

8. **Glue Piece of Coordinating Paper to Inside Cover.** We choose to glue a piece of coordinating *Cardstock Paper* to our inside edge. Measure first to be sure that it covers the edges that have been tucked inside. Stop just shy of the fold of the cover. See these illustrations below:



Lucia glued a cute sticker inside to personalize her journal for her daughter. She also used a cute stamp with a Bible verse that just reminds us ALL of Katie! ☺

9. **Finally, Add Special Touches!** This is what makes each journal so precious! You can let your imagination go here!



**Add copies of art prints!**

Melissa's journal includes a copy of one of her art prints (isn't it gorgeous???!). Melissa is a local artist in our church. This print is one of my personal favorites. And...it is so fun to see all that Melissa does with her art prints: making copies into gift cards, stationery, bookmarks, and ALSO

clips for her decorated journals. In this journal, Melissa mounted her print on coordinating cardstock paper, then glued it to the cover. She also used the coordinating cardstock as a nice touch for her lettering of "Journal" for the cover. The colors are stunning! You can use art prints for your covers too! See here even more cute samples of her prints added to her journal covers, they are gorgeous!

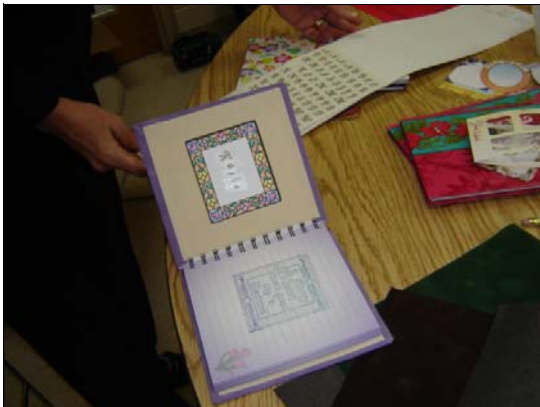


### Rhinestones and Shiny Stuff!!!

Oh! This is another fun idea! On Lucia's journal, she added a beautiful sticker that had rhinestones in the design of a flower. It added the PERFECT touch to her journal. Take a look at it at the picture on your left below. Also, you can buy rhinestones in packages for even better prices. They are SO much fun to glue onto journals. Mix them with a bit of textures and you have a beautiful decorated journal!



**Stamps!** Oh yeah! Stamps are also a great way to adorn your decorated journals. On this journal, Lucia used a stamp with a Bible verse that reminded her of Katie (who is a COMPLETE joy!) It was a perfect touch inside of the journal



**Another precious touch! STICKERS!**

Stickers are great for lettering... borders...illustrations...and just a special touch. This one matches perfectly!

**A Bit of EVERYTHING!**

Letter Tiles...Printed Bible Verses (On Cardstock)...Frilly Yarns...Gold Cardstock. My journal is covered with wallpaper, then I used a gold, textured paper to mount my Bible verse (which was printed from my computer onto marbled beige paper). I finished off the decorations with letter tiles and frilly yarns. This was simple and fun!



**Sketches! Mulberry Paper! And..Frilly Yarns!** Jane made her journal a complete reflection of her personal interests. She hand-sketched a picture of a horse. Then, she decorated the journal to coordinate with her sketch. It turned out completely original and absolutely darling!

### Simple, But Elegant!

Sherry covered her journal with a gorgeous marbled wallpaper. She wanted for her journal to be simple, but as she added several touches, it made her journal very elegant. She added gold cardstock as a mat for a Bible verse that was also matted with red cardstock. She then added frilly yarns with coordinating colors. It turned out gorgeous! In the inside, she added a gorgeous stamp for the final touch! Adorable!



**Buttons, Stickers, Lettering, and Frilly Edgings!** OK! Briana used a bit of everything! This small journal is perfect for the teenage journal! Every touch made this journal fun and simply adorable!



### Yarns! Frilly Yarns!

These journals are simply beautiful with just the touch of decorative yarns. We bought these in the YARN section of our hobby shop! You can buy huge skeins of yarn that will make hundreds of products. They add such a nice texture to your projects. Just look at these cute journals! Too nice!

**Wallpaper, Yarn, and Scrapbooking Supplies!** These mini-journals are so precious! We used leftover wallpaper border paper for their covers. Then, we used frilly yarns tied on the sides—with a short strand of imitation pearls. It was just perfect once we added the Bible verse with coordinating matting and nice hot-glued buttons.



### Not Just For Girls!

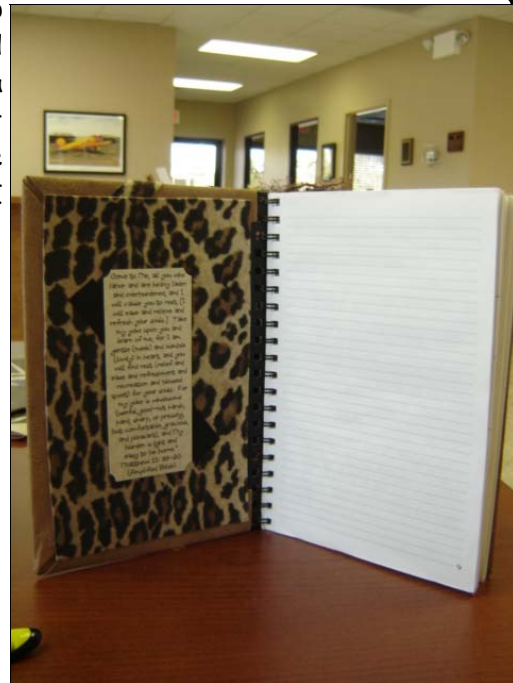
This journal is just perfect for the guys! It is covered in a beautiful wallpaper that looks almost like leather once on the journal. The inside is covered with black cardstock paper. Then, Lucia added a Bible verse mounted on black cardstock paper. The corners are snipped for a nice effect. It is sooo nice! And...perfect for the guys!



### Use it ALL!

Now, on this journal, the cover is made with the same wallpaper as Lucia's journal above. See how different they look with different accents? Amazing! We left the spiral open on this journal and I threaded yarns, ribbons and even buttons (tied with ribbons)

onto the spirals. Lucia had a beautiful scrap from a wallpaper border that we cut out and matted with a beautiful suede fabric and a piece of black cardstock. The look is just really, really neat! She helped me trim the inside with "cheetah" fabric! Grrr! When I use this journal, I always think of Lucia!



### So...Ready?

Wondering what on earth is the big deal? Journaling is priceless! The words of my dear friend Drewe Llyn best describe it when she says it is a way to "touch the future." Sure, we can go out and buy a simple notebook, but there is something FUN about making and using a very special decorated journal!

My first simply gorgeous decorated journal was sent to me from a dear friend who is living in Korea right now. (Hi Heather!) Heather will never know on this side of heaven how much she ministered to my heart through her thoughtfulness. Maybe my first journal entry can express my heart while it also expresses the need for making a decorated journal (TODAY!!)...

*"...Another thing that this gift does is convict me about journaling! Do you think Heather knew that there is SO much on my heart and I just NEEDED to pour it into a good friend? My 1st response was SO wrong—"Oh! It's too pretty to use with what I THINK and FEEL." HELLO! Yep! I am a writer—80+ books—100's of articles and yet can it be that I do not value my own heart cries? My own exhilaration? My own walk*

*with You? Well, this journal is just too beautiful and too dear to NOT write in! To not record these precious days! Goodness, my life is pivoting on the edge right now—I am walking into a great big place! You beloved journal, get to be my friend and host of all that desperately needs to be poured forth! Ready? Meet ya soon! Love, Cindy"*

Yes, beloved friends, you have great things that are right around you too! Capture them in a precious journal! Take an afternoon to decorate a beloved journal and prepare it for your heart cries. Make it gorgeous! Then, pour your heart out!

These days are fleeting. These days will be gone before we know it. May we get back to the simple disciplines that have been passed from generation to generation. What do ya think? Why not touch the future?

Happy journaling!

