

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.