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Scrapbooking



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Try-It



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Scrapbooking Try-It Requirements

Scrapbooking is the art of keeping and displaying pictures and memorabilia in a safe book to protect them and keep them to help remember and share your past.

Give it a try and you will find that it is a fun activity! Complete four of the following requirements to earn this Try-It.

1. **Scrapbook Vocabulary.** Like many crafts, scrapbooking has its own set of terms and safety issues. Learn some scrapbooking terms and the safety issues involved in scrapping. Some examples of scrapbooking terms are: journaling, embellishments, layout, acid-free, lignin-free.
2. **Check out your options!** Do one of the following:
 - a. Visit a local scrapbook or craft store to see all the options for albums, paper, and embellishments. Lots of discount stores (like Target and WalMart) now have scrapbook supplies, too!
 - b. Check out textiles for your scrapbook! Textiles are basically fabrics (like cloth or ribbon) and yarns. North Carolina has a very rich history in textiles and is the leading producer of textile products in the US. The Textile College at North Carolina State University is also the largest such program in the country. What kinds of yarns and ribbons or fabric can you find to include in your scrapbook?
3. **Pick an album!** Scrapbook albums can be found in many different places – scrapbook stores, craft stores, paper stores, and even office supply and discount stores. Find out the difference between postbound, strapbound, spiralbound, and 3-ring binder albums and select one for your first album. Select a size (5” x 7” or 8 ½” x 11” or 12”x12”) for your scrapbook, then decorate the cover so it will be just right for you and your memories!
4. **Design your first page!** Create a “ME page”. You could start with a picture of you in your Girl Scout uniform, or a school picture. It’s important to journal (write) about yourself and the things you like and don’t like – when you get older, it’ll be cool to see how you’ve changed as you grow up. What are your favorites? What about the things you really don’t like? Maybe you could even draw a picture of one or more of those favorites.
5. **Continuing with your second page:**

Create a “My Family” page. One important thing that a scrapbook does is save your history for later generations to learn about you. Make a page or two about your family – it might include a family tree, pictures of your family members, family pets, and family events. Don’t forget to journal!

OR

Create a “My Troop” page. Make a page or two about your Girl Scout troop, including a group picture or two (several of your troop members).
6. **Create a Troop Scrapbook.** Help create a troop scrapbook. Create a layout for the troop scrapbook from one event. The event can be a ceremony or meeting or any fun event that your troop participated in (like Thinking Day or Girl Scout Jamboree or a Bridging Ceremony).

Don’t forget to journal with names of people in the pictures and describe the event with: Who What Where When Why



HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE LEADER:

1) **Terms and Safety**

- a) **Journaling:** writing about the people and/or events in the picture so that you never forget the feelings and events of the day or the personalities of the people. Remember, one day your grandchildren may have the album and will love learning about you and your friends and family.
 - b) **Embellishments:** the “extras” in your layout – frames, stickers, ribbons, buttons, etc.
 - c) **Layout:** the arrangement of pictures, embellishments, and journaling on the page (the overall presentation with all the details).
 - d) **Safety:** there are many different kinds of cutting tools used in scrapbooking – including straight and fancy scissors, guillotine-style paper cutters, and straight blade cutters. Many different adhesives are also used, several contain solvents that may require supervision.
 - e) **Acid-free:** important because acids can degrade the pictures, papers, and other embellishments over time.
 - f) **Lignin-free:** lignin is the compound that makes old newspapers turn yellow – it will do the same to photos and other paper products over time.
- 2) If you don't have a local scrapbook store, try a craft store like Michael's, AC Moore, or JoAnn Fabrics. If those aren't available, most WalMart, Target, and even most office supply stores (as well as Dollar Tree and Big Lots) have scrapbook supplies.

3) **Albums:**

Postbound albums (top loading page protectors are held in the album with two posts)

Strapbound albums (each page has two clips/staples that hold the page into the album with a strap through all pages and covers –usually plastic)

3-ring binders are usually least expensive – especially when archival quality page protectors can often be found at office supply stores in bulk.

SIZES:

5x7: each page will hold one 4x6 photo or two to three cropped photos with space to journal

8 ½ x 11: often least expensive, with many options for supplies

12x12: bigger pages allow more space for embellishments or more photos, but can be more expensive for paper, page protectors, and can be difficult to “fill the page” when there are few photos for an event.

- 4) One easy way to get started is to give the girls a piece of paper (cardstock), a few stickers of their “favorite things”, a picture of themselves, and a frame (cut from cardstock). Each girl can decorate that page however they like to express herself and her likes and dislikes.
- 5) For a “My Family” page – start with a family tree or ask the families to provide three or four pictures from a family get-together. Make sure that the family knows that the pictures will be cut and placed in an album (they will not be returned in the same condition that they arrived!)
- 6) For a troop scrapbook, there are several options:
Have each girl complete one page from one event/meeting/outing
Or each small group of girls complete a few pages from a “big event”

Online idea/information sites:

www.twopeasinabucket.com

www.scrapjazz.com

www.scrapshoy.com

www.creatingkeepsakes.com

www.diynet.com

www.creativememories.com



