



Machine Stitching

- Sewing Machine
- Shipping Tag
- Flair Button
- Patterned Paper
- Acrylic Paint
- Wood Veneer Die Cuts
- Washi Tape
- Die cut title
- Acrylic Stamp

Instructions

Machine stitching is the perfect way to add a subtle bit of texture to your scrapbook layouts.

1. Use two pieces of patterned paper for your background, one should be plain and the other a pattern you can follow with machine stitching. Adhere the two pieces of patterned paper to a 12x12 piece of cardstock and machine stitch around the entire border of the page.

2. Cut a strip of patterned paper the width of your page, place various strips of colored patterned paper on one side of the page strip, machine stitch around the entire border and then adhere to your page.

3. To add a little bit of whimsy, texture and movement to your page splatter on a few drops of acrylic paint by tapping a wide paint brush dipped in watered down acrylic paint. Not too much just a few drops will do!

4. Look at the pattern on your background paper and find a pattern or outline that you can follow with your sewing machine. You can go for subtle tone on tone look like I did by sewing white thread onto the white board patterned paper or you can go more bold and use a contrasting thread. Just line up the part of the pattern you want to highlight with stitching and following it with your sewing machine.

5. Another fun way to add a bit of stitching to your layout is to use it to adhere an embellishment or photograph to your page. I added a bit of sewing to the top of my photo to attach it to the large white shipping tag.

6. Finish off your page by adding your journaling, title, washi tape and other embellishments. I like to add layers to my layouts, either with foam tape (like I did under the "I think I'll stop here" die cut and the photo/tag) or as a grouping of embellishments. The little wood veneer grouping was created by layering a stamped, circle saying punched from patterned paper, a flair button and then a piece of wood veneer over top.

