



# The Dish

March 2005

Are you getting tired of the dull colors of winter? According to the ground hog here in Colorado we're in for six more weeks of winter. March's kits are just the things to pull you out of the grays of winter. Both kits are full of the bright colors of Spring and Easter. They each have a multitude of embellishments included to add just the right touch, whether it's ribbons, buttons, license plates, mini file folders or alphabet stickers you're sure to find just what you need.

## What's Cookin'

Coming Soon -- our membership program that will ship our kits to you, automatically arriving at your door mid-month, every month, with no commitment. Being a member will have its rewards; you'll save money on monthly kits when you sign-up for our auto membership so you won't miss a thing. Join our Yahoo Group to keep up-to-date with what's new and what's coming up, check out other kit layouts and share your own -- we'd enjoy seeing what *you've* created. (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/apronstrings>)



## Tips

### For the Smaller Than A Breadbox Kit

- Create your own background by running your paper through your printer as seen on the "Cookies" layout; the words on the cream cardstock were created in MS Word and printed directly on the cardstock. You can also use vellum or transparencies to get the same look.
- If you love the look of fibers and buttons, but aren't sure about making lumpy pages, the Scrapbook Wizard embellishment stickers are just for you. You get the look of all these great embellishments and flat pages too!
- The chocolate tags make nice frames for small pictures and journaling boxes, or for use as page accents (especially with the chocolate ring paper).



### For the Bigger Than A Breadbox Kit

- Use the letter stickers to highlight a letter or word in your journaling.
- The matchbooks can be used as is or hide a small photo inside.
- Combine ribbon of different patterns and textures to create interesting borders, tabs for pictures or journaling boxes, or simply tie it onto tags or other page accents. Try using it with eyelets, brads, glue dots, or staples to achieve different looks.
- Use word phrases from the MAMBI stickers directly on your photos as a different way of providing journaling.



### Other Tips and Ideas:

- Jump rings have many uses. If you don't like lumpy pages try adhering them flat with a glue dot or brad, or pierce the paper with them and hang a tag from them. Use several jump rings to create a chain for a border or to hook one or more license plates to. Try attaching them using wire, mini brads, ribbon, or fiber.
- License plates can be altered numerous ways; turned over you can create customized words using rub-ons, stickers, stamps, permanent pen or Staz-on ink. Try adding a bit of color to the edges by chalking or inking the edges. If using ink, set with embossing powder and heat. You can use them as word blocks in your journaling or titles
- You can customize the color of your ric-rac by using chalks or ink; ink will create a more mottled, bold color-look, while chalks will give you a softer color with better coverage.

# This Month's Ingredients

## Smaller Than A Breadbox:

- 1 sheet 12x12 Easter double-sided paper by American Crafts
- 2 sheets 12x12 Easter Companion double-sided paper by AC
- 2 sheets 12x12 White cardstock by Die Cuts With a View
- 1 sheet Cotton Candy Pink cardstock by Die Cuts With a View
- 18 inches of white ric-rac by Fibers by the Yard\*
- 2 Easter license plates (assorted sayings) by Junkitz
- 8 Jump Rings (4 assorted colors) by Junkitz
  
- 2 sheets 12x12 Blue Raspberry Lines paper by Scrapbook Wizard
- 1 sheet 12x12 Winter Snowflake paper by Scrapbook Wizard
- 2 sheets 12x12 Spring Green cardstock by Worldwin
- 1 sheet 12x12 Ocean Blue cardstock by Worldwin
- 1 sheet Blue Raspberry Square alphabet stickers by Scrapbook Wizard
- 1 sheet Blue Raspberry Embellishments stickers by Scrapbook Wizard
- 1 Mini File Folder by Li'I Davis
  
- 1 sheet 12x12 Chocolate Rings paper by Deluxe Designs
- 1 sheet 12x12 Pink Plaid paper by Deluxe Designs
- 2 sheets 12x12 Tan cardstock by Worldwin
- 1 sheet Chocolate Tags by Deluxe Designs
- 10 brown buttons by Bazzill (assorted colors and sizes)
- 1 yd Bubblegum fibers by Fibers by the Yard\*
- 1 yd Café Latte fibers by Fibers by the Yard\*



## Bigger Than A Breadbox:

- 1 sheet 12x12 Easter double-sided paper by American Crafts
- 2 sheets 12x12 Easter Companion double-sided paper by AC
- 2 sheets 12x12 White cardstock by Die Cuts With a View
- 2 sheets 12x12 Cotton Candy Pink cardstock by Die Cuts With a View
- 18 inches Yellow dot ribbon by Jcaroline\*
- 18 inches of white ric-rac by Fibers by the Yard\*
- 4 Easter license plates (assorted sayings) by Junkitz
- 24 Jump Rings (4 assorted colors) by Junkitz
- 1 Easter Matchbook by My Mind's Eye
- 1 sheet "Spring" Stickers by Me & My Big Ideas
- 15 White Eyelets by American Crafts
  
- 2 sheets 12x12 Blue Raspberry Lines paper by Scrapbook Wizard
- 2 sheets 12x12 Winter Snowflake paper by Scrapbook Wizard
- 2 sheets 12x12 Spring Green cardstock by Worldwin
- 2 sheets 12x12 Ocean Blue cardstock by Worldwin
- 1 sheet Blue Raspberry small alphabet stickers by Scrapbook Wizard
- 3 Mini File Folders by Li'I Davis
- 5 yds of blue ribbon by Li'I Davis (1 yd assorted styles and colors)\*
- 12 purple buttons by Junkitz (assorted sizes and shades)



\*All lengths are close approximations

# Sneak a Taste of Next Month

Just a small glimpse at some of the great things coming next month!

### Smaller Than a Breadbox

- Patterned Paper from Basic Grey, KI Memories, Scrapworks
- Twill and Ribbon from Lavish Lines and JCaroline Creative
- Metal accents, frames and studs from Making Memories and Scrapworks
- Other great ingredients

### Bigger Than a Breadbox

- Patterned Paper from KI Memories and Basic Grey
- Monograms from Basic Grey
- Fabric Strips from Weave Werks
- Metal accents and Mod Blox from KI Memories and Making Memories
- Other great ingredients



Coming in April '05