

# Scrapbooking Checklist

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- Workspace Preparation
  - Get a flat, hard, and preferably large surface: a desk or a table.
  - When you're picking a spot, consider temperature and humidity control and sun exposure.
  - Make sure the scrapbooking area is safe for your supplies.
  - Use a good lamp.
  - Organize paper, tools, photos, and embellishments before getting started.
- Scrapbooking Essentials
  - Start gathering photos as well as other material that you might find useful.
  - Get some sharp scissors that will be used only for scrapbooking.
  - Buy acid- and lignin-free card stock and specialty papers.
  - Look for an adhesive that is both safe and strong for your scrapbook pages.
  - Get embellishments like stickers, die-cuts, metal brads and stamps.
  - Purchase some pens.
  - Invest in some page protectors for your scrapbook pages.
  - Go through your photos and sort them based on event or holiday or chronologically.
  - If you have clothes that are too worn out or stained add pieces of them to your layouts.
  - Use old jewellery.
  - Reuse old decorations.
- Scrapbooking Techniques
  - Crop photos to get the maximum effect.
  - Layering page elements can create a cohesive design from separate pieces.
  - Keep one focal point and coordinate elements through similar colors or shapes.
  - Journaling adds a unique, personal touch to pages.
  - Stamp letters, words, patterns, or specific images.

- Use sewing to attach items or as a decorative embellishment.