



*Creative Digital Scrapbooking:
Designing Keepsakes on Your
Computer*
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Helpful Tips for the Digital Scrapbooker

A well-done scrapbook is like an artistic time machine, taking you back to the moment a picture was taken or a smile captured. In Katherine Murray's new book, *Creative Digital Scrapbooking*, you'll learn the basics of planning, designing, and creating your scrapbook electronically. We've excerpted a few of her tips in this handy resource guide and included a checklist on the back that you'll want to copy and use over and over again.

A Scrapbooker's Resource Guide

Here's a whole collection of sites you can visit when you're looking for ideas, inspiration, know-how, or just something different. There is a huge amount of information out there about scrapbooking—both the traditional and the digital kinds. Be discerning about any site you visit that wants to sell you something, and judge the quality of the offerings for yourself. But absorb the wide range of ideas and techniques you'll no doubt encounter—and have fun!

Web Sites for Traditional Scrapbooking

The following sites offer all kinds of different techniques, ideas, and tutorials for traditional scrapbooking. But there is carryover between both mediums find new ways to tell and show your story with suggestions for glue-dot-and-paper-piecing scrapbookers!

www.lifepreserves.com/albums.htm
doityourself.com/crafts/funphotos.htm
allaboutscrapbooking.com
familycrafts.about.com/cs/scrapbooks/
scrapbooking.about.com/c/ht/How_index.htm
rubyglen.com/scrapbooking.htm
articles.scrapbooking.com
www.scrapbookie.com/craft.htm

Books

As I was writing this book, digital scrapbooking books began popping up like sunflowers. Here are some of the other current books available on digital scrapbooking:

- *Scrapbooking the Digital Way*, by Michelle Shefeland (Jasc Publishing, 2004).
- *Digital Memories: Scrapbooking with Your Computer*, by Carla Rose (Que Publishing, 2004).
- *Digital Scrapbooking: Using Your Computer to Create Exciting Scrapbook Pages*, by Maria Given Nerius (Lark Books, 2004).

Online Communities and Web Sites for Digital Scrapbooking

Online communities are a valuable resource for ideas, contests, suggestions, and encouragement. In these message boards, you'll find highly experienced scrapbookers stopping to share their ideas and insights with people who are just beginning. If you haven't visited an online

community yet, check one out soon. In my opinion, CottageArts.net is the best place to start!

www.cottagearts.net
memorymakindivas.com
www.pagesoftheheart.net/index.php
scrapbook-bytes.com
digitalscrapbookplace.com/
www.pccrafter.com

Magazines

If you've ever stepped into a scrapbooking store, you know that scrapbooking magazines are everywhere. At this point, there is no magazine solely devoted to digital scrapbooking, although Simple Scrapbooks has published an edition focused entirely on the digital aspect. Here are some of the more popular scrapbooking magazines for you to scout out:

Creating Keepsakes (www.creatingkeepsakes.com/)
 Cropping Queens Online Magazine (www.croppingqueens.com/)
 Family Tree Magazine (www.familytreemagazine.com)
 Memory Makers (www.memorymakersmagazine.com/)
 Simple Scrapbooks (www.simplescrapbooksmag.com)

Tutorials

And last but not least, you can visit these sites to find tutorials on various techniques related to digital scrapbooking and image editing. You can learn how to create torn-paper backgrounds, create fibers, work with tools, add plug-ins, and much, much more.

www.cottagearts.net
www.scrapbookingwithflipalbum.com/indexpsp.htm
www.escrappers.com/photoshop.html
scrapbook-bytes.com
digitalscrapbookplace.com/
psplinks.com/content/Scrapbooking.html
www.learn2scrapbook.com/
geocities.com/pamamato2/http://bhg.com/home/Scrapbooking-Basics.html

Last-Minute Editing

Once you begin putting everything together on the page, you'll want to arrange and rearrange elements until you get them looking just right. You won't want to take the time to stop and edit what you should have fixed earlier. So take a quick final look at the following items to make sure you are ready to assemble your page:

- Have you found (or created) a background that will fit the style and tone of your page?
- Did you crop your photos to draw the reader's eye to the most important part?
- Did you use One Step Photo Fix (in Paint Shop Pro 8) to correct color and brightness problems in the image?
- Does the font you've chosen for journaling and the title fit the theme of your page?
- Have you considered the color of the font you'll use on your page? (Remember to use hot colors like reds and oranges sparingly.)
- Did you scan and edit items from around the house or find clip art that you can use as embellishments on your page?

Page Layout Checklist

Title: _____

Page size: _____

Number of pages: _____

Color scheme: _____

Special background considerations: _____

Number of photos: _____ Large: _____ Small: _____

Journaling elements:

- ☐ Captions
- ☐ Paragraphs
- ☐ Background
- ☐ No journaling

Type of font: _____

Embellishment items:

Embellishment	Scanned?
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____

Clip art: _____

Borders: _____

Stamps: _____

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