tags store.....check out with some or all of the colors available in the TTT Store. Be sure to share your **INKED** projects with us!

Got Ink?

Sketches are a quick easy way to find inspiration for a layout. When I am stuck and can't get started I will turn to a sketch as a starting point. This months sketch has a simple design that is easy to work with. You can spice it up to make it your own. We want to see what you come up with so post your creations in our user gallery. Happy Scrapping!

I want see what you come up with, so this month TTT is once again sponsoring a **Sketch Contest**. Upload your layouts based off of the sketch shown below to our User Gallery. Everyone who participates will receive an entry into our Sketch Contest Drawing. It's that simple.

Here's the Sketch:



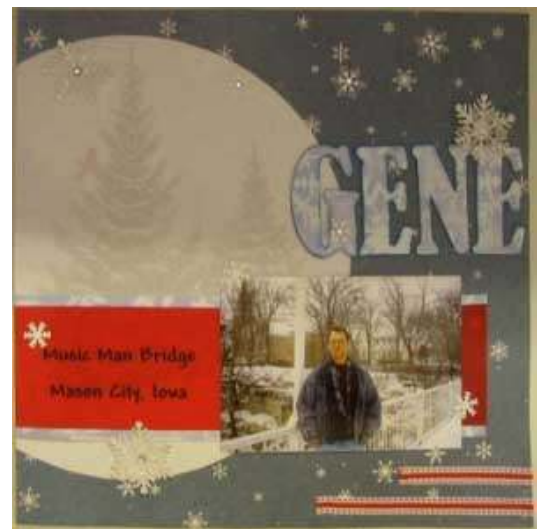
September Sketch Contest Winner: nblair57

Each person who created a LO using the September sketch was entered into our drawing. Congratulations to **nblair57** for winning! Please email me to claim your prize.

If you'd like to participate in October's Sketch Layout Contest, but you're not sure how to post your LO in the User Gallery, just email me and I can help you out. ☺



September's Layout Sketch



Layout by: nblair57

October Sponsor:
Piggy Tales

TTT's sponsor for October is Piggy Tales. This new company is family-owned and based in Nevada. Owners Ryann and Debbie Juden, live in Las Vegas with their son, Chace. This loving couple both graduated from Brigham Young University. Ryann graduated in Political Science, and Debbie in Elementary Education. After graduation, they moved to Iowa for Ryann to attend law school.

With Debbie's passion for creating, designing and scrapbooking, Piggy Tales has become a fairytale. Formed in December 2005, this young upstart had only 2 paper collections. Humpty Dumpty and Jack and the Beanstalk. Now just over a year and a half, they have developed, 5 paper collection, 40 designs, and many innovative and unique supplies.

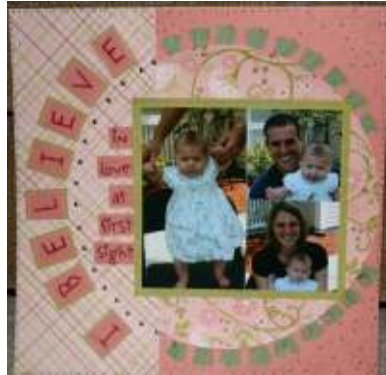
Piggy Tales has shared with us, their fun and creativity with these new lines. The colors and

designs are cool and funky, but I love the names of all the different papers and collections. The fairytale story of the family behind the company just makes me fall in love with the entire concept of Piggy Tales.

Transparent Touches is thrilled to welcome Piggy Tales as our October sponsor. To celebrate, visit our gallery and the message board for innovative Piggy Tales layouts, card and other projects created by our talented Design Team. In addition, TTT is sponsoring two different contests featuring Piggy Tales products. See our message board for more details on how to get in on the fun and the prizes.

TTT featured Piggy Tales in their Sept. #2 Monthly kit...and it's also being featured in TTT's October #2 Monthly Kit! Be sure to check it out.

Chatterbox Sponsor Contest Winners:



"I Believe" by: Chrissy
Theme Contest Winner



"Time to Grow" by: Jenniwren32
Altered Project Contest Winner



"PLAY" by: rbnmclly
Layout Contest Winner



"Just Married" by: jeni16
Card Contest Winner

We look forward to seeing all of the entries for the October Piggy Tales contest!

Thanks to all of you who participated in the September—SEI contest. The winners will be announced no later than October 4th on the message board.

Congratulations!!!

Be sure to check out the message board on **Oct. 15th** to see the Sneak Peeks for November's Monthly Kits! There are **FOUR** kits to choose from next month!!

Here's a little hint:

Imagination Project
Cosmo Cricket
3 Bugs in a Rug
Sassafras Las

September Newsletter Drawing Winner: Lisa Gomez

Wish list Drawing Winner: the next winner will be chosen at the end of October....**CREATE** or **UPDATE** your wish list today to get your name in the drawing!

Sept/Oct. Layout Contest: Don't forget about our "SCRAP LIFT" a Design Team members Layout contest going on throughout the month of October. Details are on the website. (Just click on the contest/prizes button)
