

Make a summer scrapbook

Gather your precious holiday memories in one place.

A scrapbook is a place to store your memories so you can enjoy looking back on them in years to come. The summer is a great time to try making one because you're off school for a lot of it and enjoying different activities. Whether you're on holiday abroad or playing in the park with friends, you're making memories.

You can put anything you like in your scrapbook, it just needs to be things that will help you remember what you got up to. Stick in photos and memorabilia, like tickets from events or journeys. You can make your scrapbook throughout the summer or collect all the memories first and put it together at the end of the summer holidays. Check out our tips on this page to make sure you're prepared.

What you need

- Plain paper exercise book
- Colourful card or paper
- Scrap paper/fabric
- Glue stick
- Sticky tape
- Scissors
- Fine black pen
- Coloured pens, pencils or paints



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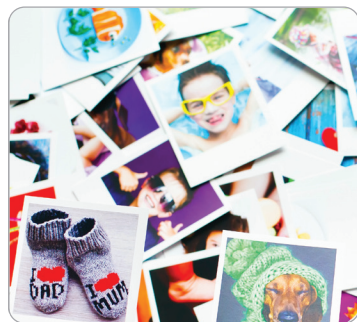


Make a plan

Gather materials that will make your scrapbook come to life. Instead of sticking memories onto a blank white space, give pages a fun background. Colourful card or paper – old wrapping paper, summery pictures cut out of magazines or even scraps of fabric – can be cut into fun shapes and stuck on as a background. You can draw your own designs. Don't forget to create a front cover with your chosen title.

Get collecting

Gather your scrapbook items over the holidays. These could be photographs or postcards of where you went. A bus ticket from a memorable journey or an entry ticket to a theme park can help jog memories; or perhaps leaflets from a museum trip, a menu from a cafe you loved or a map. You can cut out bits you like and discard the rest. You could even stick in pressed flowers or a wrapper from a sweet you enjoyed.



Cut and stick stuff in

Think about your layout before you start and get things in order. Put your scraps in piles for days or experiences, so you'll know how much space you will need for each. Cut things out and lay them on the page before sticking to make sure you're happy. If you have larger items that don't fit but you don't want to cut them up, you could put them in an envelope and stick that in. Leave space for the last step.

Add details and doodles

Once you've filled your pages with memories, you can add captions with a fine black pen. In a few years, this will help you remember where or when photos were taken or what a ticket was for. If you want, you can add diary-style entries. Jazz up your design by drawing doodles or pictures with pens or paints. Draw summery symbols, like a palm tree or an ice cream, or you could try drawing a scene from your holiday.



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