

CREATING A DIGITAL SCRAPBOOK

First thing to know is that all books made are in multiples of four pages. This will affect the number of pages you make.

There are many places where you can make/print digital books. However, with many of these (for instance, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens) you do not have the ability to do very much journaling, which in my opinion is an important part of any kind of scrapbooking. It tells the story of your photos.

I searched extensively for an easy-to-use program that would allow pages made to be saved as a jpg (a type of image file that is universally known). There are other scrapbooking programs available, but most save projects in a less user-friendly format (you would be unable to share projects with others).

Scrapbook Flair software is free (if you choose to download) or \$5.00 for shipping. Do not let the price fool you. It is a very powerful little program that gives you lots of capability with a short learning curve.

Once installed, a link to **<http://www.Scrapbookflair.com>** (their website) is also established. Many graphics come already loaded onto the program disk, but by establishing an account on Scrapbook Flair website, you can download more backgrounds, fonts, and embellishments. Some that I saw that I liked were: Remember Patriot Day; Friends Collection; School Time; Old Glory, Loving Memory; We are Family; My Box of Treasures; Memories of You; Family Making Memories; 4th of July; Home of the Brave; Family History; Vintage, and Mega Christmas.

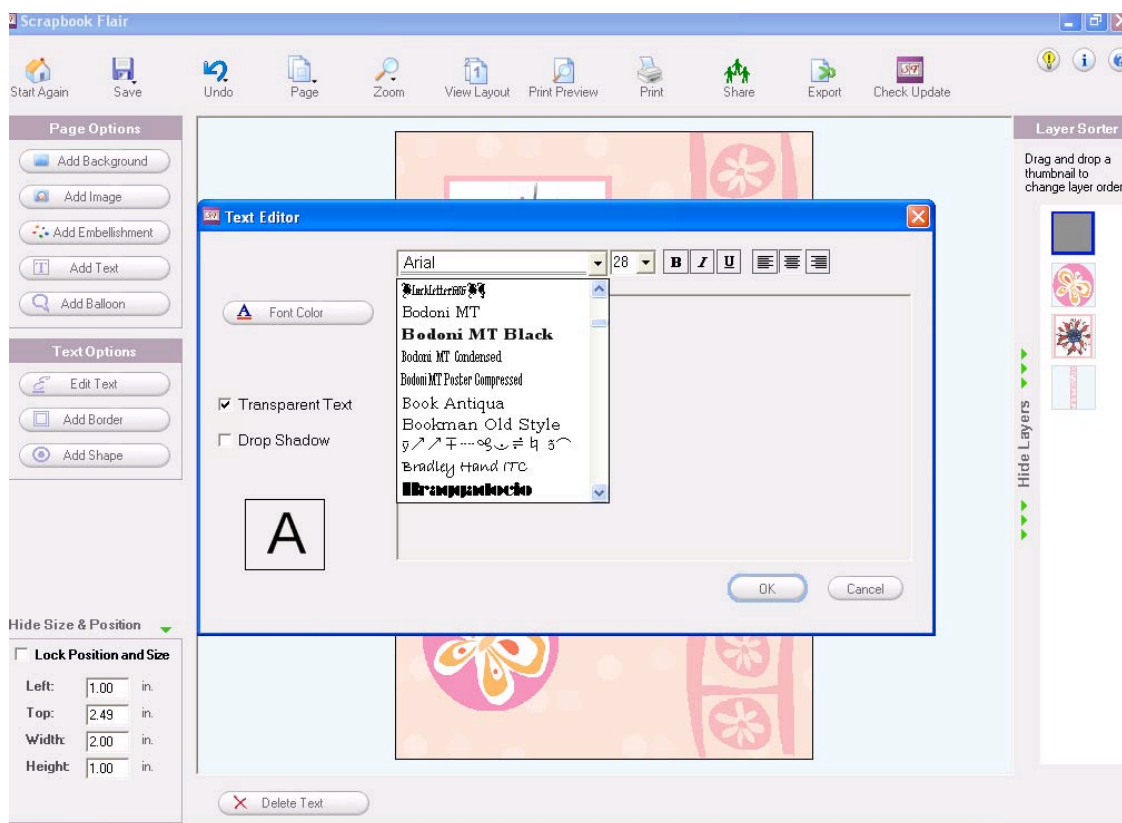
Before opening the Scrapbook Flair software, you should decide what size project you want to make. There are many standard size projects available: 12 x 12; letter size; 8 x 10, 8 x 8, 6 x 6, 5 x 7 and 4 x 6. (Examples I brought were 12 x 12, letter size, and 5 x 7.) Click Create Box – click Show Me Some Ideas.

If you choose a size that is not a square, you will have to decide on the orientation: portrait or landscape.

Select the size of the scrapbook you want to make. Then, in the middle of the screen, you can choose a theme for your project, such as Holidays, Sport and Hobby, Wedding, Birthday, Nature, or Travel (a few examples). The program will give you some templates to choose from. Do not worry that the template is not exactly what you are looking for. You can add more images or delete some if there are too many. You can add as much text as will fit on the page! And you can add or change the embellishments. Be careful not to put text or image too close to the top and sides so it does not get cut off when it is printed.

Once you have decided on the template, you will see the many menu items on the left side of the screen and at the top of the screen. You may decide that you are doing a patriotic page and want your photos to be shaped like a star. You can do that. Double click on the page and click to add image. Go to where your images are stored (flash drive or C: Drive). Select the image and click OK. Under Image Options menu, on left, select shape. The problem with different shapes is that sometimes the photo does not fit into the shape the way you would like. If this happens, use the arrows to move your image up or down, left or right.

As you are adding text or images, you will see white lines around the image, with little squares at the corners and in the middle. These allow you to make the image/text box smaller or larger. If you want to keep the perspective, pull from the outside square downwards to the middle. Pulling from the middle will squish the image. Once you get the size you want, you may want to put a 'tick' in the "Lock Position and Size" menu so you do not accidentally change the size and have to start over. There are many different fonts and font sizes to choose from as well.



You can add a frame to your image, edit the image. One of the things I like to do is make my black and white photos sepia tint. If you double click on your image, you will again see the menu at the top. It is the “effect” button that allows you to make changes such as sepia, emboss; if your photo is a little blurred, you can sharpen it.

When you are finally happy with your page, you can click save as and give it a name that will help you find it at a later time. If you want to be able to have it printed into a bound book, you will want to **Export as a jpg file. Always remember where you saved it! You will need this information later.**

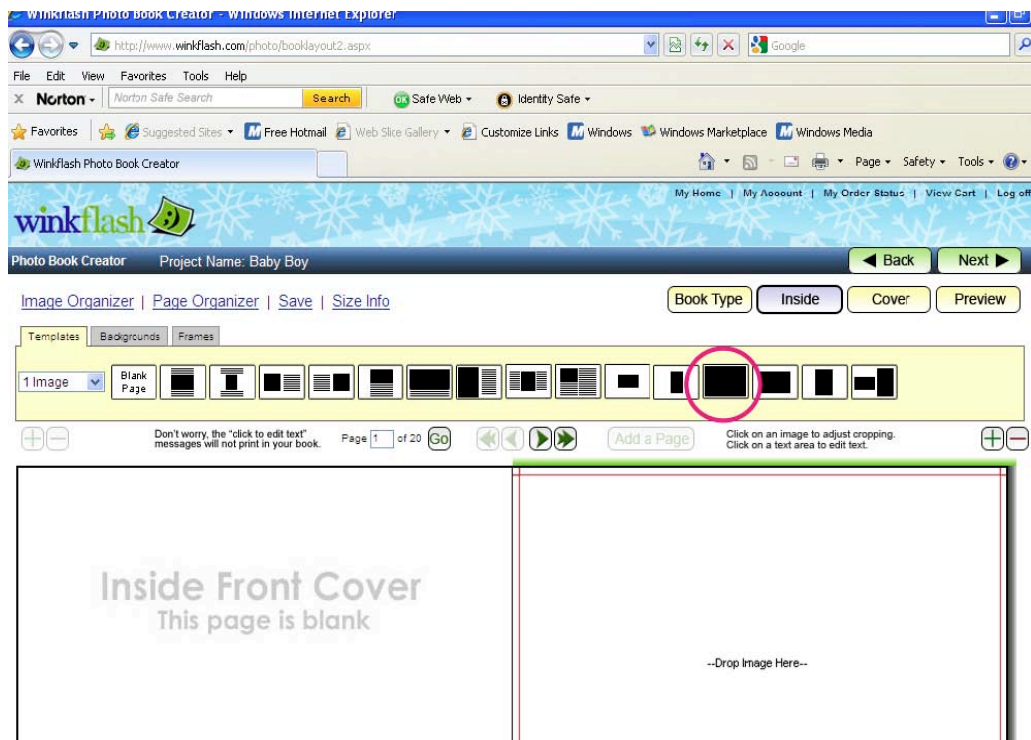
As I mentioned earlier, there are many companies that print books. Some of mine (the paper size) I frequently print on my home printer and put into a binder. My grandkids look at their books almost every time they come over, so they get a lot of use! A scrapbook done the traditional way would have fallen apart by now! But having it done digitally, I can always reprint at home, or upload to the website of a company that prints/binds books.

The company I use the most is **Winkflash (<http://www.winkflash.com>)**. They have a sale about four or five times a year. I usually have my books ready and uploaded and wait for the sale. You will see that they also have many other photo gifts. Once you have created a membership and logged in, you select what you want to do by clicking Photo Books in the upper left. Next you will select the size of your book and the orientation for sizes that are not square; select a cover color and a name for your book (in case you make more than one – which you probably will). The name of the book will be embossed on the cover.

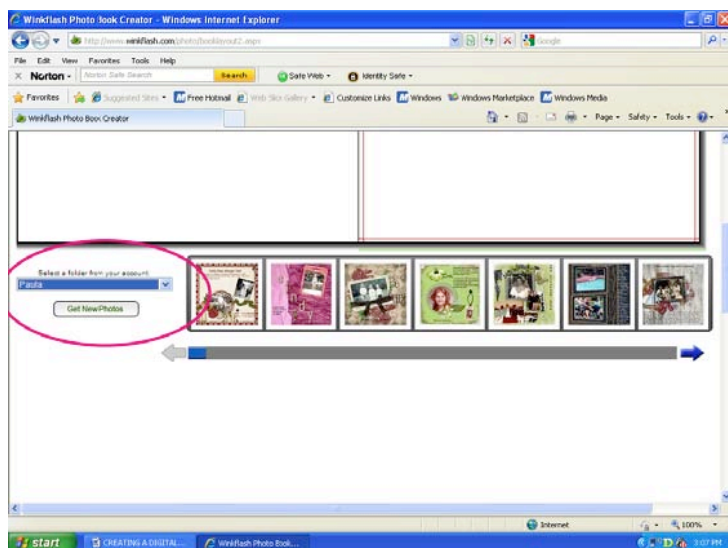
Winkflash does ask you if you want to do auto fill, but I want control over mine so I never accept that.

I normally use the Winkflash Transporter to upload my book so that I can upload them all at once. But if you have a list of all the names of your pages, you can upload them 10 at a time.

Since we are not doing auto-fill, and we have our scrapbook pages completed, we will select the all black page as circled in red below.



Now it is time to upload our pages. At the bottom of that same page you will see this:



You can see that I already have selected a folder and the drop-down menu lets me select which folder to use. If you have not already uploaded your pages, click on the **Get New Photos** tab.



Send Photos to Winkflash

The Basic Method

Welcome to the Basic Method of adding pictures to winkflash.

This method is primarily used if you are having difficulty using one of our other methods of adding photos. Our other methods of adding photos are much more efficient and allow you to send bigger batches of photos at a time.

Other Ways to Send Photos:

» The Transporter

Install this program on your computer. It is a convenient way to add lots of photos to Winkflash.

» Flash Sender

Compatible with most browsers.

» Drag 'n Drop (Windows)

Best when used in Internet Explorer on a Windows PC.

» Drag 'n Drop (Most Browsers)

Designed for most other browsers.

Having trouble?

Send us an email at Service@winkflash.com

Using Winkflash **Transporter** lets you drag and drop your pages to the Transporter and then upload to Winkflash.

Once they are uploaded, you can place them into your book. Be sure the page background is the black square. Then simply drag and drop each page in the order you want it from the Conveyor belt thingie below.

When you insert a new page, it will be added to the end of the book.

Keep adding pages until you get all of them in your book. You can make sure you have them in the right order later. Save your project often so you do not have to redo it. You will note that Winkflash will let you know if some part of your image is not good quality.

Once you are all finished, Click on **Preview**. You will be warned if you have blank pages. To change the order of your pages, you drag and drop (there are instructions on the screen). Once you are happy, you can order your book.

Once you have set up a Winkflash account, you will get emails telling you of their sales.

If you run into any problems, Or if you are looking for any special embellishments. I have thousands and thousands of clip art, etc. call me at 618 667 8660. I will walk you through the process or email some graphics.

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