



Creating A Heritage Album

Whether you want to capture your family's story across generations or honor the life of a loved one, creating a Heritage Album can feel like a big task. But don't worry — with this guide and a few Creative Memories tools, you'll be on your way to crafting a keepsake to treasure for years to come.

STEP 1: DETERMINE YOUR SCOPE

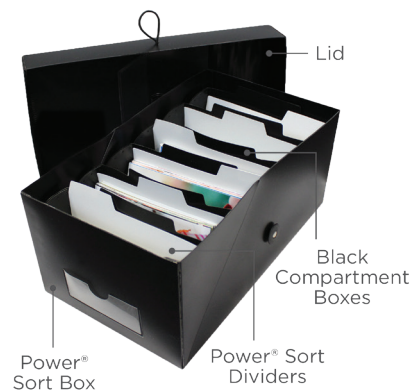
Start by deciding what your album will cover.

- What time period or how many generations will it include?
- Will you focus on a specific person, branch of the family tree or event?
- *Tip: Make a simple timeline to organize key people and milestones in the following steps.*

STEP 2: GATHER PHOTOS & MEMORABILIA

Collect what you want to include in the album.

- Ask family members for old photos, letters or documents.
- Interview relatives to record meaningful memories.
- Use a Power® Sort Box or Power Layout Kit to keep everything together as you collect and temporarily store your items in one place (see more in Step 3).
- *Tip: Vintage and instant photos may be fragile or oddly sized. Scan and reprint precious or damaged ones to preserve them safely.*



STEP 3: ORGANIZE WITH POWER LAYOUTS

If you haven't used Creative Memories Power Layouts to organize an album project before, now is the time to try it!

- Lay out your Power Layout Guides on a large surface — one for the title page, pairs for each layout spread and one for the end page. Your kit includes 15 guides; extras are sold separately.
- Place photos and memorabilia on the guides, using your timeline to choose the order. Aim to keep your album under 2" thick (2-3 refill packs) — split into two albums if needed.
- Choose your decorative products and add designer paper, cardstock and embellishments to each guide, along with your photos and memorabilia.
- Stack guides in reverse order — end page on bottom, title on top — and store in your Power Layouts Box. *Tip: Use 12x12 Power Simple Sleeves to keep loose or small items secure.*



STEP 4: ASSEMBLE YOUR ALBUM

When you're ready to scrapbook, remove each guide from the box and use its items to build your page.

- Create layouts directly on Refill Pages, designer paper or cardstock.
- Mat photos with cardstock or adhere directly to the base page using a Tape Runner. Use Photo Corners (allowing you to remove and see handwritten notes on the back) and/or Peekaboo Pockets™ to preserve and view both sides — great for notes or adding more photos.
- Adhere memorabilia to pages or use Brochure Pockets to easily store programs and keepsakes.
- Embellish with coordinating elements.
- Reuse your guides by rotating them to the bottom of your stack after use.



STEP 5: TELL THE STORY

Once your layout is assembled, add the stories. Journal with CM pens to ensure your handwritten memories last.

- Try the 5 Ws: Who, What, When, Where, Why (+ How).
- Add captions or point-form journaling with Write On! Stickers.
- Incorporate sensory descriptions of objects — how things looked, smelled, sounded, tasted or felt to the touch.
- Incorporate historical context.
- Relate any personal stories you collected during interviews in a personal tone of voice as if telling them to a person sitting next to you.



You've got this!

Your Heritage Album will become a cherished legacy for future generations.