

BABY DAYS

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Create the binding for a mini baby book with colored safety pins. Punch three holes along the binding edge and secure the pages with a pink, a yellow and a blue safety pin. Miniature pins are available in multiple colors. For larger size colored pins, simply paint the heads of standard safety pins. Coordinating ribbons are tied onto each of the pins to add extra pizzazz to the binding. Embellish the cover with vellum stickers and a stuffed duck sticker for a completely customized baby book.

Because this book features old photos of a baby girl who is now grown up, it's fun to begin the book with a photo of then (1974) and now (2003).

1. Cut four sheets of embossed cardstock to measure 6" x 7 1/2" (two for each cover). Fasten two sheets together to double the thickness of the front and back covers. Trim the inside pages to the same dimensions.
2. Embellish the front cover with vellum sticker strips and a stuffed duck sticker that is doubled matted on colored cardstock.
3. Punch three holes along the binding edge of the front and back covers and all of the inside pages.
4. Poke the colored pins through the holes to bind the book. Tie ribbons in coordinating colors through each of the colored safety pins.
5. Embellish the first interior page with a strip of torn vellum, a rub on title and a floral sticker. (The tulip sticker has been altered to allow the title to be more visible).
6. Decorate the interior pages with additional vellum stickers, layered stickers and photos to complete the book.



Materials

- Embossed cardstock: Mrs. Grossman's
- Colored safety pins: Making Memories
- Foam Adhesive: 3M
- Rub on word: Making Memories
- 8" hole punch: Fiskars
- Stuffed sticker, vellum stickers; Mrs. Grossman's
- Colored ribbons: JoAnn's
- Sticker Stacker: Mrs. Grossman's
- Alphabet stickers: Mrs. Grossman's