Preserving Your Memories: Traditional and Digital Scrapbooking for Preservation
Overview

- Choosing materials and formats
- Common mistakes
- Alternatives to use to avoid these mistakes
Choosing Materials and Formats for Your Scrapbook
Choosing an Album

- Paper, cloth, leather, and plastic each have advantages and disadvantages.

- Plastic covered albums may eventually deteriorate and off gas chemicals that can damage nearby objects.

- Fake leather, a very popular scrapbook material, is actually an unstable plastic.
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The Tilghman Scrapbook
(Maryland Historical Society)
Choosing an Album

Specially designed album structures:

- Screw Post Bindings
- Ring Binder
- With Spacers
Choosing Paper

Paper- phrases to look for:

- Lignin free
- 100% rag or alpha-cellulose
- Buffered
- Passed P.A.T.
Choosing Sleeves

Page protectors/ photo sleeves:

- Polyethylene
- Polypropylene
Choosing Adhesives
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Adhesives:

- Cold water wheat starch
- Photo corners
Common Mistakes
Folded Items
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Alternatives:

- Unfold the item and hinge into place so that both sides can be seen
- Place the item into its own polyester sleeve so that both sides can be seen
Large Items
Large Items

Alternatives:

- Get a bigger album
- Place the item into its own enclosure (polyester sleeve or acid-free folder)
- Make as few folds as possible and accept the damage
Strategic Placement
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Scrapbooking Supplies

Papers, Albums, Adhesives:

http://www.hollingermetaledge.com/

http://talasonline.com/

http://www.archival.com/productcatalog/index.shtml

http://store.hiromipaper.com/

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