



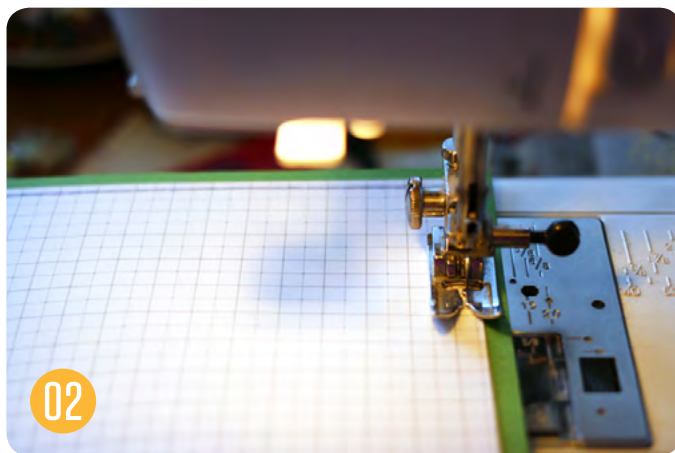
## Bookworm | Natalie Elphinstone

What I love most about the Office Hours kit is that it's so versatile for a range of themes. You can just as easily pull a set of papers and embellishments from it to suit bold and bright masculine pages as you can to suit frilly flowery girly layouts. But for the layout I want to share with you today there was one paper in particular that inspired me to take the direction I ultimately took. It was the "Check it Out" paper Designed by Dani for Studio Calico. It's obvious library book reference had me remembering my own childhood days where library

books used to come with a little pocket for holding the tag with its title, as well as a sheet for stamping it's due date. Taking my cues from that I decided to design a page around this very concept.

### SUPPLY LIST :

Office Hours Scrapbook Kit, Office Hours Hello Forever Printables, Office Hours Project Life Digital Stamps, Grid Paper, Bienfang Drawing Paper Pad, Acrylic Paint, Paint Brush, Foam Tab Circles



**Step 1 :** Create the background of the layout by choosing two coordinating papers. I love the plain grids as my main background piece because it's such a perfect neutral. There's a few papers in the Office Hours kit which have the grid as the B-side, or if you can't bear 'wasting' the A-side, then I suggest picking up the Grid Paper from the store. I go through my packs really quickly!

**Step 2 :** Trim down 1cm off each edge of the grid paper and then adhere it to a bold contrasting paper. I chose "Lush" for its bright green. I then use my sewing machine to stitch around the edges to make sure it's not going to ever move! I start off nearly all my layouts this way.

**Step 3 :** Chose the photo you're going to use. Because I'm working with really bright colours on this page I converted my photo to black and white so that it doesn't compete against them. I used a digital stamp from the Project Life bundle which says "You Are Awesome" in the corner before printing them out. The size of my photo is 3x4" and I'll use this as a guide for each of my other pieces in the grid-design we're forming.

**Step 4 :** Create your title. I love the look of a hand painted title, but there's no way I'm clever enough to paint directly onto my layout! I took my paintbrush and acrylic paint and practiced my title a thousand times (slight exaggeration!) on scrap paper and then painted it a hundred times on the drawing paper. When it was dry I cut out my favourite one.





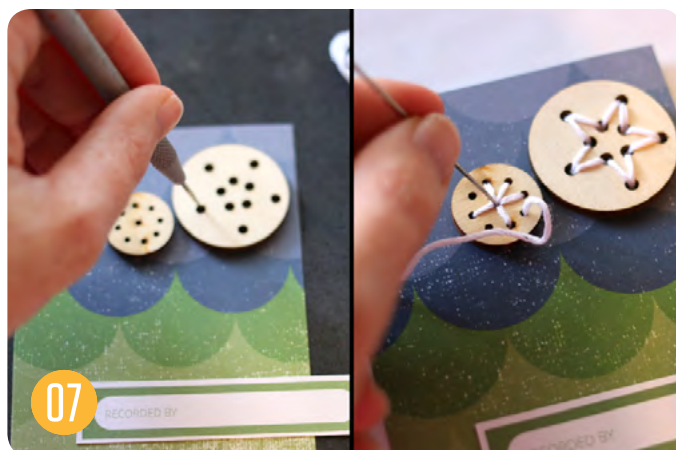


**Step 5 :** Create your library pocket. Cut one piece of the orange Basic Grey paper 3x4", and another piece 2x5". This second shorter piece will wrap around your base piece. Adhere it on the back (not the front) and again use your sewing machine to stitch around the edges. It should be big enough to tuck your green shipping tag inside.

**Step 6 :** Print and cut out the Office Hours Printables by Hello Forever. The larger tags are 3x4" size too and will form two more spaces in the grid design. It's all coming together now. Along with the photo, library pocket, and two journal tags, you'll also need two more 3x4" scraps of paper. One of them is obviously going to be the 'Check It Out' paper that inspired the whole layout. And for the other I chose to cut from the 'Mayfield' paper. Arrange them in a way that suits you.

**Step 7 :** You can start decorating some of the rectangles now. I stuck down a couple of the Wood Veneer Buttons onto one of them. Using a hole piercer and protecting my work surface with a foam mouse-mat I pierced through all the holes. I used white embroidery thread to sew the design.

**Step 8 :** I use an old vintage typewriter to write my journaling directly onto one of my Hello Forever tags. And on the other one I sprinkled it with the red flower sequins.



Adhere everything onto the background finally, and attach the title over the top with foam adhesive. Time to add a few more finishing touches and now you're now finished!