Class 3 - Hello March

CRAFTY TEMPLATES

This class uses multiple small photos and uses up random stickers and ephemera. I used my patterned papers as a guide for what colours to pick out in my random leftover embellishments and my photos for theme ideas. Most of everything else I used was from the Jan/Feb 2023 main kit and Custom Cards from Jan/Feb kit too.

You will need: Four patterned papers.

One and a half sheets of 12x12 white card, (the half can be a smaller off cut but it needs to be 12" wide and at least 2" high).

Three 4x6 size pocket cards, if you don't have these you can use three 10x15cm pieces of patterned paper just the same.

An alphabet - I used the woodgrain die cut one from a past kit but you can use any largish alpha you have.

Black watercolour paint or ink - this is just for a few splashes and not essential if you don't have it.

Stickers and ephemera

I used the Simple Stories sticker sheet from the Jan/Feb main kit. This class is good for using up similar sticker sheets so if you have sheets with random stickers pull those out. It's about using up lots of random things so the more you have the more ideas you'll get for what to mix and match together. I didn't end up using everything I pulled out but it helped to have more to see what I could layer together and cut apart to make work.

All the random embellishments I picked out are from past kits. I just used my paper colours and the theme, (snow) of my photos to help me pick them out.

For my photos I made a collage of six and printed them on an A5 sheet of photo paper then I cut them out into 4.5cm squares. This page is a good one to show snapshots of a day or a month or maybe a day trip where you have multiple photos.







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Step one. If you haven't already pick out four patterned papers to use and choose how you'd like them to look from top to bottom. I've gone for dark, light, dark, light. Tear the edges of each paper plus the extra piece of white cardstock. For sizes I've let the scrap pieces I was using dictate it but you can make some more equal than others or keep them all the same size. Apply doublesided tape to the back of each piece and use it to layer them together starting with the top piece and working to the bottom one. My finished layered paper piece overall is about 20cm top to bottom and the width of my background.













Step two. On my background white cardstock ľve added some splashes of black watercolour paint by applying it to a damp paint brush then tapping the brush with scissors to make the paint splash off on to the card. I've popped the sheet to one side to let it dry. If you've not already print off your photos. I've used 6 photos and printed them in a collage grid on a sheet of A5 printer paper. I'll be trimming them down to 4.5cm square.







Step three. Fix the layered paper piece to your background leaving space at the top and bottom. Add the extra piece of white cardstock with the torn edge at the top. I also torn a little more off my last paper piece to reveal a more of the paint splashes.







Step four. Take three 4x6 pocket cards or cut out three pieces of patterned paper to 15x10cm. Cut out your photos to 4.5x4.5cm squares. Fix two of the pocket cards together from the front with small pieces of doublesided tape. Add more larger pieces of tape to the back. Add the last pocket card to the front using the tape so it's roughly in the middle of the other two. Next l've added a little layer of acetate with a stapler. This was in my pile of bits and pieces to use up. Next l've added the photos a row of three at the top and bottom of the middle card. l've used adhesive on the photo backs just in the middle to give room for embellishments to be tucked around the edges.



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Step five. Across the middle is the space to add your title. I've also added two more embellishments layered underneath mine. If your title is longer wait until the next step when we add it to the background.





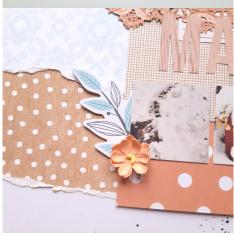


Step six. Fix the title and photo piece to your background using the tape on the back. Position it so it's roughly central and over the top of the torn paper layers. Pull out embellishments from your collected pile and tuck them around the photos. I've added some pompom trim underneath the photos too. I'm also using the Simple Stories Life Captured stickers sheet. Don't be afraid to cut off or cut apart stickers to make them work better for your layout. I've trimmed the top part of the typewriter sticker to make it blend more with the background. The flowers were a little bulky so I've trimmed off the backs and glued them down on the layout.









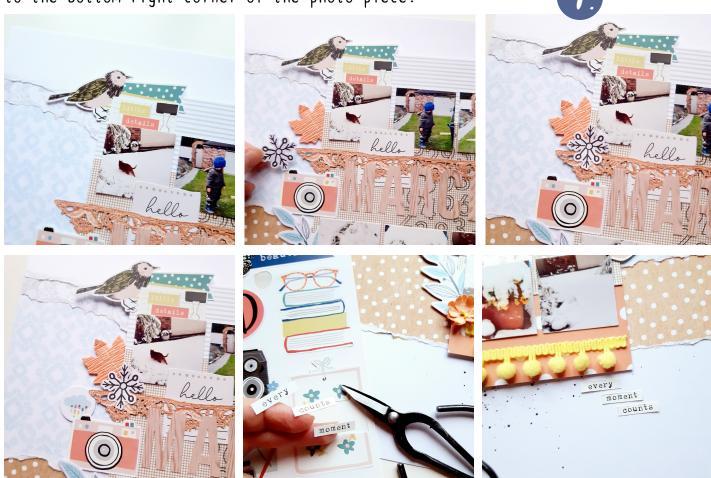








Here I've added more stickers this time layering them together before tucking them under the cards layer. Two more embellishments were then added, the leaf slightly tucked under and the snowflake glued over the top. A chipboard flair was then added as another layer just next to those. I've also cut apart another sticker to just have the text which I've added to the bottom right corner of the photo piece.



Keep adding more embellishments as you work through your collection. Here I've added two more on the left of the photo piece.









l've continued to alter embellishments to make them work for my layout. l've cut apart a chipboard frame to use it tucked under a photo. l've cut apart ephemera and tucked it under sticker layers. I've used a Christmas ephemera piece framing the bit I wanted to keep with another chipboard frame embellishment then cut it out. I've added a tag layer underneath before adding it to the layout. Another layer to mirror this on the other side has been made from two die cuts a sticker and another piece of cut apart ephemera. As a final touch I added some more small heart stickers from the Simple Stories sticker sheet.





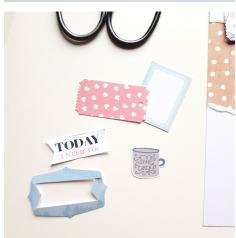
















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