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Projects for Kids

Autograph Tag Album
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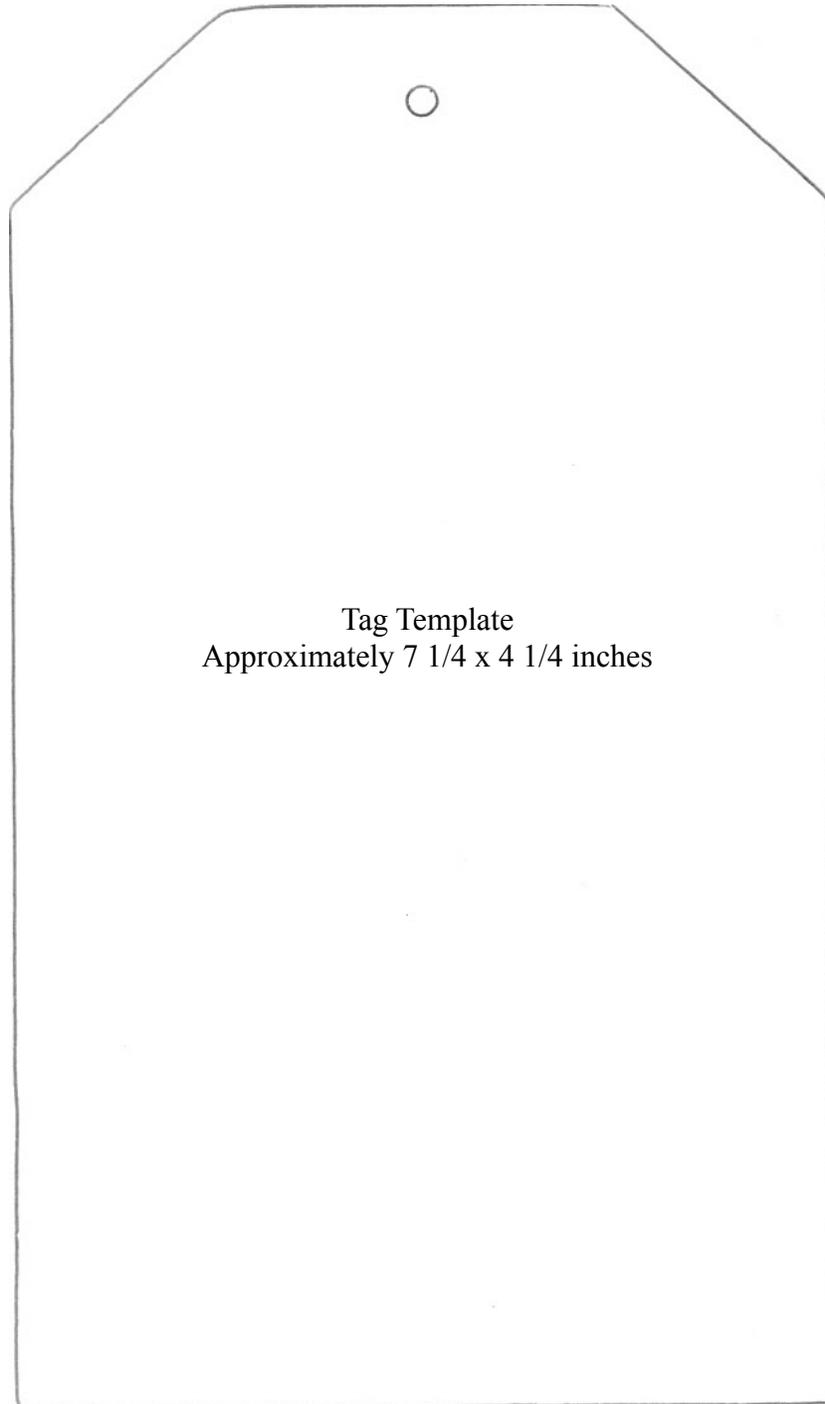
When I was in elementary school (way back in the 1970's) we used to have autograph albums, which we took to school the last week of school, prior to summer vacation. We would ask our friends and teachers to write in our books. This is a fun tradition in which children may still enjoy participating.



Supplies Needed:

- Tag template (shown below)
- 2 pieces of heavy weight chipboard, 7 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches each
- 4 pieces of printed paper in theme of album, 7 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches each
- 25 (approximately) sheets of cardstock, 7 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches each
- 1 binding ring, 1 inch diameter
- 2 pieces of ribbon, approximately 8 inches long
- 1/4 sheet 8 1/2 x 11 cardstock
- Various embellishments for decoration
- Alphabet stamps
- Black and brown dye ink

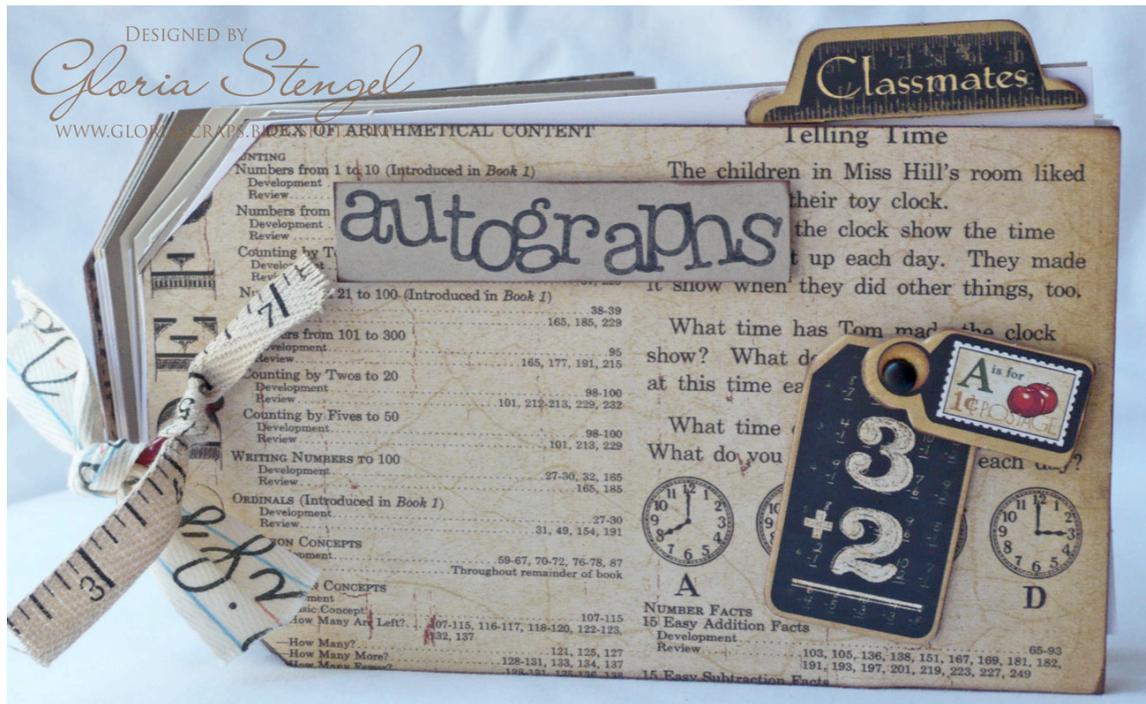
- Scissors or paper trimmer
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Glue stick, white glue, or tape runner
- Foam tape
- Hole punch



Instructions:

1. Using the template provided, cut two covers from chipboard, four pieces of printed paper, and all album pages. Punch holes with a standard hole punch.

Note: If you are using this project for a classroom activity, you may wish to use a rectangle shape and two binding rings. Cut your rectangles to $7\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Your binding holes should be $\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches from the top edge, and approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch from the left edge.



2. Using a glue stick or tape runner, attach the printed paper to all sides the chipboard covers. If desired, ink edges with brown dye ink.

3. On a scrap of cardstock, stamp the title with black dye ink using alphabet stamps. Trim the paper and ink the edges with brown ink. Attach to the cover with foam tape.

4. Decorate the outside of the album as desired.



5. Optional: Add a bookplate to the inside cover and stamp the child's name using black dye ink and alphabet stamps.



6. Bind the album covers and blank inside pages with a binding ring. Tie two lengths of ribbon to the ring for decoration.

Each child may glue photos of classmates to the inside pages and add autographs and signatures as desired.

Specific Supplies Used:

Graphic 45 Papers: An ABC Primer: The Three R's, Alphabet Soup, School Days

Graphic 45 Chipboard: An ABC Primer: Tags 1, Tags 2

Graphic 45 Stamps: Wood Stamp Set Staples

Ink: Clearsnap Colorbox Graphic 45 Decades Antiquing Ink: Photogenic, Dark Cashmere

Cardstock: Stampin' Up! Whisper White, Very Vanilla, Kraft

Mini brad, twill ribbon, mini brad: Craft supply

Binding ring: Office supply

Chipboard for covers: Grafix chipboard

Adhesives: Scotch 3M tape, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L foam squares, white glue

Tools: Crop-a-Dile hole punch, Fiskars paper trimmer