



Remember when...?

## Description

Scrapbooking has long been about documenting memories, using whatever we have on hand: a photo, a lock of hair, a newspaper clipping, etc. Over time, with the availability of smartphones, and other portable devices, people have been taking more and more pictures to capture memories and stories. This is great when you want to document recent events, people you met in the last years, and activities you did recently.

Even if you have thousands of pictures stored on your phone, your tablet or your computer, your memories are not limited to those people and events captured in photos.

Stories fill your head about when you were younger (without those digital devices or any camera on hand), or when you were alone, or when you got startled or surprised in a situation or meeting someone. Do you remember when Aunt Mary dropped her groceries in the stairs? Do you remember when you lost your wallet at the store and a stranger mailed it back to you? Do you remember when your uncle played Santa and the bathroom door was purposefully locked to pretend he was there (in case your cousins would have noticed he was missing)?

## Are they stored somewhere?

Where are those memories stored? In your head, of course. How do you share them? Probably just orally, when you have family gatherings or when you meet a certain person. Do you have them in writing? Probably not. And I am the first one to admit that I have wanted to put such stories in writing, for years (many years!).

If you want to document memories, share stories and really put them on paper, join me in this journey. If you have photos to accompany those stories, that is fine, but I suspect that most of your memories have never been captured in photos.

## Scrapbooking without photos?

But wait, we are talking about scrapbooking right? Isn't scrapbooking a way to share photos and stories? I guess it can be that way, but we can use scrapbooking supplies to embellish our stories without photos, just like a nice storybook.

Every week in 2014, on Mondays, I will be offering a simple prompt to trigger some memories and stories. I will be sharing my own too. Join me and share a summary of your memories (no need for a full-length novel each week!). And if you want to create a layout with it, even better; just share it too!

And really, if you don't want to do a scrapbook layout, or if you are not into scrapbooking at all, just grab yourself a notebook and write. Write those stories for yourself, your family, your friends, your kids.

Do you want to join in? Start by telling us your reasons for participating. Do you have a particular goal? Do you want to challenge yourself? Do you want to fulfill a dream? Let's start the sharing.

The first story/prompt will be posted on **January 6th**. Are you ready to start?

Check out the [first prompt about Santa](#).

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