



When to transition to digital scrapbooking?

Description

Traditional scrapbooking has many adepts, and there is so much available as far as tools, products, and ideas to create wonderful scrapbook projects. In addition, a lot of traditional scrapbookers enjoy the manual tasks, the tangible goods, and the various textures that their pages have. Not everyone would enjoy digital scrapbooking and it is ok, however, for some, transitioning to digital might be an option to continue enjoying their favorite hobby.

You have a new baby

Scrapbooking is often an activity that will take a certain time. You often need to work on a project for a good half hour or more, mostly uninterrupted, in order to see some progress. If you don't have any children, it is fairly easy to fit in your schedule, but once you have a baby, your time becomes very limited. You might no longer have that half hour of uninterrupted pleasure. If you can get 10 minutes, it might be a bonus. But what can you do in 10 minutes? You might have barely enough time to sit, choose and grab your supplies, think of how you will combine them, and then, the little one requires your attention again! Unfortunately, this has been the reason some parents have stopped scrapbooking once they have their new baby, even though they have (and will continue to take) tons of pictures that will SOMEDAY, make it to an album.

With digital scrapbooking, it is easy enough to create layouts faster, using some time-saving tools and processes and continue enjoying the hobby despite the busy and irregular schedule that is inherent to having a baby in the house. You can work 10 minutes and stop and start again. Nothing will dry out.



You now have small kids (or

grandkids)

Before having kids, you could likely enjoy your hobby without worrying about small pieces falling on the floor, or adventurous kids climbing to your table and rearranging your supplies. But now, you have to think of that while you work on your projects and also in-between those periods. You might be lucky and have a room with a door that can close so they won't touch those supplies, but at the same time, you can't really scrap if your child is up since you can hardly keep an eye on him while you work in a separate room. So, maybe your projects will have to wait... and wait... and wait some more.

With digital scrapbooking, there is no small beads, or tools, or bottles to spill. Everything is on the computer and safe from swallowing. Even more fun, you can scrap while watching the kids play since you don't have to isolate yourself to be safe.

You are moving and downsizing

One typical traditional paper scrapbooking area is a separate room. There are so many supplies a scrapper will want to have, whether it is those fantastic papers that you better buy now, or those tools, inks, flowers, ribbons, cutting boards, and more. Plus, you need some workspace to create your masterpieces. But at one point, if you need to move and downsize your living quarters, where will you store all those?

With digital scrapbooking, all your supplies won't take much more than the space of an external hard drive. Very compact and always at your fingertip.

You want to travel

Whether you like to go places to scrap with friends, or you just like to travel, carrying your tools and supplies can become quite cumbersome, and you might have to pick and choose what to bring since it would be impossible to bring it all.



...only have to carry your laptop (and the charger) with you. ...es of supplies, even if you keep them organized.

You have some physical issues

Traditional paper scrapbooking relies on fine motor skills and small details that could become challenging if your dexterity is dwindling, if your sight is declining or if you have loss of strength in your hands. Whether it is due to aging, or other physical conditions, some people find it harder and harder to use their tools to create various projects. Some will even give up their once favorite hobby.

With digital scrapbooking, you don't need strength. One can increase the resolution of their screen to allow lower eyesight. Using a mouse or better, a graphic tablet, won't require much strength and often less precision since the digital tools can do a lot for you.

Your income is limited

Although there are ways to reduce the cost of scrapbooking, it is hard to do on a very low budget. The supplies are finite and once you use a paper or a ribbon, you can't reuse it. When that ink has dried up, you need to buy another one. Once you used those six buttons, you need to get more for the next project. And so on.

With digital scrapbooking, although you CAN spend a lot on programs and supplies, you can also use free supplies, less expensive programs, and learn to create your own supplies from scratch. [Here](#) is an article on ways to save money when digital scrapbooking.

Traditional paper scrapbooking is and will still be enjoyed by a lot of people and unfortunately, when situations change, some of them will just give up their hobby, but it does not have to be this way. Don't

give it up. If you think that your situation might change in the near future, give digital scrapbooking a try. The Campus has lots of tutorials to help you get started, a fun community to support you through your first steps and beyond.

If you want to give try digital scrapbooking, check out [this page](#) and download your first quick pages. You will see how easy it is when you have a step by step guide to help.

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