

Grafix Chipboard Album

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The @book mini album coils inward just like an @ symbol. Folded, it's a compact 6x4 inches, but it unrolls to be nearly a yard long!

Supplies:

Grafix Medium Weight Chipboard, (2) 12x12 pieces
Washi decorative tape (1/3 - 1 inch wide)
Patterned paper
Double-sided adhesive
Photos
Journaling pen
Pencil
Embellishments



Notes: First, it's important that you choose the correct material for your base. You'll need to use medium weight chipboard so the album will be durable and hold up to frequent handling. Since this will be a scrapbook, you want to select chipboard that's acid-free and safe for your photos. I recommend Grafix brand chipboard, since its archival quality, and it comes in the 12x12 size we need for this project.

Directions:

1. Begin by cutting both sheets of Grafix chipboard in half, so you have four 6x12 inch pieces.
2. Cut your chipboard to the measurements indicated below. Label each piece with the correct letter as you go, using a pencil.

Chipboard cuts, inches

A	3 1/8	B	1 1/16
C	4	D	1
E	3 7/8	F	15/16
G	3 3/4	H	7/8
I	3 5/8	J	13/16
K	3 1/2	L	3/4
M	3 3/8		

(Scared of fractions? Don't worry, you can handle this. With the exception of piece C, all the measurements in the left column are 1/8 inch less than the measurement before it. So, just move over two tiny lines on your paper cutter. For the right hand column, all measurements are 1/16 inch less than the measurement before it. So, just move over one tiny line on your paper cutter.)

3. Lay the pieces out in alphabetical order spaced about 1/8 inch apart. You're going to attach them with decorative washi tape. Since washi tape isn't all that sticky, I highly recommend adding some adhesive beneath the tape for extra durability. Attach all the chipboard pieces in alphabetical order.
4. Test out your @book by folding the pages inward from right to left, beginning with the last page (M). When you're done, (A) should be on top. Now that your book is properly assembled, you can erase the letters.
5. Decorate your @book by adding patterned papers to each page. I chose to cut mine 1/4 inch smaller than each page, so the chipboard acts as a border.



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6. Add photos and journaling blocks to your album. Add embellishments as desired. Punches are a great way to make good use of small paper scraps.

7. Add journaling in your own handwriting to make the album special. Put your own personal touch on the book with a little doodling.



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