Be Inspired Creativity Prompts june two thousand eleven

:: CALENDAR INSPIRED

:: 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

Journalina:

- 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

Aquarium Month

Candy Month

Dairy Month

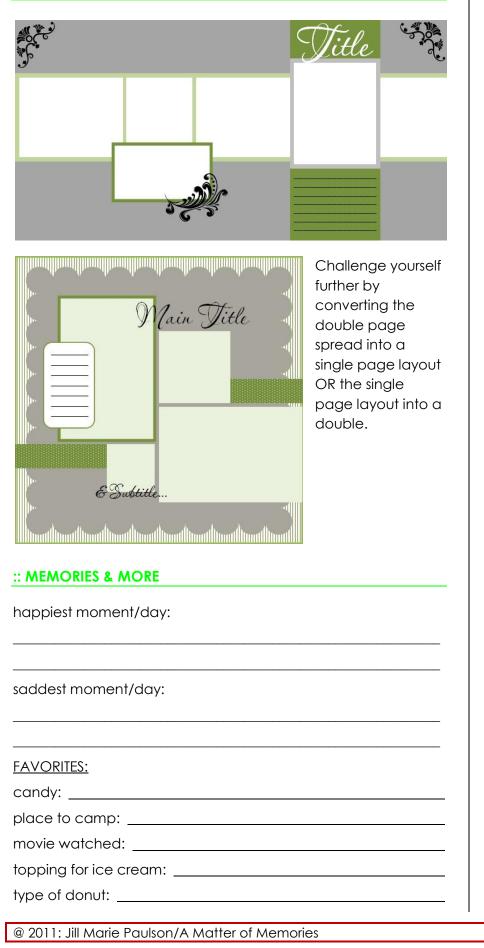
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Month Rose Month

- 4-12: National Fishing & Boating Week
- 3: National Doughnut Day
- 7: National Chocolate Ice Cream Day

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- 8: **Best Friends Day**
- 19: Father's Day
- 26: Forgiveness Day
- 29: Camera Day

:: SKETCH INSPIRED



:: NOTES

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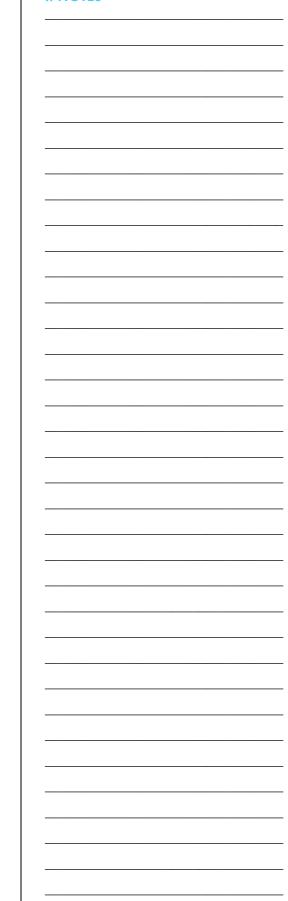
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•	Living in color	

Design inspiration can be found in many places. This is actually the cover page to an article in Martha Stewart Living magazine is the perfect lead for the layouts you'll be making to commemorate the colorful season of summer!

- Think of the colorful pencils pictured here in terms of creating a colorful background for your layout. Use strips of paper or ribbon in various shades and patterns and organize into a rainbow.
 - You can choose to go with a more haphazard placement (like the pencils) or go with a straight horizontal alignment.
- You could also take this inspiration to lead you in your photography by finding subjects in the various hues of the rainbow, then crop to wide horizontal images and stack on top of each other.

:: NOTES



:: COLOR INSPIRED



:: 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 camerc
	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

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:: 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 SIX colors of the rainbow on your layout.	pow on Create paper patte		Build your layout on a base of SIX 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).	bellish your t using two d of circle hes (punch naller circle		Use gem swirls to mimic water.
Use patterned papers from SIX 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