

BEACH

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Set the mood for bright, sunny, beach photos with a brightly colored scrapbook that uses a warm color palette and that is bound with strips of colored ribbon that are threaded through holes along the binding edge of the scrapbook. A square window is cut out of the front cover to reveal the next three brightly colored pages that also have windows cut out, affording a sneak peek inside at snippets of surf and sand.

1. Cut a front and back cover (8 1/4" x 9 1/2") out of yellow card stock. Cut a second, third and fourth page from gold, orange and red paper. Cut the remaining inside pages from ivory colored paper. Cut a 2 3/4" square out of the front cover.

2. Cut a 1 3/4"x 2 3/4" rectangle out of the second page so that it partially shows through the front cover.

3. Punch a 1 3/8" square out of the third page so that it is partially viewed through the first two pages.

4. Decorate the cover with a strip of striped paper that folds around the square cut out and wraps around the inside as well.

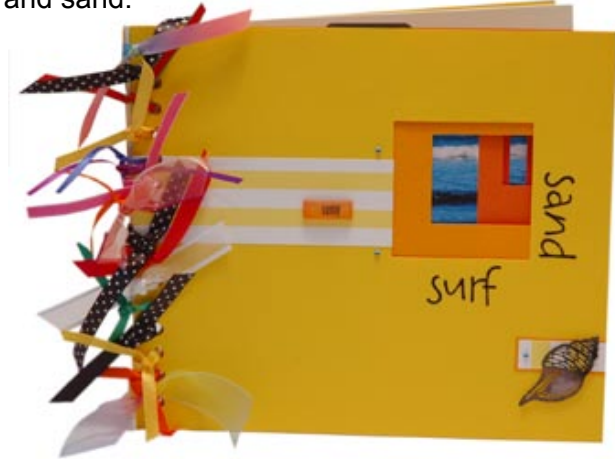
5. Punch 15 holes along the binding edge of the covers and all of the inside pages. The holes are one half inch from the edge and one half inch apart.

6. Cut colored and patterned ribbons into 6 inch strips. Thread a ribbon through each hole and place a dowel (or fat pen) along the binding holes. Tie each ribbon around the dowel (which acts as a spacer) and secure the ribbons with a double knot. Remove the dowel and trim any excess ribbon.

7. Title the cover with stickers and add a shell sticker that is colored with a black marker and raised with foam tape. Complete the cover with a plastic word charm and a few gems.

8. Hang an S bookmark over the top of the second page in order to spell the word Summer. Complete the word with sticker letters.

9. Add swatches of beach from cropped photos to the third and fourth pages that peek through the window cut outs of the first two pages. Add photos and journaling to complete the book.



MATERIALS

- Stickers: Mrs. Grossman's Paper Company
- Paper: Canson
- Ribbon: JoAnns
- Plastic Word Charm: Making memories
- S Bookmark: Barnes and Noble
- Foam tape: 3M
- Square punch: E.K. Success
- 1/4" Hole Punch: Fiskars

