

design your story

Things are part of life. Let's include them in our stories!

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We tell a lot of heartfelt stories in our albums, but sometimes it feels kind of liberating to just document things. True, things is a huge category with many possibilities, but I would say it's the things in life that truly reflect who we are and how we experience the world. Here are a few ideas for documenting things.

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THINGS DENOTE ERAS

Things do a great job of marking moments in time. A car is definitely a thing that reflects the era in which it was made. In 20 years, this shiny new car of mine might seem like a relic from days past.

STORY TIP: Go deeper. It's not just a new car, it's the story behind why you had to get one! My husband and daughter hit a deer last summer and luckily, my old Subaru kept them safe. Most things have a story behind them. This new car represents an old car that did its job and kept my family safe.

DESIGN TIP: Repeat in threes. Note my three gatherings of purple things on this page: the title, the side tab, and the date banner. All three connect through colour, unifying the page design.

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layout 2

LISTS OF THINGS

I love gathering random lists to include on a layout.

It's one of the simplest ways to document a slice of real life in a flash. Further, if you frame your things in the context of gratitude, the list will be done before you know it!

DESIGN TIP: Go for the grid.

Nothing is more reliable than a 9-image grid! Each square is the same size, making for an easy arrangement. All you do is vary the content. Mix photos, patterned paper, and embellishments for perfect symmetry.

JOURNALING TIP: Get

random. Create an entry of random things in a single paragraph, separating each snippet with either a bullet or a pipe (the vertical line that separates my entries). This allows you to write unconnected list items and no fancy writing is required. How easy is that? For added contrast, change the colour of the bullet or pipe.

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One thing, two ways!

Speaking of things... I designed the *thankful* word and shadow die set with cardmaking in mind, but I think it works great on my scrapbook layout. I love bringing card supplies into my scrapbooking and vice versa. Take a look at what crafty things you have and how you can use them for all sorts of different creative projects!



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