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Happy November everyone! Can you smell a delicious homemade pumpkin pie in the oven? Does your mouth water at the thought of a nice, juicy turkey with all of the trimmings? I love Thanksgiving. I enjoy getting together with family and spending time with them, especially those I don't get to see very often. This year I'm going to have a little card next to each person's plate. I'm going to have each person write down what they're most thankful for. Then I'm going to use those on a scrapbook layout. I'll post the layout in the TTT gallery when I'm done. How do you spend Thanksgiving? What are you most thankful for? What family traditions do you have? I challenge you to create at least one layout this month that tells about those things. Have a great month!

Monica,
Transparent Touches & Tags owner



SAVE THE DATE!!!! C.Y.B.ER

November is a great time for counting your blessings...and a great time for scrapbooking! We've combined them and are happy to announce our next CYBER CROP is November 10-12th. The theme is: **Count Your Blessings!**

Our last CYBER CROP was so much fun. We had over 100 people sign in and participate! 100's of layouts were uploaded and TONS of prizes were given away! You don't want to miss out on our CYBER CROP this month! There is a lot of pre-crop chatter going on, on our message board...come check it out!

Here's how it works: The CYBER CROP starts on Friday, November 10th at 9:00am EST and will close on Sunday, November 12th at midnight.

To participate, you will go to the message board under the CYBER

CROP section and sign in. If you're not already a member, you'll need to create a username first. When you sign in, your name will get put into our door prize drawing. Throughout the weekend, there will be different scrappy challenges posted, games to play and prizes to win! After you complete a challenge, you'll upload your layout or project into the user gallery. You'll be eligible to win an AWESOME prize for each challenge that you complete. All layouts must be uploaded before Sunday at midnight. We'll be having fun all weekend! We hope you'll join us. :)



November Monthly Kits



KIT #1 COSMO CRICKET JITTERBUG:

- 12 sheets of DOUBLE SIDED Patterned Paper from Cosmo Cricket
- 1 Sheet of Coordinating Die Cut Tags and Symbols
- 1 Cosmo Cricket CIGAR BOX with coordinating chipboard letters, shapes and symbols (101 pieces)
- 1 Cosmo Cricket Double Sided Mini Album
- 2 Antique Brass Photo Turns from 7 Gypsies
- 2 Bottle Caps
- 1 Library Pocket with Tag
- 2 Bazzill Chipboard Pieces: Rectangle
- May Arts Ribbon

TTT Products:

- I am Thankful For You Transparency (NEW!)
- {You Are...} Transparency (NEW!)
- Children....Transparency (NEW!)
- Blessed...Coaster Block (NEW!)
- {I Love You}....Pocket Block (NEW!)
- {The Best Things in Life....} Individual Bracket Block (NEW!)



KIT #2 IMAGINATION PROJECT: No Clue Whatsoever and Little Italy

- 6 sheets of LITTLE ITALY Patterned Paper
- 6 sheets of NO CLUE WHAT SO EVER Patterned Paper
- 4 sheets of coordinating Bazzill 12x12 Cardstock
- 2 sheets of coordination Bazzill Scalped Cardstock
- 1 pkg. of NO CLUE Chipboard Rings
- 1 pkg. of NO CLUE Chipboard Signs (girl)
- 1 pkg. of Little Italy Chipboard Alphabet Letters
- 1 pkg. of Little Italy Chipboard Photo Corners
- 1 BIG Jumbo Hot Pink Bazzill Paper Clip
- 1 Heidi Swapp Silk Flower: White
- 1 pkg. Making Memories Velvet Alphabet Letters: Chocolate

TTT Products:

- Daughters.... Transparency (NEW!)
- {Above All...Life Should Be Fun} (flowers) Transparency (NEW!)
- PrincessTransparency (color) (NEW!)
- You Are...Coaster Block (NEW!)
- Green Star w/Quote.....Pocket Block (NEW!)
- {I Adore You} Individual Bracket Block (NEW!)

November Monthly Kits



KIT #3 SASSAFRAS LASS: PLAYTIME

- 8 sheets of PLAYTIME Patterned Paper by Sassafra Lass
- 6 sheets of coordinating Bazzill 12x12 Cardstock
- 1 sheet of Playtime Die Cut Monogram Letters
- 1 sheet of Playtime Die Cut Trims
- 1 set of Heidi Swapp Circle Chipboard Letters: White
- 1 pkg. We are Memory Keepers--Tag Line: Stitched Denim--Double Sided embellishment tags
- 1 pkg. of Heidi Swapp Journaling Spots: Orange Arrows
- 2 Heidi Swapp Foto Folders: Pumpkin
- 9 Making Memories Chipboard Star Shapes
- 1 Bazzill 3" Chipboard Circle (fits TTT Coaster Blocks!)
- 2 Decorative Paper Clips
- Orange and Tan Rick Rack from May Arts

TTT Products:

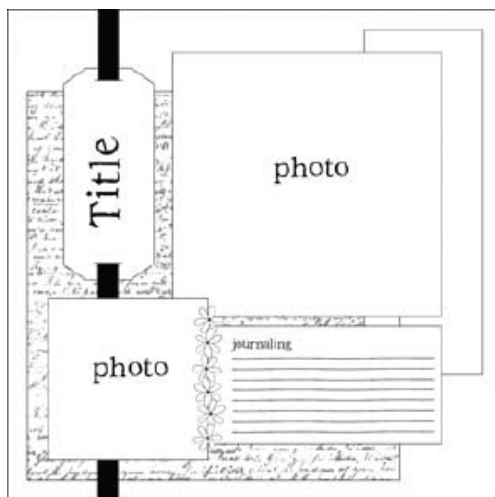
- {Above All...Life Should Be Fun} (stars) Transparency (NEW!)
- {You Are...}Transparency (color) (NEW!)
- {Boy}...Coaster Block (NEW!)
- Orange Star w/ Quote....Pocket Block (NEW!)
- {I'm So Glad There Is You} Individual Bracket Block (NEW!)

November Monthly Kit Sketch



I'm always on the look out for some great sketches to use as our monthly sketch.

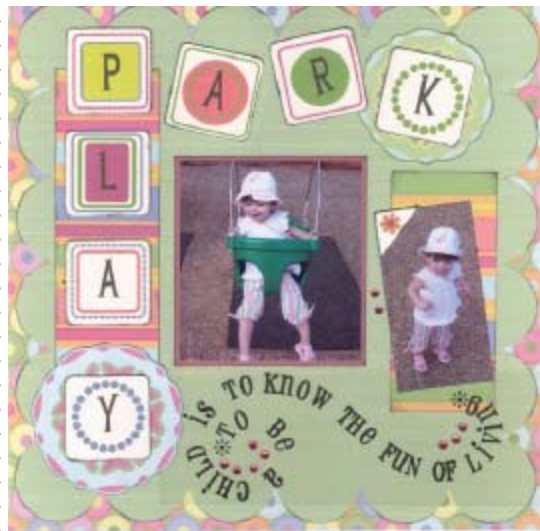
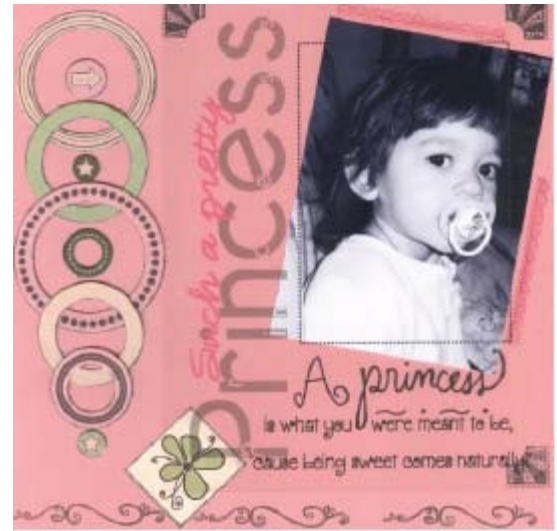
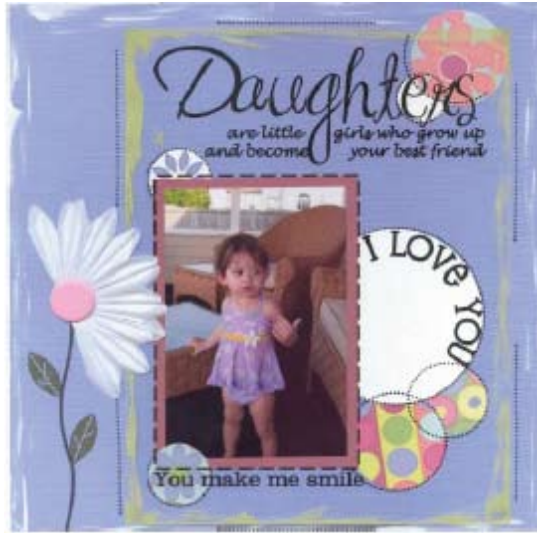
If you like to design sketches, please upload them to the "sketch" section of the message board! We'd love to be inspired by your work.



This month the Design Team members who created layouts with the November kits used this great sketch as the blueprint for one of their layouts. This is the sketch by Becky Fleck that one of our message board members gave us a link to. Look for the DT's layouts using this sketch in this newsletter.

Monthly Guest Designer

Jennifer Colosimo

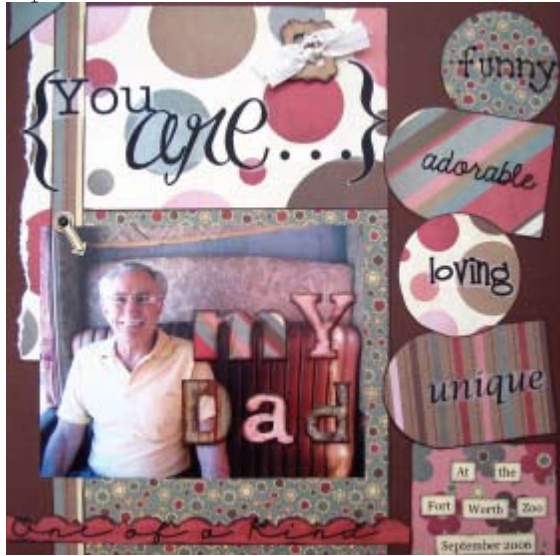


Layout Using November Kit Sketch

November Kit Reveals

Kit #1

Layouts by: Chrystal Riddell



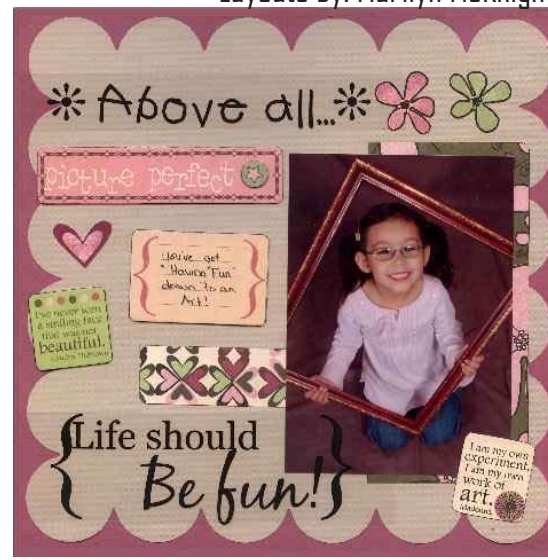
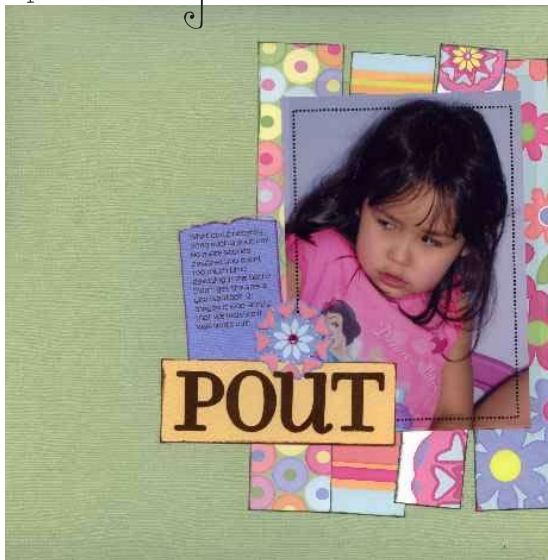
6x6 Card



Layout Using November Kit Sketch

Kit #2 Layouts

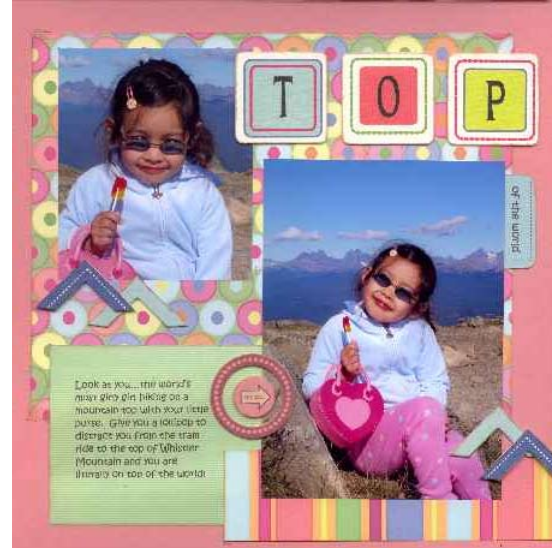
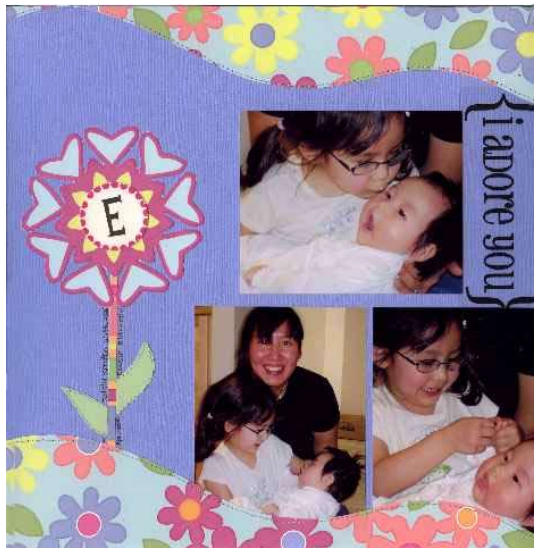
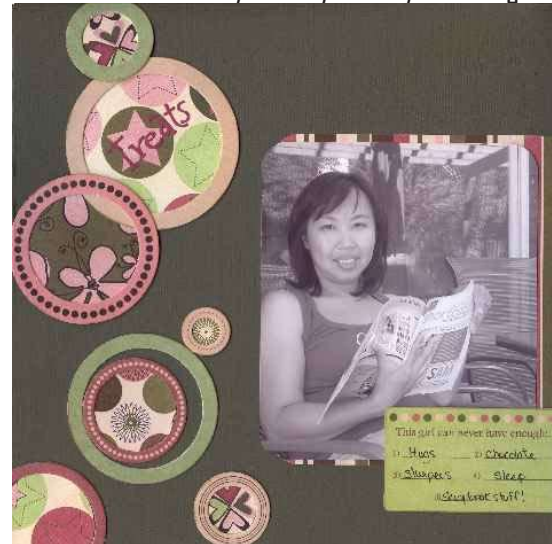
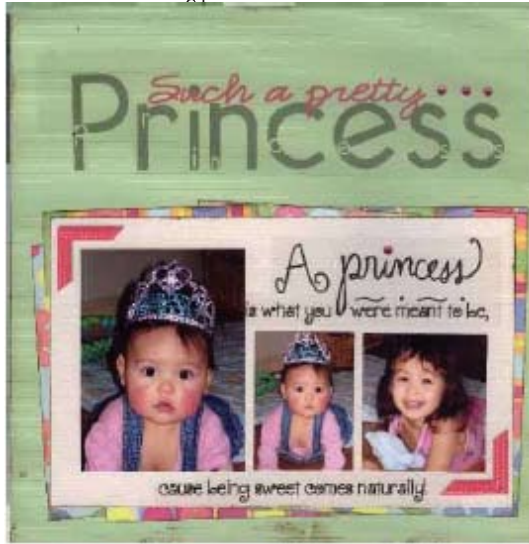
Layouts by: Marilyn McKnight



November Kit Reveals

Kit #2 Layouts continued...

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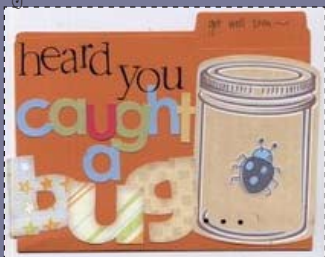


Layout Using November Kit Sketch

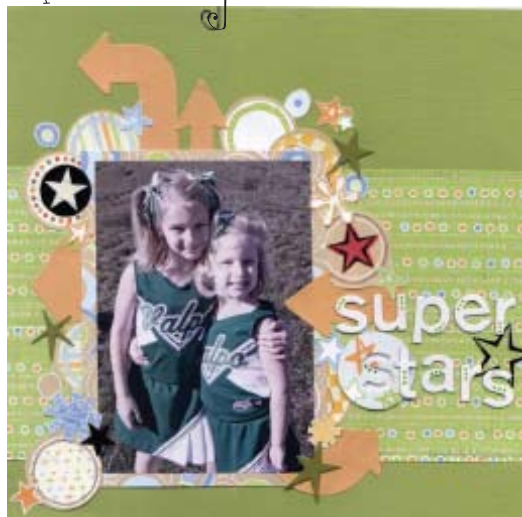
Kit #3 Layouts

Layouts by: Sandi Minchuk

Great Ideas! :



Card by: Sandi Minchuk



Layout Using November Kit Sketch

November Kit Reveals

Kit #3 Layouts continued...

Layouts by: Sandi Minchuk



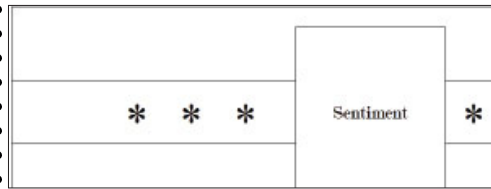
Layouts by: Kimberly Archer



Layout Using November Kit Sketch

Card Corner: by Chrystal Riddell

Sketch & Design by: Chrystal Riddell



November Ideas: by Monica Wallace

Title ideas:

- A Harvest of Memories
- Thankful Hearts
- The Colors of Autumn
- Jumpin' in the Leaves
- Piles of Smiles
- I am Thankful For...
- Food, Family, Friends and Football!
- What a Bunch of Turkeys
- Gobble Gobble
- We Gather Together
- Count Your Blessings
- Fall Fun
- Gather Together with Thankful Hearts
- Be ye thankful--Colossians 3:15



Poem:

The days grow shorter, the air gets cooler,
And nature dons her Autumnal shawl
Bountiful harvests, fun country fairs,
Herald the greatest season of all.
I love fall! --author unknown



November Projects: by Tana Lacy

Cornucopia Place Setting

This is a fun project that all of the family can participate in!



Supplies:

- 1 sheet of double sided paper
- glue dots
- paper trimmer
- matching ribbon
- Monogram letter
- ink
- bling



1. Cut the paper at the 4 1/2 mark diagonally to the other side. This should give you a sheet of paper that looks like a Superman crest.

Then attach the glue

dots on the outside of the paper on one edge. Carefully form the shape of a cone. Then press the paper to the glue dots to hold the shape.



2. Using the ribbon, extra paper, Monogram letter and bling to embellish the outside of the cone. Use the ink to distress the edges of the paper and monogram.



Finish:

Fill the cone with Napkin and silverware, or treats for after dinner. This makes a great place setting for dinner or a change of silver-

TAGS:

I cut the shape of a gourd to make the Turkey's body. Then I cut leaf shapes in different sizes for the feathers. I inked the edges for the distressed look. Glue them together and then to mat and stick. I wrote Dark Meat and Light Meat to show which is which at the table. These could also hang on the back of a chair or sit on a plate as a place setting.

I made a cute napkin ring out of leftover paper. Fun and easy project for the family!



Technique Highlight: by Chrystal Riddell



So do you love the look of hand-painted designs on your scrap-book layouts, but just don't feel you have the talent to create

them? I definitely fall into the category of "artistically challenged" when it comes to this sort of thing, so I'm always looking for ways to "fake it." Friends, I have found another way to do just that! All you need is your favorite transparency, some Diamond Glaze, colored glitter of your choice, and a semi-steady hand to create a masterpiece.

Step 1:

Choose the transparency.

This works best with outlines that can be filled in, such as the one I used here (DoodleArt Transparency 9 from Transparent Touches.)

Any of the DoodleArt transparencies would be great for this technique. Also gather your Diamond Glaze and glitter.

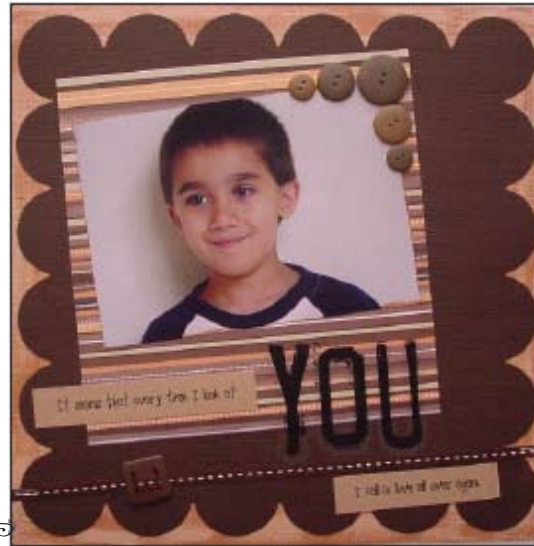


Step 2: Shake the Diamond Glaze well. It may help to practice first on a paper towel to apply the right amount of pressure. Very carefully and slowly, fill in the desired design with the Glaze. You don't want it too thick or gloppy. Gently sprinkle glitter on the glaze. Wait a few minutes to shake off excess, as the Glaze may run. If you are using different colors of glitter, wait 10- 15 minutes for each color to dry before using another color to keep them separate. If you develop air bubbles in the glaze, you can pop them with a needle. Allow your project to dry overnight before putting in a page protector or envelope. The beauty of this is that once you're done, since you did this on a transparency, you can place this ANYWHERE on your layout, card, or other project. Happy Diamond Glazing!



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! 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...

Great Job with Color!



When I saw this LO, I thought it was great! I love the monochromatic color scheme with this photo. What a great way to use different shades of brown. This is such a clean, simple, fun layout! LO by Sunny.

Super Design with Ribbons!

This is a great layout by Alecia/cam-casfam! I love the overall colors and designs in this layout. The ribbon is just the right touch to make this layout complete!



Nice

Technique!



It is a Rolled Ornament and is a fabulous idea to get us in the Holiday Spirit as it is very close. I just love the idea of a clear ornament with a favorite paper curled up inside. One could really make a set of these as a gift or custom create one so the Christmas tree has that special something that says "I AM A SCRAPPER!" LO by jeni16.

TTT Tip: "Cut Up those transparencies!" by Sandy Phelan

One of the best tips that I got, and can give, in regards to the Transparent Touches & Tags transparencies is that you don't have to keep them in one piece. The 8-1/2" x 11" TTT transparencies are so easy to work with and provide a good template to construct your page. However, sometimes they might not quite fit with your pictures. Maybe the transparency is for a landscape photo and yours is a portrait? Maybe you have too many pictures to work with the transparency. Don't worry...you can still use the transparency, with its cute poem and titles...you just don't have to do it in one piece. You can cut the transparency apart and give the components of the transparency a different look. This technique will give you endless possibilities for how you can use your TTT transparency. You can either use all of the pieces in one layout, or save some for another layout.



A perfect example is in my "Mommy & Me" layout. I loved the transparency and the saying, but my pictures were portrait and I wanted to use all three. By cutting the transparency apart I was able to use pieces of it all over my entire two-page layout. The transparency was my primary embellishment and I love how it turned out. Plus, this gives my layout an entirely different look from someone else using this same transparency.



Challenge! : take one of your TTT transparencies and see if you can find a fun, creative way to use it by NOT keeping it in one piece.

Product Review: by Sandi Minchuk

Clipboard accents are one of the hottest new trends in scrapbooking right now and one company has really taken the scrapbook market by storm. Magistical Memories has created wonderful and unique chipboard shapes and embellishments to add to all of your scrappy projects.



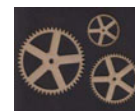
From whimsical flower shapes to shooting stars, they really have a variety of styles to

suit just about everyone's taste. They are lightweight, so they don't add a whole bunch of bulk to your page and you don't need any special glue to adhere them- I've found that Glue Dots or any type of double sided adhesive works just fine.

The versatility of them also make them a big hit- they can be used as is or painted, inked, glittered, flocked, sanded and a myriad of other techniques. And they hold up very well to experimentation! I've added a mixture of Radiant Pearls and gesso



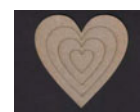
to them, without them curling or having the layers come up. Trust me, I've had this happen with some other brands and the finished product didn't look very nice- but with Magistical Memories- no warping or peeling layers and the finished product looked GREAT!



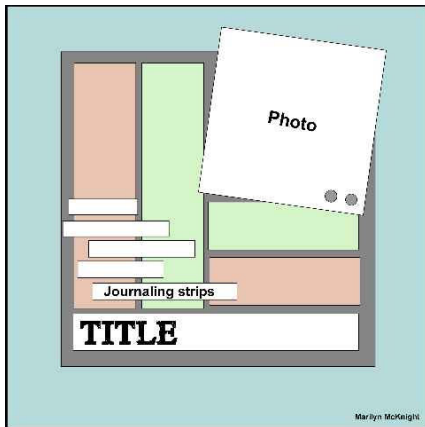
You know what else is great about them? You don't have to look all over for these great products because Monica has a wonderful selection of them right here in the TTT store!

Add some to your next order and have fun experimenting!

Visit TTT's Store to view & purchase these featured clipboards. Over 25 different packages available!



Sketch of the Month: by Marilyn McKnight

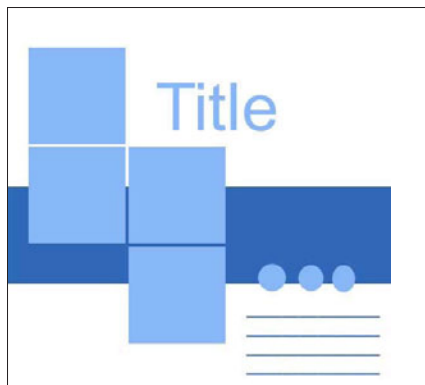


This month's sketch has a fun design that you can use to help you create a layout. TTT is once again sponsoring a Sketch Contest! Upload your layouts based off of the sketch shown below to our User Gallery. Everyone who participates will receive an entry into our Sketch Contest Drawing. It's that simple. Layouts must be uploaded by November 25th to be eligible for the drawing.



October Sketch Contest Winner: Cheryl Paulsen

- Each person who created a LO using the October sketch was entered into our drawing. Congratulations to Cheryl Paulsen for winning! Please email me to claim your prize.
- If you'd like to participate in November'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.



Scraplift Contest Winners

Sept/Oct



Alex--by: Leisa Flaherty
Scraplifted from "This is Adulthood" by DT member, Kimberly Archer



Original LO done by Kimberly Archer



Our Daughter--by: Chrissy Greenman
Scraplifted from "Payton" by DT member, Sandi Minchuk



Original LO done by Sandi Minchuk

Congratulations to our other contest winners!

Newsletter Drawing winner: Tiffany Jordan

Wishlist Drawing Winner: Amy Helmuth

Please email me to claim your prizes!

TTT Sponsors Highlight / Review

by Heather McHarg

November: ColorBox

This November at TTT we are counting our blessings. There is a lot to be thankful for around here: wonderful friends, amazing products, talented scrappers who inspire us, and this month we are especially thankful for our generous sponsor ColorBox.

ColorBox manufactures top quality archival inks that make scrapbooking and stamping a total pleasure. One of my favorite tools in my scrap arsenal is my collection of ColorBox fluid chalk cats eye inks.

Cats eye inks come in a variety of colors and are easy to use. Their small size and unique shape ensure you can ink even the most intricate cutouts, and because they are a liquid chalk there super blend-able too. I love the soft look I get when I distress the edges of patterned paper with them.

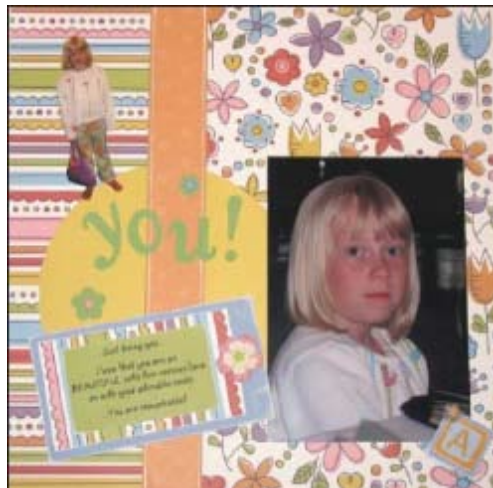
This month design team members will be inking up inspiring designs for you. Check out the sponsor area of the message board and the user gallery on the 1st and the 15th to see just what we've come up with. ***In addition, TTT is sponsoring a few different contests featuring Color Box products. See our message board for more details on how to get in on the fun and the prizes.***



September SEI Sponsor Contest winners:

Just Being You: by Leslie Peterson
So Adored: Cheryl Paulsen

We look forward to seeing all of your entries for the November ColorBox Sponsor contest!



{Just Being You}
by Leslie Peterson



{So Adored}
by Cheryl Paulsen



Be on the look out next month for some fun holiday project ideas from the Design Team! There will also be several *NEW* TTT transparency products available as well as other scrapbooking goodies.

There will be 2 different December Monthly Kits next month. The SNEAK PEEK for these kits will happen during the CYBER CROP on the message board. You'll be able to start reserving your kit(s) during the crop.



We would like to thank everyone who supports Transparent Touches & Tags. We would not be able to make this work without you! I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and for those of you who will be traveling, please drive carefully!

Best Wishes,
Monica

Fall 2006

TTT Design Team

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