

GIFT BOOKS

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Customize a store bought album with graduated pages and floral sticker tabs. Trimming down the first few pages in graduated lengths creates a good looking format for a title page and introductory pages to introduce the reader to the book. Designing the first three or four pages establishes the theme of the book and makes it easy for the recipient to complete the book on her own.

1. Attach floral and grass vellum stickers onto the first page so that they show through the window opening of the album cover. Add an additional vellum strip below to help anchor the design and keep it from appearing to float on the page.
2. Trim the next three pages in graduated lengths removing a half inch from page four, an inch from page three and an inch and a half from page two.
3. In order to exaggerate the graduated lengths of the pages, add a vellum sticker strip to the right edge of each page. Place a vellum grass sticker along the right edge of the first page that is not trimmed (page 5).
4. Place flower vellum stickers so that they overlap the right edge of each of the trimmed pages (Place a blank sticker backing sheet as your work surface to prevent the overlapping sticker from sticking to the next page). Turn the page over and place the mirror image flower sticker so that it aligns with the sticker on the front side. Repeat this for each of the graduated pages.
5. Reduce the bridal shower invitation (or other souvenir) on a color copier and attach to the first inside page. (I added ribbon from the invitation to the color copy before attaching it to the page).
6. Create the greeting on the next page (congratulations Ali) with vellum stickers. It is easiest to arrange the letters on a sticker backing sheet first, then transfer the group of letters as a whole onto the page.



SUPPLIES

- Vellum Stickers: Mrs. Grossman's Paper Company
- Album: Kolo
- Foam Adhesive: 3M
- Bridal shower invitation (with ribbon)
- Ivory cardstock

7. Add vellum strips to the back side of each of the introductory pages.

8. Cut a piece of matching ivory colored cardstock, line the back of the top, bottom and right side with foam adhesive and attach to the last page in the book to create a pocket that holds additional stickers for the recipient to complete the book once she gets her photos from the shower printed. Decorate the opening to the pocket with an additional vellum sticker strip to complete the book.