

Using the Modern Digital Scrapbook Page Planner

As a magazine designer, I would never create a page layout without a plan, and the same holds true in creating modern digital scrapbook pages. With a little planning, you'll create more pages in less time. Although it may appear to be an extra step, it eliminates sitting in front of a blank computer screen, not sure where to start on a page.

That often-indecisive time is better spent with a pen in hand, filling out a page planner. With your finished plan, you'll be able to quickly gather your photos and digital page elements and create your page much more quickly.

Your Page Planner includes:

Event, Date and Place. This "date stamp" appears on your template and summarizes the event at a glance.

Photo Files. Describe where the photo files are; hopefully in an event folder with the same name.

Clean Sheet Page Layout Template. Since you now know the number of photos you want to use, scan the Boutique to find the one that appeals to you and jot it down.

Background Digital Paper/Patterned Digital Paper. Every project will include a background layer, and a patterned digital paper layer for interest. You can choose to keep your background white, or make it a solid color. You may also choose a coordinating pattern for interest.

Page Accessories. Clean Sheets Page Templates include suggested placement for three Accessories, although you may or may not use them at all. Look through the accessories indexes and jot down your choices.

Descriptive Word, Captions and Journaling Text. I believe it is better to compose your text BEFORE you're facing a half-completed digital layout! It is easier to relax with a pen in hand and let your journaling flow on your planner. Or, you can write the journaling in Microsoft Word and easily cut and paste it into your page.

The Page Planner is a critical part of my method of catching up with past years' photos. I created an album with a year of photos in just a few days, after organizing my photos (see Quick Tip #3) and using 32 Page Planners!

Do yourself a favor and print a few Planners, and give it a try. Once you get in the habit, you'll depend on it as a major timesaver, especially if you like to do several pages at once.

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Event: _____

Date: _____ Place: _____

Number of Photos: _____ Photo File: _____

Palette: _____ Template: _____

Background Paper: White ____ Color: _____

Patterned Paper: _____ Accessories: _____

Descriptive Word: _____ Journaling: _____

Captions: _____

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