

EMBELLISHMENTS IN SCRAPBOOKING

ARE THE EMBELLISHMENTS YOU'RE USING ON YOUR SCRAPBOOK PAGES SAFE?

What you may not know about the embellishments you are adding to your scrapbook pages! Did you know some embellishments contain materials that will discolor your paper? Or gases that will age your photos? Acid that will deteriorate your pages? Oils that will stain? Metals that can scratch & harm your photos? Dyes that will bleed & spread? We all want to add that favorite embellishment to our pages, but remember not ALL embellishments are equal.

FABRIC– Contains no acid. However check the dye in fabrics for colorfastness to ensure it does not bleed.

METALS– Copper, Zinc, Iron, Tin & Brass can tarnish & rust leaving stains on your pages. Aluminum & gold are inert & do not react with paper & photos.

PAINTS– Do not contain acid but can contain lead. Use only lead-free paints.

PLASTICS– Vinyl is an unsafe plastic. It leaves droplets of harmful plasticizers & emits chlorine gases.

WOOD- Wood naturally has acid & lignin in it. All wood should be coated. If acid & lignin free paper comes in contact with untreated wood, the acid & lignin will be reintroduced back into the paper.

Make sure you are only using archival safe products for your scrapbook pages.