## Bamboo Spine Album

A unique way to showcase those special moments

## **Supplies:**

1/2 of a Simply Scrappin' Kit (will make 2 albums)
12" Paper Cutter w/ both cutting and scoring blade
Cropadile (or 1/8" Circle Punch)
Sticky Strip
Assorted Ribbon (approx 4 yds)
Cloth Covered Rubberband (large ponytail band)
Bamboo Skewer (cut the point off to make a 5-3/4" piece)
Wire (approx 6 inches, fold in 1/2)
Velcro dots
4 sheets coordinating 8-1/2" x 11" cardstock
Punches, Eyelets, Brads and other embellishments as desired



## **Directions:**

Stack a sheet of 12" x 12" patterned paper and cardstock

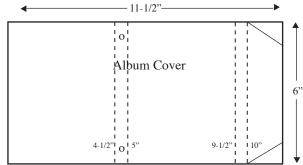
from the Simply Scrappin kit and cut in 1/2 to make four 6" x 12" pieces. (Repeat if you want a different pattern/color combo for your 2nd album.) Cut 1/2" off the short end of the each of album pieces so the final size is 6" tall x 11-1/2" wide (as shown in the diagram below-I stack them all and cut once). Put the pieces for the 2nd album aside. Score the 6" x 11" pieces vertically at 4-1/2", 5", 9-1/2" and 10" (see diagram below). Use sticky strip to adhere both pieces together, making sure that they match along the score lines. Fold creases inward at the scored lines on the cardstock to form the album cover. Make a pencil mark at 1" from the top and bottom edge of the 1-1/2" flap. Make a diagonal cut from that mark to the first score line. Put 2 pieces Velcro dots onto the inside panel of the flap-evenly spaced and close flap to create closure. Open album back up and punch a hole 1/2" in from the top and bottom edge in the middle of the spine of the album using the Cropadile (I use the 3/16" punch). The outer cover of your album is now complete! (Repeat steps for the 2nd album.)

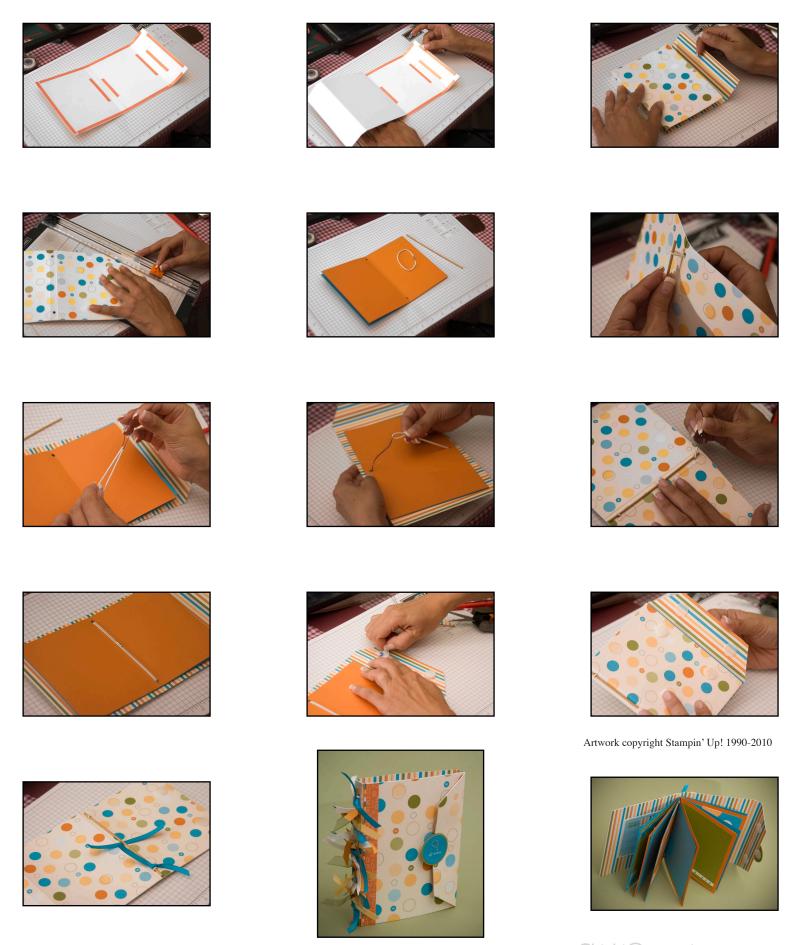
Cut two 8-1/2" x 5-1/2 " pieces of coordinating cardstock and fold each in half along the 8-1/2" edge (*like a card*). Stack the 4 pieces together (to form the pages of the book) and punch a hole 1/4" from the top and bottom edge at the fold using the Cropadile. Loop the rubber band over one end of the bamboo skewer and use a folded piece of wire to thread the rubber band through the top hole in the spine of the album and then through the top hole of the 4 inside pages. Pull the rubber band back through the 2nd hole of the inside pages and then through the album cover. Loop the end of the rubber band over the end of the bamboo skewer. Your basic album is now complete!! (*Repeat steps for the 2nd album.*) Tie coordinating pieces of ribbon (*approx 4" each*) onto the bamboo skewer so it is completely covered. Embellish the cover and inside pages using the self-adhesive die cut shapes and remaining paper from the Simply Scrappin' Kit (*I layer many of the album pages with 3-3/4" x 5" pieces of cardstock or patterned paper from the kit*). Your album is now ready for photos!!

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