

ScrapHappy Blog Exclusive January 2026 Sketch



1. Start with a 12x12 base of your choice.
2. Glue a coordinating 1x12 decorative border onto your base, approximately 3"-3.5" from the bottom. *Tip - use a pre-made border for quick assembly, layer ephemera elements horizontally, OR use a decorative punch along the edge of patterned/solid piece of cardstock when completing the step. Choose your own adventure!*
3. Optional: Add a coordinating piece of patterned paper - approximately 3x12 - and layer flush to the bottom edge directly below (or tucked under) the decorative border.
4. Place four 3x4 (portrait) photos across the page from left to right, with bottom edges tucked under the decorative border. Mat or double mat photos if you wish. *Tip - don't adhere photos right to the edge to allow for tucking of ephemera.*
NOTE: It would be easy to substitute photos for two 4x6 (landscape) photos instead. Or a combination of both sizes/orientations.
5. Add your title underneath your decorative border, closer to the left.
6. Include a journaling box in the bottom right. *Tip - Don't like your handwriting? Consider printing in all capitals for a block-letter look OR add tiny dots to the ends of all straight strokes.*
7. Layer coordinating ephemera along the left edge of the journaling box and top edge of your photos as you wish, tucking some elements under while overlapping others. *Tip - I like to start with layers that are adhered flat, and then pop up final elements for added dimension.*
8. Finish the page off by adding gems, enamel dots, or other bling!