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Incorporating chipboard onto any scrapbook page is a great way to add dimension onto any page. What's great about chipboard is that the size and options are endless, since chipboard can be used as alphabets, shapes, frames and more. What's also great is that you can personalize your chipboard by using your choice of paper or paint, so that it matches your layout perfectly.

One of the challenges with using chipboard and paper is making the paper look like it's an actual part of the chipboard. You don't want it to look like you glued the paper and have messy or crooked edges on the final piece. Basic Grey's Precision Files are the perfect tools for solving this problem. The tool kit is inexpensive, compact and easy to use. (CONTINUED BELOW)

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The kit includes six files: 2 flat boards, a round file, a half-round, one square file and a knife file. The different sizes allow you to match the file that best fits into the small corners and grooves of the chipboard.

- To begin, select your raw chipboard and paper that you want cover onto it.
- Use a liquid glue (such as Zigs two-way glue) and cover the entire chipboard with the glue.
- Place the paper over the chipboard and allow it to dry (following the glue manufacturer's directions).
- Cut the paper out around the chipboard. You want to follow the shape of the chipboard as closely as possible, but it's okay for the paper to hang over the piece. You can use scissors or a knife to cut the paper, but we recommend a swivel knife. It allows you to cut around corners easier and more accurately than a pair of scissors or a regular X-acto knife can.
- Use the files to shave off the excess paper. The round, half-round and square files are great for corners, such as the inside of a capital "A" or in the corners of the letter "k".

To give the piece yet a different look, consider inking the edges.

Each file in the Basic Grey Precision File set has a rubber comfort grip. They can also be used for distressing paper, paint and even photos.

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