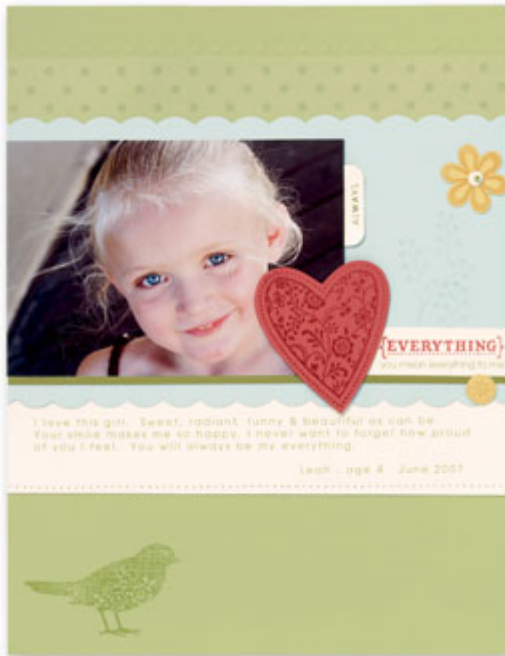


What's holding you back?

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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!



Take a minute and think about why you don't scrapbook more....or, if you don't scrapbook,ask yourself "why not?". In this month's column we're going to look at some of they "why's" of scrapbooking, and some of the things that may be keeping you from scrapbooking more, or from even starting.

I don't have time. I'm not creative. I don't like to "do crafts". Sound familiar? Scrapbooking is so much more than just patterned papers, ribbons, brads & other embellishments, and designing the "perfect" layout. It's more than simply photos. It's more even than simply a hobby, a "creative process" or a "creative outlet". At it's heart, scrapbooking is about telling a story...the story of your life. It's the opportunity to explore and celebrate life - yours and the life of those

you love, in a tangible way. It's a way to remember - the good times, the bad times, and everything in between. It's a connection between you and generations to come. It's a little piece of history, it's a little piece of *you*.

Sounds more compelling when you look at it that way doesn't it? So what is it that holds us back from starting? Or, if you have started, what keeps you from doing it more often?

Take a look at some of the most common reason's I hear below - which ones do you hear yourself saying?

1. You need a lot of supplies to get started.
2. I don't have the space to scrapbook.
3. I don't have enough time.
4. I'm not creative enough.
5. Every time I get started scrapbooking, I get interrupted by my kids, my husband, my dog, my...(fill inthe blank)...

Whether you picked one, or all of them, I just may have the solution for you....*(insert call to action here)*