Creating your Lapbook – Supplies and Instructions
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Supplies:
- 3 File Folders – Letter Size (same colored solid colors)
- 3 pieces of 8-½" x 11" Cardstock (coordinating solid colors)
- 2 pieces of 12"x 12" Scrapbook Paper (patterned)
- 2 pieces of 6" x 6" Cardstock Paper (patterned)
- 10 pieces of 4" x 4" Scrapbook Paper (patterned)
- 1 4"x 6" Index Card (blank on one side)
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Clear packing tape

Step 1: Make the base
- Supplies needed:
    - 3 File Folders - Letter Size (same colored solid colors)
    - 3 pieces of 8-½" x 11" Cardstock (coordinating solid colors)
    - Glue stick
    - Scissors
    - Packing Tape

- **Instructions:**
    - Cut the tabs off two File Folders to make a straight edge
    - Fold the third File Folder by bringing both sides toward the middle so the tabs meet
    - Take the third File Folder (that you just folded) and place it inside the other two file folders to confirm they fit together correctly before you glue them together
    - Glue the back of the folded File Folder to the left side of one of the folders and the right side of the other folder
    - Glue the back of the File Folders to make them stick together
    - Decide which two colors of 8-½" x 11" Cardstock you want to use for the flaps
    - Put a strip of Packing Tape on the bottom of the File Folder. Attach one of the pieces of 8-½" x 11" Cardstock to the Packing Tape, leaving a space between the folder and the cardstock (this will allow the cardstock to be folded into the folders). Put another strip of Packing Tape on the front to secure the flap.
    - Repeat the previous steps for the piece of Cardstock on the top of the folder.
    - Take the 8-½" x 11" piece of Cardstock and fold it to make an envelope. You will want to fold it up to leave about 2" on the top (which will be folded down to make the envelope flap). Put Glue on both sides of the Cardstock to make the

envelope. Fold the top down. Put glue on the back of the "envelope" and adhere it to the top flap on the side where the Packing Tape is.

Step 2: Add textures and patterns
- Supplies needed:
    - Lapbook Base created in Step 1
    - 2 pieces of 12"x 12" Scrapbook Paper (patterned)
    - 2 pieces of 6" x 6" Cardstock Paper (patterned)
    - Glue stick
    - Scissors

- **Instructions:**
    - Take the two pieces of 11-⅝" x 12" Scrapbook Paper and fold into thirds. Glue one of the sections to the front of the File Folders so that the rest of the Scrapbook Paper can be folded into the inside of the File Folder. Repeat with the other piece of 11-⅝" x 12" Scrapbook Paper on the back of the File Folders.
    - Glue one piece of the 6" x 6" Patterned Cardstock Paper in the middle of the Lapbook
    - Cut one piece of the 6" x 6" Patterned Cardstock Paper in half and glue on side to the left inside flap
    - Take the other half of the 6" x 6" Patterned Cardstock Paper and cut it in half. Glue one piece to the right inside flap and the other above the envelope on the flap

Step 3: Make unique shapes
- Supplies needed:
    - Lapbook Base created in Step 2
    - 10 pieces of 4" x 4" Scrapbook Paper (patterned)
    - 1 4" x 6" Index Card – blank on one side
    - Glue stick

- **Instructions:**
    - Take 3 of the pieces of 4" x 4" Scrapbook Paper and fold them in half to make triangles. Glue to the bottom flap of the lapbook.
    - Take the other 4 pieces of the 4" x 4" Scrapbook Paper and make about a half inch fold on the top. Glue the flap of the first piece to the top of the index card. Take the next piece and glue the tab to the front of the index card. Continue until all of 4 of the pieces are attached to the index card.
    - Take 3 of the pieces of 4" x 4" Scrapbook Paper and fold each corner to the middle of each paper making a little "peekaboo" box. Glue to the inside of the right flap.