

Sara's first grade art book

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Finished size: 6" x 6"

Level: beginner

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Interior of book



Supplies

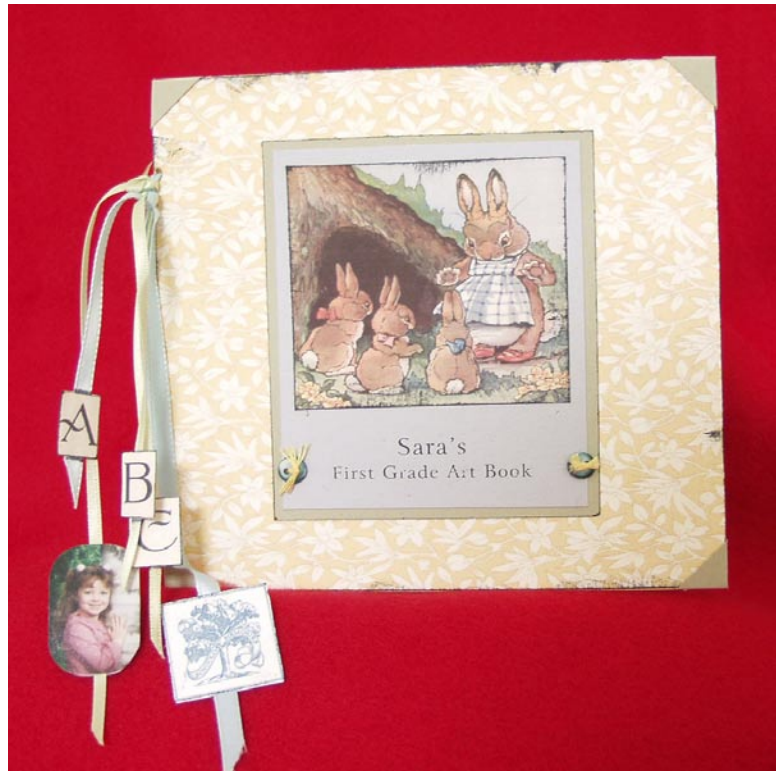
- 1 sheet of 12" x 12" yellow cardstock
- Blue, green, and white cardstocks
- HP Premium Plus Photo Paper (matte or glossy)
- Bunny artwork – The Vintage Workshop online
- Photo corners – Canson
- Green and blue ribbon – Offray
- Black ink pad – Tsukineko
- 2 small buttons

Tools

- Inkjet printer

Free art downloads

- Yellow flower background – The Vintage Workshop
- School memories image – The Vintage Workshop
- French Roman alphabet – The Vintage Workshop



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Making a special mini album filled with scans of your child's artwork, accompanied by your personal record of joys and sorrows, makes a precious gift to your first grader. For easy scanning, refer to the tips in the instructions below and on our Web site. The construction of this album is simple: cardstock strips have been folded in half, layered on top of each other, and bound with ribbon thread through two small holes punched in the fold of each strip. Melissa added embellishments, a darling cover image, and a mini photo for a fancy finish.

Let's get started

Download and print one copy each of the following:

- Yellow flower background
- School memories image
- French Roman alphabet



Instructions



1

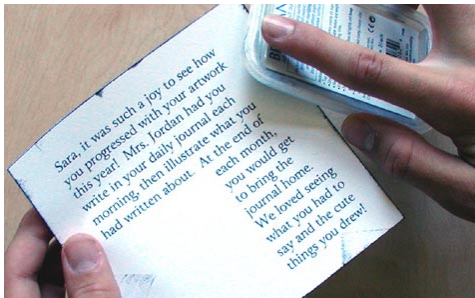
Cut yellow 12" x 12" inch cardstock in half. Fold each half vertically, layer halves together and punch two holes along crease as shown. Thread ribbon through punched holes to bind mini book and knot as shown. Embellish ribbon with printed and reduced French Roman letters, the school memories image, and child's photo as shown.



2

Print yellow flowers background on cardstock, then ink edges. Trim to fit cover of mini book, and secure with adhesive and photo corners made from green cardstock. Print bunnies on white cardstock and ink edges. Print title on blue cardstock, adhere bunnies accent, and matte all on green cardstock as shown. Add threaded buttons.

Helpful hint: After scanning, you can copy the scan into a word processing program. Resize the picture using the ruler and mouse to achieve desired dimensions. You can find more scanning tips in the June 2004 technical article on the HP Scrapbooking Web site.



3

Scan child's artwork, reduce to fit inside pages, and print. Ink edges and adhere on right side with photo corners. In word processing program, insert 4" x 4" text box and journal as desired, leaving 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" space for printed *The Vintage Workshop* image as shown. Ink all edges, adhere accent, and secure panel with photo corners on left side.

Get inspired!

For more projects like this one, check out *Techniques and tips* on the HP Scrapbooking Web site.