Ephemera Queen — Purse & Double Accordion Album

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Graphic 45® Supplies:
1 ea Ephemera Queen 12”x 12” Collection Pack (4502104)
1 pk Ephemera Queen Chipboard Tags (4502106)
1 pk Ephemera Queen Die-Cut Assortment (4502109)
1 pk G45 Staples Ornate Metal Keyholes (4500546)
1 pk Club Exclusive—SVG Purse & Album Kit (ADPPURSE-KIT.1)

Other Supplies: (not included)
6” Waxed Twine—Ivory
48” Seam Binding Ribbon—Ivory

Tools, Adhesives & Ink:
Paper trimmer, scissors, ruler, scoring tools, bone folder, pencil, corner rounder punch, small Velcro dots or magnets, strong glue, various adhesives, foam adhesive, sanding block or file, brown ink

Notes:
• All measurements are width x height, unless specified.
• Distress the paper edges with light brown ink, which is optional.
• When cutting papers, be mindful of the pattern direction.

Directions:

Purse:
1. Trace two large purse pieces from the chipboard kit onto the B-side of Treat Yourself.
2. Cut a 12” x ¾” strip from B-side of Simply the Best. Lay the strip under one of the purse pieces, flush to the top edge and trace the curved sides as shown. Repeat with the other purse piece.
3. Cut out traced pieces just inside the lines.
4. Cut a 8½” x 6½” piece of Simply The Best then trace the handles as shown to save on paper.

5. (Tip: when tracing more detailed pieces like this it’s best to hold your pen or pencil at an angle, all the way around. This saves excess trimming and sanding later.)

6. Trace the four corner embellishment chipboard pieces on Simply the Best.

7. Cut just inside the traced lines of the two handle pieces from Step 4, then trace and cut two more from Simply the Best, eliminating the rounded bottom portion as shown.

8. Cut a 5⅜” x 2” piece from B-side of Simply the Best. Trace the two chipboard side pieces onto Simply the Best and cut out.

9. Adhere main purse papers to coordinating chipboard pieces as shown. The photo shows how these pieces will come together. Make sure the wider edge of each side piece is next to the base.

(Note: the side pieces are slightly narrower at the top than the bottom.)

10. Cut a 6¾” x 3” piece from B-side of If The Shoe Fits, score ½” on all four sides and cut away the four corners.

11. Fold on the score lines toward the pink side, then adhere to the bare side of the chipboard purse base, centered. There will be a bit of space on the two short sides to accommodate the side pieces later.

12. Trace the two large purse pieces again, this time on the B-side of If The Shoe Fits. Cut out. Cut four 1” x 3⅔” strips, score down the center at ¼” and fold toward the pink side. These will be support strips.
13. Apply thick glue along the bottom edge of one large chipboard purse piece (yellow print facing out) and adhere it to the outside long edge of the base piece. Once dry, adhere the ½” scored paper flap up to the chipboard as well.

14. Apply thick glue along the bottom (wide) edge and the right edge of a side piece and adhere onto the base as well as the large purse piece as shown, making sure all are flush. Hold pieces firmly until glue is set. (Tipping the purse on its front is helpful.)

15. Adhere the ½” paper flap up onto the side wall as shown.

16. Adhere one support strip from Step 12 to the first corner.

17. Repeat the steps for the other side piece and support strip.

18. Onto the two inside purse papers, mark 1” down from the top on both sides, trim off ⅛” from the marks as shown, then trim the bottom edge.

19. Check the fit first, then adhere one of the large purse papers inside. Adhere the second purse chipboard piece. (Tip: glue stick or any liquid glue that slides easily is recommended.)

20. Adhere two remaining ½” scored paper flaps and two support strips inside.

21. Cut two 1⅞” x 3⅛” pieces from B-side of If The Shoe Fits. Adhere to inner side walls.

22. Adhere second inner purse paper from Step 18.
23. Adhere corners and handles to purse as shown. Let dry.

24. Adhere a chipboard circle and a yellow rose sticker to the handles. This will be the front of your purse.

25. Cut a 2½” x 6½” piece from B-side of Simply the Best and score ⅜” from each long side. Fold inward and adhere down using glue stick or wet glue. This will be the purse strap.

26. While the glue is drying, shape the handle into a curve with the seam underneath, then round the corners of the strap with a corner rounder punch or scissors.

27. Keep shaping the strap so it keeps its shape like in the photo and let dry completely.

28. Adhere a metal keyhole to the front of the strap with strong glue. Clip until fully dry.

29. To make a tassel, cut five strips ¼” x 4” from Ephemera Queen. Cut a “v-notch” from the ends of four.

30. Fold the four in half slightly askew as shown to the left.

31. Adhere the stack of folded pieces together, fanned out slightly and with tops lined up squarely.

32. Cut a 6” length of twine. Shape the fifth strip of paper slightly so it’s curved, then adhere to tassel stack with one end of the twine in between. Continue adding adhesive as you wrap the strip around and around the top of the tassel. Set aside to dry.
33. Add the purse strap to the purse by placing strong adhesive on the back portion only. To keep this strap closed, you can add velcro or small magnets if desired.

34. Run the twine from the tassel around one purse handle, place through the chipboard tag, trim the twine, and adhere the end to the back of the tassel, then adhere the tag and tassel into place. See next photo.

Congratulations! You’ve completed the Chipboard Purse!

In next steps we will be creating a gorgeous Double-Accordion Mini Album. The purse was designed to hold the mini album perfectly. Alternatively, you can use the purse as a special gift box or a glamorous home decor piece!

• Accordion Album •

1. Trace the two chipboard album covers onto Simply The Best, cut out and adhere to chipboard. Cut a 2 1/8” x 5” piece from String of Pearls (B-side) for the spine.

2. Place the spine paper from Step 1 blue side down, adhere the chipboard spine to the center with 1/8” hanging off the right and left. Adhere each chipboard cover next, with space between. The spacing should be at least the thickness of the chipboard.

3. Flip over to the outside and burnish well with a bone folder. Fold the covers gently a few times. Ink edges.

4. Cut a 10 3/4” x 5” piece from the B-side of String of Pearls. Adhere to the inside of the album covers and spine starting at the left side first and burnish as you go toward the right. Trim an excess and the corners on the right edge as needed.
5. Gently score in the spaces between each side of the spine, being careful not to use the tip of the bone folder so you don’t tear through.

6. Cut two 24” lengths of ribbon and adhere to the inside front and inside back covers, making sure not to adhere all the way to the edge.

7. Use strong glue to adhere a metal keyhole to the chipboard tag shown. Cut apart the “Ephemera Queen” card from A Winning Hand, then cut the die-cut assortment piece in half.

8. Adhere the “Ephemera Queen” cut-apart to the two cut pieces. Gather the three die-cut pieces shown.

9. Decorate the album cover with the pieces from Steps 7 and 8.

10. Cut four 12” x 4½” pieces from the two sheets of Les Chapeaux. Score each at 4” and 8”. Fold in an accordion fashion; two one way, two the other, as shown in photo.

11. Join the two like-folded pieces together to make a long, five-paneled piece by overlapping the first and last panels. Repeat with the other. Cut six 3¾” x 4½” pieces from the B-side of Oh Happy Day and adhere to every other panel, as shown.

12. Fold down both accordions. Starting on the one with a right-opening panel, adhere the die-cut assortment pieces shown.

13. Working to the left, adhere the 3” x 3⅞” cut-apart from Oh Happy Day to the center of the panel, then affix the Lovely Lady sticker to the upper right corner.
14. Next panel: Cut the border sticker (all three portions) to 3¼” long. Affix the scalloped portion of the border sticker along the bottom and the chipboard butterfly across the top.

15. Next panel: Cut apart the dress form and Ephemera Queen playing cards from the second sheet of A Winning Hand and layer together. Adhere to left/bottom of panel. Adhere the Treat Yourself die-cut tag and two heart die-cuts as shown and affix the round flower sticker on top the hole of the tag.

16. Next panel: Cut a 1¾” x 3½” piece from the B-side of Ephemera Queen and adhere behind the light blue die-cut frame, trimming as needed. Adhere the die-cut flourish, the frame unit, and the small “Ephemera Queen” label with dimensional foam.

17. This is how the panels should look. The far left panel will be adhered into the album later.

18. Flip this accordion unit over to the blue striped side. Working left to right, begin by cutting the bottom off the large die-cut frame to equal 4¼”. Cut a 3” x 3” piece from the B-side of Simply The Best and adhere to the back of the frame with the yellow side showing through. Adhere this frame unit to the panel. Adhere the small chipboard piece to the upper left and the label sticker to the bottom, centered.

19. Next panel: Cut apart the 2¼” x 3¼” “Forever Friends” from If The Shoe Fits and adhere to the upper right. Affix the two border stickers along the bottom and the Eiffel Tower sticker to the upper left. Add the die-cut blue butterfly.

20. Next panel: Affix the yellow Be Happy sticker across the bottom. Fussy cut three playing cards from Oh Happy Day and adhere, fanned out. Adhere the small chipboard tag shown.

21. Next panel: Cut a 3 ¼” x 3 ¼” square from the B-side of Treat Yourself and adhere just below center. Adhere the die-cut banner and heart as shown.
22. This is how the panels should look on this side.

23. Fold down the completed accordion unit and place adhesive on the back panel and adhere to the inside back cover of the album, centered. Adhere the chipboard circle as shown and tie the ribbon into a bow.

24. Select the second accordion unit. Working left to right, cut a 2¾” x 2¾” piece from the B-side of Ephemera Queen and adhere the blue die-cut square on top. Adhere this unit to the panel, adhere the die-cut flourish and banner, the chipboard circle as shown.

25. Cut the “Life is Nothing...” cut-apart from Oh Happy Day around the pink border (3½” x 6½”), then cut apart so the top piece is 4½” high.

26. Adhere the 4½” high piece overlapped onto the lower piece so the pink border is continuous. Adhere to the next panel and add the pink die-cut butterfly to the upper right corner.

27. Affix a 3¾” scalloped border sticker along the bottom and the “Ephemera Queen” chipboard label to the top.

28. Cut apart the Eiffel Tower and the Be Happy lady playing card (use B-side) from A Winning Hand and layer together, then adhere to the panel. Adhere the die-cut tag to the upper left and affix a yellow rose sticker over the hole. Layer the pink and green rose die-cuts (slightly offset), adhere as shown.

29. Slice off about ½” from the right side of the large clock die-cut and adhere to panel. Adhere the blue butterfly die-cut to the upper right. Fussy cut the yellow rose label from Oh Happy Day and adhere to the lower left.
30. This is how the panels should look.

31. Flip this accordion unit over to the blue-striped side. Working right to left, cut the Queen playing card from A Winning Hand and adhere to the upper left. Layer the Be Amazed die-cut on top of the floral coordinating die-cut piece, adhere with dimensional foam. Affix a green corner sticker and green flourish die-cut as shown.

32. Cut a 3” x 3¼” piece from the B-side of If The Shoe Fits. Affix the two border stickers along the bottom, then the pink paper. Fussy-cut two playing cards from Oh Happy Day, trim off bottoms and adhere in place with adhesive only along their bottom edge. Adhere the scalloped circle die-cut with dimensional foam.

33. Cut apart the journal label from Oh Happy Day to 3¼” x 2½” and adhere to the lower portion of the panel after affixing the large scalloped circle sticker to the upper left. Adhere the butterfly die-cut in the upper right.

34. Cut the two border sticker pieces 3¼” long and adhere across the center of the panel. Adhere the large light blue die-cut oval, then affix the pink frame sticker to the center. Adhere the pink chipboard circle and the blue dress form chipboard tag, then affix the green corner sticker to upper left.

35. This is how the panels should look.

36. Fold the completed accordion unit and adhere in place on the inside front cover. Tie ribbon into a bow.

37. Affix the two square stickers to the inside spine area, then use strong metal glue to adhere a metal keyhole as shown. Let dry completely before closing the album.