Sew Simple

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Machine stitching threads its way into the scrapbooking spotlight as a technique that is both simple and snazzy.

You don’t have to be a seamstress to incorporate machine stitching into your layouts. Machine stitching is a lot easier than it may seem. Stitching on your scrapbook pages adds texture, a pinch of extra color or a subtle detail to make it complete. With little effort, you can add stitching to scrapbook pages, and once you try it, believe me, you’ll be stitching up a storm.

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This page includes sewing machine stitching at its most basic level. All stitching runs along an edge, which is used as a sewing guide. You don’t have to mark your page when stitching. Simply find an edge of your paper and use that as a guide. Line up the edge of your paper (curved or straight) with the edge of your
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supplies: Acrylic paint, foam stamps, ledger paper, sticker words (Making Memories) • Cardstock (Bazzill) • Chipboard letter (Heidi Swapp) • Accent Deco tractor • (Hot Off the Press) • Flowers (Prima) • Soufflé gel pen (Sakura) • Patterned paper (Anna Griffin, Creative Imaginations, Making Memories) • Misc: rubber stamp ink, transparency

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES: USE FOAM STAMPS ON A TRANSPARENCY FOR THE TITLE. CUT AROUND THE SCROLL PATTERN IN THE PAPER, USING AN X-ACTO KNIFE TO CREATE A POCKET FOR THE MAIN PICTURE.

sewing machine presser foot, and then go for it. Stitch slowly so you can keep the two reference points lined up. In this example, simple straight lines were used along the paper strips, and select photos were bordered with stitching to make them pop on the page in a subtle way.