



6 x 6" Recipe Album Directions

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Supplies:

Two or three metal rings (I got 2" rings from Hobby Lobby, you could also get them at an office supply)

Two pieces of sturdy chipboard 6.5x7.5

Two pieces of pattern paper 8.5 x 9.5" each

Two pieces of coordinating or contrasting pattern paper 6x7"

Ziploc sandwich bags to put the recipe pages in

Chipboard strips (about 6.5 long by 1/4" wide to go in the zipped lip of the baggie)

Your 6x6 recipe pages

Embellishments

Tools:

Scissors

Trimmer (used it to cut my chipboard and pattern paper)

Sturdy glue as you'll want your paper to stick well to the chipboard

Hole punch



Supplies I used for this project



Figure 1 - Used Priority Box

A great way to recycle and have sturdy chipboard for your album, is to use one of your old priority boxes. I keep mine around just for this purpose. If you don't have a used priority box, a sturdy cereal or cracker box (or any other sturdy cardboard) will work. Standard cardstock will not be heavy enough to stand up to any amount of handling, which is why I recommend recycling cardboard/chipboard for this project. (See Figure 1)

Trim the chipboard to 6.5 x 7.5". This will give you a slightly wider book than it is tall. That will allow enough room for dividers with tabs if desired. It will also protect your recipes a little better. I used my large Fiskars rotary trimmer to cut my chipboard. I did have to pass the blade over a couple of times to get it to cut all the way through. I found it was much easier to stand up and press firmly on the rotary blade as I made the passes. If you can't get yours to cut all the way through, you could cut what you can and then use an X-acto knife or sharp scissors to finish the cut. (See

Figure 2)

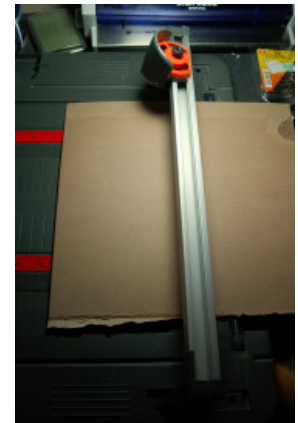


Figure 2 - Trim Chipboard



Figure 3 - Trim Pattern Paper

Find a pattern paper that will look nice on your album. I used pattern paper from my slabs that I would not normally use on a scrapbooking layout. If you use a pattern like the one I have shown here (Figure 3), make sure you put the pattern down the way you want it to show on your book. For example, if you use a pattern paper with words on it, make sure you cut it so the words are upright when you adhere the paper to your album covers. Also, the pattern paper I have here has large flowers on it. When I use it on my cover the bottom inch will not be visible. Be sure to take that into consideration when picking your pattern paper out for this project.

After you have your pattern paper cut, make sure you know how it will look on your cover. I simply laid my cut chipboard over my pattern paper to see how much of the floral design I would lose. It will still cover the bottom of the cover so I'm happy with it. (See Figure 4)

Use a good glue to cover your chipboard. I found that double sided tape does not work well for this project. You really want a nice glue that will hold well. I used API's Crafters Pick Memory Mount. (See Figure 5) I love how it holds and it does not ripple the paper as it dries.



Figure 5 - Apply glue to the chipboard

Once you have the glue spread on the chipboard (See Figure 5), place it glue side down on the back of your pattern paper. You don't want to be able to see the pattern like you can in Figure 4.

Place the pattern side down and then the glue side of the chipboard down and centered on the back of your pattern paper. I always give mine a little slide back and forth

about 1/4". This seems to help settle the glue.

There are a couple of ways to do this next step. I will be showing the way I did it. First, fold up each side of your pattern paper. This fold will make a crease in your pattern paper. Once you have folded all four sides up so they go over the back of your album cover (See Figure 6), go to each corner and cut along the crease. This will cut a small square from each corner of your pattern paper. This makes for much nicer seams.



Figure 6 - Cut along the creases as shown

Once you have the squares cut from the corners of your pattern paper, apply glue to the paper showing. Fold the paper over so that the glue side of the pattern paper sticks to the chipboard. Rub with your finger to press the pattern paper securely to the chipboard. (See Figure 7)



Figure 7 - Trim Pattern Paper as shown and fold in

I did one side at a time and held the paper down with just my fingers. The memory mount sets up fairly quickly. You may need to go back over the sides a few times as it dries to make sure it is securely adhered to your chipboard.

Wipe away any smudges of glue.

Take your contrasting pattern paper and apply adhesive to the back side of it. Now lay it (pattern side UP) on the back of your cover. This will cover your seams, the back of your chipboard and will give it a nice, professional and finished look. (See Figure 8)

OPTIONAL: In case you have notes on recipes or things you are constantly reaching for (like a substitution list), I made a little pocket for the back cover of my album.

To make the pocket, you'll need the following:

One piece of solid cardstock 6.5 wide x 5.5" tall

One piece of pattern paper 6" w x 3" tall



Figure 8 - Adhere pattern paper as shown



Figure 9 - Adhere pattern paper as shown

Fold the cardstock at 2". Adhere the pattern paper (pattern side up) to the top center of the cardstock and above the fold you just made. (See Figure 9)

Fold up the flap (See Figure 9) and staple into place. (See Figure 10) To make a little pocket. I used a stapler to add strength to the pocket. Apply adhesive to the back of the fold that will press against the album cover. Also run a little glue up each side of the pocket. You want a fairly thin strip; enough to adhere it to your album cover but not too much or you won't be able to stick anything in

the pocket. (See Figure 10) Hold the pocket in place for about a minute to make sure the glue will hold.

I made a template to use for my holes rather than measure every single one. Any way that works for you, is a great way to do the next part.

Take a piece of scrap paper and cut it as tall as your album and a few inches wide. I measured in 1/2" and made a mark. Then I measured 1 - 1/2" or so from the top and made a mark. I then

measured 1 - 1/2" from the bottom

and made a mark. I put the third mark right between the two and punched holes where the marks were. This gave me a very reliable template to mark both covers and all contents. (See Figure 11)



Figure 10 - Adhere pocket as shown



Figure 11 - Measure and mark template

The marks on the template won't matter, you will just be using the holes. Make sure they are evenly spaced and all in a straight line.

Place template on your cover and line up the edge to the edge of the cover. Using a pencil, mark the three holes on the cover. Do the same thing for the other cover. (See Figure 11)

Lift the template and using your hole punch, line up the punch with the circles you drew with your template. Punch the marks from your covers (both sides).

Cut thin strips of chipboard 1/2" wide and as long as your baggie. This will sit inside the lip of the baggie, but above the zipper part. (See Figure 13)



Figure 12 - Use template & mark

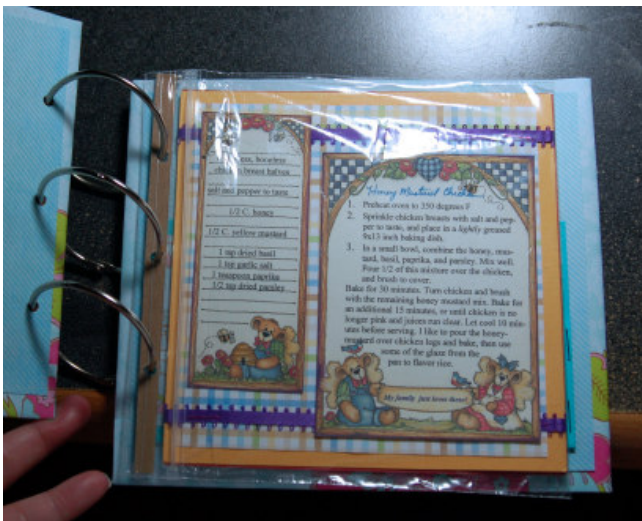


Figure 13 - Cut pieces for baggies as shown here

Use your template (Figure 12) to mark the baggie inserts. Use your hole punch to punch holes through the baggie and through the chipboard.

The baggie will protect your recipe layout and hold the recipe in place. The chipboard adds strength and gives the rings something to hold on to. Without the chipboard the thin plastic of the baggie would never hold up.

Be sure to place two recipe layouts back to back in your baggie. That way when the recipient turns the page, the next recipe will be face up, top up in your album. (See Figure 13)

You could use ribbon in place of the metal rings if desired.

Ideas for recipe albums:

- Crockpot dishes
- Newlywed Specialties
- Babies First Foods
- Family Recipes
- Soups
- Main Dishes
- Desserts
- Cocktails
- Party Favorites
- Finger Foods
- How to hide veggies in your favorite meals

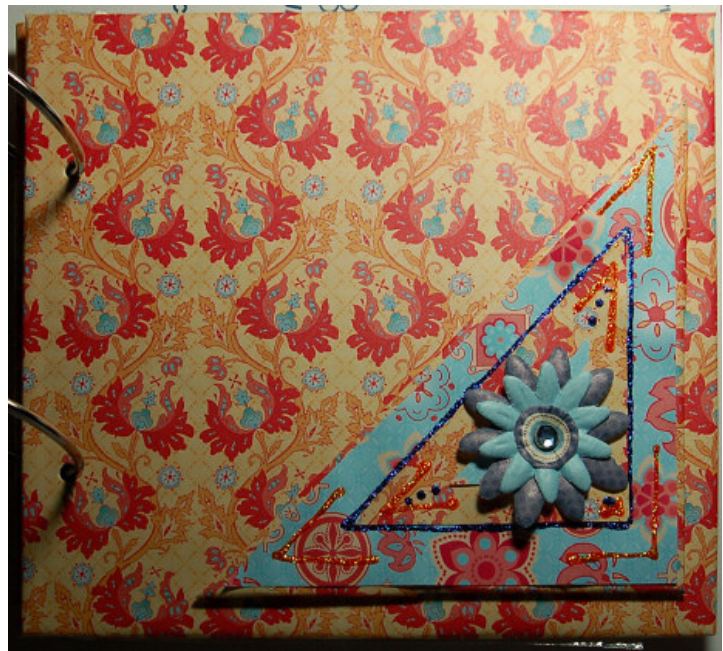
Or anything else you can come up with!!



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Other recipe albums I've made. I used ribbon and an embellished paper flower on the top one. I covered a large corner of chipboard for the one below. Then I added smaller corners and embellished with stickles and a flower. This instruction is for your personal use only. Every project may vary slightly depending on the skill and supplies of you, the creator.



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