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Materials: Cardstock; Bazzill Basics; Patterned paper; chipboard letter; Making Memories; Hot laminator; Purple Cows; Book ring; Karen Foster Design; Photo print; paper; Epsom.

Albums on the Fly

What's better than a Polaroid camera at a birthday party? How about a digital camera, a compact printer, and a laminating machine? Rather than giving out toys that get broken or candy that gets gobbled up, we suggest combining a fun activity with a fabulous party favor: As guests arrive, snap a digital pic of each one with the birthday boy or girl. Print the photos during snack time, then set the guests loose creating their own mini albums. To reinforce the pages so the kids could throw them in their backpacks to share with friends, we laminated ours using the Purple Cows Hot Purple Laminator (\$70, www.purplecows.net). As the last step, bind the mini books with a metal binder ring and add a chipboard initial or other charm to each one.

MAXIMUM FUN Laminated mini books like this one are super-fun make-and-take projects for a child's birthday party. A single-page laminated card can serve as a party invitation—add a magnet so it can go on the fridge.

