G45/365 Monthly Project - Featuring: Raining Cats & Dogs

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Graphic 45® Supplies:
- 1 sheet *Puppy Love* (#4500958)
- 1 sheet *Four-legged Friend* (#4500959)
- 1 sheet *Playful Pals* (#4500964)
- 1 sheet *Pitter-patter* (#4500966)
- 1 sheet Cats and Dogs Chipboard 1 (#4500973)
- 1 sheet Cats and Dogs Stickers (#4500974)
- 1 sheet Cats and Dogs Alphabet Stickers (#4500975)
- 1 pack (6) Large Tag Album Staples (#4500626)
- 3 each Ornate Metal Brads (#4500841)

Additional Supplies & Tools:
- 24" jute twine, 24" coordinating ribbon pieces, 36" string pieces, score board/tool, corner rounder, micro & large hole punches, pop dots or 3-D foam adhesive, double sided adhesive or quick dry liquid adhesive

Paper Cutting Guide:

- **Puppy Love** (below)
  Cut a 9"x12" piece, this will be our base piece, the remaining 3"x12" piece will be trimmed to fit in our layered tag book.

- **Pitter-patter** (below)
  Cut 3 1/2"x12", from this piece cut a 3 1/4"x6 1/4" piece.
  From the remaining piece, cut 3 1/4"x12", then cut into 3 pieces- one 3 1/4"x5" and two 3 1/4"x3 1/2".
  From the remaining 2"x12" cut two 2"x3 7/8" and one 2"x3".

- **Playful Pals** (below)
  Cut from the bottom three 3/4"x12" strips.
  Next cut a 2 1/2"x12" piece.
  From the remaining 7 1/4"x12" piece, cut vertically- 1 1/4"x7 1/4", then cut three 3 1/4"x7 1/4", cut one of these pieces in half.
Cut out each of the 8 cut-out pieces.

Note: In designing this month's mini we used a combination of cat and dog embellishments from our featured collection, however you can easily adapt your project to feature just a dog or cat theme. There are plenty of pieces to pull from and most pieces can be altered by layering. (Take a peek at our March mini for fun ideas on adapting a theme).

Instructions:

1. Create cover piece: Score Puppy Love 9"x12" piece-score at 2", 3", 7" and 8".

On the plaid side of cover adhere sticker borders to the top edge (umbrellas) and bottom edge (blue floral). TIP: cut border stickers at score lines for smoother folds. Round corners. Set cover piece aside.

2. Create 2 mini book inserts: using the four 4"x6" Four-legged Friends cut-outs, fold and layer 2 together for each mini book.

Using a micro-punch, punch 2 holes along the fold of each book. Thread string through holes and tie bows in back. Embellish each book using stickers, 1 chipboard button and Pitter-patter 2"x3" paper piece. Set books aside.

3. Create layered tag book: Score tags measuring from the bottom edge of tag (opposite the eyelet)
   1st tag: 3½" and 4½"
   2nd tag: 3" and 3¾"
   3rd tag: 2¼" and 3"
   4th tag: 1" and 2¼"
   5th tag: ¾" and 1½"
   6th tag: leave unscored

Fold the lower score line of each tag, stack tags together, (see photo) the unscored tag will be the last tag in the stack.
The six scored and folded tags stacked within each other below.

4. Adhere tag book inside the middle section of the scored Puppy Love cover piece from before.

Use a 3/4" strip of Playful Pals to help secure bottom of tag book.

Adhere remaining (2) Playful Pals strips along the sides (inside 1" score areas).

Embellish left hand strip with "raining cats & dogs" border sticker. Adhere photo corner stickers in each corner.

5. Embellish layered tag book. Use photo mats, stickers, chipboard and ribbon. Optional:

Create a "top 10" theme using number stickers. List 10 favorite things about your pet or use "lessons" lists (see last page for ideas).

TIP: The layered pockets in the back of the tag book can be used to hold photos or other mementos that can easily be removed if desired.
6. Adhere the 2 previously prepared mini books in place (in the right hand scored section of cover piece).

7. Fold cover closed, (folding right hand flap down first). Create button & string closure: place polka dot button sticker on the front edge of flap (approx. 2\(\frac{1}{2}\)"-3" from the top). Be sure to have about half the sticker overhanging off the flap and the holes of the button clear. On the back of flap place the red plaid button sticker directly over the polka dot button sticker. Thread string thru button holes (so the string comes through the back of button). Tie off string.

8. Decorate left side cover and create title. Adhere chipboard frame and tag. Create title of your choice using alphabet stickers. Embellish the opposite side of flap (exposed backside of chipboard frame) with stickers.

Thread 2 chipboard buttons with jute. Adhere 3-D adhesive to the backs of buttons. Place adhesive just in the center, leaving a \(\frac{1}{8}\)"-\(\frac{1}{4}\)" edging.
9. Decorate right side of cover. Add brad & ribbon embellished chipboard tags, stickers and hand cut banners (use paper scraps).

Suggested List Ideas:

10 List: Dogs
1. Never pass the opportunity to go for a joyride.
2. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
3. Be loyal.
4. When loved ones come home always run to greet them.
5. Take lots of naps.
6. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
7. No matter how often you’re scolded, don’t buy into the guilt thing... run right back in and make friends.
8. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
9. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
10. Run, romp and play daily.

10 List: Cats
1. When you find sunshine, bask in it.
2. Take time to play.
3. Ask for what you want in life, loudly if necessary.
4. Stay alert and relaxed at the same time.
5. Just assume you’re lovable and heck with the rest.
6. Take lots of naps.
7. Have a mind of your own.
8. Climb to the highest point and enjoy the view.
9. A little attitude works wonders.
10. Hiss if you have to.

Congratulations you’ve finished this months mini album!