

Start Scrapping! - 4 Quick Scrapbooking Tips

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A scrapbook is like a photo album on crack (or steroids, if you prefer to go with something less illegal. Or Red Bull, if less illicit). With a scrapbook, you're not limited to photos; anything you have that you want to save and/or display, as long as it will fit reasonably, can be included. All of your favorite knickknacks, trinkets, and other memorabilia can make great additions to a scrapbook.

1. You Need Help (Or Could Use Some)

It might take hours to go through the items you want to include, but this can be one of the most fun parts of the process. You can make it even more fun if you manage to convince your significant other, spouse, parents or kids to help you.

2. Theme It!

The next step in [scrapbooking your ideas](#) (or "scrapping," as some like to call it) is to design a theme or layout - there could be a recurring theme throughout the book with a different layout for each page, or you could theme every new page independently of the others - the beauty is that it's completely up to you. Your theme can be as simple or as involved as you want it, but remember not to be overzealous; less is more in many cases.

3. Use Your Tools

Grab anything and everything you can think of that might be of help. Odd shapes make good stencils or borders, and trying several types of adhesives and writing implements will allow you to get the best results with your materials. You can never have too much colored paper, either!

4. Get A Second Opinion

This isn't medical plan 101, I'm talking about actually asking for input from your friends on what they think. It's hard sometimes to have tough skin and deal with any critiques or criticism someone might have, but I'm sorry to say that it's part of being a designer! The visual appeal you are trying to create can always benefit from a second set of eyes, no matter what the application.

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