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## **Birthday Book**

Every year it's part of my New Years Resolution to remember all of my friends birthdays... but that's always quite a challenge! I decided to finally get organized and with the help of my fabulous Fiskars tools I created this birthday book. It's a simple altered binder that contains a page for each month that I can record those important dates on. It's not just a regular calendar - this one is dedicated to birthdays and anniversaries and is as colorful as the celebrations should be. Use your tools to get started on your own binder and you won't forget a single special day this year!

## Supplies:

- 01-005266 - Fiskars Brackets & Journaling Shape Template
- 48717097 - Fiskars Envelope 2 Shape Template
- 48627097 - Fiskars Christmas Shape Template
- 48007097 - Fiskars Ultra ShapeXpress
- 12-25637097 - Fiskars Circle Pop Up Punch
- 12-24687097 - Fiskars Heart Pop Up Punch
- 12-74277097 - Fiskars He Said, She Said XL Squeeze Punch
- 12-73307097 - Fiskars Round the Bend Squeeze Punch
- 01-004597 - Fiskars Apron Lace Border Punch
- 01-004599 - Fiskars Boundary Waters Border Punch
- 01-004596 - Fiskars Scallop Sentiment Border Punch
- 01-001045 - Fiskars Threading Water Border Punch
- 01-004595 - Upper Crest Border Punch
- 12-74187097 - Twinkle Twinkle L Squeeze Punch
- 92017097 - Scallop Paper Edgers
- 23527097 - 1/4" Circle Hand Punch

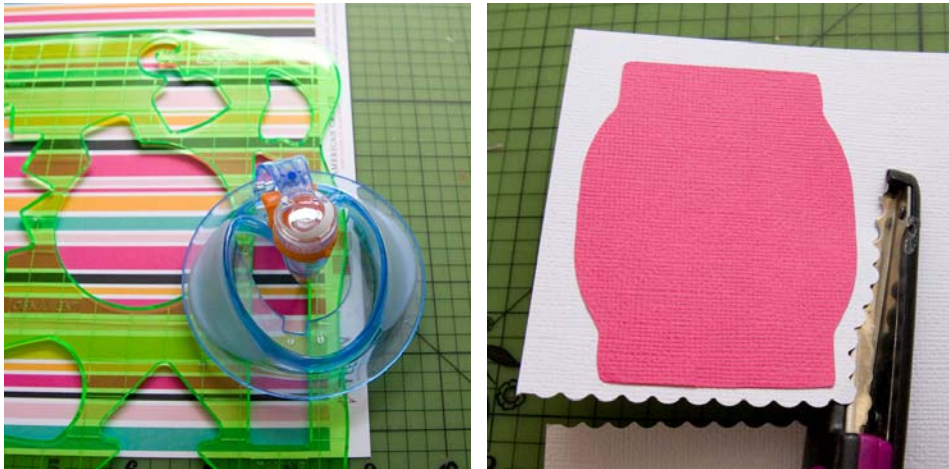
other: Russell + Hazel Binder, American Crafts patterned paper, stickers, ribbon. KI Memories patterned paper, Doodlebug patterned paper



**Binder** - I chose a binder from Russell + Hazel that already had a cloth cover but i wanted to alter with some more color. Use your Fiskars tools to brighten up a plain cover.

1. Trim teal cardstock to 1" wide and adhere to the binder. Use Threading Water punch on two strips of green cardstock and adhere them to the cover. Punch two stars using Twinkle Twinkle squeeze punch, then add jewels, and adhere to the cover.

2. Use Ultra ShapeXpress and Christmas shape template to cut candlesticks out of patterned paper. Cut the flames for the candle out of yellow using the same tools. Cut candles in half horizontally to make them stagger at different lengths on the front of your cover. Adhere the candles to the center of the binder.



3. Use Ultra ShapeXpress and Brackets & Journal shape template to cut label for the cover out of pink cardstock. Once cut, adhere onto white cardstock and trim a border using Scallop paper edgers. Add on letter stickers and adhere to the front of the binder.





**To Send Page**- Throughout the year I am always making a lot of cards for different assignments. Keep birthday or anniversary ones inside your binder so you don't have to go searching for one when you need it. I created this little pocket page to stick cards in so they don't get lost.

1. Use Ultra ShapeXpress and Envelope 2 template to cut an envelope out of patterned paper. Create a cool border on the flap of the envelope using Threading Water border punch. Fold and adhere envelope together.



2. Create fasteners so that you can easily open and close the envelope. Punch two small circles out of teal cardstock using Circle Pop Up punch. Do not glue these down but fasten to the body of the envelope and to the flap using brads through the center. Cut a small piece of string and wrap around the brad on the body behind the paper circle. Tie a knot in the string and leave the end loose to tie around the flap brad when you want to close.



3. Use Ultra ShapeXpress and Brackets & Journal template to cut a label out of green cardstock. Adhere to the envelope and trim off the side. Add letter stickers.

4. Mount envelope onto a small piece of black cardstock. Round right top and bottom corners with Round the Bend squeeze punch. Punch holes for the binder using 1/4" circle hand punch.



**Gift Ideas**- Throughout the year I bookmark or tear things out of magazines that I find to make good presents, but often forget when the deadline comes. Make sure these ideas are right at your fingertips by creating a little pocket in your binder to hold them in.



1. Use Ultra ShapeXpress and Envelope 2 template to cut an envelope out of patterned paper. Trim the top flap of the envelope off so it remains open. Create a cool border on the flap of the envelope using Upper Crest border punch. Fold and adhere envelope together then round the top corners using Round the Bend squeeze punch.

2. Adhere ribbon the body of the envelope. Use Ultra ShapeXpress and Brackets & Journal template to cut a label out of yellow cardstock. Adhere to the envelope using foam adhesive and add letter stickers and jewels.

3. Mount envelope onto a small piece of black cardstock. Round right top and bottom corners with Round the Bend squeeze punch. Punch holes for the binder using 1/4" circle hand punch.

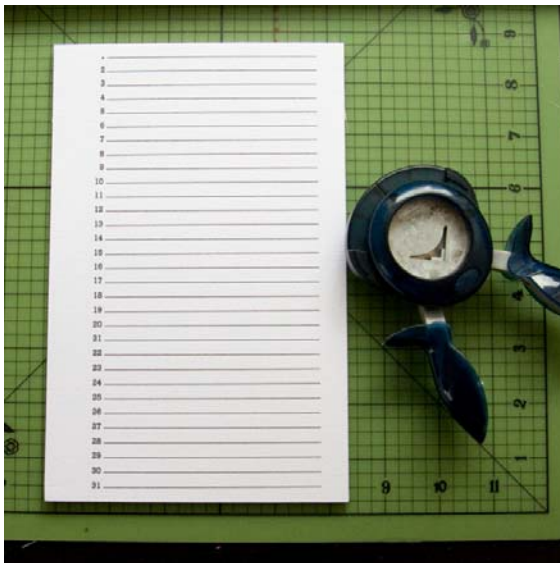


**Monthly Pages-** The inside monthly pages are very simple and quick to put together. I created a day template in Adobe Illustrator and printed it out onto white cardstock. The nice thing about it is that you can just fill in names and not have to worry about changing the design of the template for each month.

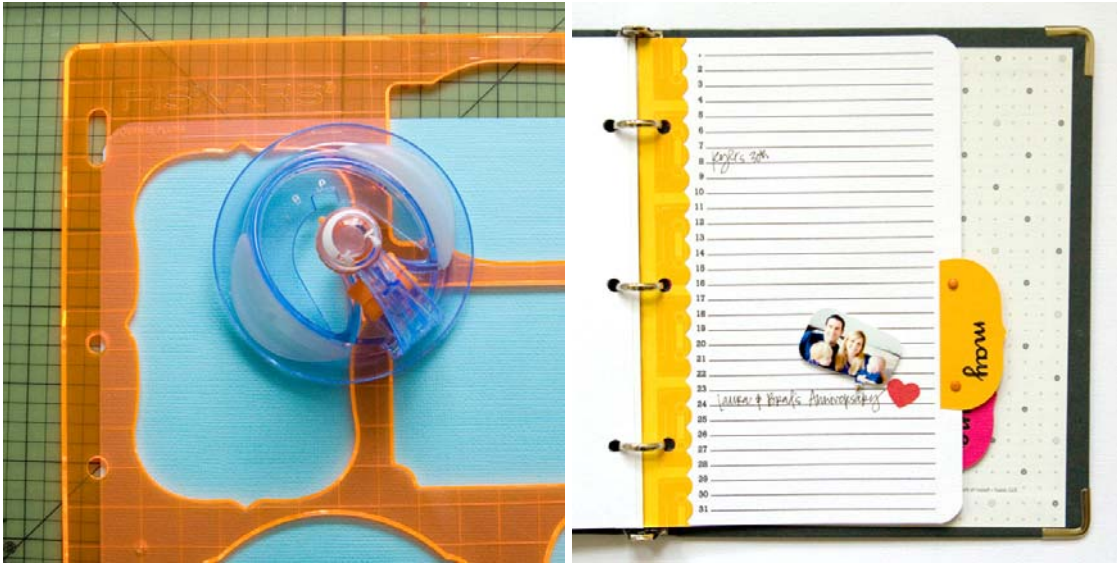


I made each month a specific color and included a tab on each to make it easy to flip through. Add even more personality to your pages by including a little photo of the person with their special day. It's an easy way to glance at the page and tell just who will be celebrating that month. Have fun embellishing each month!

1. Print dates onto white cardstock and trim. Use Round the Bend squeeze punch on the top and bottom right corners.



2. Use Apron Lace, Scallop Sentiment, Boundary Waters, and Upper Crest border punches with strips patterned paper and adhere on the left side of the pages. Mix it up so that each page is unique.



3. Use Ultra ShapeXpress and Brackets & Journal template to cut a label out of cardstock for each page. Cut label down to 1" to create a tab for the right side of the page. Add rubons for the name of each month. Adhere to the side of the page and add brads.

4. Add dates with a pen. Print photos and punch using He Says She Says squeeze punch. Adhere photos to pages. Punch hearts for anniversaries using Heart Pop Up punch. Punch holes for the binder using 1/4" circle hand punch.

You can easily customize this book to any size binder to fit your needs - add more envelope pages to include more ideas or cards. Hope this gives you some ideas to remember all your favorite birthdays this year!