

Getting, Ready, Set, Go to Scrapbooking

Photos in drawers, boxes, under the beds and in the attic. Rolls of undeveloped film and a computer full of digital images. Is that your obstacle? Intimidated by those scrapbook page layouts plastered on the front pages of magazines and scrapbook pages by your “way too creative” friends. Is that your obstacle? Whatever your obstacle may be for not getting your pictures in albums so that you can enjoy them, the answer to your obstacle is... get over it.

Get over it and control of it by getting organized and then just do it. You will feel so much better. Don Aslett, America’s number one cleaning expert once said (He probably said it more than once), “organization is power.” Feel the sense of “power” by getting to those precious photos and memories documented in albums.

GET READY

- Gather all of your photos and memorabilia into one place. (The dining room table works.)
- Begin putting photos in chronological order. (By decade works if you’re that far behind.)
- Sort and store photos in a photo safe box, such as the Power Sort by Creative Memories.
- Protect your precious photos by using only a photo safe labeling pencil to write on the backs of photos. Write who, what, where and when information.
- Video or record interviews with family members telling their stories and to assist in identifying persons in photos.

GET SET

- Make a list of albums you want to create and then decide which one you will begin with first: (heritage, vacations, family, pets, treasures, church history or club album, baby book, etc.)
- Purchase necessary supplies. Again, you will want to use photo-safe products. An option is to create a story book album, a hardcover book.

GO!

- Set time aside each week to work on your albums whether it’s adhering photos to pages, or working with digital images on your computer. Be sure to journal about the people, places and personal stories.
- Don’t stress over creating a magazine layout, unless you hold a degree in graphic art.
- Follow your own inclinations to keep it simple or get elaborate.
- Remember that the most important thing is to capture and document your memories.