Junk Journal with Spine and Nested Pages

A PROJECT FROM OUR LIVE SHOW - CATCH UP WITH TONI & EMMA FOR A FRIDAY LAUNCH IN THE HTCN STUDIO...

ABOUT THIS PROJECT

Create a handmade junk journal using recycled packaging and cardboard. This project uses nested spine dies to build a multi-page book that can hold photographs, music paper, and decorative elements, giving it a vintage, grungy aesthetic.

From the show: CATCH UP with Toni & Emma for A FRIDAY LAUNCH in the HTCN studio broadcast 14th Jan 22
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The project starts: 20:00 into the show
In this guide: 9 steps

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STEP 1 OF 9

Run the spine die bundle through your machine to create three nested spine sections that fit inside one another.

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STEP 2 OF 9

Observe the score lines on each spine piece and bend them gently to see how they nest together.

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STEP 3 OF 9

Gather your pages cut from recycled materials such as music paper, corrugated cardboard from packaging, and coloured card.

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STEP 4 OF 9

Apply wet glue to the back of the largest spine piece and position it as the base layer.

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STEP 5 OF 9

Glue the medium-sized spine on top, ensuring it sits within the gap created by the largest spine.

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STEP 6 OF 9

Glue the smallest spine piece into the centre, creating a three-tiered nested structure.

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STEP 7 OF 9

Insert your prepared pages into the spine structure, layering them between each spine section.

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STEP 8 OF 9

Cover the assembled spine with decorative cardboard or patterned paper to create a front and back cover if desired.

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STEP 9 OF 9

Allow the glue to dry completely before handling or adding further embellishments.

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TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- Use wet glue rather than dry adhesive to allow yourself wiggle room when positioning the spine pieces.
- You can leave the journal as just the spine, or glue it into a scored A4 card to create a more traditional book appearance.
- Decorate your pages before assembling them into the spine for easier access and better results.

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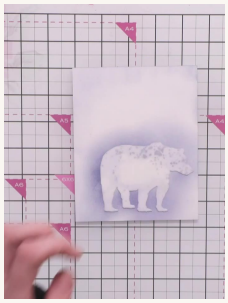

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