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Free Craft Class Desk Calendar



This cute little desk calendar would make a perfect gift for that special someone. Both fun and functional, and also really easy to make, there's no reason why you shouldn't give it a try. Follow the step by step instructions in this Craft Class and see how easy is it to make this sassy little desk calendar.

PRODUCTS REQUIRED

[BIND IT ALL MACHINE](#) & [BINDING WIRE](#)

[CHIP BOARD COVERS](#) OR STRONG CARD

7 GYPSIES [GAFFER TAPE](#)

PATTERN PAPER & SMALL PIECE OF SCRAP COLOURED CARDSTOCK

LACE & SELECTION OF RIBBONS

[CALENDAR DIGITAL ELEMENT](#) FROM WWW.HUNGRYHEFFYCRAFTS.COM

JOURNALING CARD OR PHOTO

CHIPBOARD SHAPES, BUTTONS & OTHER EMBELLISHMENTS

FOAM DIMENSIONALS

PAPERCLIP

PENCIL & ERASER

SANDPAPER

DOUBLE SIDIED STICKY TAPE & CELLOTAPE or PARCEL TAPE

CRAFT KNIFE

PAPER TRIMMER

SCISSORS

STEP 1

With a ruler and craft knife, carefully measure & cut the chipboard in half to create two equal pieces.



STEP 2

Next take each piece and cut a strip off the edge which is about 3/4" wide. These thin strips will allow the calendar to stand upright on a desk.

STEP 3

Using sticky tape, cover one side of each of the larger pieces of chipboard with pattern paper. Using sandpaper, sand the edges to give a grungy look.



STEP 4

Print out each page for the calendar. Use digital paper as a background, or stick the cut out calendar pages unto pattern paper. Trim each page to be the same size using a paper trimmer.



STEP 5

whilst holding all the calendar pages firmly together, place into the bind it all and line up according to the punch grid on the front of the machine. Pull the handle to punch the holes.



STEP 6

Place one of the pages onto the covered chipboard, and mark with a pencil where the first binding hole lies.



STEP 7

Using this pencil mark as a guide, punch the holes into the chipboard. Repeat with the other piece of chipboard and erase pencil lines with an eraser.



STEP 8

To make the calendar stand securely, either punch binding holes the whole way across the top of each calendar, or just punch two or three holes on the opposite side from where the calendar will be.

STEP 9

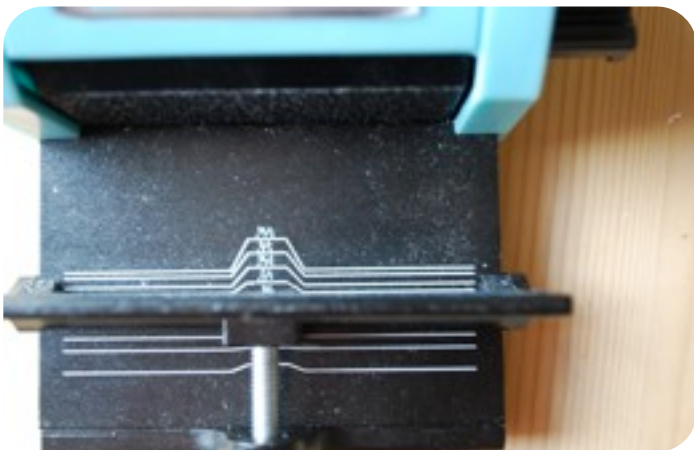
To secure the binding, place the first chipboard piece face up, next line up the calendar pages, making sure that they are in the correct order.

Finally lay the second chipboard piece on top, with the pattern facing down. Feed the binding through.



STEP 10

To ensure that the Bind It All machine closed the binding perfectly, make sure the dial is adjusted to the correct setting necessary which is equivalent to the diameter of binding that you are using.



STEP 11

Whilst holding the pages securely, place the binding into the Bind It All machine and pull the handle. A platform will push forward and close the binding to create a perfect circle.



STEP 12

Fold back the top piece of chipboard to reveal the front cover and calendar. This ensures that the binding join is hidden on the inside of the project.



STEP 13

Next we need to create a hinge to stick to the underside of the project so it will stand up securely. So take the two long strips of chipboard and lay them side by side. Using strong cellotape or parcel tape, tape them together.



STEP 14

Turn the hinge over so the parcel tape is facing down and lie this piece directly under the front chipboard panel of the project. Using a strip of 7 gypsies Gaffer Tape, tape these two pieces together.



STEP 15

Repeat on the other side and use scissors to cut off the excess tape.



STEP 16

Now it's time to decorate the front. On one of my calendars I have used a journaling card matted on some scrap blue cardstock as the focal element, and on the other I have introduced a photo, using foam pads to create dimension. You can decorate it in what ever way you choose.



STEP 17

Once you have a main focal feature in place, decorate with buttons, gemstones, lace or you can even tie ribbons around a paperclip and clip this over the binding wire for a fun finish to a great project!



Thanks for downloading a Hungry Heffy Crafts Craft Class, we hope you have enjoyed it. Remember if you have any questions please contact me at lez@hungryheffycrafts.com or leave me a comment on the [website](#).

