Ocean Blue — Collector's Box & Mini Album

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Collector's Box designed by ~ Jim Hankins The Gentleman Crafter

Graphic 45® Supplies:
1 ea Ocean Blue Patterns & Solids Pad (4502017)
1 pk Ocean Blue Sticker Set (4502019)
1 pk Ocean Blue Die-Cut Assortment (4502021)
1 pk Rose Bouquet—Bon Voyage & French Blue (4501788)
1 ea Collector’s Box w/ Mini Album—Chipboard Kit (4502089)

Tools, Adhesives & Ink:
Paper trimmer, scissors, ruler, scoring board, bone folder, pencil, double-sided tape, foam adhesive, thick tacky glue, craft knife and mat or heavy duty chipboard trimmer

Directions:
• Box Assembly •
1. Cut two 12” x 2” strips of Tan Stripe paper. Cut two 6¼” x 2” and two 4½” x 2” strips of Blue Shell paper.

2a. Cut a 6¾” x 4½” piece of Blue Nautilus paper and adhere to chipboard “engraved” base, centered.
(There will be space showing on all four sides.)

2b. Adhere the four Blue Shell papers from Step 1 to their coordinating chipboard panels as shown in previous image.

3. With the blue paper inward, adhere the front and back “walls” to the base, making sure to adhere them right on top of the base, rather on the outside edge. (Tip: thick, tacky glue grabs quickly and dries clear. Hold the panels in place for 60 seconds before letting go.)

Notes:
• Important Note: The enclosed pre-cut chipboard kit will require slight modifications to ensure proper assembly. Read directions carefully before proceeding with each step.
• All measurements are width x height, unless specified.
• Distress the paper edges with brown ink, which is optional.
• When cutting papers, be mindful of the pattern direction.
4. Adhere the left and right “walls” by applying glue to two sides and along the bottom. These will also adhere on top of the base and should adhere to the front and back walls as well. Set aside to dry.

5. If desired, you can create a center divider piece with scrap chipboard cut to $6\frac{5}{8}\times 7\frac{7}{8}”. Cut a $6\frac{5}{8}\times 1\frac{1}{8}”$ strip of Blue Nautilus paper. Wrap & adhere the paper around the chipboard divider.

6. Adhere the divider piece on three sides into the box, centered, as shown. Let dry.

7. (Note: Your piece will be slightly different than the photo.) Trace the Box Flap chipboard piece two times onto the back of the Tan Sand Dollar paper and cut out.

8. Trim $\frac{1}{8}”$ off one long edge of the chipboard Lid piece so it measures $6\frac{7}{8}” \times 4\frac{3}{4}”$. Cut a $6\frac{7}{8}” \times 4\frac{3}{4}”$ piece of Tan Collage paper. From the back side of the same paper, cut two $1” \times 6\frac{3}{4}”$ strips and score down the center of each at $\frac{1}{4}”$. We’ll use these as hinges for the lid.

9. Adhere a $6\frac{7}{8}” \times 4\frac{3}{4}”$ piece of Blue Shell paper to the chipboard Lid. This is the inside of the lid. Adhere one of the Tan Sand Dollar strips from Step 7 to the Box Flap chipboard. This is the inside of the flap.

10. Place adhesive on the backs of each hinge paper from Step 8, making sure to fold well on the score lines first. Flip over the chipboard Lid and the Box Flap. This will be the top of the box.

11. Place the Lid onto the assembled box so the back edge of the Lid and the back wall of the box are flush. Peel and stick one hinge paper to connect the two as shown. Press well for a strong bond.

12. Connect the Box Flap to the front of the Lid in the same manner with the second hinge paper, but this time make sure the flap is UNDER the Lid, rather than flush to the outside edge.

13. Adhere the Tan Collage paper from Step 8 to the top of the Lid and the remaining Tan Sand Dollar paper from Step 7 to the front flap. Trim as needed.
14. (Inside view of lid.) In Step 19, you’ll layer three stickers to the front flap.

15. Adhere one Tan Stripe paper from Step 1 to the outer walls of the box, starting at the front, centered, wrapping around the excess to make neat corners which also helps strengthen the box. Repeat from the back side, wrapping forward as shown.

16. The box should look like this so far.

17. Adhere border stickers to the Front, Sides, and Back of box. You’ll need to patch in some pieces to complete the back. (See next photo.)

18. Trim a small piece of the crab border sticker and add to each end like this.

19. Adhere two same size stickers together then the third sticker with the pretty side facing out. This will result in a thick piece, almost like chipboard, with two pretty sides facing out. Adhere this to the box flap, centered, and slightly hanging off, as shown. If you like, you can add magnets or Velcro stickers to help keep the box closed.

20. Trim 1/8" off one short edge of the Mini Book Holder Front chipboard piece so it measures 6¼” x 2¾”. Cut a 6¼” x 2¾” piece of Tan Sand Dollar paper and adhere to chipboard. Trace the two Mini Book Holder Side pieces onto the back of the same paper and cut out. Trim the Mini Book Holder Bottom Piece so it measures 6⅛” x 7⅛”. Cut Tan Sand Dollar paper 6⅛” x 7⅛” and adhere to chipboard piece.

21. Adhere Tan Sand Dollar pieces from Step 20 to coordinating chipboard pieces. Lay pieces out to be adhered together.

22. Lay the Mini Book Holder Front from Step 20 face down. Apply thick glue to the straight portion of the curved side pieces just before the curve starts, and adhere to each end, right on top (NOT flush to the outside) of the Front piece. Place glue on three sides of the bottom piece and adhere into place as shown. It should fit nicely between the two side pieces and on top of the Front piece. Set aside to dry.
23. Once dry, place adhesive on the three edges of the Mini Book Holder unit and adhere to the inside of the box’s lid, centered left and right, and at least ¼” away from the bottom edge to allow room for the box to close.

24. Trim ⅛” off the top edge of the Front and Back chipboard pieces so they measure 3¼” x 6” each, then trim the Spine piece so it measures ¾” x 6”. Cut a 9/16” x 7/8” piece of Blue Word Collage paper, and lay face down. Adhere the chipboard book pieces to the paper, centered, with ⅛” space between. Trim four corners leaving ⅛” space at chipboard corners.

25. Use a bone folder to score the paper around all edges of the chipboard, including the spine area. (Tip: To avoid tearing the paper, keep your bone folder at a low angle rather than using the tip.) Press the four corners inward with the tip of your bone folder first, then fold and adhere the paper inward as shown. Re-score the spine area gently.

26. Create a stacked hinge system for your mini book pages by cutting four pieces of Blue Nautilus paper as follows: 1⅛” x 6⅛”, 1⅛” x 6⅛”, ⅝” x 6⅛”, and ⅝” x 6⅛”. Score each strip vertically on the printed side at ⅛” from each long side and fold forward toward the solid blue side.

27. Cut a 7⅛” x 3⅛” piece of Blue Nautilus paper for the Mini Book lining. Adhere to inside, and gently score down the two spine channels with your bone folder at a low angle so as not to tear through. Adhere your hinge strips from Step 26 to the inner spine area from largest to smallest, centering each as you go. Set aside to let dry.

28. Cut a 2⅜” x 3⅜” piece of Blue Nautilus and flip to the solid blue side. Adhere the Die-Cut Assortment pieces shown to the center.

29. Cut a 2⅝” x 1⅛” piece of Blue Nautilus, flip to the blue side and adhere the Die-Cut Assortment piece, centered. Lay open the Mini Book and adhere elements to the front cover. Add more Die-Cut Assortment pieces as shown or desired. Stick a border sticker and two seashell circle stickers to the spine.

30. Cut four 3⅝” x 5⅜” pieces from Tan Word Collage and four 5¼” x 3⅝” from Tan Stripe papers. Lay them out in alternating order as shown.
31. Adhere pages into Mini Book by placing adhesive on the hinge flap and pressing pages into place. Decorative your pages with stickers and die-cut assortment pieces as desired.

32. Place the Mini Book into the Mini Book Holder in the Lid of the box. Add the large Seas the Day sticker, if desired.

33. Adhere Die-Cut Assortment pieces to the top of the Lid, then adhere five dark blue roses with thick tacky glue. Add two photo corner stickers to the top left and right corners.

34. Add foam tape to elements to give dimension and interest.
Directions:

1. Choose four papers from the Patterns & Solids pad. Cut each at 5” x 4” and 3” x 2.”

2. Choose four more papers and cut each 3” x 5¾.” (When cutting Tan Stripe, cut 8¾” x 3¾”)

3. Score each of the 5” x 4” papers at ½”, then 1” on all four sides, as indicated by red lines.

4. Cut away the four corners as shown leaving a small tab, cut at a slight angle. Trim a scant ⅛” off the outer four tabs to reduce bulk when folding in. Adhere the 3” x 2” coordinating paper inside.

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Graphic 45® Supplies:
- 1 ea Ocean Blue 12 x 12 Patterns & Solids Pad (4502017)
- 1 pk Ocean Blue Sticker Set (4503019)
- 1 pk Ocean Blue Die-cut Assortment (4503021)
- 1 pk Rose Bouquet—Bon Voyage & French Blue (4501788)

Tools, Adhesives & Ink:
- Paper trimmer, scissors, ruler, scoring board, bone folder, wet & dry adhesive, thick tacky glue

Notes:
- All measurements are width x height, unless specified.
- If you like, distress the paper edges with brown ink, which is optional.
5. Fold on all score lines and adhere the small tabs first.

6. Fold down and adhere the longest tabs first, then the short end tabs to create an open box.

7. Score each of the papers (along the 5¾" side) at ½", 1", 3½", and 3⅛.”

8. Fold on all score lines in the same direction and adhere closed to form the matchbox sleeve, as shown.

9. Slide the box into the sleeve and adhere two Rose Bouquet buds, some leaves and Die-Cut Assortments to the box.

10. Continue the assembly steps to create three more mini matchboxes and decorate as shown or as desired.

11. Beauty Shot with matchboxes placed inside the Shell Collector’s Box.