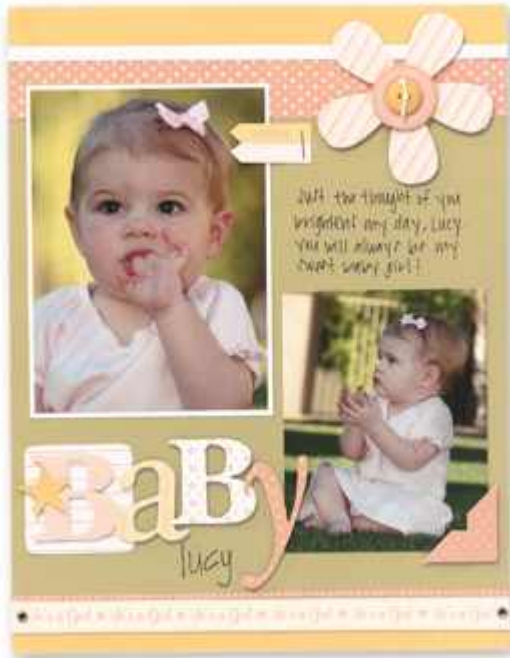


Why should I scrapbook?

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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!



There's no one reason to scrapbook. Some people do it because they enjoy the creative process. It's a way to get in touch with their "inner artist" Others, like me, start because they want a beautiful way to showcase photos of the people and places they love. I wanted a tangible way to capture memories and moments in time. I wanted to be able to pass on to my children an understanding of who they were, and the people and events that shaped who they were becoming.

There is so much about my childhood and early years that I don't remember. So often I look at pictures of myself as a child and I don't recognize people & places and I have no clue what was happening in the picture or why the picture was even taken. What was I like as a child? I know bits and pieces

that have been shared with me by my grandmother and my father, but the "chief story-teller" of our family is no longer here. You see, my mother passed away 10 years ago. Think about your own life. Who is the chief story teller in your family? Chances are it's you. Who will share your family's stories when you are gone?

Your scrapbook pages do not have to be a work of art. We get bogged down by the idea that we have to be creative, we have to have a lot of supplies, we have to have a lot of time. Not true! What's holding you back? Let go....and give it a try.

Need a little help getting started? (insert call to action for your scrapbooking classes & clubs)