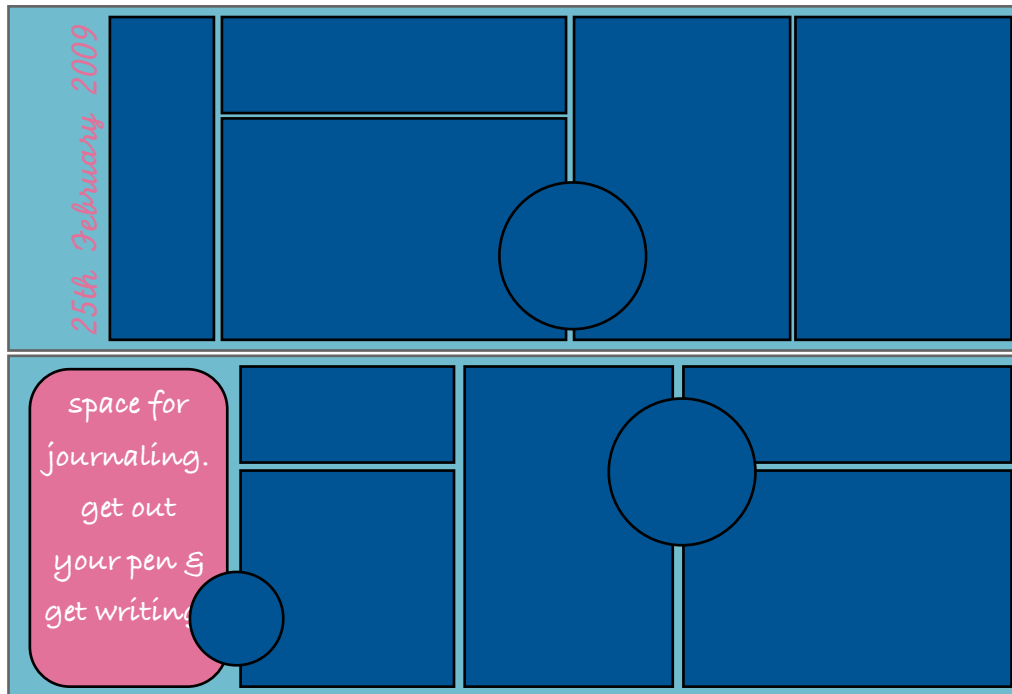


Each month on the 25th, along with snapping pictures all day, you can download an album prompt. You don't need this before you start snapping -- it's for the crafty part of the project. Each album prompt will include some ideas to help you put your pages together, but they also purposely leave a lot up to your imagination. That way, your personal style will shine through and the resulting book will be very much your own.



Depending on the size of your album pages and the size of your photo prints, you may or may not be able to use this sketch as shown. Even if the layout doesn't fit quite like this, you can still use some of this month's tricks to pack tons of photos into a two page layout. In the 15x7 format, you can easily include ten to fourteen photos, but you can break any larger block into several smaller photos if you prefer. If you prepared your album with the notes from the getting ready prompt, you'll already have background papers attached. They aren't shown in the sketch -- you work right over the top of them. Leave gaps between photos to show the background here and there, and otherwise just know this is why we kept the backgrounds simple! I love pretty papers but I don't think we need to spend hours agonizing over our choices when we're going to put the photos over the top. The pictures and the story will end up more important anyway, so let's spend our time with that.

### *Tricks to try this month:*

**Circle the wagons:** Nearly everything we've done in this album so far has been squared off with squares and rectangles. Throw a few circles in the mix this month. They can be photos you've cropped or punched into circles or they can be circle-shaped embellishments.

**Stack it tall:** See all the spots that overlap on this sketch? Raise your game by adhering the top layer with pop dots or dimensional tape, so the circles stand up above the rest of the page.

**Include more stuff or more photos:** See the two boxes immediately right of the journaling box? These could be two photos, but they could also be a pocket or a library card holder. Fill the pocket with the extra elements from your day so you can include everything you've gathered.