

Create a Hybrid Chipboard Album!

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In the beginning there was Scrapbooking. Then came Digital Scrapbooking...and now there is Hybrid Scrapping ..where you combine the best of both worlds. It's simple, really. For example...if you've ever tried to make a circle shape or frame with one of those cutters you know how tedious is, but digitally it's a snap! Struggling to get that flower or ribbon to look realistic on your digital page? No worries-just glue it on!

Dust off you glue stick and scissors and let's get started assembling a basic chipboard album.



After you have completed your digital item, print a fast draft to check sizing and page placement...make adjustments as per your particular printer and software instructions. Some designers size their albums a little larger than the chipboard, so look for any directions that come with the digital product.

A few comments about printer paper: There is a variation in coating from brand to brand. The general rule of thumb is buy the same brand paper that your printer is, and set the paper type setting accordingly:

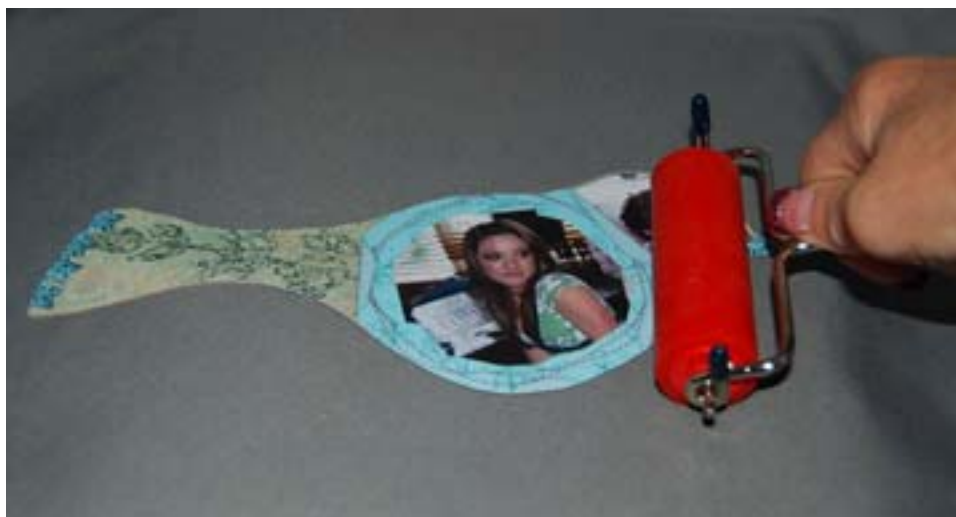
Many Hybrid scrappers prefer to use matte finish papers because there is no glare and less running or bleeding. If you choose any of the glossy finishes, you will want to let the printed item set and spray with a photo preserver.

Cut out your printed pages just outside of the outline, and get them in order. Plan your embellishments and attach any that you need to *before* gluing to chipboard page. For example: If you want to wrap a ribbon, tape the ends around the back of the LO, then glue the LO to the chipboard. Any paper to paper glue will work. I would stay away from Modpodge (wrinkling). The Beacon 3 in 1 craft glue has become a favorite of mine.

Here are some other products I like to have on hand:



Get a good flat seal onto the chipboard. Use a brayer (optional) if you have one.



When it is dry you can trim the edges using an xacto knife....



[this one by Fiskars is as easy to use as a pencil]

...and/or by using a medium to fine sanding block:



You may choose to ink the edges:



Establish the holes using a hole punch or xacto knife. Add any embellishments that you choose. Finally, use the ring, ribbons or fabric to collect the pages together into a mini book! That was easy! Visit our fine Hybrid Product section to get started: http://digitalscrapbookpages.com/digitals/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=69

