

~MINI Scrapbooks~

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Step 1) Make sure you have ALL the supplies you will need.

Cutting

For cutting you are welcome to use scissors and a ruler, I used a 12" paper trimmer. (If you are making mass production, I STRONGLY suggest a paper trimmer!)

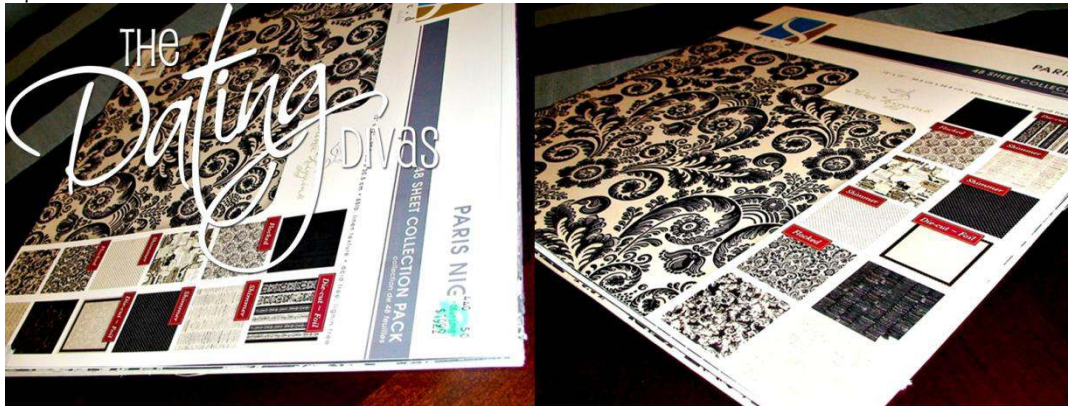
And a square decorative hole punch and Round Corner hole punch.

Paper

Cardstock: If you use 12x12 papers, you will need 3 sheets for 1 book. (Make sure it is a color that if you write on it you would be able to see it.)

Decorative printed paper (If you use 12x12 you will need 3 sheets for 1 book)

~I got this pack of paper from Hobby Lobby on sale, half off for \$10! It has 44 pieces of paper. You cannot tell from this picture but all the pages are textured and have hints of gold when in the light. It's NOT your normal decorative paper! So worth the \$10! Look for sales in **your local craft stores** AND save your coupons! This big pack of paper is perfect when making HUGE quantities of Mini LOVE Scrapbooks,



Ribbon

I used 7 different ribbon designs. YOU are welcome to use as many or as little as you would like! Depending on the look you are going for! These are small rolls of ribbon. \$1 per ribbon, \$7 total.



Stapler

Lunch Bags

A pack of paper lunch bags (100 for \$2.00 at Wal-Mart. 3 bags for 1 book)

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Glue

I tried Tacky Glue this time and liked it (\$2.47 @ Hobby Lobby used a 50% off coupon. That would make it \$1.26)... but I think I would have liked rubber cement better. It makes it so much easier to get right up to the edges AND after gluing 448 pieces of paper my hands got tired from squeezing the Tacky Glue bottle, where with rubber cement, you just paint it on. I also heard Tape Runners work really well. You can use what works best for you. Keep in mind the number of books you are making.

Stamps and Ink Pads

Not a need but adds a little extra.

Sewing Machine

In my humble opinion this REALLY gives scrap booking that EXTRA touch of class! This step is not a need BUT it makes it look really good and Oh, so fun to do!



Cost: \$20.26 to make 14..... Well actually I have made 4 more (so that makes 18) Mini Scrapbooks with all the same paper and I STILL have left over's!!! Total cost about \$1 per book!

Step 2) Cut paper into the sizes you will need.

2 papers cut at 5"x 4 1/2" (for front and back cover)

6 card stock papers cut at 5"x4 1/2" (for the inserts)

6 decorative printed paper square hole punched out (for the inserts tabs) If you do not have a square hole punch you could cut them out 1"x1" OR whatever size you like!

10 decorative printed papers cut at 5"x4 3/4" . (For the background inside paper)

10 card stock papers. Size... whatever your heart desires. This is for the border of YOUR pictures and I do not want to limit you to a Picture Size... HINT wallet size pictures look awesome in this mini scrapbook.

I made 14 of these little beauties, by multiplying each number by 14. For instance, instead of cutting just 10 card stock paper for the boarder of my pictures I cut 140! If you are doing this in mass production like I did, it can get kind of confusing. Once things get going you will have papers of ALL different kinds, and scraps lying around. Here is a simple math solution to help you stay organized! (Put the quantity in the first blank)

2 x ___ = ___ (cover front and back)

10 x ___ = ___ (printed paper for background on inside pages)

5 x ___ = ___ (plain card stock inserts)

10 x ___ = ___ (card stock for pictures borders)

5 x ___ = ___ (printed paper for tabs on inserts)

3 x ___ = ___ (paper lunch bags for books)

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After I got done cutting **one set** of papers I put it off to the side with a post-it on it saying what it was and how many there is. Might sound silly but I was very grateful when I came back to my project a couple of days later and did not have to figure out what everything was again. This is a **HUGE time saver**.



Step 3)

Take 3 paper bags. Push the bottom out. Fold and crease corners. Cut on first folded line. Cut off 1/2 inch off the opening of the bag. (See pictures below)

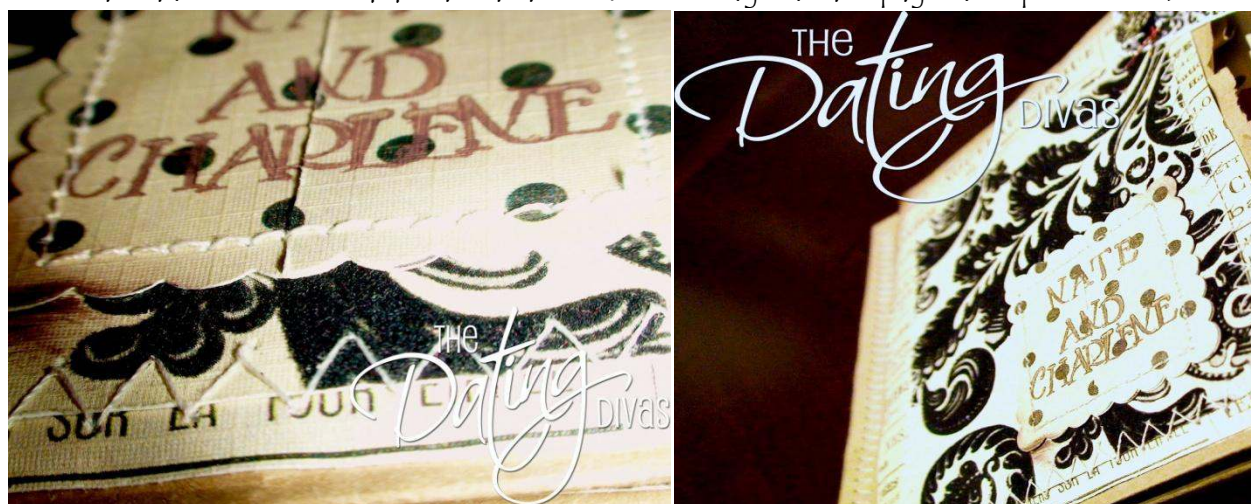


Fold all 3 bags in half. Place them inside each other so the folded edges all line up and the outer bag is the cover for the front and back. Sew all three books together along folded edge of paper bag book. *If you are not using a sewing machine, hole punch two holes into your paper bag book along the folded edge. One near the top and one near the bottom. Tie with ribbon.



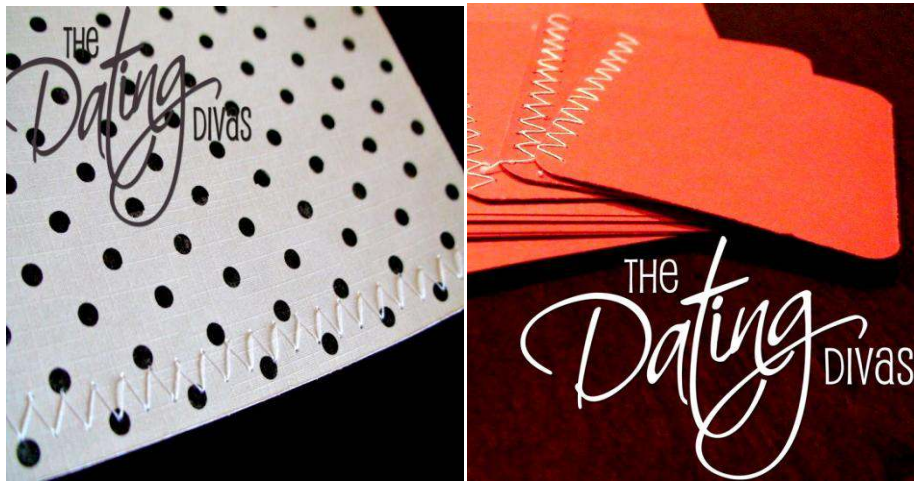
Great JOB! You just finished the book part of your book!

Step 4) If there is ANY extra sewing you want to do on the *pages*, now is the time to do it! The only extra sewing I did for this book is on the Cover and a little on the picture borders. At the end of this tutorial I have another book I did that has a lot more sewing on each page. (see pic's below)



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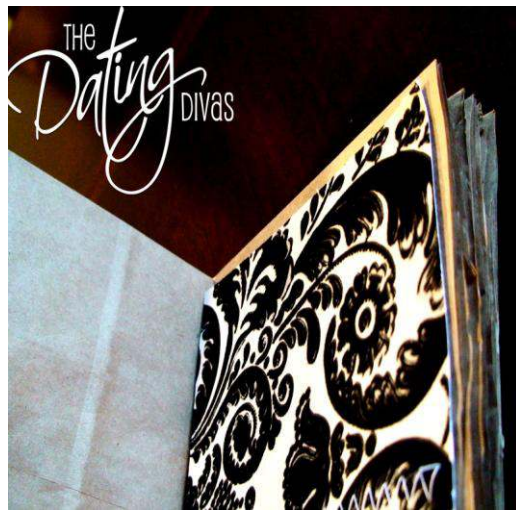
Step 5) Lay your cut decorative paper out (for background inside pages). Then decide what two designs you like next to each other for all ten pages.



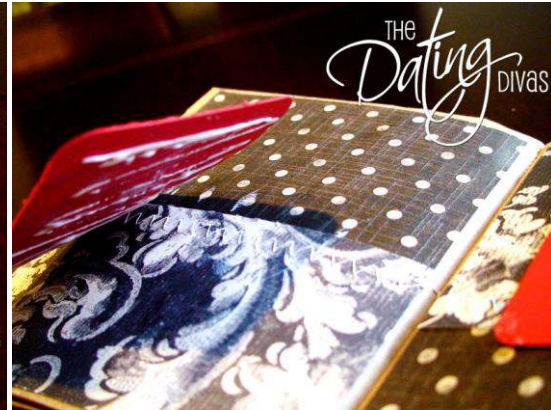
Step 6) Get Gluing! First Glue on your cover front and back. Make sure you have finished ALL sewing! No turning back after this point.(WINK)



Pictures of BACK cover.



Inside pages



Picture Borders

(If you already have the pictures you are going to be putting into this book, it's REALLY cute to sew the picture border and picture together.) ☺

Step 7) Inserts and Tab Inserts (6 each)

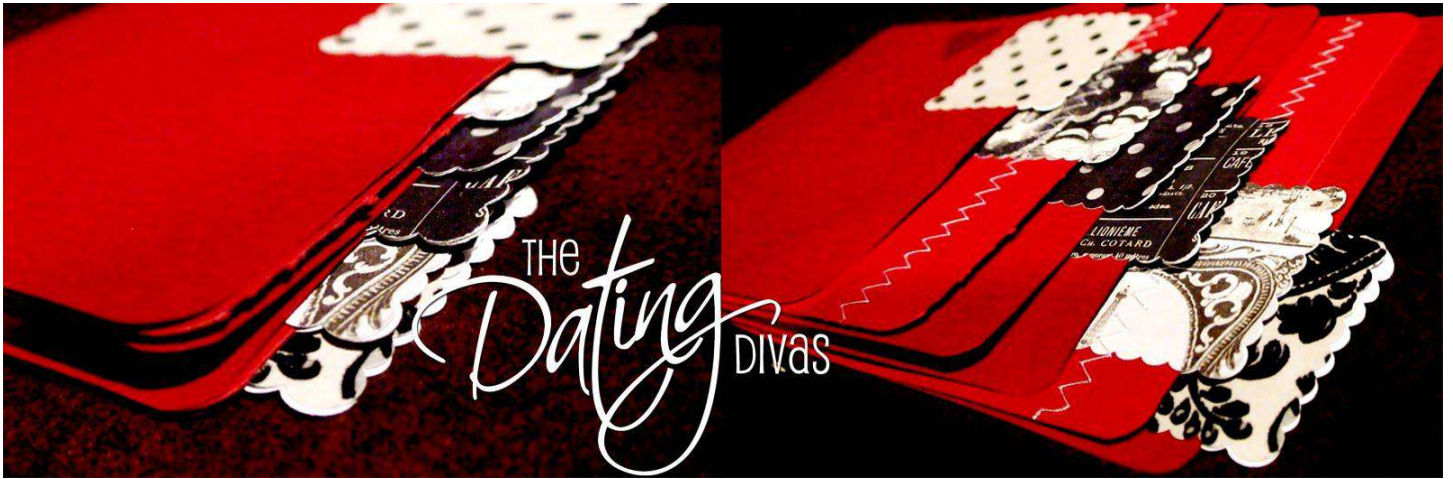


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*Tip~ if you know what memories you are going to write on these inserts you could type it up, then print it onto this card stock paper. Make sure you do it before you glue or sew on the tabs.

Layer the Insert Tabs down on the card stock like steps. (See picture below) Glue or Sew them into place.



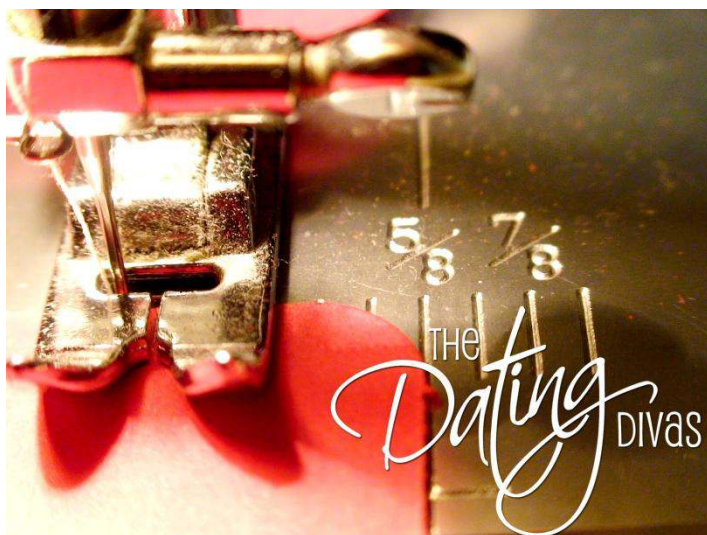
WARNING: if your paper is NOT double sided I strongly suggest cutting out a back piece of decorative printed paper for the back side of the Insert Tabs 1"x1" then glue them together.

I only sewed insert tabs #2 and #5, the rest I just glued. (Numbering from picture above left to right)

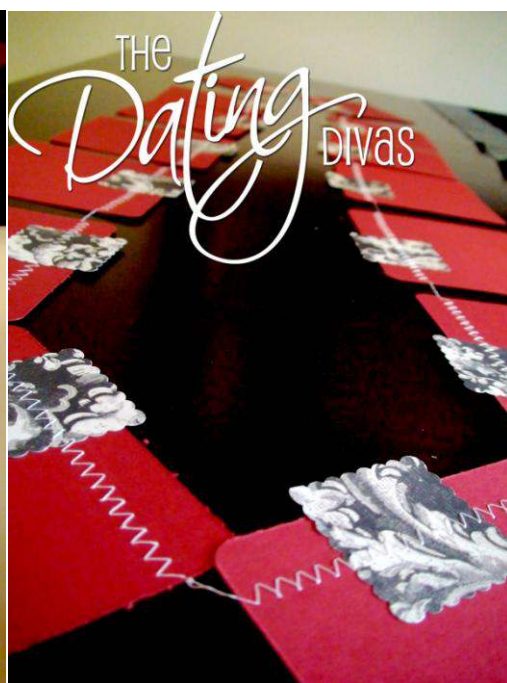
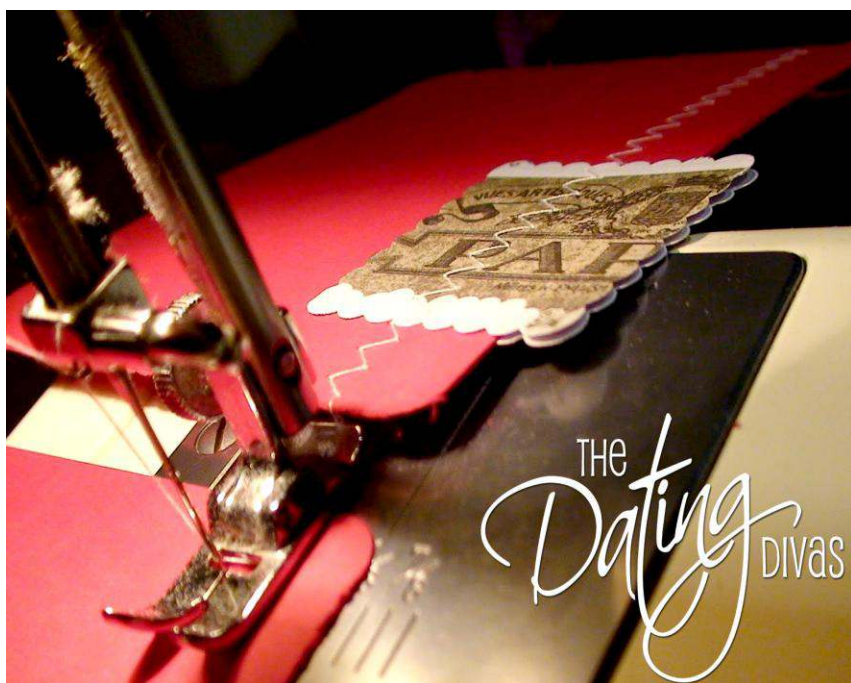
Insert Tab #2) Place your cardstock paper at the 5/8 line. Start sewing (not too fast!) When the edge of the cardstocks hits the back of the Pressure foot, slide in the 1"x1" insert tab. Now just keep sewing until you get to the bottom of that page. (Not complicated just, See pictures below)



Insert Tab #5) Again place your card stock at the 5/8 line. Start sewing until the card stock lines up with the back of your sewing machine. Place in the insert and continue sewing. (See picture below)

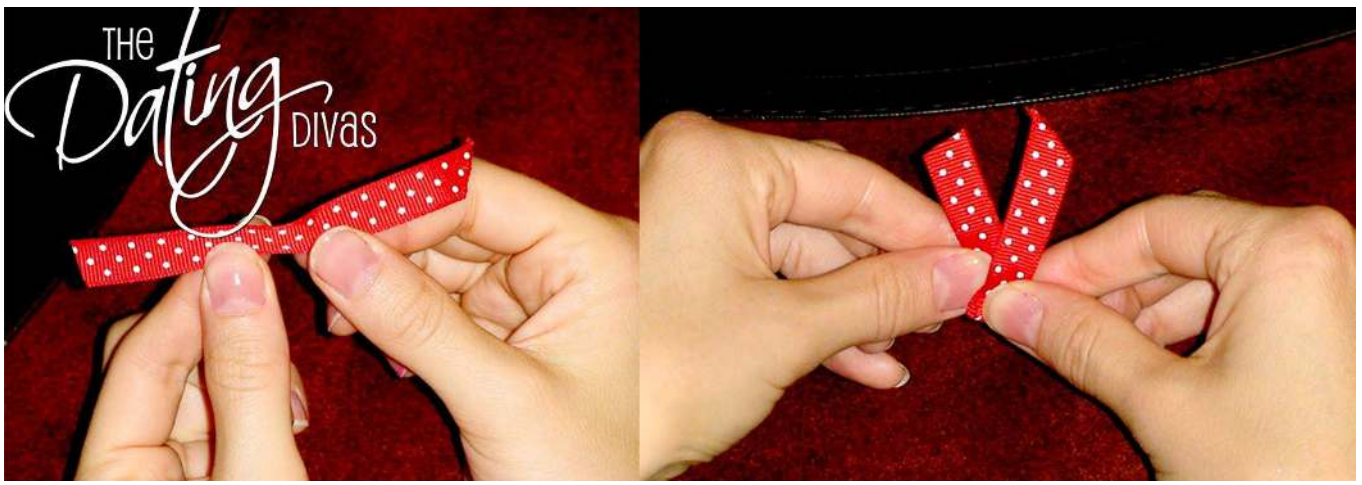


*Tip~ If you are doing a mass production (or just sewing a lot on your Mini LOVE Scrapbook), do not stop and cut thread between sewing each paper. That will take forever! Know what you are sewing before you sit down at the sewing machine. This way when you finish with one page, you can slide in the next page (sewing each page only takes seconds). HUGE TIME SAVER! Then you can cut ALL the thread at once and you don't have to stop and go, stop and go. You can just go! (See pictures below)

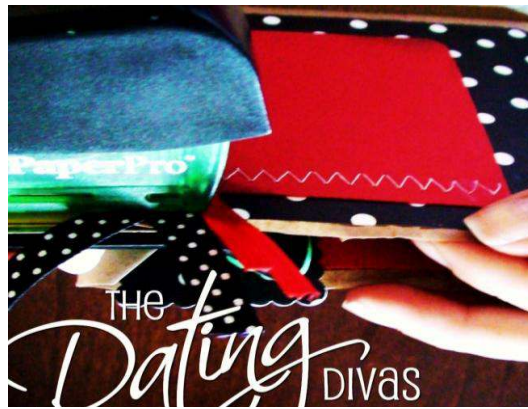


Step #8) Ribbons

Cut your ribbon about 2 1/2" (you could go longer or shorter if you wish). Take ribbon with both hands. Hold ribbon towards the middle with small space between both thumbs. Push your thumbs together by slightly twisting your hands up. Let one thumb go behind the other thumb, and you are ready to staple!(See picture below) If you want to do double ribbon just cut two or three ribbons, place them on top of each other and then do the steps mention above.



*Tip: When stapling, make sure you do not staple the opening of the bag together. That is where the inserts will go. Make sure to open the paper bag, place stapler inside, then staple ribbon in desired place. (See picture below)

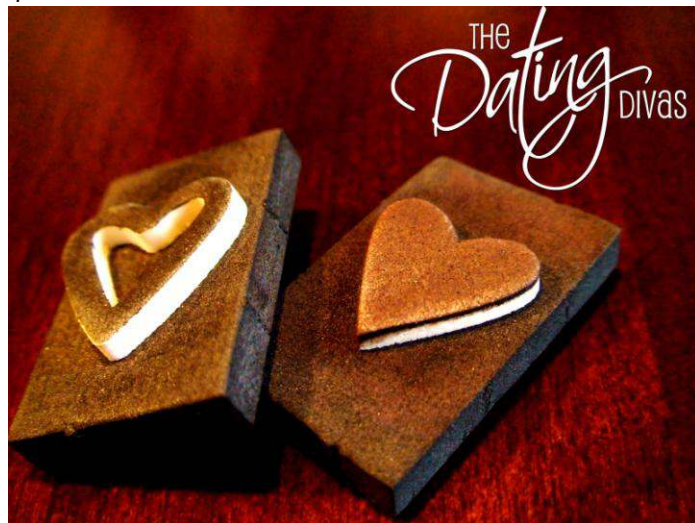


Here are 4 different ways you can staple your ribbon. #1 three ribbons on top of each other. #2 two ribbons side by side. #3 one ribbon all by itself and #4 two ribbons on top of each other. (See pictures below)



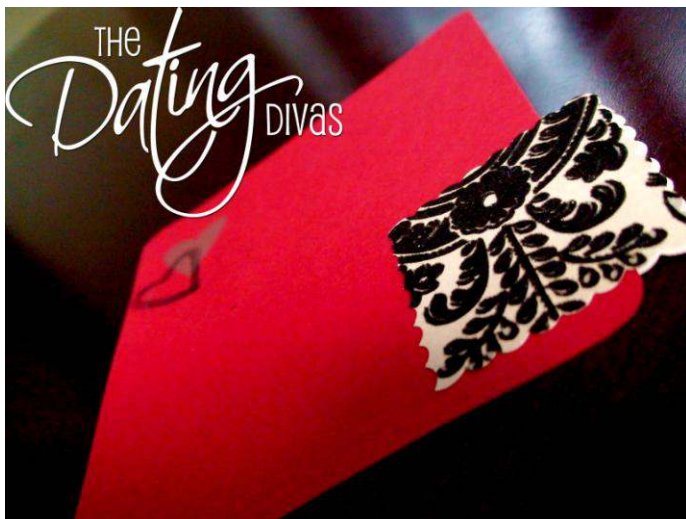
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Step #8) Ink pads and stamps



Put some cute little stamps anywhere you think looks bare or you just want a little extra. Then take the ink Pad and rub it over some of your edges. This really adds to your picture!

Step #9) Put your insert tabs, in order into the paper bag openings. (See picture below)



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And wha-la! You are done! I was so excited to share this information with you! Hope you LOVE your Mini Scrapbook as much as I LOVE mine!



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Here is another color scheme and page layout idea! I was running out of the pack of paper I bought so I sewed the scraps together. The scraps were not quite wide enough. Notice on the sides of the inside paper, some pages have a small side boarder. I like this idea just as much, if not more than the ones above!





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