

THE WONDER CLUB™



Special Mission:
Gathering the Wonders of December





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Hello, beautiful.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to track and capture your wonders this month. It's so so easy this time of year to forget to slow down in the holiday bustle and notice the moments that bring meaning and sparkle to our days. This is an invitation for you to create a very simple daily entry in a two-page (or longer) spread in your Wonder Year Book (WYB) this month to capture those December wonders. Or...you could gather them in a tag-along notebook like I introduced in November (Week 3) and simply tuck it into your WYB at the end of the month.

Yep, if you were in the Wonder Club during the spring, you'll recognize the basic idea from our Map of April Enchantments. I wanted to this bring this project back for December but with a bit of a different intention: to remind us to appreciate the small special moments and the gifts they bring as we move through the holidays.

Lots of creative options!

There are many ways you could approach this mission. As with everything in the Wonder Club, there is no wrong way to do it. Depending on the size of your WYB pages, you could create a simple grid of 31 squares (one for each day) laid out like a calendar across a two-page spread. Or you could just make a few rows of several squares per page (one for each day) and continue on the following pages as needed.

Instead of squares, you could do circles or another shape if you'd like. You could even create a spiral out of them with the center being the first day and each one moving outward. Or arrange them in a meandering path across the pages.

The size of each day's square or circle (or other shape) would ideally be small (maybe 1.5- to 2-inches square or in diameter?). My suggestion is to keep them small enough so each one only takes a minute or two to fill in each day.

You could record a simple word in the square or circle, draw a little doodle that represents it, glue in a small photo you took or image from a magazine, paint something simple, glue on a piece of ephemera, a tiny gift from Mama Nature, a

notation of a meaningful sign or symbol that crossed your path, or a creative combination of all of the above.

A sample set-up



If you want, you could set up your pages with a background and simple structure to make each day's entry even easier. For example, you could glue down an image or patterned paper as a base or paint a wash of watercolor or acrylic as a background. In mine you see in the photo above, I found a simple image I loved to serve as the base for my daily entries. I'll just glue them on top of it. Then I added some handmade decorative paper to the other side as a background for my December Wonders note. I'll add a guiding quote here and a few short journal-style notes and memories as I move through the month.

Another idea would be to pre-cut circles or squares out of mixed-media or other drawing paper in the size you want for your entries and glue them on the page in the

arrangement you'd like (or keep them aside and simply fill them in and glue them down as you complete each one). Then you just write in them or glue things onto them each day.

I'll use my [smaller punch](#) to cut circles for my daily entries as I go. Some days I expect I'll simply use it to punch a circle from a photo I take (or some little wonder I find that enchants me) and glue that down onto my spread as my entry. Other days I may punch a circle from scrap pieces of art paper and write a little something instead and glue those down as my entries.

I'll likely also be gluing or taping little meaningful treasures I find on my adventures onto pre-cut circles some days. I expect I'll also add the date on or next to each entry like I did in April.

The options are endless here! Play with this a bit and see what feels super easy and fun to do. That's always a good measuring stick for any little projects you'd like to weave into your days.

There are loads of 30-day challenges being shared online these days and they can sometimes start feeling like just another "should" on our list. Yick. Rather than consider this as a "challenge" (perish the thought), consider it as a gift of self-care you give yourself this month to savor the moments that sparkle and feed your soul, however small and simple they may be.

And please don't worry if you miss a day here and there! You can always add a few extra entries later if there are any holes. Most of all, keep this super simple. If it feels fun and easy, it's something we'll be able to weave into our days with true enjoyment.

Or you could..

If you prefer, you could turn this into a count-down to Yule or Christmas instead of doing all 31 days of the month. You could create a sort of memory advent-style calendar with little doors or pockets for your daily entries. Whichever approach you take, keep it as simple as you know you'll have time to do. For me, punching out some circles

and popping them on the page will be easy and fun and do-able, which is the key during the holidays. ;)

If you'll be traveling over the holidays

Ah yes, holiday travel! I have a couple of ideas for those of us who will be traveling in December. The first is to simply bring along a sturdy envelope of some kind with a small pair of scissors and a pen. Then as we gather little wonders, we can trim them if needed, scribble the date on the back, and pop them into the envelope until we get home and can add them to our WYB spread.

OR...you could do this whole mission/quest/thing in a tag-along notebook and just pop it into your WYB at the end of the month. Then you can work directly in it each day, adding your wonders to it no matter where you are. I suspect when I'm traveling this month I'll be working in both a holiday tag-along notebook AND gathering wonders in an envelope to add to my WYB once home again.

But what if I haven't added anything to my Wonder Year Book in, um, quite a while?

It doesn't matter, I promise. I have some missing months (getting sick the whole summer certainly knocked my WYB practice off course). So, I get it if there's a bit of an echo in your WYB. If you would feel weird about jumping back in now, just reserve some pages for missed months. I simply slapped sticky notes on each empty two-page spread following my last entry, allotting two facing pages for each missed month and noting the month's name on the stickies. Then I moved on! I invite you to do the same (no matter how many months you may have missed!).

My intention for those "lost" months in my WYB is to simply add collages to them (perhaps next year during that month?) that capture the energy of each of those months and maybe some notes about what was going on. I remember posting some pics on Instagram, so I could print those out as nice additions that also serve to spark my memory.

So, when you redeem the “lost pages” with placeholder sticky notes you can have **zero guilt** for just diving back in on the following two-page spread to create your December’s Wonders. Wabi sabi it and move on!

Repeat after me: “There is no behind in the Wonder Club!” Keep saying it until it sinks in and then have fun playing in your WYB in December!

For inspiration

If you’re curious what my past using this structure looked like, here’s my April Enchantments spread that followed a similar format. I added a circle each day and jotted the date down next to it. It was quick, fun, and easy – and I loved revisiting it today when I took this photo. I can’t wait to see how our December Wonders pages turn out!

