

Club Historian

The Club Historian is an important part of the officer team. This person is responsible for keeping an accurate record of what happens throughout the year. This person's responsibility is different than the secretary's because this person collects memorabilia pertaining to the club. Memorabilia that can be collected include:



- Newspaper and newsletter articles about the club and/or the club's members and leaders.
- Brochures, flyers, programs, etc. that relate to the club's activities. These might be from a county 4-H activity or a community activity.
- Photos of club members and leaders participating in 4-H events, projects and meetings throughout the year. The Historian

may be responsible to take pictures and get them developed. Family members in the club may have photos that they can give you too.

The Historian position is a great one to use your creativity. You can learn about year; it will not be overwhelming at the end of the 4-H Year.

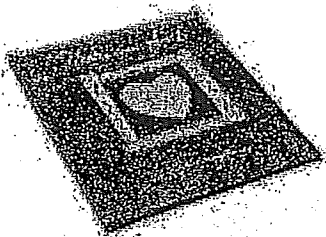
Basic Scrapbooking

Scrapbooking is rapidly becoming one of the most popular crafts/hobbies in the world! It is a both creative and practical outlet for a crafter or hobbyist, and just plain fun for anyone interested in saving their photos! It really is easy for anyone to create an exciting, artistic page that grabs the viewers attention! But, on the more practical side, this life-lasting hobby provides an heirloom that will remain for countless generations to come. Starting a scrapbook page or layout is much like planning a small party. All it takes is choosing a theme, some well-spent time, and your creative ideas. So let's get started:

ORGANIZE

Get your pictures out of those shoeboxes and boxes and those magnetic pages! Start by organizing and sorting photos by subjects, such as Activities, Events, People, Places, Things, Time, etc. Then, sort each subject into chronological order. After sorting you may wish to place these photos in an envelope or container and label it.

CHOOSE YOUR ALBUM



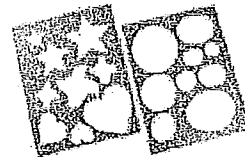
There are so many albums out there to choose from! The two most common sizes are the standard 8 X 10 or 12 X 12. There are tons of great decorative papers and cardstock to fit both sizes. Then after choosing your size, you have to choose your style! Available are:

- * Three ring binder style
- * Wire bound
- * Add-a-page
- * Create your own

ROUND UP YOUR TOOLS

Gather your decorating supplies. There are some things you can't live without when scrapbooking. They are the essentials of scrapbooking:

- ♦ Adhesive, to mount your photos
- ♦ Scissors
- ♦ Photo corners
- ♦ Obviously there are tons of other great, fun products you can use to make your album uniquely yours.
 - ♦ Decorative papers
 - ♦ Stickers
 - ♦ Die cuts
 - ♦ Rubber stamps



Remember, have as much fun as you can, but make sure not to use products that will harm your photos.

AWAY WE GO

Decide which photos will be the first to start your new album! Select between 3-5 photo's all based on a theme. You may want to stick with a holiday or special event for the first page to get the "hang of things".

CROPPING

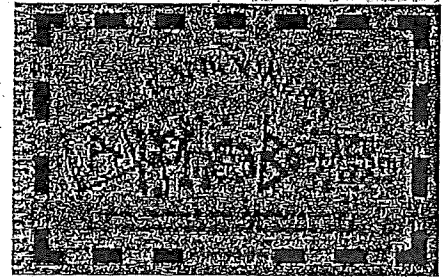
For beginners, get double prints of photos in case there is a mistake made. Practice what you want to do first, in case of a mistake. You can crop photos to desired shapes, using die cut templates, scissors, corner borders, craft punches, etc. Then you can find coordinating papers for the background and crop those too. Before permanently attaching anything to your page, experiment with the layout by moving things around until you find the one you like best!

ARRANGE YOUR PICTURES

When arranging your photos, the most important tip to remember is to leave room for journaling! (We'll discuss this in the next tip.) Don't be afraid to overlap photos. This can give your page a great look - and won't take away from the patch of grass or empty wall space often found in the corners of pictures. Once you have your photos arranged, and maybe even glued, begin your journaling.

JOURNAL, JOURNAL, JOURNAL...

This is one of the most important parts of your scrapbooking page. Many years from now, when others are looking through your books, you want them to know what they are looking at. One of the best ways to do this, is to include the "Who", "What", "When", and "Where" on every page. To do this, begin by writing it on the back of your photos with a pencil. This way, if you don't get the photos in the book right away, you won't forget important details. It also may help to write any funny stories or memories on the back of certain photos too. You want to tell a story with your journaling; let the person who will be viewing your layouts know what was going on the day the photos were taken.



ARRANGE YOUR PAGES FOR YOUR MEMORY ALBUM

Assemble your finished pages in chronological order to tell the story. Add memorabilia to the facing pages, such as letters, awards, programs, tickets, etc. You have your first Memory Album, and are on your way to creating many more for years to come!