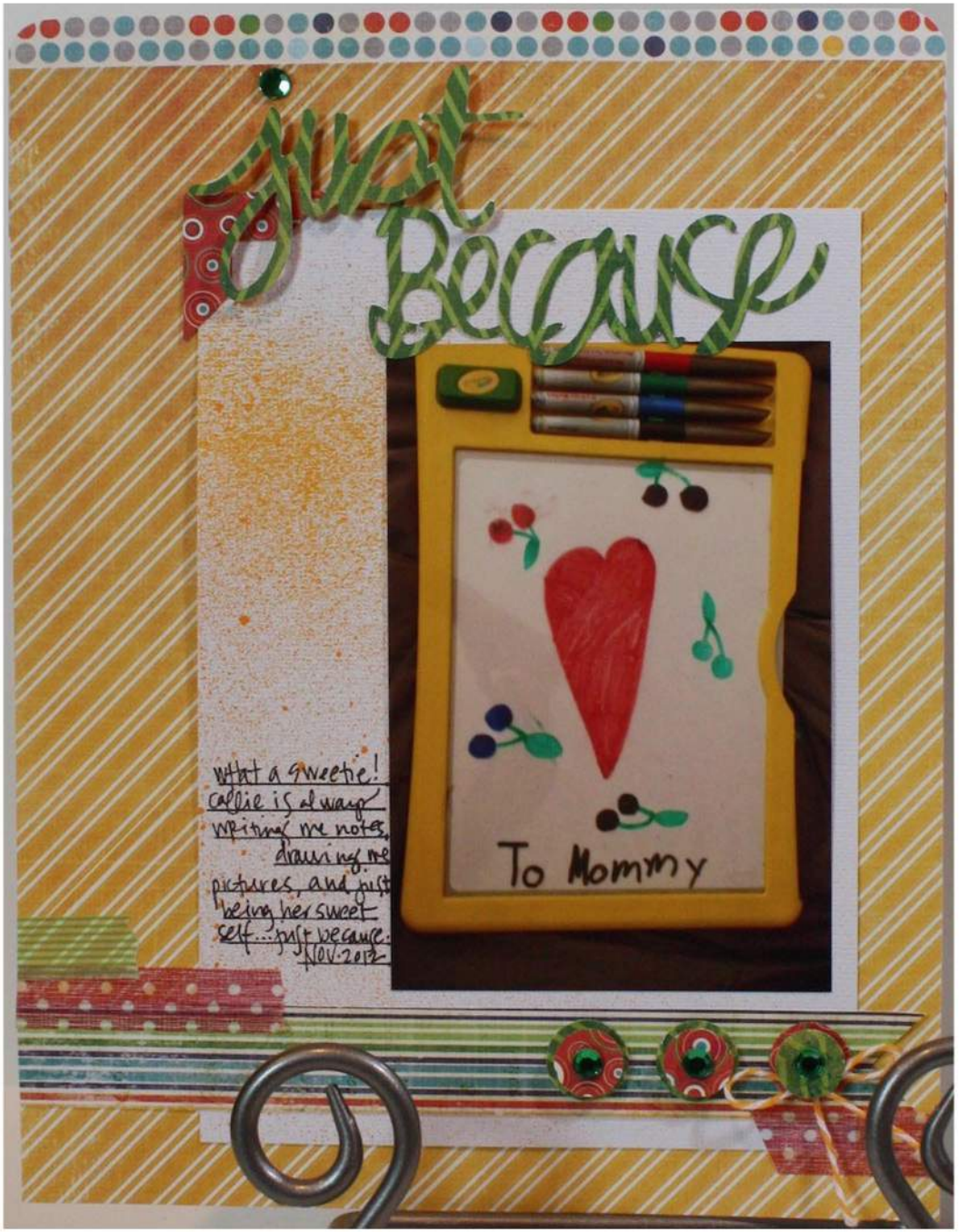

STEP-BY-STEP: July '13

time to complete: 30 minutes

here's what you need:

- (1) 4 x 6" photo (vertical/portrait orientation)
- (1) 8½ x 11" patterned paper base
- (1) 6 x 8½" cardstock for photo mat
- (1) 8½ x ¾" patterned paper strip
- (1) 8¼ x 1½" coordinating patterned paper strip
- (3) strips decorative washi tape
- (3) 1" circles patterned paper
- (3) ¾" circles coordinating patterned paper
- (1) photo corner
- (4) coordinating bling embellishments
- Title alphabets: die cut/chipboard/sticker
- Snippet baker's twine/embroidery floss to make small bow
- Spray ink in coordinating color
- Corner rounder
- Basic tool kit (adhesive, trimmer, journaling pen, ruler, scissors, etc.)

here's what you do:

1. Trim paper to the above measurements; adhere 8½ x ¾" strip to top of base; round top corners
2. Spray ink toward upper-left of cardstock mat; allow to dry
3. Cut notch out of right end of 8¼ x 1½" strip (hint: flip a square punch upside down to cut notch at perfect angle)
4. Adhere mat onto base leaving 1" border to right and bottom
5. Adhere notched strip over bottom of cardstock left-justified; adhere 2 washi tape strips left-justified above notched strip folding tape behind base; adhere 1 washi tape strip right-justified over bottom of mat folding behind base
6. Adhere three 1" circles in a row onto notched strip right-justified; tie bow from twine/floss and adhere over right-most circle; adhere ¾" circles over 1" circle; adhere bling on concentric circles
7. Adhere photo right-justified leaving ¼" border on right
8. Use ruler to draw journaling lines flush left of photo; handwrite journaling
9. Adhere photo corner to upper-left corner of mat; adhere title alphabets above photo overlapping base and mat

why this works:

When combining multiple striped and/or dotted papers, the key is finding a common bond. This layout uses diagonal and horizontal stripes in yellow and green, while the dots are mostly red. The repetition unifies the mix.

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