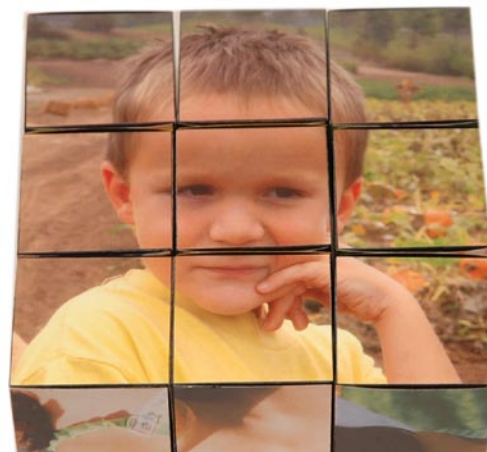


# THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

## PHOTO BOX PUZZLES

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Let your scrapbook supplies do double duty in the creation of a photo puzzle that is sure to be enjoyed by young and old alike. Enlarge five of your favorite photos and use them to decorate five sides of nine paper boxes. The sixth side of the box can be embellished just as you would a title page in a scrapbook. Once all six sides have been decorated (on all nine boxes), the games can begin! Everyone will enjoy assembling all six sides of the puzzle to reveal your photos, title and journaling. Because the box construction is cardstock, it is easy to fold it flat to enable you to save this fun photo puzzle in your scrapbook.



1. Enlarge five 4" x 6" photos 200% on a color copier.

2. Cut a 7" square out of clear vellum and divide it into thirds vertically and horizontally creating a grid of nine squares.

3. Place the vellum grid over each photo to act as a guide and trim each photo to 7" x 7". Turn the photos over and recreate the grid on the backs (with pencil). Number inside each square of the grid and cut the photos apart on the grid lines. Keep each photo separate from the others.

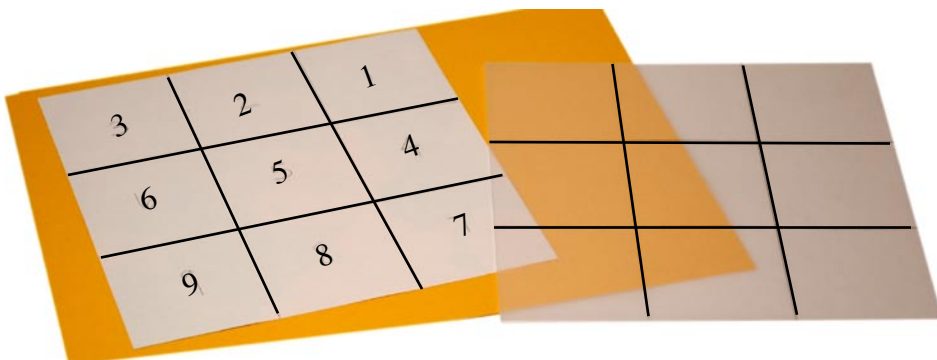
4. Use the pattern to cut and score nine boxes out of cardstock. Fold each box and fasten each box together at the tabbed edge. Number each box (in pencil) on the lid flap.

5. Select one side of the box to fasten each segment of one photo, matching the numbered photo segments to the numbered boxes. Repeat with each photo.

6. Create a title on a 7" x 7" square and embellish it with sticker strips, leaves and mulberry ghost stickers. Create the title with rub on letters and add the date made with stickers.

7. Turn the title page over and create the same grid, number each segment and cut apart, just like the photos. Attach the title squares to the last empty side of each box to complete the photo puzzle.

\* It is possible to create a more durable photo puzzle by substituting wooden cubes for the paper boxes.



## Materials

- Black card stock: Canson
- Box die-cut: Ellison
- stickers: Mrs. Grossman's
- Adhesive: xyron

