



Are drawing skills required?

Description

If you want to start scrapbooking (digitally or traditionally), you might wonder if you will need some drawing skills. If you are like me, you have a hard time drawing a perfect circle or a straight line. Doodling more than stick figures is a stretch. So, can you do scrapbooking without advanced drawing skills?

Supplies used in scrapbooking

A lot of times, you won't create a scrapbook page completely from scratch. In fact, you will often use premade elements, like ribbons, stickers, alphabets, fasteners, etc. Those are already drawn and colored for you so you have no need for drawing skills to use them. You will layer elements and arrange them in your page, but you don't have to draw anything. Many elements in digital scrapbooking will be extracted from photos to resemble real objects.



Using shapes

If you are scrapbooking using traditional supplies, you might have some stencils to help you draw basic shapes like circles, ovals, stars, etc. If you are using a graphic program, those shapes are also available for you and you simply have to make a selection or add a vector shape. Here again, you have no need to draw anything. Whether you use a stencil or a graphic program, those shapes will be easy to add, and they will be perfectly even too.

Text and title

Although you could draw titles yourself, manually, in most cases, you will want to use premade alphabets. Those alphas have the advantage of being perfectly even as far as size is concerned but if they have any colors or designs, they will also match. If you are doing scrapbook pages digitally, you

can also use alphas, or the regular fonts available in your program. You can then colorize all the letters together and add various effects like textures, bevels, and shadows.



If you want more information on fonts and alphas, you can check out [this article](#).

Doodling

Depending on your preferred style of scrapbooking, you might want to add some doodling. Although you can doodle yourself, you can also use ready-made doodles (yes, you can find some), or you can use dingbat fonts that offer just the type of doodles you want. Here is an example where a dingbat font was used for the doodles.



However, at times, you might want to hand-doodle too, whether it is for a particular design, or just for some accent lines. In that case, you probably need some very basic skills in doodling.



Cliparts are available

If you want more decorative elements on your page, you can always use clipart. They are available in scrapbook kits or on other sites like [Freepik](#). There, even with a free account, you can search and download a variety of clipart for whatever theme you are working on. Here is an example of fun holiday cliparts you can get [here](#).



Very often, those clipart elements are available in EPS format, which might not be opened directly in your graphic program, but they always have a very large JPG preview so you can easily extract the elements.

Do you need to draw?

Generally speaking, you don't need drawing skills to do scrapbooking. Of course, if you are skilled, you will be able to draw your own titles, paint your own cliparts, and doodle as much as you want, but that is just a bonus. You can complete pages after pages without having to draw anything on your own. Don't let your "lack of drawing skills" stop you from scrapbooking. It is not a requirement!

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