

What size should my pages be?

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Whether you've just gotten started scrapbooking, you're thinking of getting started, or you just need a few tips or inspiration - then this monthly column is for you!



Deciding what size you would like your album pages to be is a totally individual choice. When I started scrapbooking I did 12" x 12" pages because I liked the fact that I could fit lots of pictures. For a while, I switched to 8 1/2" x 11" pages because they were faster to put together. Now I do both. You don't need to feel trapped if you start scrapbooking in one size. Each size has it's own purpose and you too may find yourself scrapbooking in different sizes!

12" x 12": This is the standard scrapbook page size and the preferred dimension for manufacturers. You'll find that most of the cardstock, patterned paper and specialty papers come in this

size. It has lots of room for pictures & embellishments. For some people thought, it can be a daunting amount of space to fill.

8 1/2" x 11": I like this size page because the album itself fits so nicely on a standard bookshelf. Also, if you like to use your computer to print titles or journalling you can print directly on the page (I love this, as I journal pretty exclusively using my computer).

6" x 6", 8" x 8" and 9" x 9": These are the smallest common page sizes you'll find. All three are perfect for gift or single-theme albums. If you are just getting into scrapbooking and want to start with a small project, then an album of this size is probably the way to go. The page shown above is an example of a 6" x 6" page. As you can see, at most you could fit one or 2 pictures, and minimal embellishments, so putting together albums of this size is a lot faster!

Next month, we'll take a look a look at.....(*insert your next month's topic here*).

Need a little help getting started? (call to action here)

