Junk Journal Project Planner & Printable Checklist

A companion planner for the Animal Village Junk Journal Printable Prompts Starter Vault. Use this checklist to go from downloaded files to a finished handmade journal - without the overwhelm. Print this planner or keep it open on your screen while you work.

Phase 1 - Prepare Your Files

[ ] Download the vault files and save them in one clearly named folder.

[ ] Open a few sample pages on screen to preview the animal-village style.

[ ] Decide your journal size (A5 and half-letter are the easiest for beginners).

[ ] Read the license/terms file - confirm what personal use covers before printing extras.

Phase 2 - Printing Checklist

[ ] Journal pages: regular printer paper (80-100 gsm), color, 'actual size' setting.

[ ] Tags, labels & ephemera: cardstock (200+ gsm) so pieces survive handling.

[ ] Test-print ONE page first to check colors and margins before printing the batch.

[ ] Print 2-3 extra copies of your favorite pages - journaling eats paper.

[ ] Let inkjet prints dry fully (10-15 min) before cutting to avoid smudges.

Phase 3 - Assembly Workflow

[ ] Cut out all pieces first (batch your cutting - it is faster).

[ ] Sort pieces into piles: backgrounds, tags, labels, decorative cut-outs.

[ ] Fold or bind your journal base (stapled signatures or a simple ring binder both work).

[ ] Lay out each spread DRY (no glue) before committing - rearrange until it feels right.

[ ] Glue down backgrounds first, then layers, then small ephemera last.

[ ] Add washi tape edges, doodles, and handwriting to make it yours.

Phase 4 - 30-Day Prompt Tracker

Pick one prompt from the vault each day. Check off the day when your spread is done. The goal is progress, not perfection - a messy finished page beats a perfect blank one.

[ ] Day 1: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 2: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 3: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 4: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 5: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 6: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 7: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 8: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 9: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

[ ] Day 10: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 11: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 12: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 13: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 14: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 15: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 16: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 17: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 18: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 19: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 20: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 21: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 22: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 23: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 24: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 25: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 26: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 27: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 28: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 29: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished
[ ] Day 30: Prompt used: _____ Spread finished

Supplies Shopping List

[ ] Printer paper (80-100 gsm) - for journal pages
[ ] Cardstock (200+ gsm) - for tags and sturdy pieces
[ ] Scissors or a craft knife + cutting mat
[ ] Glue stick and/or double-sided tape
[ ] Washi tape (2-3 rolls to start)