

Planner Project Part II

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Today I'm bringing you more DIY ideas to make your planner pretty! I'll be showing you how to make a simple pen holder, cute emoji stickers, and Shrink Film paper clips!

Supplies:

Grafix Chipboard (medium weight)
Grafix Funky Film (optional)
Clear Shrink Film (Grafix)
Pencil
Scissors
Hole punch
Paper clips
Ribbon (at least 1-in wide, approx. 7 in long)
Lighter
Sewing elastic ($\frac{1}{4}$ in, approx. 13 in long)
Sewing machine & thread
Favorite pens (Gelly Roll®)
White circle stickers (\$1 store)
Koi® Watercolor Field Sketch Travel Kit
Pigma® Micron® pens
Pentouch® pens (Sakura)
Baking Sheet
Parchment paper
Oven
E600 glue



Directions:

Pen Holder

1. You'll need ribbon that's about an inch wide, and the length of your planner page plus an inch. You'll also need elastic that's $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch wide and twice the width of your page, plus an inch.
2. I'm using Grafix medium weight chipboard as my base. This chipboard comes in black, white, and natural shades and is very sturdy without being too thick. Trace one of your planner pages onto the chipboard using a pencil. Trace the holes as well. Cut out with a pair of scissors.
3. Trim a piece of ribbon to about an inch longer than the width of the chipboard piece. Carefully singe the ends of the ribbon with a lighter to prevent fraying. (Remember, only a grown-up should use a lighter.)
4. Fold each end of the ribbon under about a half inch, so that it is the width of the chipboard piece. Stitch in place for a nice clean edge. (I'm using a contrasting thread so you can see what I'm doing, but you can use a color that matches.)



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5. Wrap the elastic around the center of the chipboard and cut, adding an extra inch. Center the elastic evenly on top of the ribbon.
6. Stitch both ends vertically to hold the elastic in place, and then add two more vertical rows, creating 3 slots for pens. (If you have a larger planner, you can add more.)
7. Overlap the ends of the elastic by about an inch, and sew together with a zig-zag stitch.
8. You can decorate the chipboard with Gelly Roll® pens, or you can add a piece of self-adhesive Funky Film for some sparkly bling.
9. Hole punch your chipboard sheet, then slide the pen holder onto the chipboard. My pen holder can fit 3 fat markers, or 6 Gelly Roll® pens.

Emoji Stickers

1. Now let's make some cute emoji stickers! I picked up these white circle stickers at the dollar store. Paint the stickers with yellow watercolor paint. I like Sakura's Koi® Watercolor Field Sketch Travel Kit, which comes with a handy water brush. Allow the stickers to dry completely.
2. Use Pigma® Micron® pens to draw cute faces on your stickers. Add them as accents in your planner.

Shrink Film Paper Clips

1. Shrink Film paper clips are fun to make, because you can create something unique that really fits your personality! I'm using clear Shrink Film, made by Grafix. Some pens and markers work well with this product, while others don't. My favorite type of marker to use on this is Pentouch®, made by Sakura. These are paint-like pens with a vibrant, glossy finish. They have a variety of colors as well as metallic shades.
2. Draw your design twice as big as you want the finished piece to be. You can write words or draw shapes. These markers allow you to layer colors, as long as you give the first color a minute to dry.
3. Cut out the shapes closely. (Be careful, as the plastic is slippery and the scissors may want to glide and cut further than you intend.) Bake according to the package directions.
4. The best glue for this is E6000, because it dries perfectly clear while remaining slightly flexible. Add a dab of glue to the back of a shape, and then wait a minute for it to become tacky. Press the smaller end of the paper clip into the glue. Allow to dry completely before using.



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