

# SCRAPBOOKING



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New York for the weekend was so much fun! We went up on the train and soon we got to see the entire family. It was the first time Nat's grandparents got to see us as a couple. We love NYC!

## Intro to scrap booking:

### Ideas for Getting Started On Your First Project

#### Scrap books —— What are they?



Most of us at some point of our lives have indulged in the pastime of making a scrapbook of anything that fancied us at that stage of our life. The passion with which the scrapbook was put together can not be put in words, at the same time the heartbreak that was experienced when the scrapbook came apart after a few years was catastrophic.

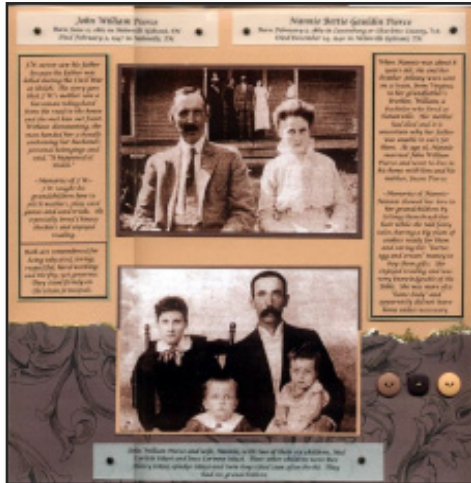
Lovers of scrapbooks will be overjoyed to hear that making a scrapbook is no longer a cumbersome task where you had to work with loose sheet of paper which had a mind of their own, the glue which spread more than it stuck.

All this has been replaced with Scrap booking albums, which could be either placed in three ring binders or bound. You need not use the messy glue, instead you can use specialized glue-dots or double-sided sticking tapes which make work a pleasure and enjoyable.

These are so effective that you can even stick feathers, metal gems and beautiful ribbons. Scrap booking is a great gift idea; it can be used as an educational tool and is an amazing way to immortalize your memories

The Christensen family officially launched it in the year 1980 in Utah. Today it is a booming business called Keeping Memories Alive and still growing at an amazing pace. Scrap booking has flourished into a Billion Dollar business with a number of new people entering the market with their own companies.

# History of Scrapbooking



We can trace the origin of Scrapbooking to ancient Greece where a form of notebook called the hypomnemata was used for recording what one heard, saw, or thought that was important to remember.

Apart from Greece there is no proof or evidence of this practice existing anywhere else in the world.

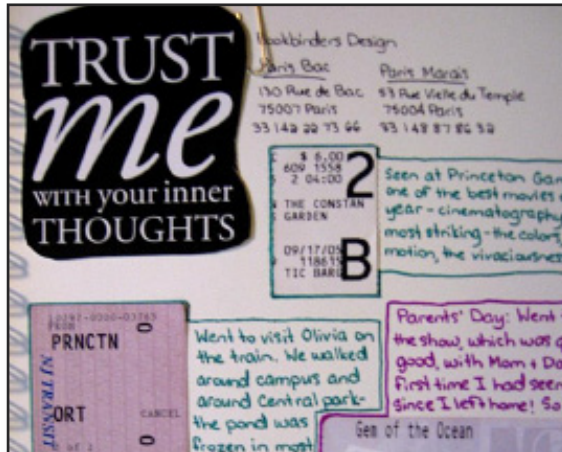
When the paper came into existence, more and more people started recording happenings. With the invention of printing, people have shifted from writing in their own hands or writing through their family and friends to the more commercially available printed material.

Some of the well known American Scrapbookers are Thomas Jefferson and Mark Twain.

When photography became common, people started using them in their scrapbooks.

Old Scrapbooks had these photographs mounted on photomounts with corners. These scrapbooks included newspaper clippings, letters, etc whereas with advancement of technology, modern scrapbooking has evolved into attractive display of text, journaling and memorabilia.

## How Do I Start Scrapbooking?



The most basic thing that you will need before you commence with assembling your scrapbook will be the album; there is any number of these available in the market today. You can select one that will be most appropriate for your theme.

Other than this you will need a good pair of scissors, glue, pictures, photographs, clippings from the newspaper, and any assorted decorative bits and pieces which will enhance the beauty of the scrapbook. There are many other things which are indispensable to a scrapbook maker.

An exact knife is a must have for anyone making a scrapbook, since everything can be cut into any shape. It is devised in such a way that when the tip gets blunt, it is broken off and a new sharp tip is exposed.

Care has to be taken while using this knife, you should always cut the desired picture after placing it on a mat or newspaper, or else you will end up cutting things which you had no intentions to cut!!!

There are a variety of glues such as glue dots, Xyron and two-sided tapes available in the market, do a proper survey and pick up what suits you most. Tweezers though unconventional are very practical to pick up tiny gummy bits and move them around without creating a mess.

It is worth taking the trouble to look for albums which have acid free, lignin free pages; they enhance the life of the scrapbook. They prevent the paper from turning yellow and disintegrating.

These pages are a sample of what is available in the full version of **Intro To Scrapbooking** (Scrapbooking Explained) an informative ebook available at [www.ebookaudiodepot.com](http://www.ebookaudiodepot.com).