

KID MOMENTS

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Devote an entire mini-book to one child and you are sure to spark an interest in them for scrapbooking. The completed book is meant to be given to the child, so be sure the ingredients are inexpensive and the assembly is quick and easy. Create fabric twist ties to bind a book made with a pack of refill page protectors. Another super simple book is made of paper squares bound with plastic snaps that allow the pages to open into a long chain and close to form a compact stack of pages. These mini-books can be made for the kids, with the kids or both.



FABRIC TWIST TIE BINDING

1. Cut four sheets of card stock, two for each (front and back) cover. The covers should be slightly larger than the page protectors inside. Fasten two sheets together to make sturdy front and back book covers.
2. Punch holes and score the left edge of the covers to match the inside pages.
3. Punch or die-cut multiple circles in various sizes to decorate the front cover.
4. Label a block of contrasting colored paper with stickers that spell the child's name and raise with foam adhesive before attaching to the front cover. Add a smaller tab to the cover labeled with the date. Embellish both labels with colored brads.
5. Place thin gauge wire down the middle of the sticky side of four inch fabric sticker strips. Fold the fabric onto itself, trapping the wire inside. Snip off any exposed wire at each end to finish the fabric twist ties.
6. Thread the fabric twist ties through the holes and twist a few times to bind the book.
7. Add photos and simple embellishments inside to complete the book.





PLASTIC SNAP BINDING

1. Cut 6 1/2 inch squares out of thick paper or card stock. Punch two holes directly across from each other along the mid line at the edges of each square.
2. Decorate the front cover with a square mat of black corrugated cardboard and a smaller square of ivory card stock. Thread alphabet charms that spell the child's name onto a sticker strip and wrap it around the ivory mat before attaching it to the black mat.
3. Attach color copies of photos to each square and decorate with themed stickers.
4. Create a long chain of squares, overlapping the holes in the squares and connect them with plastic snaps.
5. Rotate each page so that it sits under the previous page to create a stack of pages that are a good size for a child's hands.



SUPPLIES

- Embossed card stock: Mrs. Grossman's Paper Company
- Wire: Jewelcraft
- Foam Adhesive: 3M
- 1/4" Hole punch: Fiskars
- Plastic Snaps: Chatterbox
- Circle Punches: E.K. Success
- Stickers: Mrs. Grossman's Paper Company
- Colored brads: Making Memories
- 5 x 7 Refill Page Protectors: Mrs. Grossman's Paper Company
- Alphabet Charms: Making Memories
- Paper: Canson
- Circle die-cuts: Sizzix