



## A Make Me project from MJM Design Studios #workshopinazipfile

These instructions are my serving suggestions, of course you can assemble your project in anyway you like, this is just to share with you how I created my project and give you some ideas along the way. Now you have all the elements you can do with them as you wish, even create an entirely new project!

1. Print off the element sheets for your project, I have added a guide to paper and card stock weight to each sheet for you.



2. Cut out the two strips of rainbow paper from pages 1 & 2 of the element sheets. The narrower strip will sit on the right hand side of your layout. You will also need a piece of 12 x 12 card stock for the base of your page, I have used white but you could choose a coordinating colour.



3. Turn the larger piece of rainbow paper over and add a line of double sided tape along the edge that will be the join to the other piece of rainbow paper. I have used a high strength 3mm (1/8<sup>th</sup>”) tape.



4. Turn the papers the right way to join.  
TIP just peel away a little bit of tape backing at one end and anchor this to the join, this way you can get it all lined up and laid flat before you peel away the rest of the tape backing.



5. I decided I wanted to add more interest to my page by distressing the edges of the paper. I did this by holding my scissors at a 90 degree angle to my paper and scraping along the edge of it, if you do this gently you will get a small distressing however I wanted to make more of a statement so went a bit heavier, nicking into the paper as I went.

This step is obviously completely optional and you don't have to distress the paper if you don't want to, you could ink the edges for definition, mat onto another layer of paper/card stock in a coordinating colour or indeed just leave it as is



6. When you're happy with your paper adhere it to the 12 x 12 card stock ....



7. .... Where there are nicks around the edges of the paper, roll and fold them back to add to the distressing and extra dimension.



8. Cut out the frames from pages 4 & 5 of the element sheets and select 3 photos to add to your layout.  
The area that will be framed is about 2 ¼" (5.7cm) square but I find it easier to print my photos larger and then select the area to be framed. These photos are prints from a mobile phone and they range between 2 ½" x 4 ½" (6.3cm x 11.4cm) and 2 ¼" x 3 ¾" (5.7cm x 9.5cm)  
Once you have chosen the area to feature in the frame, draw around the edge of it with a pencil and then cut it out and adhere it to the back of the frame.



9. Cut out the elements from pages 4 & 5. I distressed the edges of the book page and inked them to age it a bit. I also added ink to the edges of the torn corrugated strip to give it a bit of dimension, you could of course use a piece of real corrugated card on your layout instead for added texture.



10. Cut the 3 coloured paper strips from pages 1 & 3. I have then ripped a strip away from the right side of each piece as well as the top and bottom edges. TIP Ripping the paper towards you creates the white river edge of the paper as it reveals the papers core and adds a little more interest to the strip.



NOTE! Nothing is adhered to the page yet, arrange all your elements first!



11. Start to build up the layout with the photos as they are the focal point. I roughly followed the join in the rainbow paper as it's a nice placement about a 3<sup>rd</sup> of the way across the page and it covers the join!

I then added the strips of torn paper and the book page behind to start to lift the photos off the background and make them more of a focal point.



12. I balanced the torn paper and book page arrangement with the corrugated card on the left and started to add in other elements including added texture with some real ribbon and fabric flowers



13. Shape the dragonflies and butterflies for dimension.



14. Once you are happy with the arrangement on your page, mark the corner of everything with a pencil so you can adhere them in the same place and if possible take a photo before you take it apart as a reference.



15. I adhered all these elements flat to the page once I started to rebuild my layout



16. I added foam pads to the back of my photos to lift them off the page and add dimension.

TIP I always put a few blobs of wet glue under the foam pads for extra strength and then add wet glue to them once the backing is off for strength when it is dry and also to allow myself some wiggle room when placing them.

For the bottom photo I added on two layers of foam pads to lift it even more.

NOTE if you want to slot elements under the photos don't take the pads all the way to the edges.



17. With all the main elements adhered in place, continue to build up the layout and shape and ink things as you go to create dimension and interest. Remember just because something is flat card it doesn't have to stay that way.



18. To continue adding dimension with my embellishments I used glue gel/silicon glue on the rest of the pieces as it is more flexible and forgiving than foam pads



19. When adding elements try and link them all together by touching them as with this butterfly linking the title and the photo. Also note I have left a white margin around the title when cutting it out to make it easier. I also left the bits in the loops of the letters



20. I added finishing touches with a glitter pen on my title, butterflies and dragonfly and added flat back pearls to my fabric flowers.



Thanks for playing and I hope you have enjoyed your Make Me project  
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