



## **Scrapbooking at Pumpkin Time**

Halloween is such a great time for scrap bookers to record, with all the spooky decorations and children dressed in cute costumes! Look through your pile of photos and you are bound to have something suitable.

1. Choose the photos you want to feature. Collect together suitable papers, accents and embellishments.
2. Choose the backing paper such as handmade orange mulberry paper for a 'Homespun Halloween' mood.
3. Look at your photographs carefully and crop unnecessary detail. This helps to focus the eye on the important parts of the photo. Cut out unnecessary background such as the legs of people walking past, and dull areas such as walls and pavement. Cropping the photo – cutting around the parts we want to retain - removes these. Mount the cropped photo on black card to create a high definition edge. Trim round the photo leaving a black border ready to be added to the spread.
4. Lay out your photos on your backing paper. Experiment with them to see which layout is most pleasing to the eye.
5. Once you have placed your photos, add a title. A good idea for the main title for a 'Halloween' spread would be dripping 'slime' or 'blood' writing – or even letters drawn in a 'bone' shape.
6. Add interesting details such as part of a pumpkin pie recipe. This can be printed on the computer with clip art added, before being mounted on angelwire paper and then double mounted on contrasting mulberry paper.
7. Write out some memories on paper – use a calligraphy pen, gel pens or text printed out on the computer. This adds a wonderful personal element to your spread. Create borders with sparkly gel pens, picking out accent colours from the photographs.
8. Lay out all of the elements you have collected onto your paper, including your titles, moving your photos around until you are happy with the result.



9. Add accents and embellishments. These can include ready made foam or fabric embellishments, themed sequins and toppers, or home made accents made from fimo or similar coloured clay.
  
10. When you are happy with your layout, stick everything down. For a quirky, 3D effect, use 'glue dots', available in a peel off and ready to stick roll. White PVA glue sticks the smaller accents and titles to the page.