
Rush County 4-H Scrapbooking

INTRODUCTION

Purpose of Scrapbooking

The purpose of scrapbooking is to preserve your memories. It is to help you remember special people, places, or times in your life in a special way. You will probably not be able to scrapbook every picture or every event in your life, but it is a great way to remember those very special times, people, or places.

Skills Card

The skills card is to be attached to your project and marked with the skills/techniques used in your project. Remember to complete the required number of skills for your grade level.

County Fair Exhibit:

Make sure you attach the skills card to your project. Your project label can be obtained from the Extension Office and attached to the album with string. Exhibits will be divided into 4 groups based on your grade in school as of January 1.

Level A Grades 3-4

Level B Grades 5-6

Level C Grades 7-9

Level D Grades 10-12



Exhibit Requirements by Division
Level A (grades 3-4) Complete 4 pages. Include 2 different skills or techniques.
Level B (grades 5-6) Complete 6 pages. Include 4 different skills or techniques.
Level C (grades 7-9) Complete 8 pages. Include 6 different skills or techniques.
Level D (grades 10-12) Complete 10 pages. Include 8 different skills or techniques.

Basic Requirements for All Divisions

Each scrapbook album must have a front and back cover with pages firmly attached between the covers. The album cannot be larger than 12" x 12" (the most common).

Each scrapbook must have a label obtained from your club leader or the Extension Office attached with a string. You must also have a skills card attached with the required number of skills checked and the pages to be judged.

You *CAN* use more than the required number of skills. The number of skills required is the **MINIMUM** for each project.

Each scrapbook must have the required number of pages per your level completed for judging. Completed pages must contain photos or memorabilia and documentation. Incomplete or unfinished pages will not be judged or count toward the required number of pages.

Photos and memorabilia must be included in each scrapbook, but not necessarily on each page. Some pages may contain only photos, while others may contain only memorabilia. At least one piece of memorabilia should be included in your required pages.

Neatness Counts! Neatness is very important. Exhibit clean pages (no smudges, spills, limited crossing out).

Keep in mind the proper placement of photos, etc. in your album. Your scrapbook is telling a story. Use chronology (putting things in order) and/or themes to organize your scrapbook.

Photo quality will **NOT** be a factor in judging. Try to use good photographs; however, this is **NOT** the photography project. Be creative - all work should be your own.

Be sure materials you use are safe for your photos. Do not use ball-point pens, magnetic albums or construction paper.

BASIC SCRAPBOOKING SUPPLIES

The minimum to start:

- Scrapbook Album
- Adhesive
- Scissors
- Journaling Pen
- Card stock
- Patterned Paper
- Pictures
- Memorabilia

Adhesive examples:

- *tape runner
- *double stick tabs
- *photo tape or corners

Scissor examples:

- *decorative scissors
- *trimmer
- *corner rounder

PLAN OF ACTION

1. Begin your album by selecting the photos you want to use.
2. Plan the direction of the album.
3. Accumulate the memorabilia to be used in the album.
4. Plan journaling (labels, captions or storytelling) for pages.
5. Plan your layout of each page.
Do not attach until you are pleased with your layout.

6. Complete the required number of pages.
7. Review the criteria to make sure you have all the requirements for the 4-H album.
8. Mark the skills/techniques card with the appropriate skills you have used in your book.
9. Turn in album for judging.

LAYOUT TIPS

Start with the memorabilia, photo or photos that you want to use. Think about what colors would work best. Use that as a focus to help you determine what paper to use. Experiment with how you

would like to place the items. What type of journaling do you want to do? What embellishments should you add? Try several different things before attaching everything permanently.



JOURNALING TIPS

Journaling can be a mix of your personal handwriting and computer generated. You may not like your handwriting, but it is important that some is included. This is a part of your personal heritage. To help you get started in your journaling consider telling the who, what, where, why and when of each picture.

What do you want to remember about the event? Tell your feelings when the picture was taken. Use captions of what people were saying at the time. You can also use a famous quote or poem. Remember to site the author.



LABELING TIPS



Be sure to include the names of the people in the photos. You may remember their names now, but 5, 10, 15, years from now you may not. If you have several pictures of the same people on a page, you do not need to label who they are in each picture.

Also label your memorabilia. You may remember now what that 4-H ribbon was for, but later you may not remember.

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

As stated before, this is not a photography project. Your pictures may not be perfect. However, you should try to pick the best ones for your album since it is something that you will keep for a very long time.

You can also "crop" your pictures to improve them. You may need to have your

your picture enlarged to better fit your page. You may also want to "mat" or frame your pictures. By placing an additional layer of paper or cardstock behind your photo it will make it stand out and look more professional.



Which stands out?



EMBELLISHMENT TIPS

What embellishments would work with the pictures?

There are many to choose from: stickers, brads, stamps, ribbons, cut outs, to name just a few.

Think about placement, for

example, try trimming around your sticker before peeling off the paper and placing it where you think you might want it.

Embellishments should enhance the page, not take away from the main focus of the pictures and the stories.

JUDGING CRITERIA

A skills card must be attached to your scrapbook. It is suggested that you tie it to your scrapbook with a string or ribbon. It is **NOT RECOMMENDED** to tape it to your book.

It is also important to complete the required number of pages. Your book may have more pages than what is required. You will need to indicate which pages are to be judged.

List the pages to be judged on your skill's card if you have additional pages. If you do not, the judge will start at the beginning of the book.

SAMPLE SCORE CARD



Rush County 4-H Scrapbooking Project



Name of 4-H member: _____ Grade _____

Club _____ Level A B C D (circle one)

Creativity:

	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvement
1. Workmanship/Neatness			
2. Originality/Creativity			
3. Journaling - appropriate for level			
4. Interesting & variety of pages			
5. Sense of entire project: Preserves the members memories effectively, flow of project			

Requirements:

_____ The required number of pages was included for the appropriate level.
(A: 4 B: 6 C: 8 D: 10)

_____ Has attached Skill's Card with the required number of techniques/skills
Indicated. (A: 2 B:4 C:6 D:8)

Judge's Comments:

Placing: _____



Rush County 4-H Scrapbooking Project Skills Card



Name of 4-H member _____ Grade _____

Club _____

Level and # of skills required: A/2 B/4 C/6 D/8

Skills & Techniques		
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Matting	<input type="checkbox"/> Brads	<input type="checkbox"/> Photo Mosaic
<input type="checkbox"/> Tearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Eyelets	<input type="checkbox"/> Quelling
<input type="checkbox"/> Sewing Stitches	<input type="checkbox"/> Beads	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper Piercing
<input type="checkbox"/> Shaped Journaling	<input type="checkbox"/> Fibers/Ribbons	<input type="checkbox"/> Pockets
<input type="checkbox"/> Punches	<input type="checkbox"/> Metal Embellishments	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorative Scissors
<input type="checkbox"/> Tags	<input type="checkbox"/> Stamping	<input type="checkbox"/> Cropping Templates
<input type="checkbox"/> Stickers	<input type="checkbox"/> Die Cuts	<input type="checkbox"/> Borders
<input type="checkbox"/> Corner Punches	<input type="checkbox"/> Decorative Tape	<input type="checkbox"/> Pouches

List of pages to be judged (if needed): _____
