

Back to School Composition Book

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It's time to get ready to send the kids back to school for another fun year of learning! I plan to send my daughter back in style with this altered composition notebook created using the Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™. There are so many fun things you can create to make that first day of school exciting and special for your child. This composition book also makes a great gift for your child's teacher! Just replace the student's name with either the teacher's name or a school related phrase.



Supplies

Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ 12"x12" Cardstock

- 1 sheet Olive Crinkles
- 1 sheet Cocoa Crinkles
- 1 sheet Firecracker Red, Bark Embossed
- 1 sheet Sun Flower, Bark Embossed
- 1 sheet Kraft, Bark Embossed
- 1 sheet Natural Laid
- 1 sheet Eclipse Black, Ripple Embossed
- 1 sheet Astroparche Sand, Crepe Embossed
- 1 sheet Royal SilkPlus® Ice Blue, Ripple Embossed
- 1 sheet Royal Metallic® Chalice Silver™ Coated One Side
- 1 sheet Astrobrights Glisten® Re-Entry Red™ Coated One Side

Cricut machine (see special note in step #6 below)

- Alphalicious cartridge
- Locker Talk cartridge

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- Premium Crafters trimmer
- Round the Bend Corner Squeeze Punch

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- 1/2" Super tape
- Memory Tape Runner XL

7 Gypsies Alphabetic gaffer tape

Colorbox fluid chalk ink, Chestnut Roan

1 Composition notebook 7-1/2"x 9-3/4"

1 Small School Bell

1 Dressmaker pin or safety pin

24" of 7/8" Red Gingham Ribbon

Liquid adhesive

Instructions

Note: There are various sizes of composition notebooks on the market. If the size you purchase is different from the one in the supply list make sure you adjust the measurements accordingly.

1. Cut a piece of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Eclipse Black cardstock measuring 6"x9". Round all four corners and attach to the front of the composition book by the left binding and centering top to bottom.
2. Run the Alphabetic Gaffer tape down the length of the album where the Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Eclipse Black cardstock meets the fabric binding on the book. Trim ends to fit the cover.
3. Cut a piece of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Firecracker Red, Bark Embossed cardstock measuring 5"x5" and place about an inch down from the top of the book, and centered left to right on the Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Eclipse Black cardstock.

4. Cut four 2-1/4" square pieces of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Kraft, Bark Embossed cardstock. Center and attach to the red square from Step 3, making sure there is an even border all the way around and in between each piece.

5. Cut four 2" square pieces of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Natural Laid cardstock. Ink the edges of each using the chestnut roan Colorbox Fluid Chalk ink. Center and attach each square to the corresponding four Kraft Bark embossed squares from Step 4.

6. Create four die-cut shapes using your Cricut and Locker Talk cartridge using the following color schemes:

- **Globe** - Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Royal Silk Plus® Ice Blue, Ripple Embossed, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Royal Metallic® Chalice Silver™ Coated One Side, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Olive Crinkles.

- **School bus** - Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Eclipse Black Embossed, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Firecracker Red, Bark Embossed, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Sun Flower, Bark Embossed, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Royal Metallic® Chalice Silver™ Coated one side.

- **Pencil** - Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Sun Flower, Bark Embossed, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Royal Metallic® Chalice Silver™ Coated one side, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™

Astroparche® Sand Crepe Embossed, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Astrobrights Glisten® Re-Entry Red™ Coated One Side, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Cocoa Crinkles.

- **Lunch box** - Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Olive Crinkles, Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Firecracker Red Bark Embossed.

Note: If you do not have a Cricut or the cartridges listed you can also purchase School themed stickers or embellishments.

7. Cut and assemble die cuts, attach them to the cardstock squares using liquid adhesive.

8. Cut two pieces of the gingham ribbon; one 9" and the other 15" long. Attach the 9" piece to the left hand side of the book right below the red square using super tape. Attach the 15" piece of ribbon to the right. Tie the ribbon into a bow that is centered under the two Kraft squares. Trim the ribbon edges as desired.

9. Using a safety or dressmaker's pin, attach a school bell to the center of the bow.

10. Personalize the composition book with a name made from 1-1/2" letters of Wausau Paper® Creative Collection™ Firecracker Red cardstock using a Cricut and Alphalicious cartridge. *(If you do not have a cutting machine, you can use adhesive letters.)* Attach letters using liquid glue.

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