

Living the simple COTTAGE LIFE

G45 Album Kit

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Cottage Life – Shoulder Box & Stowable Accordion Album



— Shoulder Box & Album —

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Graphic 45® Supplies:

1 pk Cottage Life 12 x 12 Collection Pack	(4502397)
1 pk Cottage Life Journaling Cards	(4502401)
1 ea G45 Window Shoulder Box—Kraft	(4502221)
1 pk 12 x 12 Chipboard Sheets—Kraft	(4501807)

Tools, Adhesives & Ink:

Paper trimmer, detail scissors, ruler, scoring tools, bone folder, craft knife, pencil, corner rounder, various adhesives, hot glue, optional: brown distress ink & blending tool

Notes:

- We will use the Collection Pack cover to reinforce some stickers.
- All measurements are width x height, unless specified.
- When cutting papers, be mindful of the pattern direction.
- For a fun, detailed video tutorial, visit our YouTube page!

Directions:

- The box •



1. Cut two 1" x 9" pieces of *Cottage Life* (trim them from the lateral borders) and add them to the lid. Cut two 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 1" pieces of *Cottage Life* (trim them from the top and bottom borders), place one on the top section of the lid and make a mark on the intersection with the lateral pieces, then, make a cut between the mark and the top corner of the 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 1" Piece, then, add it to the top section of the lid. Follow the same directions for the bottom section piece.



2. Cut four 1" x 9" Pieces of *Sweet Rambles* and add them to the large borders of the box and the lid, then, cut four

5 $\frac{1}{8}$ " x 1" pieces of *Sweet Rambles* and add them to the short borders of the box and lid.

3. Cut two 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 2" Pieces of *Keep Life Simple*, cut two 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 2" Pieces of *Keep Life Simple* and finally cut 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " x 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " Piece of *Sweet Rambles* and adhere these pieces inside the bottom of the box.

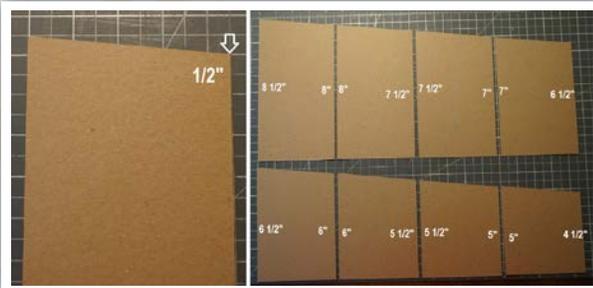


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4. Fussy cut the elements shown of the *Cottage Life* and add the roses to the right border of the lid, then, add two stamps. Add the “Cottage” fussy cut curving it a little bit, then, add the “Life” fussy cut.

• The Album •



5. Take the Chipboard sheets and cut $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ", $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8", $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ", $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7", $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ", $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6", $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " and $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" (8 pieces total). Trim the top edge of each piece as shown in the picture ($\frac{1}{2}$ " less on the right edge).

6. Take one *Keep Life Simple* and cut: $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ ", $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8", $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ ", $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 7", $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ ", $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6", $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " and $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" (8 pieces total).

Score a line by the middle on the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " side.



7. Place the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " chipboard piece with the 8" to the left and adhere the right score section of the *Keep Life*

Simple piece $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " leaving a thin space from the score line. When you fold the $1\frac{1}{2}$ " piece you must see a thin border.

8. Add the left score section to the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8" Chipboard Piece. Line up the opposite edges of the chipboard pieces. The $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " Piece



works as a hinge. Trim the top edge of this piece to line up with the top edge of the chipboard pieces.

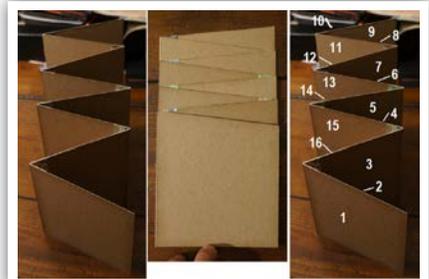


9. Adhere the left score section of the Piece $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8" to the right edge of the second chipboard piece, then add the right score

section to the left edge of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $7\frac{1}{2}$ " chipboard piece as you did in Step 8. We are doing an accordion album.

10. Follow the same instructions of Step 8 and 9 to finish the accordion.

Number the pages to make it easy to follow the next steps.



11. Cut a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" Piece of *Cottage Life* (back) and add it to the Album Page 1, then, trim the top edge lining up with the chipboard page.

12. Cut a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" piece of *Sweet Rambles* and add it to the Album Page 2, then, trim the top edge as you did on the Step 11. Cut a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of *Sweet Rambles*

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and add it to the left side of the Page 3, then, cut a 2" x 5½" Piece of *My Happy Place* and add it to the right side of the Page 3. Trim the top edge.

13. Cut a 3½" x 6" Piece of *Little Things* and add it to the left side of the Page 4. Cut a 1" x 6" Piece of *Dare to Dream* and add it to the right side of the Page 4, then, trim the top edge. Then, cut a 4½" x 6½" of *Dare to*



Dream and add it to the Page 5 and trim the top edge.



14. Cut a 4½" x 7" Piece of *Blossom Like a Rose* and add it to the Page 6. Trim the top edge. Then, cut a 1½" x 7½" piece of *Blossom Like a Rose* and add it to the left side of the Page 7, then, cut a 3" x 7½" piece of *Little Things*

(Back) and add it to the right side of the Page 7. Trim the top edge.

15. Cut a 3½" x 8" piece of *Little Things* (back) and add it to the left side of the Page 8, then, cut a 1" x 8" piece of *My Happy Place* (back) and add it to the right side of the Page 8. Trim the top edge. Cut a 4½" x 8½" piece of *My Happy Place* and add it to the Page 9. Trim the top edge.



16. Cut a 4½" x 8½" piece of *My Happy Place* (back) and add it to the Page 10. Trim the top edge. Cut a 4½" x 8" piece of *Blossom Like a Rose* and add it to the Page 11. Trim the top edge. Then, Cut a 1" x 7½" piece of *Blossom*

Like a Rose and add it to the left side of the Page 12. Cut a 3½" x 7½" piece of *Blossom Like a Rose* (back) and add it to the right side of the Page 12. Trim the top edges.



17. Cut a 3½" x 7" piece of *Little Things* and add it to the left side of the Page 13, then, cut a 1" x 7" Piece of *My Happy Place* (back) and add it to the right side of the Page 13. Trim the top edges. Cut a 1" x 6½" piece of *My Happy Place* and add it to the left

side of the Page 14, then, cut a 3½" x 6½" piece of *Dare to Dream* (back) and add it to the right side of the page. Trim the top edges.

18. Cut a 4½" x 6" piece of *Keep Life Simple* (back) and add it to the Page 15. Trim the top edge.

Cut a 1¼" x 5½" piece of *Cottage Life* (back) and add it to the right side of the Page 16, then, cut a

¾" x 5½" piece of *Keep Life Simple* (back) and add it to the left side of the Page 16. Trim the top edge.



19. Cut a 1½" x 4⅔" piece of *My Happy Place* (back), add it to the Page 1 leaving ½" from the left edge. Trim the element shown of *Dwell in Possibility* and add them to the Page 1. Add the big "Cottage Life" sticker to a piece of chipboard then, add it to the Page 1. Add two small round stickers to a piece of chipboard, adhere as shown.

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20. Take the Lovely journaling card and trim a thin line on the blue frame. Apply adhesive on the lateral and bottom edges and adhere it to the Page 2 leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the bottom edge (this is a pocket). Add the tag sticker to a piece of leftover of *Little Things*, trim around leaving a thin border and insert it through the trimmed line and insert one 4" x 3" journaling card into the pocket.



21. Cut a 4" x $9\frac{1}{4}$ " piece of *Dwell in Possibility* and score a line at $4\frac{1}{2}$ " from the bottom edge on the $9\frac{1}{4}$ "

side, round the corners and fold it, you got a file. Take the journaling card shown, trim $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{5}{8}$ " of the top section, distress the borders and add it to the top page of the file. Open the top flap and add the bottom section of the card leaving $\frac{3}{8}$ " from the top edge and add the wider pink border of *Dwell in Possibility*.

22. Cut 4" of the butterfly border of *Dwell in Possibility* and add it to the bottom page of the file leaving $\frac{7}{8}$ " from the bottom edge,



then, add the Sticker shown. Add the file to Page 3. Take the pink square sticker and add it to a piece of chipboard, trim it and add it to the file.

23. Cut a $3\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of *Keep Life Simple* (back) and add it to the Page 4 leaving $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the right edge and $\frac{7}{8}$ " from the bottom edge. Add the sticker shown to a piece of the Pack cover and trim around, then, add it to the page 4, don't apply adhesive on the section over the photo mat. Fussy cut a rose from the journaling card



shown and add it to the Page 4. Insert a journaling card behind.

24. Cut a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of *Little Things* and score a line at $\frac{1}{2}$ " on the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " side, then, score a couple lines at $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the borders



on the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " side, trim the bottom corners and fold the score sections under. Punch a half round on the top edge (optional) and add this pocket to the Page 5, then, add the sticker shown.



25. Cut a 4" x 12" piece of *Cottage Life* (trim it by the left edge) and fold it by the middle on the 12" side, this is a file. Trim the card shown of *Dwell in Possibility* by the blue frame and add it to the top page of the file. Open the file and add the "Cottage Life" border of *Dwell in Possibility* to the bottom side. Insert it into the pocket of the Page 5.



26. Cut a 4" x $5\frac{1}{2}$ " piece of *Sweet Rambles* (back) and add it to the Page 6 leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the bottom edge. Add the sticker shown to a piece of the pack cover, trim around and add it to the upper right corner of the Page 6.

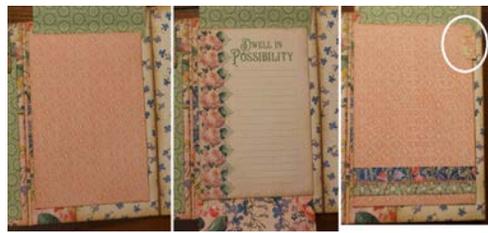
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27. Cut a 4" x 6½" piece of *Sweet Rambles* and score a line at ½" from the top edge in

the 6½" side. Adhere the "Dare to Dream" sticker to a chipboard piece, trim around and add it to the *Sweet Rambles* piece (apply adhesive only to the bottom section, then, insert the card (*Dwell in Possibility*) behind the sticker. Fold the score section, apply adhesive and adhere the *Sweet Rambles* piece to the Page 7 leaving ¾" from the bottom edge and ⅛" from the right edge. Open this top flap and add the *Keep Life Simple* Banner of *Dwell in Possibility*.

28. Cut a 4" x 6½" piece of *Blossom Like a Rose*, score a line at ½" from the bottom



edge in the 6½" side, then, add the score section to the Page 7 leaving ½" from the bottom edge and ⅛" from the left edge. Open the flaps of the Page 7 and add the Journaling Card Shown. Add the sticker shown on the right edge of the bottom flap and the border green and blue of *Dwell in Possibility* to the bottom flap.



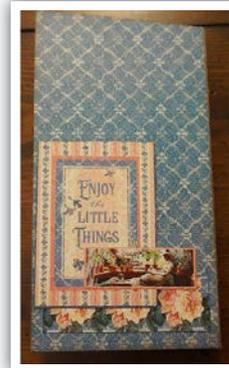
29. Cut a 4" x 5½" piece of *Sweet Rambles* and add it to the Page 8 leaving 2½" from the bottom edge. Fussy cut the 3" x 4" Journaling Card shown and adhere it to the left side of the page 8. Add the "Cottage Life" border of *Dwell in Possibility* to the Page 8.

30. Cut a 3½" x 8" piece of *Dare to Dream* and score a line at ½" from the left edge in the 3½" side and score two lines at ½" from the top and bottom edges on the 8" side. Trim the left corners, fold the score sections under the score line and add this pocket to the Page 9 leaving

¼" from the left edge. Fussy cut the Journaling Card shown and add it to the pocket.



31. Cut a 6¼" x 7¾" piece of *Little Things* and score a line at ¾" from the right edge on the 7¾" side. This is a file with the ¾" section on top. Trim "My Happy Place" card by the pink frame of *Dwell in Possibility* and add it to the ¾" section matching the left edge with the left edge of the 4" section. Fussy cut a Rose from the *Blossom Like a Rose* and add it to the 4" section. Add the "Dwell in Possibility" Label of the *Dwell in Possibility* to the bottom section of the file.



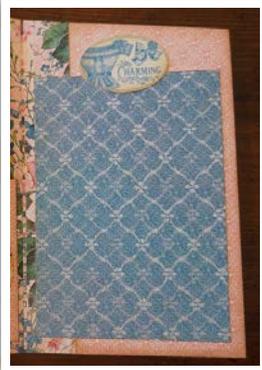
32. Cut the roses label of the *Dwell in Possibility* and add it to the Page 10 leaving ⅜" from the bottom Edge. Add the 3" x 4" Journaling Card shown leaving ⅛" from the left edge and 1" from the bottom edge. Add the sticker shown leaving 1⅜" from the bottom edge and 1¼" from the left edge.



33. Cut a 5¼" x 4" piece of *Blossom Like a Rose* (back) and score a line at ½" on the 4" side, then, score a couple lines at ½" from the borders on the 5¼" side,

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trim the bottom corners and fold the score sections under the score line. Punch a half round on the top edge (optional) and add this pocket to the Page 11. Cut a 3" x 1 1/4" piece of *My Happy Place* (back) and add it to the left side of the pocket, then, add the big round sticker to the right side of the pocket. Insert a couple of Journaling Cards into the pocket.

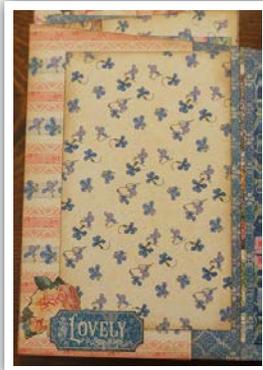


34. Cut a 4" x 5 1/4" piece of *My Happy Place* (back) and add it to the Page 12 leaving 3/8" from the bottom edge and 1/4" from the right edge. Add the "Charming" sticker to a piece of the Pack cover, trim around and add it to the Page 12.

add it to the 4" section of the file. Add the 3" x 4" journaling card shown to the 2 3/4" section leaving 1/2" from the score line. Add a "Cottage Life" border to the bottom of the 2 3/4" section of the file. Close the file and add the 3" x 4" journaling card shown matching with the card in the opposite side. Insert the bottom page into the pocket.



35. Cut a 3 1/2" x 5 1/4" piece of *Little Things* (back) and add it to the Page 13 leaving 1/2" from the bottom edge and 1/4" from the right edge. Fussy cut another rose of the journaling card that we used on Step 23 and add it to the bottom left corner. Add the "Lovely" sticker to a piece of the Pack cover, trim around and add it to the Page 13.



38. Cut a 4" x 12" piece of *Dare to Dream* and score two lines at 3 1/2" from the top and bottom edges in the 12" side and fold the 3 1/2" sections upon the score line. Take the round sticker with roses, add it to a piece of chipboard, trim it around and add again another piece of

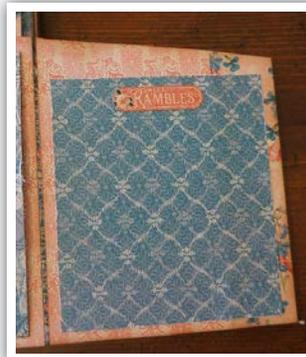
chipboard (only a half round) to the bottom section of the sticker, then, add it to the bottom flap leaving 1/8" from the score line.

39. Adhere the 3" x 4" Journaling Card shown to the top flap of the *Dare to Dream* piece. Beware that the journaling card fits behind the round sticker. Add the back of the middle section of the *Dare to Dream* piece to Page 15.



36. Cut a 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" piece of *Sweet Rambles* and score a line at 1/2" from the left edge in the 3 1/2" side and score two lines at 1/2" from the top and bottom edges on the 6 1/2" side. Trim the left corners, fold the score sections under the score line and add this pocket to the Page 14 leaving 1/4" from the left edge. Add the sticker shown to the pocket.

37. Cut a 6 3/4" x 5 1/4" piece of *Cottage Life* and score a line at 2 3/4" from the left edge in the 6 3/4" side, this is a file. Cut a 3 3/4" x 5" piece of *Blossom Like a Rose* and



40. Cut a 4" x 4 1/2" piece of *My Happy Place* (back) and add it to Page 16. Add the "ramble" sticker to the top of the photo mat.