

# Beyond the Paper



Announcement from the Owner...

Great things are happening in the Beyond Paper Store! We have the new Rhonna Farrer clear acrylic stamps. They are flying off the shelves, but we expect more in the store very soon. We have the new:

- ✓ **Rhonna Farrer clear stamps ~ Scribbles Alphabet**
- ✓ **Rhonna Farrer clear stamps ~ Scribbles Punctuation**
- ✓ **Rhonna Farrer clear stamps ~ Flowers**
  
- ✓ **Rhonna Farrer clear stamps ~ Hearts & Stars**

**Check back in often for new items debuting on the site!**



Scrappin' Fun with BP's DT Coordinator

Speaking of Clear Acrylic stamps.... They are all the rage in the scrapping world. Have you been checking out all the new clear stamps, but just haven't taken the plunge? Well, let me tempt you and give you some ideas at the same time!

The best things about acrylic stamps are easy storage and easy placement on your layout. To store your clear stamps, use a binder and clings, your acrylic stamps will cling to the transparent cling and store flat. You can store multiple alphabets at once! However, my favorite feature is the fact that you can see through the stamps, so while you are stamping on a layout or card, you can see exactly where the image or letter will be. Try that with a wood mounted stamp!!!

So if that is not enough to tempt you, they clean up quite easily too! You can do so many things with them:

- ✓ Stagger letters for a title, and know exactly where they will be place
- ✓ Stamp images with embossing inks, emboss, and Viola! 3-D stamping
- ✓ Save lots of money! They cost less than wood mounted stamps
- ✓ Stamp crisp titles or images because they are trimmed perfectly (no more wood block smudges)

### Ask the DT...

Each month DT Member Pam opens the forum up to questions from our members for the DT Members to answer.



Dear Pam,

There were a few questions for this month!

#### What is your favorite embellishment?

Christie: Flowers!!! I love all sorts of flowers, silk, prima, chipboard, and fabric...love em all!!

Pam : Chipboard!! Love all of it. Letters, shapes, hardware and monograms. Yummy!!! I like that I can do so much with it. Paint it, distress it, stamp it etc.

#### Do you save your scraps?

Christi: Yes...but I should thin them out!

Pam: Yes and No

#### How do you store them??

Christi: Piled in a plastic page carrier.... no rhyme or reason at all!!! (Can you tell I need to work on my organizational skills???)

Pam: I tend to save my cardstock more than my patterned paper. I keep my cardstock in an accordion folder with the colors at the top so that I can keep it color-coded. I was able to find one at Target that is actually 12in wide so I can stick bigger scraps in there. My patterned paper I keep in one big plastic folder and I just look through it all when I need something.

If you have any great ideas on storing your scraps, let me know and I'll post them in the next newsletter!! We would love to hear from you!!!

### DT Member in the SPOTLIGHT:



## Martina

Life is a bunch of obstacles waiting to be conquered. I've conquered life as a student, though I yearn to go back for more by completing a PhD program. Three years ago I became a mother of beautiful smiley twins named Sofia and Isabella- and I have yet to fully master motherhood. Though I might add that I am enjoying each and every challenge they bring to my life. It might be obvious that they have a father- he being my high school sweetheart, and heartache all rolled in one. We met in my native New York City- where I attended an all-girl high school (makes you think twice). We got married, moved to sunny South Florida, and now we live in a suburb of Georgia. They say those born under the Taurus sign are persevering, down-to-earth, stable, stubborn, possessive, prosperous, dependable, physical, and sensual- I like to think that I embody all of these qualities. That should give you a glimpse of who I am.

#### How I landed in this Hobby

I arrived to the art of scrapbooking by sheer coincidence. While in search of a perfect baby book for twins, I came across a scrapbooking kit at Michael's. That moment, that very moment I thought that I was a genius: I would design and build my own baby book. It took little time for me to figure out that my ingenious idea- was an idea that had already exploded into a whole industry. That was back in 2003. Fast forward to present day-thanks to this hobby- I am lucky to have formed many friendships, created hundreds of memories for my daughters, and saved hundreds of dollars by avoiding a therapist. Currently, I enjoy a position as a design team member for BeyondPaper.net- and that my friend is just sweet!

#### Fun facts

- I'm Martina the fourth- yup I'm named after my aunt Martina, who was named after her aunt Martina- who in turn (you guessed it) was named after her aunt Martina.
- I had one pregnancy- yet I've had a vaginal birth and a c-section as well.
- I skydived from an airplane 30,000 ft high in the air.

# Beyond Paper's Member in the Spotlight...

Ruth



We, at Beyond Paper are very excited to announce our "Featured Scrapper of the Month." Ruth has been chosen for the month of June...and has shared with us some information about herself as well as a sampling of her favorite layouts! Please take a moment and congratulate her, and welcome her again to our site. Please be on the look out, as we will be picking a new member, for the "Member Spotlight" every month.... Could it be you??

## 1. Describe how you were introduced into the world of scrapbooking!

Oh gosh, well we did scrapbooks all of my life, but there was a time you could no longer FIND a scrapbook anywhere. Like about 1986 when my son was born. Late 1990 I heard about this company called Creative Memories and finally had a source! It's come a long way since then, but I'm so glad they jump-started this great hobby! :)

## 2. How would you describe your scrapbooking style??

I'm a simple scrapper. Kinda linear I guess. It's always hard to answer that question.

## 3. What technique do you absolutely love using, and find yourself constantly using it?

I love sewing on pages! And handwriting my journaling. I look at albums my dad did when we were little and LOVE seeing his handwriting.

## 4. With all the things out there today that people are using in their scrapbooks, is "acid-free" really still that important to you?

Yes and no. I think it's important, for sure. Most of the stuff available to us is acid free and linen free, etc. But I guess I don't 'worry' too much. My albums from when I was little are yellowed and brittle, so I guess the album itself is more

important to me than the do dads I put into it. Mine is full of metal badges, clippings, tickets, etc.

## 5. What scrapbooking tool can you NOT live without?

My paper trimmer! Secondly this little tool from CM that I use to lift things off a page or to position small things. I use it all the time! It also presses rub ons great.

## 6. How did you find Beyond Paper?

My friend Origin told me about it. The rest is history! :)

## 7. What about Beyond Paper keeps you here as an active member?

I love the friendly support here! The camaraderie and care of the ladies here is awesome. And they are a ton of fun! And did I mention inspiring? :)

## 8. Describe your scrap area to us. Enquiring minds want to know!!

My dream would be to have a scrap room. Someday I will! :) But for now I have a couple tables in the laundry room to work at. I have cupboards above them and lighting under the cabinets, so that is really nice. And my TV and CD player. And a fair amount of storage where things are pretty handy.

## 9. Do you eat/snack while scrapping? And if so, what is your favorite thing to eat/snack on??

I don't eat a lot while scrapping, but I usually have a diet Pepsi or a coffee nearby.....in one of those drink holder things because I'm sure I'd spill it otherwise.

10. And finally, what is your most favorite layout. Please tell us why it is, and why it means so much to you! My current favorite is one about my youngest son Wes. He's such a great kid and so personable. And he has such huge shoes to fill following behind his brothers...academically and athletically. He really wants to be a farmer...even though to the outside world that doesn't seem like the proper thing to do. And he just works harder at it than anyone I know.

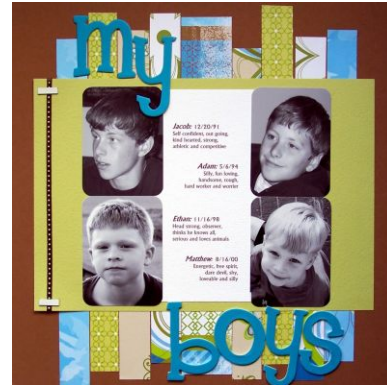
This layout just reflects that message that I acknowledge his dream and support him. And I love the photo! (Finally got him to stop working for a minute!)

## June Kits

### Cherry Arte Angel papers:

- ~Sophia
- ~Little Blooms
- ~Floralesque
- ~Little Angel
- ~Pink Hatch
- ~Cutie Pie

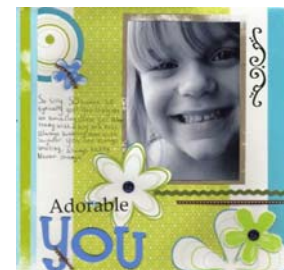
- 8 sheets of coordinating bazzill (2 each of 4 different colors)
- 5 yards coordinating May Arts ribbon
- 15 coordinating mini brads
- Just rite "Believe" stamp
- 3 ~ 7 Gypsies spiral clips
- 3 ~ 7 Gypsies mini keys
- 3 ~ 7 Gypsies 97% complete mini tags
- 1 pkg Pressed Petals Chip chatter flowers
- 1 pkg Pressed Petals Hip Alphabet



### Cherry Arte Seasons papers:

- ~ Winter Warmth
- ~ Fall Flowers
- ~ Spring Days
- ~ Summer Green
- ~ Seasonal
- ~ Cool Breeze

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# Muffy Has Gone Wild For The Crop-A-Dile!



Stop what you're doing - put down the hammer - wipe away the tears and take a listen to this.

We R Memory Keepers has come out with an all-in-one eyelet tool, the Crop-a-dile. I know, I know - does this one really work any different than all the rest, you ask? YES, oh my yes! It punches holes (two different sizes), sets eyelets (of all sizes), set snaps and much, much more. This tool is all-inclusive, therefore; no mat is needed, there are no small pieces to fight with or lose and most important no loud noises to annoy your neighbor at the next crop!!! With just a gentle squeeze, the Crop-a-dile will punch a hole (either 1/8 or 3/16) in metal -thick or thin, leather, mini albums and even hefty chipboard. After which setting an eyelet, snap or metal embellishment is a dream with the attached changeable head. This new technology allows you the flexibility to set any size eyelet without having to constantly remove and attach small pieces. The Crop-a-dile has also taken the guess work out of setting your embellishments by labeling the changeable head by sizes in turn eliminating the "does this one feather the eyelet and this one set it or wait this looks to big...no, no maybe it's...".

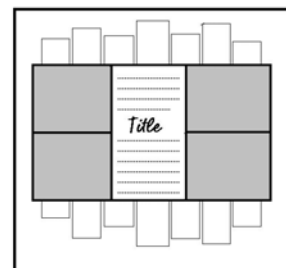
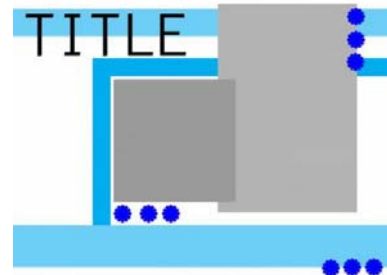
As with any good review, I must address the only draw back I have encountered. The Crop-a-dile has a depth of only 2" from the edge of any page. Well if you're like me you like some of your embellishments to be in the center of your layout. This is **EASILY doable** - just plan ahead!! If you know that your picture will look much better with those star eyelets in each corner - *set them before you adhere the photo*. Or, if that tag in the center of your next masterpiece needs some pizzazz, jazz it up with a snap *before you adhere it to your work*. It's just that simple!

So, what would you pay for this kind of miracle breakthrough.... or - **I think not! Try \$26.90**, yes-just \$26.90 through the Beyond Paper store. So, what are you waiting for? Go grab one today - you'll thank

me later!! 😊

## Inspiration Corner...

This month the DT has really been working overtime to Challenge you! Lenise and Christi have been uploading sketches to keep you motivated. Here are some of the most recent BP sketches...



## Michelle's Ad Inspiration...



