

# The Scrapbook Sentinel

A Free Newsletter For The Friends of: Imagine That! Scrapbooks & Gifts

“Sweater, noun: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly.” ~Ambrose Bierce

## Top 10 Reasons I Love My Mom - Scrapbook Style!

Warm spring greetings to everyone!  
And a Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms and Grandmas – may you feel honored and deeply loved and appreciated on your special day!

I hope you will indulge me for just a few moments, as I share with you just how much I adore my Mom...

I don't know what I'd do without her. Who else could a 40+ year old woman call for sympathy after she accidentally snipped the tip of her finger with an exceptionally sharp pair of craft scissors? I mean, really. Anyone else might have laughed, or made me feel like the klutz I am. But not so with Mom. (Ok we all know she would laugh, after she knew I was ok) Even over the phone, I could take comfort in her genuine sympathy and words of disinfecting advice. (Through the snickers)

There are so many things my mom taught me. She taught me how to be good, honest, loyal, a hard worker, and to believe I could accomplish anything.

Of course as a grown woman, I now look back and wish when I was younger that I would have listened more. But of course when we are young we know it all- Or at least we think we do.

My mom is a courageous person. She was the glue that kept our family together when my dad was injured in a severe accident. And she has been so strong during the battle with Stacie's cancer.

Of course I am now a mother and I can appreciate her role even more. No matter how old your children are they will always be your “babies”. Of all the hats that I wear- the one I enjoy the most is being a Mom!

As a child, I knew she was getting older, when one year, her age officially jumped from 29 to 39.

She hates to go shopping, for anything but she loves shopping at my store and creating her master pieces. Even though she never scrap booked a day in her life until I opened my store. Now she has completed 7 memory books and will show anyone who asks (and some who don't) She loves spending time with her family and just hanging out.

My mom is supportive of anything her children do and always helps in anyway she can.

But even with this whole treasure-trove of knowledge about this woman I love, it's funny how even now, out of nowhere; I still have these flashes in time where I learn something new, and suddenly my whole perspective on her changes.

As life passes by each day of our lives with our busy schedules; work, school, children, spouses, homes, errands and day to day life-

Don't forget to tell your mom three simple words “I LOVE YOU”. I ask you to do this everyday- your Mother is your mom – 365 days out of the year not just on one day that has been devoted to her. She is the one who loves YOU everyday of her life no matter how far apart you are.

So mom this is for you.... I LOVE YOU!!!!!!!!!! And I hope you know how much you mean to me.



And so we come back to Mother's Day. Our chance to honor the women we love and cherish– the one who, for better or for worse, raised us up into the women we have become.

And how do we as self-respecting scrapbookers go about honoring our mothers? Of course-with our words. With our memories- With our layouts!!

One easy project I love is the mini-album. Sort-of like a glorified, multi-paged greeting card. We have them unfinished, where you can complete all the decorating yourself, or choose a kit. I strongly recommend a kit. With all the pieces included, the most time consuming part of the project is literally just choosing the photos.

And even with that, don't kill yourself picking them out. Forget about trying to find the most-perfect shots. Use pictures that tell what it is you want to say about your mom.

The ones where she is hanging out with her family, or playing with the grandkids, or cooking something fabulous. It can even be just a couple of pictures she is in!

Can't find what you are looking for? Not to worry. Simply journal the story with a nice pink pen, and embellish the page using her favorite colors and a few silk flowers.

If an album is more than you had in mind, make her a page. Instead of sending her the usual card this year, you can give her an

entire completed layout, all ready for her album or ready to be framed.

Here's a title: **"The Top Ten Things I Learned From My Mom."** Journal each "thing" on its own strip of solid cardstock, with a bold, highly contrasting colored pen. Start the list with how she taught you to ride your bike and lick the beaters when you baked, and take it from there.

Or, make your top ten list of what SHE loves most in life. Include her favorite people, her hobbies, her tattered recipes, etc...

Create a page with **"What I love About My Mom..."** Is it the way she makes people feel, or her easy laugh, or the fact that no matter what the weather, and no matter how far she had to drive, that she never, never missed one of your sporting events? Honor her for it. She's your mother, and you mean the world to her. Tell her specifically how and why she means the world to you, too.

Whether you choose to make an album, or a page, focus on simplicity. Choose papers in her favorite colors, and if you're doing several pages or a whole album, consider using several sheets of the same prints, laid out in different ways. Not only will you streamline the creation process, you'll also "theme" your layouts and give them a nice, connected feel.

When you are done, you not only will be blessing your mom, you'll be blessing yourself. This is a fun simple project you can pour your heart into and have it come back two fold to fill you up as well.



## Welcome New Scrappers!

*Here are the new scrappers that became members of our scrapbooking family this last month!*

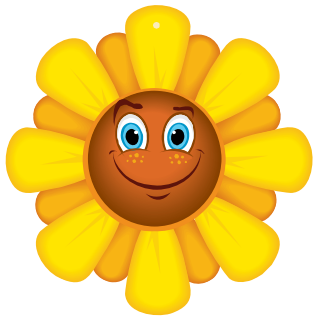
*We'd like to welcome you publicly, and wish you all the best!*

**Barbara G. Janet K Kara P. Anna D.**

## I Thanked Her For It Later:

### One Daughter's Gratitude For The Love Her Mother Made Her Feel

*"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the Charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." Marcel Proust*



*Selected Quotes From ...*

# Be Happy: Some Little Reminders To Help You Live A Happier Life

“Show up ... Follow your heart ... stay inspired ... stop being a victim ... do things you’re good at ... love your work ... get a new perspective ... have a sense of wonder ... don’t isolate ... find people you love ... set goals ... finish what you started ... help others ... dance ... pamper yourself ... face your fears ... go to a museum ... exercise ... limit television ... listen to music ... get in touch with nature ... lighten up ... have a moral compass ... get a good night’s sleep ... read books ... buy yourself flowers ... reach out ... set up a realistic schedule ... don’t compare yourself with others ... live in the moment ... don’t beat yourself up ... accept that life has its ups and downs ... every night reflect about the ‘good’ things about your day ... be open to new ideas ... believe in yourself ... be kind ... let people know how special they are ... be honest with yourself ... don’t focus on negative thoughts ... focus on creating what you desire ... make time just to have fun ... say thank you to the people who teach you, support you, encourage you – and get you a cup of coffee ... don’t forget money doesn’t buy happiness ... give away what you don’t need to someone who does ... value who you are right now ... to be part of a community ... find a common ground ... keep the romance in your life ... make a gratitude list ... love your Mother Earth ... do your best ... don’t lose hope – you never know what tomorrow will bring ... keep learning ... want what you have ... believe in something bigger than yourself ... stay close to friends and family ... be true to yourself.”

## **Featured Product Of The Month:**

### **Our Entire Inventory of Albums and Memory Books!**

May 11<sup>th</sup> is Mother’s Day, and to help you honor your mother, we are offering 20% off our entire supply of albums and memory books. Remember: it’s not about trying to create a work of art, it’s about celebrating your mom and the ones you love. (I mean, when you were little, Didn’t she find a spot on the refrigerator for every picture that came home from school? Trust Me, she’ll feel the same way about this album.)



**Imagine That! Scrapbooks & Gifts FEATURED MAY PRODUCT OF THE MONTH**

**20% off**

**Our ENTIRE selection of scrapbook albums and memory books!**

Offer good through 5-10-08. May not be used in combination with any other coupons or special offers.