

The Challenge of Grommets on Chipboard Albums

Many manufacturers put grommets (large eyelets) on the cover of chipboard albums. Here are some suggestions to get the cover look you desire. First and easiest is to buy a punch the size of the grommet. Just measure the outer diameter of grommet and purchase the punch with that measurement (i.e. 3/8 inch) They are very inexpensive and can be purchased anywhere from Dollartree to Joanns.

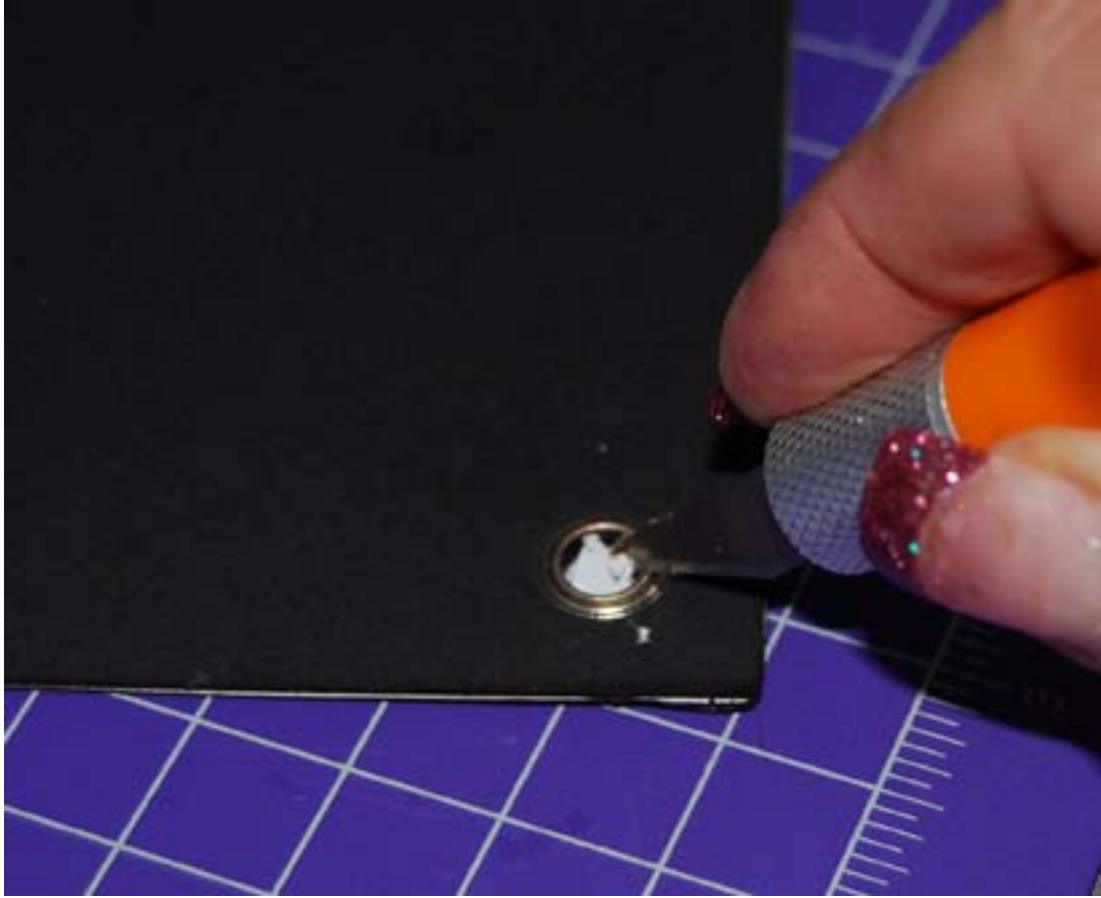
If no punch is available you can do it with an X-acto knife. Glue your page in place carefully avoiding getting glue on the grommet.



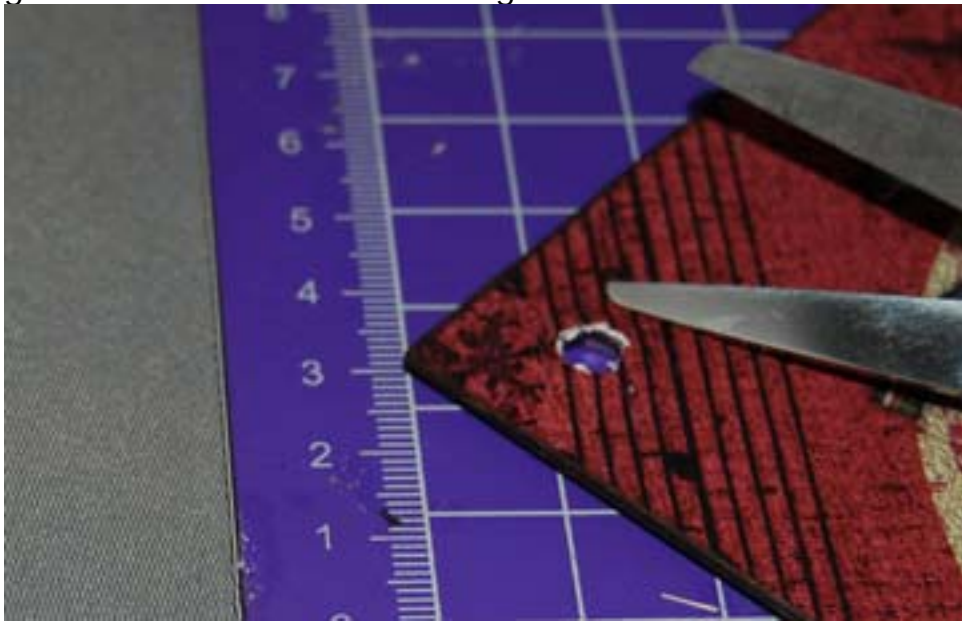
Your front page is glued over the grommet not onto it:



Turn cover over and work from the back. With a sharp fresh blade in your knife cut what is visible from the hole:



Flip back to the front cover, and gently press with a blunt tool around the grommet to define & locate edge:



Using your sharp knife ...trim carefully around defined rim and the excess should release easily:



Other options for grommets include coloring them with a black Sharpie:



in addition to punches, there are decorative products available at your LSS:



Last but not least...there is the option to insert your own grommets, eyelets, nail heads etc. This option requires an investment in a quality machine such as the American Tag machine:



Use you pre inserted grommet as the back cover, and insert your own on another piece of chipboard following manufacturer's instructions. This gives you the most professional and clean look:



Have fun with your hybrid projects! Happy Scrappin' , Beth.