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Well, the truth of the matter is that January has past before I even saw it coming. And if this is any indication of the year to come, you can expect a year of late newsletters moments of

Random inspiration followed by stretches of nothing coming from me – but mostly you can expect me to, as always, create what I love, and to come out with goodies that I truly believe in and can't wait to use myself. I'm so excited about what I have to show you this month! I have a super fun new kit that I'm just bursting to share! And, there are some really super exciting things happening over at Sweet Shoppe Designs that you just can't miss!!

Here's wishing all of you a wonderful February filled with all the love in the world!

~Shawna

GUEST CREATIVE TEAM MEMEBER



What fun to be able to snag Kirsty Benson for my team this Month! She actually won the position by playing along on a thread at DigiShopTalk on new years eve, and I'm SO glad she did!

Kirsty is not only an incredible scrapper but she is such a fun gal, and I'm sure you've run into her an a board or two because miss Kirsty is EVERYWHERE!

Here is what Kirsty says about herself:

"I am a stay at home mom to two beautiful children (Sean and Emma) .I have been married to my high school sweetheart for almost 11 years. Josh is in the Air Force and we are currently stationed in Ohio. I have been digiscrapping for almost a year and I am *ALMOST* ready to give up all my paper and go completely digital! I had no idea, when my best friend talked me into going digital, that it would be as addictive as it has been!

I am so happy to get to spend some time with Kirsty on the team, and you get to reap the rewards too! Her pages are bright, inspiring, and totally fun – So keep your eye out for lots of fun pages from her using My Little Scraps!

Welcome to the team Kirsty!!!

[Check out more of Kirsty's Fabulous work HERE.](#)



whats *new*

new products for february

y I was with g Well the last week of the month is face squishing my cheeks and squeezing



After trying my hand at a quite a few different boy themed kits, I was really dying to do a girl kit. So I decided to go for it in style!

Fantasy Girls is about girls everywhere living large, enjoying life, and living their dreams. Instead of focusing on the sweet and cute side of being a girl, I wanted to put the spotlight on all the glamour, the funk and the fun that being a girl means!

In the [Fantasy Girl Paper Pack](#) you will find funky up, edgy, and bold patterned papers. In the [Fantasy Girl Elements](#) you will see lots and lots and lots of shimmer and shine, from sequins to glittery doodles to frames and a brilliantly shiny metal alpha! You can also get the [Solids](#) with six rich, grunged up textured solid papers – a perfect compliment to the Fantasy Girl set! If you love them all you will definitely want to pick up the [combo pack](#), and save on the full set!





Starting February 1st at 12am there are big things happening at Sweet Shoppe Designs! We are celebrating our big first birthday and everyone is invited!!!

While you are there be SURE to pick up this

[AWESOME assortment](#) that all the designers have put together, it is just brimming over with sweetness, and at a SUPER low price that is sure to fit into even the tightest of budgets!

You also don't want to miss our awesome new gallery and expanded forums, where you can find enough inspiration to satisfy your sweet tooth, and some incredible new challenges. Including the new Sugar Free Challenge that, Sugar Babe, Mandy Koontz and I have be hosting each week!



SWEET SHOPPE DESIGNS IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A MONTH LONG CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF OUR ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY! WE WILL BE CLOSING OUR DOORS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH AND WILL BE REOPENING TO A BRAND NEW SITE JAM PACKED WITH SCRUMPTIOUS NEW FEATURES ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST!

HERE'S JUST A SMALL SAMPLING OF WHAT'S IN STORE:

*A Brand New Look,
New and Improved Forums,
An Uploadable Member Gallery,
A Stew of Inspiring Challenges,
OUR BIGGEST SALE EVER
and The debut of our amazing new staff which includes
1 incredible new designer, 6 spankin new Sugar Bakes
& a Sweet Surprise you wont want to miss!*

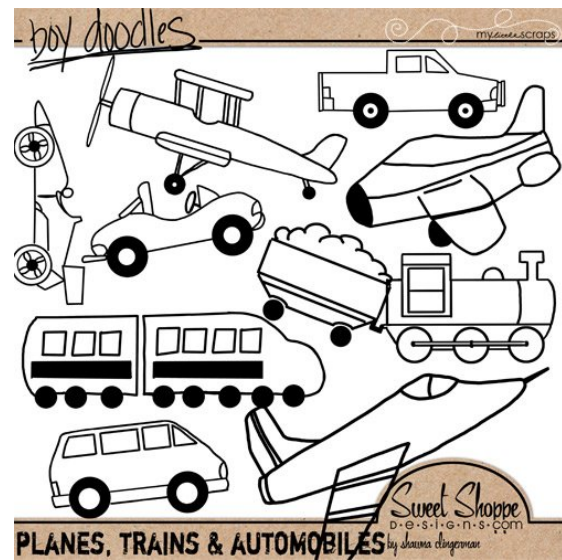
MARK YOUR CALENDARS - DOORS OPEN AT MIDNIGHT



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Looking for doodles on the go? Don't miss my newest installment of boy doodles, now at [Sweet Shoppe Designs](#) AND [my little scraps](#).

Cars, trains, **PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES** by shanna designz





Be my Guest: Do you want to get exclusive early access to all my kits for a month, and receive all of the My Little Scraps new releases for free a full month?

All you have to do to be considered is post your layouts using mylittlescraps products to my gallery at <http://www.yourfavoritepair.com/gallery>. Each month I search through my customer gallery for a guest team member to come play with our team! And next month it could be YOU!!!

CUSTOMER SCRAPLIGHT

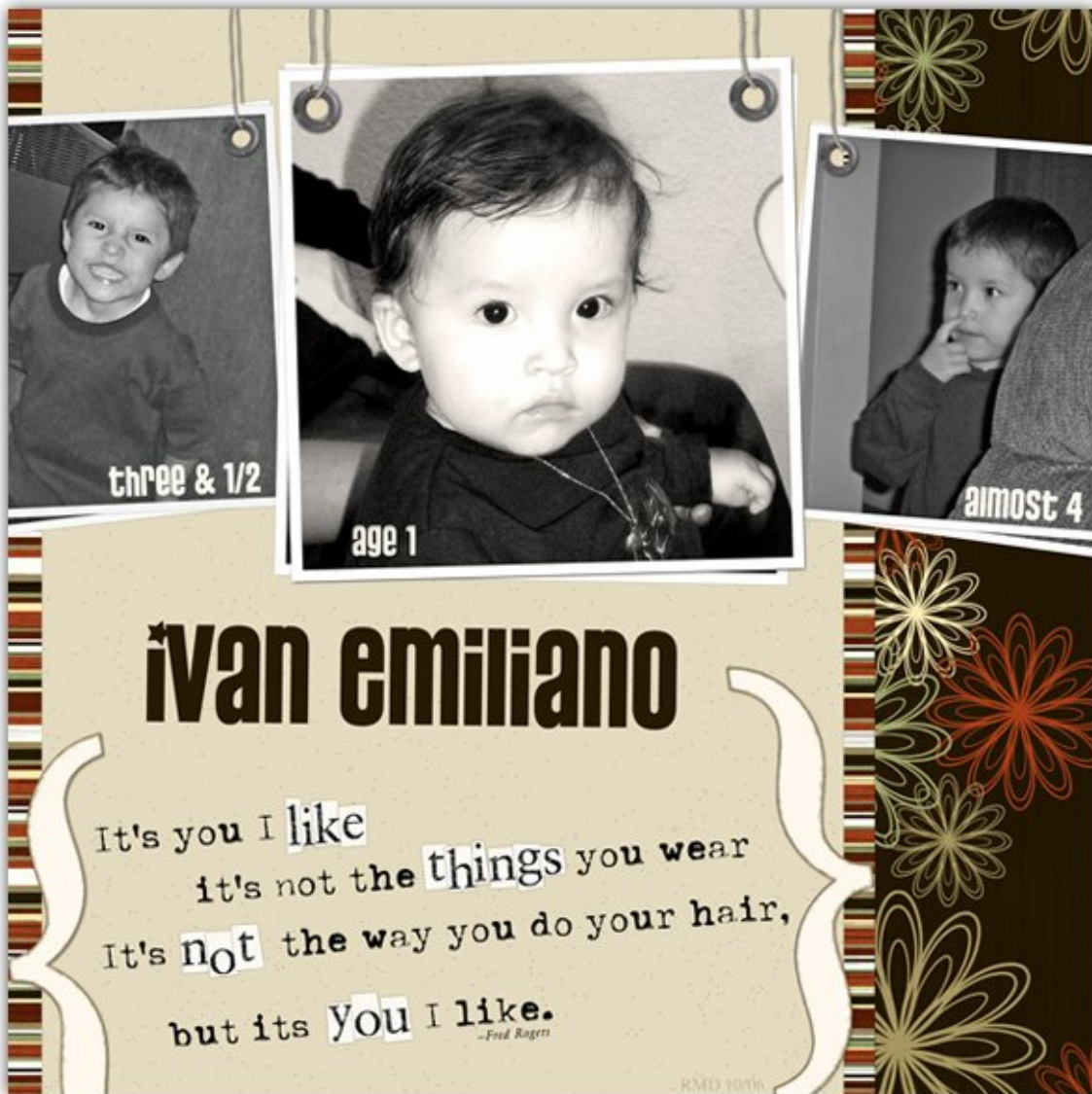
This month our [customer "scraplight"](#) layout comes from Becky, or as she is known on the web "[almostmex](#)". I have been eyeing this layout for quite some time because I just love the Mr. Rogers lyrics, and the way she shows the way little Ivan has changed over time.

Becky said "I laugh every time I see it because I wasn't a very sweet aunt when I made it because I purposely picked pictures that I knew we will tease our nephew about someday. The minute I saw the huge brackets in the kit, I knew that I had to use them, and I loved the brown paper with those flowers along the edges, so I wanted to showcase both things in my layout. And I just love the way the rich colors in the kit balance the black and white pictures."

Well Becky! We love it! Thank you for the incredible inspiration, and for making us all smile too!

You can see this kit, Free Fall, in the store [HERE](#)

Each month I'll be on the look out for my next "scraplight" so send me pages you do with product from My Little Scraps.



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join me friday feb. 2nd at the mylittlescraps blog as I celebrate my first *birthday* as a blogger at mylittlescraps! there are some great surprises in store for you, including *prizes*, coupons, special sales and much *more* !!!

Don't miss it!!!! This Friday at <http://www.mylittlescraps.com/blog>



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so lets get
play the
free challenge
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laurie

I'm so proud to announce that our own MyLittleScraps CT member was accepted as a Sugar Babe for the Sweet Shoppe Designs CT. Way to go Laurie! You deserve it!!!



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THIS IS THE LIFE

Do you ever envy your Toddler??? I'm telling you most of the time I have no desire to be a little person who doesn't get to call the shots and who is told what and when to eat, what they can and can't do, and when to go to bed - But I have to be honest, when I saw my little man sacked out in his bed like this - just sprawled out fast asleep like he had no cares in the world - I couldn't help but feel jealous.. What a great feeling that must be, to just crash into bed and fall asleep worry free.

I think maybe that is the number one disadvantage we grownups are at in this world- always thinking stressing worrying. I know I'm guilty of rarely just letting myself go to bed, and relax. Not nearly often enough do I climb up under the covers and just let it all go, so I can sleep in a very unpreoccupied, unconcerned type of way.

Maybe tonight I can make myself do it! Climb into bed and really just sleep, not thinking about what I should have done that day, or where I am going what I need to do tomorrow, but maybe I'll just Sack out in a pure sleepy toddler kind of way!

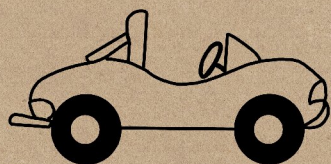
PAPER DOODLES! So out of love of all things doodle, I thought I would share with everyone a cool tip inspired by a technique I see my awesome CT member [Kristin](#) using. Paper doodles are all the rage right now, and it is no surprise! They are fun, they are cute, and they give an extra punch to your everyday doodle.

you will want to use similar settings to what I've used here (width of 65) but if your doodle is smaller, or if you want a fatter edge, play with different stroke sizes to see what makes the ideal paper doodle for you.

When you've finished stroking your doodle it will look like this. All that is left to do is to fill in the clear spaces inside of the doodle, the easiest way to do this, is make sure you are still working with your stroked layer, and choose the brush tool, pick a hard round brush, big enough to make coloring in easy, but small enough to not go outside of the outer edge of the white doodle stroke. Then choose the same off white color as your stroke is and simply color in your doodle.

Then once you are colored in you are nearly done, just merge your doodle layer down onto your stroke layer, and viola, your doodle is on a cut out piece of paper! Add your doodle to your layout, and if you'd like add a really slight low shadow to it to give it a bit more dimension!

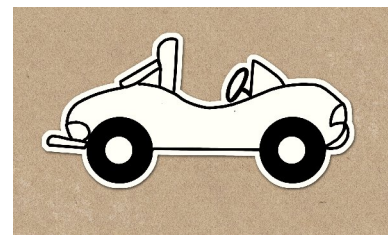
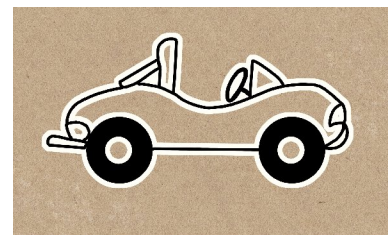
Thanks Kristin for the Great idea! And everyone enjoy playing with your doodles in a new way!



The first step is to open up the doodle you would like to put on a paper backing. For this project I chose a car doodle from my new set "[Boy Doodles: Planes Trains and Automobiles](#)".

After your doodle is open, put a background layer behind it so it is easy to see, and create an extra layer directly below the doodle layer. Then hold down your ctrl button, and click on the icon for the doodle layer. Now your doodle should be selected (surrounded by the marching ants) but the blank layer below the doodle layer should be the active layer.

Now you want to add a stroke to your selection. In PSE it is found under Edit - Stroke and then it will bring up the stroke dialogue. You want to choose a slightly off white color for your stroke, and make sure you choose location "center" so that it makes the stroke go all the way up to your doodle line. If you are working in a full sized doodle



Thursday, February 1st 2005

customer appreciation

freebies and sales

Today I was sitting with



This month's customer appreciation freebie is inspired by our little tutorial, on the previous page. 7 cute little paper heart doodles for all your love filled Valentines Day pages!

This free download is exclusive to newsletter subscribers – to make sure you can receive next months customer appreciation freebie go to the My Little Scraps Store and sign up. When you create your account make sure to check YES for the newsletter.

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