

PLUM PAPER PLANNERS COMPARISON	VERTICAL	ULTIMATE GOAL PLANNER	ME PLANNER (CATEGORIES LAYOUT)	HORIZONTAL	HOURLY
<b>Monthly Calendar</b>	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)
<b>Monthly goals</b>	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 lined notes page	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & mini goals / reflection page	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 lined notes page	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 lined notes page	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 lined notes page
<b>Monthly review</b>	1 Lined notes page	1 Lined notes page	1 Lined notes page	1 Lined notes page	1 Lined notes page
<b>Weekly spread</b>	2 pages Week starts Monday	1 page, Week starts Monday	2 pages Week starts Monday	2 pages Week starts Monday	2 pages Week starts Monday
<b>Layouts Available</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vertical priorities</li> <li>- Vertical (3 equal sized lined sections for each day – you choose the 3 categories)</li> <li>- Vertical lined (1 column)</li> </ul>	1 page weekly spread with top 4 checklist  2 <sup>nd</sup> page with half space for pre-planning the week, habit tracker and half for weekly review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 equal sized lined categories for each day (you choose the 6 categories)</li> <li>- Student Planner 7 subjects (Mon to Fri with smaller weekend)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 Sided Days</li> <li>- Student horizontal</li> <li>- Priorities horizontal</li> <li>- Horizontal notes and days (1 page weekly spread + 2 column list on the right page)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vertical hourly</li> </ul>
<b>Who I think this layout is best for</b>	People who don't have much to plan, write small or like no white space weekly spreads with lots of stickers and decoration	People who want a 1 page weekly spread with more space for lists (i.e. prefer to just work off a to do list rather than allocate tasks to days)	People who are juggling a lot of things at once e.g. study + working full time, families.	Horizontal notes & days – same reasons as the goal planner.	Self-employed, people that need to schedule tasks to stay on track
<b>My Review</b>	Vertical priorities: <a href="https://bit.ly/36lUTw4">https://bit.ly/36lUTw4</a> Vertical: <a href="https://bit.ly/2ZSdzbo">https://bit.ly/2ZSdzbo</a> Vertical (3 section): <a href="https://bit.ly/2ZWQ4y6">https://bit.ly/2ZWQ4y6</a>	-	<a href="https://bit.ly/36Hxg7a">https://bit.ly/36Hxg7a</a>	Horizontal lined with notes: <a href="https://bit.ly/3eyxj8b">https://bit.ly/3eyxj8b</a> Horizontal priorities: <a href="https://bit.ly/2Xe3lL9">https://bit.ly/2Xe3lL9</a> Horizontal	-
<b>Notes</b>	Vertical - columns are approx. 1.5" wide in the 7 x 9" page size  Vertical Priorities – columns are just under 2" wide in the 7 x 9" page size	There are vertical goals, horizontal goals and me goal planners - but these are much the same as the me planner, horizontal priorities and vertical priorities	The columns are approx. 1.5" wide in the 7 x 9" page size	If you haven't already you should try the horizontal notes + days – <b>it's my favorite Plum Paper layout</b>	No horizontal hourly layout but maybe they will in the future!

PLUM PAPER PLANNERS COMPARISON	STUDENT PLANNER & TEACHER PLANNER	GRID	MONTHLY ONLY	FINANCIAL	DAILY
<b>Monthly Calendar</b>	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)	2 page monthly calendar (Week starts Sunday)
<b>Monthly goals</b>	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 lined notes page	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 lined notes page	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 lined notes page	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 budgeting page	Goal planning page (with top 3 goals) & 1 lined notes page
<b>Monthly review</b>	1 Lined notes page	1 Lined notes page	1 Lined notes page	1 page financial goals / s	1 Lined notes page
<b>Weekly spread</b>	2 pages Week starts Monday	2 pages Week starts Monday (7 day week + 5 day week options)	-	2 pages - week starts Monday OR 1 page - week starts Monday (similar layout to the Goal Planner)	6 month version includes a weekly spread  12 month version does not include a weekly spread
<b>Layouts Available</b>	Various layouts to choose from that can be used for: - Elementary - Middle & High School - Home schooling - College  Horizontal weekly & subject labels – same layouts as the Me Planner  The student and teacher layouts are very similar	Monday to Friday only (7 categories per day)  Monday to Friday with 7 categories per day and a very small weekend section	2 page monthly calendar only	Much the same layouts as the vertical and horizontal with some additions for daily expense tracking  The 'Ultimate Financial Planner' spread is similar to Plum Paper's Goal Planner layout	6 Month or 12 month version  Open ended layout where you can choose the schedule times, titles for checklist, top 3 tasks, notes etc.  Note: no add ons for daily planners
<b>Who I think this layout is best for</b>	Students (obviously!) but also people juggling many things for  Like with the Me Planner, you could label the categories with family member names or areas of your life (cleaning, meal planning, work, blog etc.)	Similar to the student planner so recommend for students  If you want a 5 day week with NO weekend space, use this planner	If you don't need a lot of room to plan, then a monthly calendar only with notes pages add on OR Use this planner along with a to do list notepad OR If juggling multiple things and want a separate planner for e.g. money, and keep planner for personal appointments	Someone that wants to very thoroughly track their finances without using an app, spreadsheet or other method	Someone that wants a daily planner that can choose the schedule start time (since most planners have pre-printed times)  OR  If you like planning your week by category and only need 1 page, you could use the various sections for different to do lists
<b>My Review</b>	Refer to my review of the Me Planner – the layout is similar	<a href="https://bit.ly/2AjvHQI">https://bit.ly/2AjvHQI</a>	-	-	-
<b>Notes</b>	Elementary planner has different pages / extras	The columns are just over 1.5" wide in the 7 x 9" page size	Plenty of add ons to choose from (refer table below)	-	-

STANDARD INCLUSIONS	PAGE SIZES & PRICE
<p>* <b>Standard inclusions</b> in each dated planner are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates at a glance page (current and next year)</li> <li>• Special dates 2 pages spread (1 box for each month)</li> <li>• Ideas. Plans. Goals (12 lined boxes that you choose how you use e.g. monthly or by category)</li> <li>• Passwords page</li> <li>• Contacts pages</li> <li>• US holidays list</li> <li>• 3 dot grid pages at the back</li> <li>• Cardstock pocket folder (double sided)</li> <li>• 6 month dated planner (daily planner comes in 6 month or 12 month). You can choose 12 months, 13 months ... up to 18 months duration</li> <li>• 70 lb text paper (Mohawk). Pen testing on my blog: <a href="https://bit.ly/3ck70B5">https://bit.ly/3ck70B5</a> (includes a comparison with Erin Condren and Limelife Planners too)</li> </ul>	<p>Page sizes stated below are for the pages themselves, the covers extend 0.5" beyond the pages to protect the tabs.</p> <p><b>A5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.8" wide x 8.3" high</li> <li>• Typically starts at \$29 USD</li> </ul> <p><b>Medium</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7" wide x 9" high</li> <li>• Typically starts \$32 USD</li> </ul> <p><b>Large</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.5 x 11" high (US letter size)</li> <li>• Typically starts at \$42 USD</li> </ul> <p>* All layout variations come in each page size except for the student planner which seems to only come in A5 or 7 x 9".</p> <p>My favorite size is the 7" wide x 9" high. I find the A5 is slightly too small and the 8.5 x 11" is too big and heavy.</p> <p>Price increases the more months you add and the more add ons you choose.</p>
ADD ON SECTIONS	ACCESSORIES
<p><b>Refer to the table on the next page.</b></p> <p>* You can choose to add 1 – 6 add on pages per month (dispersed throughout the planner) or add them to the back of the planner. If you add them to the back of the planner, they usually add a corresponding tab for you</p>	<p><b>Accessories for all page sizes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interchangeable covers (A5 = \$7 USD, Medium = \$8 USD, large = \$9 USD)</li> <li>• Dashboards</li> <li>• Planner stickers</li> <li>• Metal bookmarks / page marker</li> <li>• Pen loops</li> </ul>

STUDENT ADD ONS	TEACHER ADD ONS	WEDDING PLANS	HOME	COLORING PAGES, SCRAPBOOK & REFLECTION	BABY
<p>Page add on varies for home schooling, middle, high school and college. Some include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Student overview</li> <li>- Class schedule</li> <li>- Final exam schedule</li> <li>- Study tracker</li> <li>- Community service hours</li> <li>- Brainstorm</li> <li>- US capitals &amp; list of presidents</li> <li>- English word vocab</li> <li>- Grammar</li> <li>- Math reference sheet</li> <li>- Science (periodic table)</li> <li>- Formulas and references</li> </ul>	<p>Page add on varies for home schooling, middle, high school and college. Some include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Goals</li> <li>- Resources</li> <li>- Attendance record</li> <li>- Homeschooling supplies</li> <li>- Reading log</li> <li>- Extracurricular activities</li> <li>- Year at a glance</li> <li>- Class schedule</li> <li>- Student info</li> <li>- Field trips</li> <li>- Special events</li> <li>- Volunteer list</li> <li>- Substitute info</li> <li>- Student birthdays</li> <li>- Classroom expenses</li> <li>- Parent communication</li> <li>- Behaviour log</li> <li>- Professional development</li> <li>- Passwords</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wedding checklist</li> <li>- Wedding budget</li> <li>- Wedding guest list</li> <li>- Wedding invitations</li> <li>- Wedding Day emergency checklist</li> <li>- Wedding party - contacts</li> <li>- Wedding contacts</li> <li>- Ceremony ideas</li> <li>- Reception ideas</li> <li>- Flower ideas</li> <li>- Cake ideas</li> <li>- Dress ideas</li> <li>- Color ideas</li> <li>- Stationery ideas</li> <li>- Ideas and inspiration</li> </ul> <p>Note: the ideas pages are unlined so if you prefer lined writing space make sure you choose that as an add on as well</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home service providers</li> <li>- Home maintenance checklist by room</li> <li>- Master cleaning list (daily, weekly, monthly, annually)</li> <li>- Laundry guide</li> <li>- Gardening</li> <li>- Family favorite meals</li> <li>- Monthly goals</li> <li>- Home projects</li> <li>- Gift list</li> <li>- Shopping list</li> <li>- Monthly bills</li> <li>- Passwords</li> <li>- Yearly expense overview</li> <li>- Contacts</li> </ul>	<p>Coloring pages – quote and picture pages</p> <p>Scrapbook has template pages with boxes noting suggested photo sizes to place over them</p> <p>Reflection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yearly vision, values &amp; goals</li> <li>- Monthly reflection – journaling, how to improve</li> <li>- Yearly reflection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- About baby</li> <li>- Birth story</li> <li>- Baby growth tracking</li> <li>- Baby's month (journaling their milestones)</li> <li>- Memories &amp; moments</li> <li>- Doctor visits</li> <li>- Important contacts</li> <li>- Baby tracker (sleep, feeding etc.)</li> </ul>
BUSINESS	FITNESS	HOUSEHOLD	FINANCIAL	MEAL PLANNING	TRAVEL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mileage</li> <li>- Blog planning</li> <li>- Social media</li> <li>- Photography</li> <li>- Direct sales</li> <li>- Meeting</li> <li>- Contacts</li> <li>- Party planning (ideal for direct sales)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stats (weight, measurements)</li> <li>- Monthly fitness stats</li> <li>- Yearly fitness overview</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monthly cleaning list (blank titles so could use by room, 15 minute tasks etc.)</li> <li>- Shopping lists (4 per page)</li> <li>- Passwords</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bill tracker</li> <li>- Monthly Budget</li> <li>- Variable expenses</li> <li>- Bank accounts</li> <li>- Yearly cashflow</li> <li>- Monthly assessment (goals)</li> <li>- Debt tracker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooking conversions,</li> <li>- Monthly meal planner</li> <li>- Substitutions</li> <li>- Shopping list</li> <li>- Grocery stores list</li> <li>- Favorite restaurants,</li> <li>- Annual grocery spending tracker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Packing list</li> <li>- Places to see, eat, shop etc.</li> <li>- Spending ledger</li> <li>- Details (transport, accom.)</li> </ul>

If you cannot find an add on you like, you can print any printable at Plum Paper page size. See here for a tutorial: <https://bit.ly/2XIROSp>

## Notes

- All planners are coil bound (lay flat)
- Personalised notebooks come in either coil bound or glue bound (journal)
- You can request the pages come unpunched (it's an option when checking out) if you want to punch the pages (discbound or 3 ring) – no additional cost. See how I ARC'd my Plum Paper Planner here: <https://bit.ly/3cm5Rtl> You could also use the Happy Planner discs
- For planner layouts that allow you to choose your categories (e.g. the Me Planner), there is an additional charge to have them pre-print the categories (around \$4 USD). You can also opt to leave them blank and write in your categories (ideal if your needs change / you're not 100% sure how you're going to use the planner)
- There does not appear to be an undated version for any of their planners
- Monthly calendar is the same for all planner layouts – 2 pages with week starts Sunday with boxes for each day (they do not have a list style monthly calendar)
- You choose the start month for the planner and the planner's duration (6 month, 12 month, 13 month, 14 month ... 18 month) – price increases the more months you add
- All covers are a cardstock type cover with clear protective second cover
- Each layout can be either colorful inside pages or neutral (same price). See my comparison of the two in this post: <https://bit.ly/2XE5vbm>
- Tabs for each month are included by default
- Cover personalisation is included for free for all planner layouts and page sizes except the 'Good to Go' range
- They typically have sales on Valentines Day, Mother's Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July (and sometimes other holidays) as well as Black Friday. Black Friday / Cyber Monday is usually the best sale (tends to be 30% off sitewide)
- My favorite layout from Plum Paper is the Horizontal Weekly + Notes / checklist – see my review in this post: <https://bit.ly/3eyxj8b>
- I include a pen test in all of my Plum Paper reviews like this one: <https://bit.ly/2AjvHQI>

If you can't find what you're looking for you can build a custom notebook too:

- My custom bullet journal notebook: <https://bit.ly/3cf3B6C>
- My custom recipe book (they've since added more meal planning pages): <https://bit.ly/3eyqmE0>
- Meal planning journal review: <https://bit.ly/2Mch6JF>

The Plum paper website can be a bit overwhelming and its layout could definitely be improved to make it easier to compare different layouts (that's why I made this comparison). Start by choosing your weekly spread format (horizontal, vertical, student etc.) and go from there.

### Using Plum Paper Planners (my past weekly spreads)

- Plum paper vertical with stickers <https://bit.ly/2XqI5v2>
- Horizontal lined with notes: <https://bit.ly/2IT5YFR>
- (using it to pre-plan my week)
- Me Planner: <https://bit.ly/2Xi8UOI>
- Daily planning in my custom Plum Paper dot grid notebook: <https://bit.ly/2TPsT4P>
- Plum Paper dashboard: <https://bit.ly/2TVLmg6>
- Green theme in the vertical priorities: <https://bit.ly/3gG5IJd>

Erin Condren versus Plum Paper comparison: <https://allaboutplanners.com.au/ultimate-comparison-erin-condren-life-planner-versus-plum-paper-planners-which-planner-is-better/>