STEP-BY-STEP: Sept. 11

time to complete: 15 minutes

here's what you need:

- (1) 8.5x11" sheet patterned paper
- 4x10.5" strip coordinating patterned paper
- 1x10.5" strip contrasting cardstock
- 4.25x6.25" square contrasting cardstock
- 4x6" photo (vertical/portrait orientation)
- Notebook border punch
- Corner rounder
- Letter stickers for title
- Chipboard star
- Scrap of cardstock to cover star
- Button
- Bakers twine
- Basic tool kit (adhesive, trimmer, journaling pen, glue dots, etc.)

here's what you do:

1. Trim papers to the above measurements.
2. Round corners of base patterned paper and outside corners of 4x10.5" strip.
3. Adhere 4x10.5" patterned paper strip to left side of base, about 1/4" from edges.
4. Use border punch on 1x10.5" strip and adhere flush to #3 above.
5. Mount photo on cardstock square and add to page, overlapping all.
6. Cover chipboard star with cardstock and add to page.
7. Thread bakers twine through button and add to chipboard star.
8. Add title and journaling.
9. Smile at your cleverness and enjoy!

why this works:

The bold colors carry the weight of the layout, directing attention where YOU want it to go. The added details of the border punch, chipboard star, and button/twine keep the layout from being boring or conventional.

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