

Ivory Tag Mini Album

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Graphic 45® Supplies:

- 2 sheets *Botanical Tea* (#4500875)
- 1 sheet *Robin's Egg* (#4500881)
- 1 sheet *Hello Friend* (#4500882)
- 1 sheet *Sweet Chamomile* (#4500884)
- 1 pack Chipboard Tags 2 (#4500896)
- 1 pack Alphabet Stickers (#4500894)
- 2 each Shabby Chic Metal Keys (#4500839)
- 8 each Shabby Chic Medal Brads (#4500548)
- 3 each ATC Ivory Tags (#4500846)
- 4 each Regular Ivory Tags (#4500848)
- 4 each Large Ivory Tags (#4500849)

Additional Supplies & Tools:

- 1 sheet Precious Pink cardstock - Core-dinations,
- 1 sheet Spring Green cardstock - Core-dinations,

2 (12") pieces pink and white 1/8" grosgrain ribbon - May Arts, 3 (12") pieces of cream seam binding ribbon - May Arts, 3 (12") pieces of 1/4" pink silk ribbon - May Arts, 1 (20") piece of 1 1/4" wide pink silk ribbon - May Arts, glue stick, tape runner, scissors, scoring board & stylus, bone folder, heavy duty adhesive, Crop-a-dile, piercing tool and mat, sanding block and dust/tack cloth, 1/2-inch circle punch, small sponge wedge, foam tape or squares, pencil

Instructions:



1. From one *Botanical Tea Signature* paper, cut off all four pink borders and put aside for later. Trace a medium ivory tag and a large ivory tag from the page as shown. Cut inside the traced lines.



2. Using a 1/2" circle punch turned upside down, punch a hole evenly centered around your traced hole for both tag sizes.

front side of the grommet is face up. On the large tag, score from the tag's bottom end at 1 1/2", then 3". Fold on scores. Sand around all edges and folds to distress. Sand the medium tag as well.

3. Use glue stick to adhere each paper tag to the coordinating ivory tags, making sure the



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4. Use glue stick to join the large tag to the medium one to create a front cover, spine and back cover of your album as shown.



5. Cut a $3\frac{7}{8}$ x 11" piece of green cardstock and sand around edges to distress. Score at $4\frac{7}{8}$ " and $6\frac{3}{8}$ " across the piece. Apply glue stick to entire piece and adhere to inside album cover, making sure not to lay it flat, but rather keep the scored areas folded as you glue. This will avoid puckering.



6. Fussy cut the bird or any image you desire from the 2nd *Botanical Tea Signature* sheet. Select the peaches



chipboard tag and with a sponge wedge and ivory acrylic paint, apply a thin touch around edges. Set aside to dry.

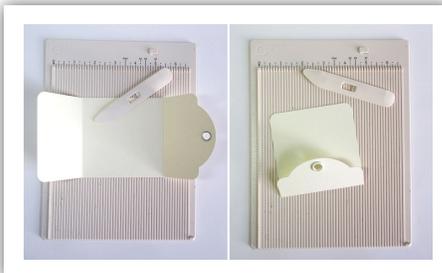
7. From *Hello Friend* sheet, cut out three floral postage

stamps and edge distress with your scissors or sanding block. Adhere along with stickers to front cover of album, popping up the fussy cut image for added dimension.



Remember to insert one metal brad in the chipboard tag before you adhere it to the cover. Set aside the cover for now.

8. Score three large ivory tags $2\frac{1}{4}$ " from bottom and $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from top to create a gate-fold. Score three medium ivory tags $1\frac{3}{4}$ " from top. Use bone folder to crease all folds.



9. Cut three $8\frac{1}{4}$ x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces of *Robin's Egg* paper and sand distress edges. Score left edge of each at $\frac{3}{8}$ " and create a fold. Apply glue stick to entire surface, then beginning with the $\frac{3}{8}$ " fold, adhere to back of medium tag and wrap around to front and then around the back again. (Refer to photos.) Do this to all three medium tags and use bone folder to smooth all folds sharply.



10. Insert a metal brad into each medium tag through the grommet hole. Cut 3 strips of *Botanical Tea Signature* paper $\frac{3}{4}$ x $8\frac{1}{4}$ " (blue striped side) sanding edges to distress. Score each at $\frac{3}{8}$ " and adhere to folded flap of each of the medium tags in the same as in step 9.

11. Cut the thin pink paper strips from earlier into pieces as follows: three at $8\frac{1}{4}$ " long and three at $2\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Score the three $8\frac{1}{4}$ " long



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pieces at $\frac{3}{8}$ ", sand carefully to distress and adhere to each medium tag just above the striped paper, wrapping around in the same fashion as before.

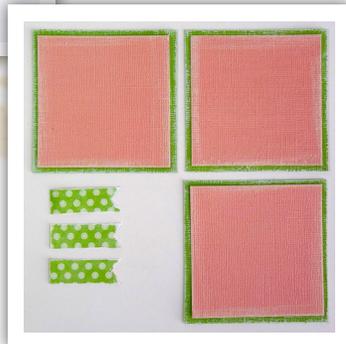
12. Select three chipboard elements and lightly sponge ivory paint to edges. Let dry then adhere to pocket pages as shown. Punch holes in each medium tag with a Crop-a-dile set at the fixed measure of $\frac{3}{8}$ " using the larger hole. Punch two holes $\frac{7}{8}$ " from top and bottom of each tag.



13. Cut three $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{5}{8}$ " pieces from *Robin's Egg* paper and sand edges to distress. Adhere to ATC ivory tags, then adhere the remaining $2\frac{1}{2}$ " thin pink paper strips above each. Tie a strand of ivory seam binding ribbon to each and make a bow.



14. Cut three $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{3}{4}$ " pieces of *Sweet Chamomile* paper and three $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " pieces, sanding all edges to distress. Score the large pieces at $1\frac{5}{8}$ " from the left edge and $2\frac{1}{8}$ " from the right. Set aside.



15. Cut three $2\frac{3}{4}$ " squares of pink card stock and three 3" squares of green card stock. Sand edges to distress. Adhere pinks to greens. Cut three $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{3}{4}$ " pieces from

Sweet Chamomile (green polka-dot side) paper. Cut a v-notch from one end and carefully sand distress each.



16. Assemble the back side of each of the three large ivory tags by first adhering the large *Sweet Chamomile* piece from Step 14, working with the folds as you glue.

Add pink/green card stock unit to center panel, then adhere a sticker of your choice to upper left. Select three chipboard postage stamp squares, paint edges lightly and let dry.



17. From *Hello Friend* paper, cut out three post cards closely to edges. Sand edges of both sides to distress.



18. Cut two pieces from *Botanical Tea Signature* paper (blue striped side): one at 2 x $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches and one $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sand edges to distress. From *Hello Friend* paper (pink striped side) cut two pieces at 2 " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and two at $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ ". Sand to distress.

19. Assemble the insides of the three gate-fold ivory tags. Adhere the $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{7}{8}$ " pieces of *Sweet Chamomile* from Step 14 to the center panel, and the thinnest striped paper from Step 18 to the right panel.



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20. Using a piercing tool and mat, pierce a large hole through the left panel 1" from fold and centered from top and bottom.

21. From the front side of the pierced panel, insert a metal brad and slide a 12" piece of silk pink ribbon around shaft of brad.



22. To cover the prongs of the brad on the inside panel, adhere the remaining striped papers securely as shown.

23. Fold in left-most panel and punch holes with a Crop-a-dile set at the fixed measure of $\frac{3}{8}$ " using the larger hole. Punch two holes $\frac{7}{8}$ " from top and bottom of tag unit.



24. Add the three postcard cut-outs from Step 18, one to each of the three gate-fold tag pages, punching holes to match page as shown.

25. Adhere the chipboard postage stamp squares from Step 17 along with the green polka dot pieces from Step 16. Then tie pink ribbon through grommet hole and tie a bow to secure the gate-folds closed. Photos show fronts and backs of gate-fold pages.



26. To complete the inside covers of the album, paint the edges of two chipboard tags and let dry, then insert pink striped ribbon and small metal key into one, and one metal brad into the other. Adhere to inside covers as shown using Glossy Accents to hold securely.



Add "LOVE" alphabet stickers to left panel and Cherish alphabet stickers to a $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 3" piece of light pink cardstock. Sand to distress. Adhere to right panel.



27. Use a Crop-a-dile opened out to largest setting, using the larger hole to punch two holes $\frac{7}{8}$ " from top and bottom of front cover and back cover and $\frac{1}{4}$ " from folded spine. Insert the two large ivory book rings, then spread open to insert pages, alternating pocket tags and gate-fold tags. (Each spread is shown in "Beauty" photos folder.)



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28. Tie a 20" length of 1¼" wide silky pink ribbon through the album's grommets and tie into a big fluffy bow. As a finishing touch to the album, select two small chipboard tags and adhere scraps of Botanical Tea papers onto back sides. Paint or sand edges of both sides to distress. Tie the two tags and a small key to a 12" piece of thin pink striped ribbon to the top book ring, securing with a knot then a knotted bow.

TIP: to keep delicate ribbons from fraying over time and with handling, apply a thin bead of Fray-Chek to raw edges. Let dry well. Fray-Chek can be found in craft and sewing stores.

