



When I realized it was nearly December, and saw Ali talking about setting up [this year's pages](#), I thought I should probably finish up my December Daily album from 2010. There were just a few pages left that I'd been struggling with. Now it is the first of December and I am finally sharing my finished album with you.

When I saw Ali talking about this year's album I started thinking of ideas and questions. I was really torn between doing an album physically put together by me and doing the whole thing digitally and getting it printed. I decided it would be a good idea to cost out both methods (keeping in mind that Studio Calico was offering a really nice kit that included an extra thick 8½" x 6" album) so pulled out last year's album to count how many pages I would need and discovered a few things:

- 1) There are a lot of pages to a December Daily album,
- 2) The costs worked out to be about the same,
- 3) I really liked the size of last year's album and a 12" x 12" photobook would feel too big, and
- 4) I really, really liked the little "mini pages" I had stuck in between layouts - things like postcards or pieces of packaging or recipe cards.

So I totally caved and ordered the Studio Calico kit and have been happily setting up my 2011 pages since it arrived. I'll share more about it another day. For now I want to share a few of my favourite pages from 2010.

Some notes:

- The cover was cut from a cereal box and covered with fabric held in place with fusible web and some stitching around the edges.
- I used mists for the first time and became completely hooked. I love the effects you can get using different things for masks. My favourite was the spritz cookie form.
- There were a few times I didn't have any pictures or my picture was a bit small and I did a "proper" layout instead of a full page picture. I found these days a bit more challenging (but not

quite as challenging as the days where I wanted to write a lot).

- I always keep all of the cards we receive and for once I actually did something with them. Inspired by a layout by Ali (I think) I punched a circle out of each card and collected them all together (with a few circles of patterned papers I really liked) on the last page of my album.



