

The Bare Necessities

Basic scrapbooking supply list to get started:

1. **Photos** – For your first project, page or layout, choose pictures from one event (graduation, birthday party, weekend getaway); recent everyday photos; photos of one person or group over time, etc. Print 4 – 8 pictures in a standard 4x6 size.
2. **Album** – You may decide to use different sizes or styles for different projects, so for now try to just pick a size you think will be manageable for you for the majority of your everyday pictures. (Also, see the separate Album handout available on the blog post.)
3. **Paper** – I would suggest using a background paper the size of your album pages (12x12, 8x8, 6x8, etc). This way you can always slide your finished layouts in & out of the albums easily or attach them to the pre-made refills if that is what you decide to use.

You will need cardstock and/or patterned paper, depending on your preference. Some people like to start with a neutral background & some like a little more color or pattern. You want to coordinate the colors & patterns with the colors in the photos or the theme of your page. I would start with at least 2 – 3 pieces of cardstock & 2 – 3 pieces of patterned paper.

4. **Paper Trimmer and/or Scissors** – You can certainly cut your paper to size with just a pair of scissors, but I highly recommend a paper trimmer. There are some good cheaper options to start with if you wish & I use mine all the time. It comes in handy for other household and office papers as well.
5. **Adhesive** – For scrapbooking, I would suggest a tape runner. One of the small cartridges (there are both disposable & refillable) of double sided tape that you control the amount. It usually doesn't take much to hold everything down & then the page protector also helps keep it in place. Other options are liquid glue (specific to crafting); glue dots; tape squares, etc.
6. **Stickers or Embellishments** – If you have chosen your photos based on a theme, then look for stickers, die cuts, etc. that match that theme. If they are of everyday moments or a particular person, choose embellishments that match their personality (floral, geometric, soft, bold, etc) or the general feeling of the photos. This will get easier with time. Other options are washi tape, enamel dots, ribbon, the list goes on.