

In this layout we will be creating a unique background using some basic mixed media techniques. You can switch your colours to suit your photo.

Please see the video for full how-to process. This document is a summary of the process steps.



Photo

1 Landscape photo (approx 9x11.5cm) although layout can be easily adapted to suit your photo.

Tools & Materials

Distress Inks (I've used Broken China and Peacock Feathers)

Stencils (I used Bramble Fox Cuts #1)

Acrylic paint – turquoise, black

Small piece of corrugated cardboard packaging, ring pull from a drinks can

Printed text paper from an old book, magazine, patterned paper for photo mat and backing

White cardstock, die-cuts, stickers, embellishments

Texture paste & palette knife

Blending foam, background (text) stamps, black archival ink

Water spray, small paintbrush, blending mat

Foam tape, strong adhesive

Stapler, small hole punch, pencil, rubber, needle & thread, Black Fine liner

Lids from a jar or bottle (to stamp circles with),

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Method

1. Tear dictionary pages (be sure there are no straight edges) and adhere with glue around the edges of the white cardstock background.
2. Smoosh ink around the edges of the background (see video). I used Broken China and then Peacock Feathers for more interest and tone. Allow background to dry.
3. Meanwhile, cut out a star out of corrugated cardboard using the template enclosed.
4. When the background is dry, blend ink around the edges of the background to fill in the gaps – do as much or as little as desired.
5. Randomly stamp around the edges with text stamps if desired.
6. Push texture paste through a stencil around the edges to add some detail.
7. Once dry, create a 7cm tear on the left-hand side (approx. 6cm from the left-hand side). Curl and distress the edges as shown. Backfill the gap with a small piece of Prima Gingham paper (with cut apart cards on the reverse). Mount photo onto the same paper.
8. I added some 'coffee rings' to the background – dip a jar lid into acrylic paint and press onto background (try it out on scrap paper first).
9. Water down some acrylic paint and splatter down the right-hand side.
10. The ring pulls will be used to secure twine. Sew ring pulls approx. 5cm from the right-hand side. Thread the twine between looping it around 3 times and securing with a bow. I've tied a charm.
11. Secure photo into place on 3 sides to create a pocket (to allow a tag to be inserted behind).
12. Decorate the corrugated star with stickers and secure as shown.
13. Create a cluster down the bottom left-hand side.

