

keeping little ones *quiet*

Transitioning from career woman to mommy changed my life drastically. Before I had my son, I took for granted how easy it was to shop for groceries, sit quietly in a waiting room, listen in church or even scrapbook to Coldplay instead of “The Itsy-Bitsy Spider.”

Now that my little Bryson is here, I absolutely love him—but it’s wonderful when I can keep my little wiggle worm quiet at busy moments. To help, I decided to create an activity book. I challenged three other scrapbookers to do the same using these interactive chipboard albums from Piggy Tales. Here are a few ideas to keep your “little darling” quiet!

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My Family by Mandy Douglass. **Supplies** Album: Hide & Seek Flap Book, Piggy Tales; Cardstock and button: American Crafts; Patterned paper: Pebbles Inc.; Letter stickers: Doodlebug Design; Tree and star die cuts: Silhouette, QuicKutz; Circle punches: Marvy Uchida; Other: Thread.

MY FAMILY BOOK

My son lives far away from his grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins, so I wanted to create a quiet book about all the people he loves. That way, when we go to visit, Bryson can know each one of them. >>



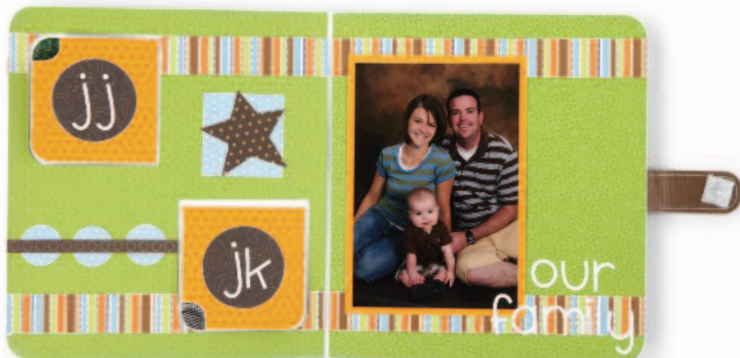
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Create an easy-to-close flap with a cardstock flap and some Velcro. I stitched one piece of Velcro to a cardstock circle that I adhered to the cover. I stitched another piece of Velcro to a cardstock flap that wraps from the back cover to the front cover.





A SEASONS BOOK

Jackie Stringham used a Slide Book to create an activity book about the seasons. Each layout poses a question about the season, and the answer is included behind the slider on that page. You can also include photos of your child in each season of the year!

365 Days by Jackie Stringham. **Supplies Album:** Slide Book, Piggy Tales; **Patterned paper:** K&Company, My Mind's Eye, October Afternoon and Scenic Route; **Chipboard letters:** American Crafts; **Buttons:** Creative Café, Creative Imaginations; **Adhesive:** Glue Dots International and Tombow; **Fonts:** CK Becky and Susie's Hand.



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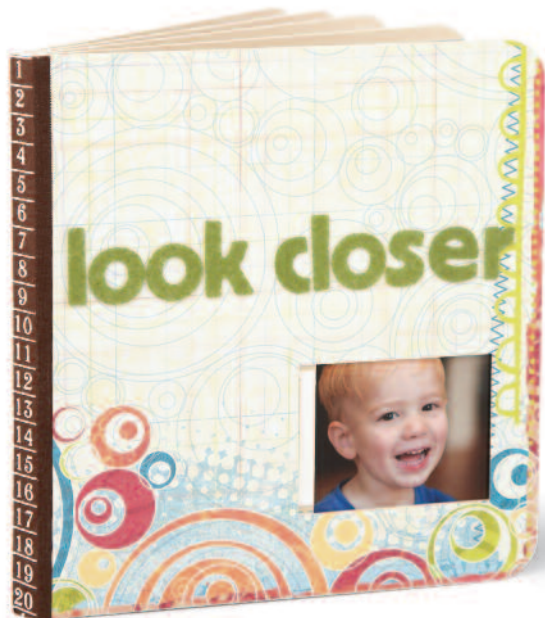
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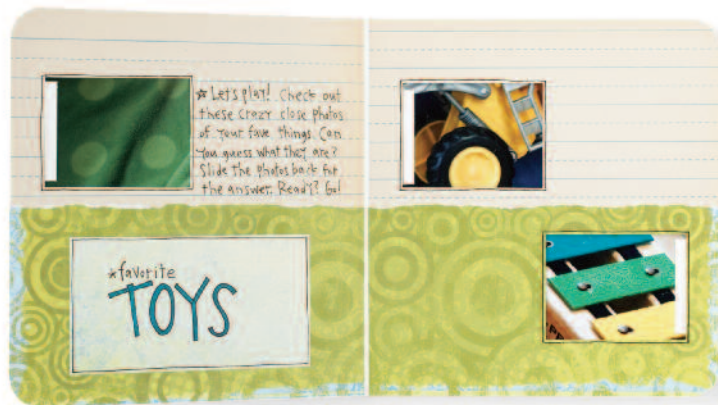
A “CAN YOU GUESS?” BOOK

Nisa Fiin’s book is geared to a young child but could also be made for an older child. The book shows two photos—a close-up “guessing” version and a zoomed-out “answer” version. When the slider is closed, your child can guess what the object is before sliding back the window (shown when the slider is open). Don’t worry about the logistics of how you put together the book—it’s easy with the premade Slide Book from Piggy Tales.

Look Closer by Nisa Fiin. **Supplies** Album: Slide Book, Piggy Tales; *Patterned paper:* BasicGrey, Cosmo Cricket and Sandylion; *Letter stickers:* American Crafts; *Tape:* 7gypsies; *Pens:* Sharpie, Newell Rubbermaid.



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AN ACTIVITY BOOK

Allison Kimball based her quiet book idea on a traditional children's quiet book using hands-on activities for an older child. She was even able to use the products she had on hand instead of purchasing more products!

My Very Quiet Activity Book by Allison Kimball. **Supplies Album:** Drawbridge Book, Piggy Tales; **Cardstock:** KI Memories; **Patterned paper:** BasicGrey, FiberMark, KI Memories and Scenic Route; **Paper doll and clothing pattern templates:** EK Success; **Ink:** ColorBox Fluid Chalk, Clearsnap; **Letter stickers:** American Crafts and Chatterbox; **Die cuts:** Cock-A-Doodle Design (animals, camera and road images), My Mind's Eye (animals and road images) and Paper Bliss (road images); **Chipboard:** KI Memories; **Magnets:** BasicGrey; **Stars:** My Mind's Eye; **Toothbrush:** Paper Bliss; **Buttons:** Autumn Leaves and Scenic Route; **Ribbon:** KI Memories; **Sticker and gaffer tape:** 7gypsies and Heidi Swapp for Advantus; **Pens:** Sakura; Sanford, Newell Rubbermaid; **Zig Writer,** EK Success; **Other:** Cardstock, eyelets, felted wool, ribbon, page protector, shoe laces, thread and Velcro.



note: Magnets (one set adhered below the animal on the book and the other set adhered to the back of the movable animal) allow the "matching" animal pieces to stick together. The trick also works for the stars and fish pond. **ck**