

# Ethnic Scrapbooking™

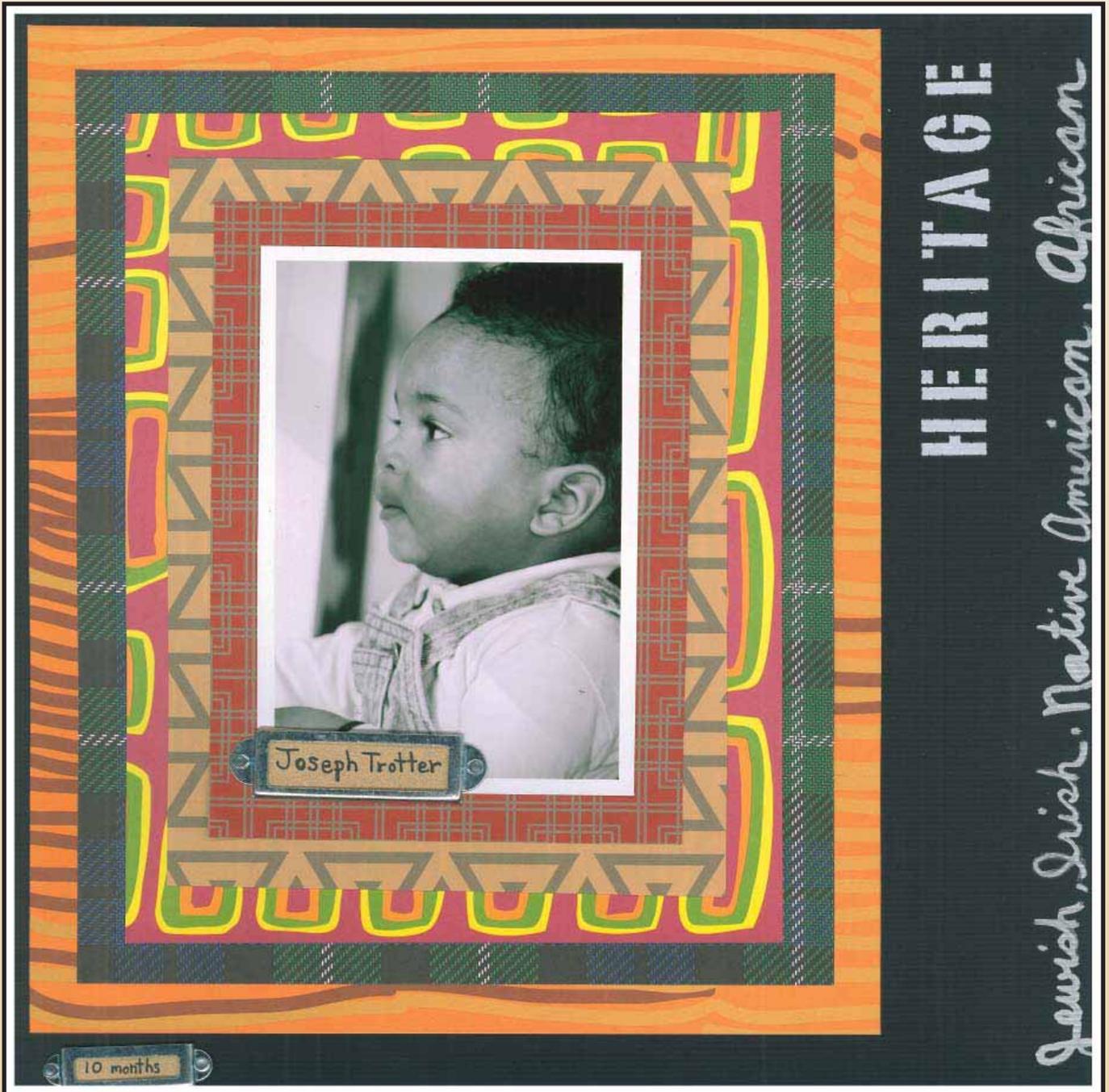
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# Heritage

## Celebrate Them All

If your ethnic background is varied, celebrate all aspects of it. If you don't know your ethnic ancestry, celebrate the cultures and traditions that you live out everyday. If you don't identify with any specific ethnic cultures, then celebrate your spiritual heritage. In other words, just celebrate the uniqueness that makes up you.



**Supplies:** Textured Cardstock: Bazzill Basics Paper; Patterned Paper: Grassroots; Rub-on: Li'l Davis; Label Holder: Making Memories; Pen: (silver metallic) Creative Memories & (black fine-tip) Close to My Heart

# Around the World

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Take advantage of the multi-cultural differences in your circle of friends. I grew up in a small coal-mining town in Southwestern Pennsylvania, and I thought all of my friends and neighbors were relatively the same in terms of their racial background. It wasn't until I was an adult and pulled the census records at the local library did I find out that all of the neighbor's ancestors were from other countries. They were from Austria, Czechoslovakia, Italy, and Poland just to name a few. When my father discussed this fact with his mother, she responded by speaking Slovak. She knew very well the heritages of her neighbors. They not only taught her their language, but also shared recipes from their homeland with her.

In each of my children's school albums, I try to highlight the various cultures of their friends. I want them to appreciate the cultural differences that make up our beloved United States. Whether it's at school, work or church, take the time to really get to know people and explore their ethnicity and culture.

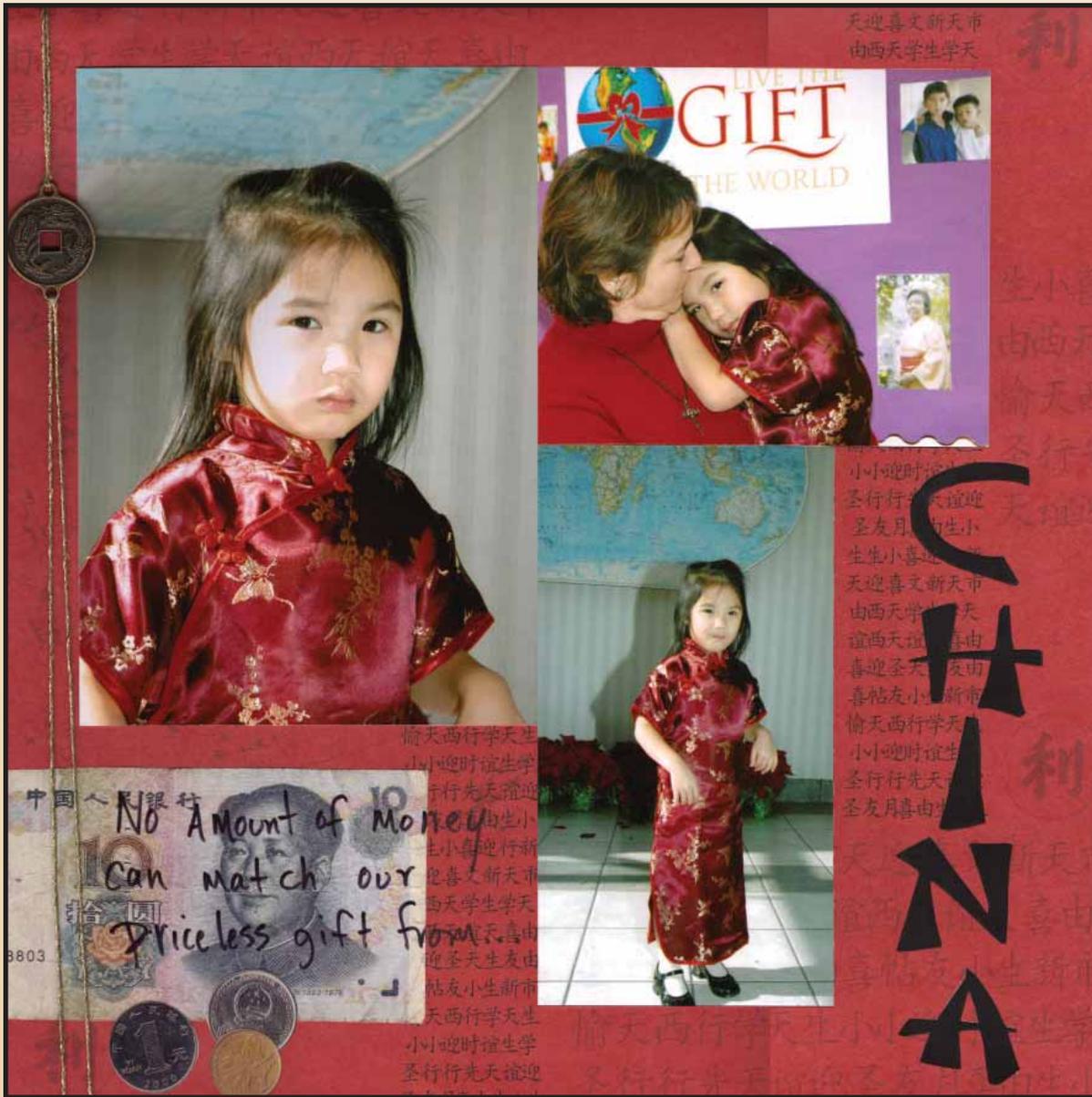


**Supplies:** Paper: Color an Angel "Kente" Border; Stickers: Color an Angel "Cocoa Kids" Child; Letters: Color an Angel "Kente" Alphabet; Generic Cardstock; Die-Cut: Sizzix Bookplate & Pencil; Eyelets: Stampin' Up; Foam Tape adhesive; Pen Creative Memories; Other: Eyelet setter, circle template

# China

## Adoption

With the thousands of international children being adopted each year, many of you have the opportunity to add cultural panache to your scrapbooks. Document your immersion into the child's home country before you picked them up, or collect stories about the different traditions that are celebrated in their country. Purchase clothing from their native countries and encourage them to feel connected to their heritage.



**Supplies:** Patterned Paper: Heidi Grace; Coin: Fibers From Afar; Fiber: Making Memories; Currency: scanned images; Sticker: (China) unknown; Pen: Slick Writers American Craft



## Cultural Connection

- Do you know your ethnic heritage?
- Have you ever traveled abroad?
- Have you ever eaten non-American cuisine?
- Do you have a friend/aquaintance that is of a different race or ethnicity?

*If you answered yes to any of these questions this book is for you.*



“As scrapbookers we all enjoy adding new elements to our pages. Thinking about how to scrapbook my daughter’s friend from Chile, my friend’s husband from Kenya, or a relative’s adopted daughter from China, is an opportunity to challenge myself to include something new that highlights the unique culture and background of each of these individuals . With the strategies and page samples provided, I feel like I not only have the tools, but the inspiration I need to get it done. This is an incredibly unique and powerful idea, and something that could help to change people’s perspectives and transform their scrapbooks.”

**Tasra Dawson**

Author-Coach – Speaker

“I am impressed with the many and creative layouts within the pages of Ethnic Scrapbooking. They will inspire — making readers not only eager to create scrapbooks, but also ready to engage in a whole way of being that is observant of one’s cultures, one’s heritage, and the other cultures around one.”

**Susan Tucker**

Editor, The Scrapbook in American Life

“Ethnic Scrapbooking educates and motivates me to make telling my stories a priority. The ideas in this book will appeal to anyone. It’s another great way to bridge and connect to my own heritage as well as to other cultures.”

**Donna Bloxon**

2006 Creating Keepsakes Hall of Fame – Honorable Mention

“Lisa’s signature style: Ethnic Scrapbooking is thought provoking and inspiring. It will encourage scrapbookers everywhere to step out of their box as they experience the many cultures of the world. For these experiences are woven into our history and deserve a special place in our scrapbooks.”

**Tiare Smith**

Founder, Scraps of Color/Classy Coordinates Scrapbook Club

