

# Scrap The Past

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### What is acid free or archival safe?

The acid found in regular paper can eat into your photos over time, causing yellowing or even fading. By using acid free products this allows the aging process of your photos to slow down.

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### What is cropping a picture?

Cropping a picture is cutting away unnecessary parts of a photo. Cropping is done to either allow more photos on a page or to draw attention to the subject in the photo. Sometimes the background has a personal significance, so please advise if you do not want your photos cropped. There will be a spot to check on the layout/inventory sheet.

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### What is journaling?

Journaling is what makes a scrapbook different from a plain photo album. You not only give the facts but you share your feelings and emotions at that time.

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### How is journaling done?

Your own handwriting is the best way to personalize your album and if you would like to do this then I will leave a blank spot on each page for you to journal. If you would like me to, then please include what you want journaled on the inventory/layout sheet and I will journal on the page using the computer.

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### If I give you supplies does that lower my cost?

Unfortunately, I do not give discounts if you give me supplies to complete your pages. Furthermore I cannot guarantee my work if I don't know the quality of the product. That is why I hand select the product I work with.

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### **Will I be able to see the pages as you're completing them?**

Yes, you will be involved in the process of the layouts. Once the page is planned out I will email you. Then we can add your journaling or make any changes.

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### **Can I give you memorabilia as well as photos?**

Absolutely, yes! This helps complete your album and makes it more of a storybook. Paper memorabilia will be treated with an archival spray to protect the documents and surrounding photos.

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### **How do I decide which photos to use?**

Many people like to begin with a "current" album containing pictures that were taken within the past year or for a specific event. But this decision is entirely up to you.

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### **How do I organize a scrapbook?**

Again this decision is totally up to you. I have some customers that have chronological scrapbooks; basically in date order. The majority do it this way but I've also had people have "birthday" scrapbooks or "holiday" scrapbooks. Then there are those with a few children that designate scrapbooks towards each child and then once they move away or have a family of their own, the adult children can take their specific scrapbook. But don't stress too much about this; you can always take pages/page protectors out of one scrapbook and put it into another if you decide to change the order.

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### **How many photos fit on a page?**

It depends on the size of your scrapbook. I mainly work with 12 x 12 scrapbooks and these will fit 1 to 6 photos to a page, depending on size. Smaller scrapbooks (8 1/2 x 11, 8 x 8, and 6 x 6) fit 1 to 4 photos per page.

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### **How do I choose the size of my scrapbook?**

This is personal preference. My favorite is 12 x 12, I feel that I can get more of the story on the page. The smaller albums are nice to handle and hold on your lap. Think about the end objective; is this going to be a coffee table book? Given as a gift? Will it be for an older person who would appreciate a bit larger pictures to view?

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### **What forms of payment do you take?**

I accept all major credit cards through PayPal.

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### **How much does a custom scrapbook cost?**

A 12 x 12 album runs \$17 per single page, which means a 10 page storybook will be \$170 or a 20 page will be \$340. If you are just ordering a few single pages then those will run \$18.50 each. A 8 1/2 x 11 album is \$13 a single page which would work out to be \$130 for 10 pages or \$260 for 20 pages; if you want to order a few single 8 1/2 x 11 pages then that will be \$14.50 per page. An 8 x 8 page runs \$10.50 which means a 10 page album is \$105 and a 20 page is \$210. If you are ordering just a few 8 x 8 pages, then those would be \$12 each. A 6 x 6 page runs \$8.50 which would be \$85 for a 10 page album or \$170 for a 20 page. If you are ordering a few single pages then they will be \$10 each. To qualify for the album price you must order a minimum of 10 pages.

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### **What is included with my custom scrapbook?**

The following services and materials are included in your scrapbook: initial planning call to formally cover the details of your project, acid/lignin-free paper, protective sleeves, all embellishments including buttons, ribbons, brads, etc., adhesives, computer journaling (or spaces left for your handwritten journaling if that is your preference), and review of some sample pages so you can check the progress of your scrapbook. Not included: the cost of the scrapbook album, printing your photos from an online photo storage link, and shipping. I do carry a supply of albums also which are available for purchase at a discounted price.

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### **What if I live out of your area?**

This is certainly not a problem. It is just as easy to work with local clients as out-of-state clients. Planning is typically done by phone and photos and memorabilia are sent by mail. Sample page reviews will be done via email. And completed projects will be shipped via UPS or FedEx which have tracking services.

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### **How long will it take to complete my album? What if I have a deadline?**

It will take approximately 3 to 5 weeks to complete a 20-page album once I begin working with your photos. If you have a deadline please let me know at the beginning of the project to make sure it can be met.

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### **What if I am not happy with the page layouts?**

During the planning call we will discuss how you want your pages to look like; you may reference pages on my site or on the inventory/layout sheet include the theme or ideas. Once I start working on your storybook I will email you photos of the first 4 to 6 pages to make sure I am moving in the right direction. At that time you can let me know if adjustments need to be made.

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### **What if my photos are lost, stolen, or damaged?**

I recommend that you send duplicates of your photos in case of theft, accidental loss or damage. On the contract you will note that I am not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items. Although one the photos are in my possession, rest assured I will be handling them with the utmost care.

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### **Can you add pages to a scrapbook once it is completed??**

Yes, you can! You can add pages as more photos become available. There is a limit to the amount of pages each scrapbook will hold but it's construction allows pages to added or removed with little effort.

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### **Can you make duplicate albums?**

Yes. If you'd like two or more identical scrapbooks just let me know in advance so you can get a discount. Duplicate albums make excellent gifts! Reasons for duplicate albums - wedding albums for each set of parents or grandparents; graduation albums; vacations; holidays; memorial, etc.

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