



# Be Inspired Creativity Prompts

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## :: CALENDAR INSPIRED

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### :: National Camping Month

Photo:

- pitching the tent
- cooking over the campfire

Title:

- Around the Campfire
- Cabin Fever

Quote:

- "The fire is the main comfort of the camp, whether in summer or winter, and is about as ample at one season as at another. It is as well for cheerfulness as for warmth and dryness."* Henry David Thoreau
- "Camping: The art of getting closer to nature while getting farther away from the nearest cold beverage, hot shower and flush toilet."* Author Unknown

Journaling:

- Did you go camping with your family as a child? What is your favorite camping memory? What were your favorite activities or things associated with camping?
- Do you prefer camping out in the wilderness with a tent and sleeping bag or a variety with still a few pieces of home – such as in an RV or cabin with restroom facilities and such in the near vicinity?

Product:

- [American Crafts Campy Trails Collection](#)
- [Happy Camper Chipboard Stickers from Paper House Productions](#)

### :: June 21: Summer Solstice

Photo:

- swimsuits hung to dry on the line
- row of flip flops

Title:

- 10 Things I Love About Summer!
- Dive into Summer

Quote:

- "Summer is the time when one sheds one's tensions with one's clothes, and the right kind of day is jeweled balm for the battered spirit. A few of those days and you can become drunk with the belief that all's right with the world."* Ada Louise Huxtable

- "Then followed that beautiful season... Summer.... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape Lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood."* Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Journaling:

- What activities do you associate with summer? What items are the same and which are different than when you were a kid? Have your favorite activities changed?

Product:

- [Beach Bum](#) or [Beach Babe](#) Collection from Fancy Pants
- [Splash Collection](#) from Echo Park

## :: OTHER JUNE DATES

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Aquarium Month

Candy Month

Dairy Month

Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month

Rose Month

4-12: National Fishing & Boating Week

3: National Doughnut Day

7: National Chocolate Ice Cream Day

8: Best Friends Day

19: Father's Day

26: Forgiveness Day

29: Camera Day





**:: COLOR INSPIRED**



**:: NOTES**

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**:: TOTALS & TALLIES**

HOW MANY:

- \_\_\_\_\_ minutes (or hours ☺) it takes to put up a tent
- \_\_\_\_\_ s'mores roasted
- \_\_\_\_\_ pairs of flip flops by the front door
- \_\_\_\_\_ sleepovers with best friends
- \_\_\_\_\_ photos snapped
- \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of candy enjoyed
- \_\_\_\_\_ donuts eaten
- \_\_\_\_\_ fish caught
- \_\_\_\_\_ camping trips taken
- \_\_\_\_\_ stories around the campfire

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST:

- \_\_\_\_\_ a gallon of milk
- \_\_\_\_\_ a silk tie for dad on Father's Day
- \_\_\_\_\_ your dream camera
- \_\_\_\_\_ a chocolate ice cream cone
- \_\_\_\_\_ a dozen roses
- \_\_\_\_\_ a glazed donut
- \_\_\_\_\_ a goldfish for a home aquarium
- \_\_\_\_\_ a fishing license
- \_\_\_\_\_ summer pass to the community swimming pool

**:: PRODUCT & TECHNIQUE INSPIRED**

You may use each square as an individual challenge. OR, to test yourself with a greater challenge, complete a line of squares on one layout. You can go diagonally for 2 or 3 challenge squares at a time, vertically for 3 challenge squares at a time, or – for the ultimate challenge – horizontally for 5 challenge squares at a time (if you dare!).

Hand cut cloud shapes to use as embellishments.	Use the <b>SIX</b> colors of the rainbow on your layout.	Create paper rosettes.	Layer numerous border strips created with patterned paper and deco-edged scissors or punches.	Build your layout on a base of <b>SIX</b> rectangular blocks.
Highlight key words in journaling by changing the color of the font.	Punch rings to embellish your layout using two sized of circle punches (punch the smaller circle first).	Create a layout using <b>SIX</b> photos.	Use a song title to title your layout.	Use gem swirls to mimic water.
Use patterned papers from <b>SIX</b> different manufacturers.	Hand-stitch along a pattern on your background paper.	String a series of tiny photos together and attach like a banner on your layout.	Use staples to attach lengths of ribbon to your layout.	Create journaling strips by cutting the lines of your journaling apart.

**:: NOTES & SKETCHES**