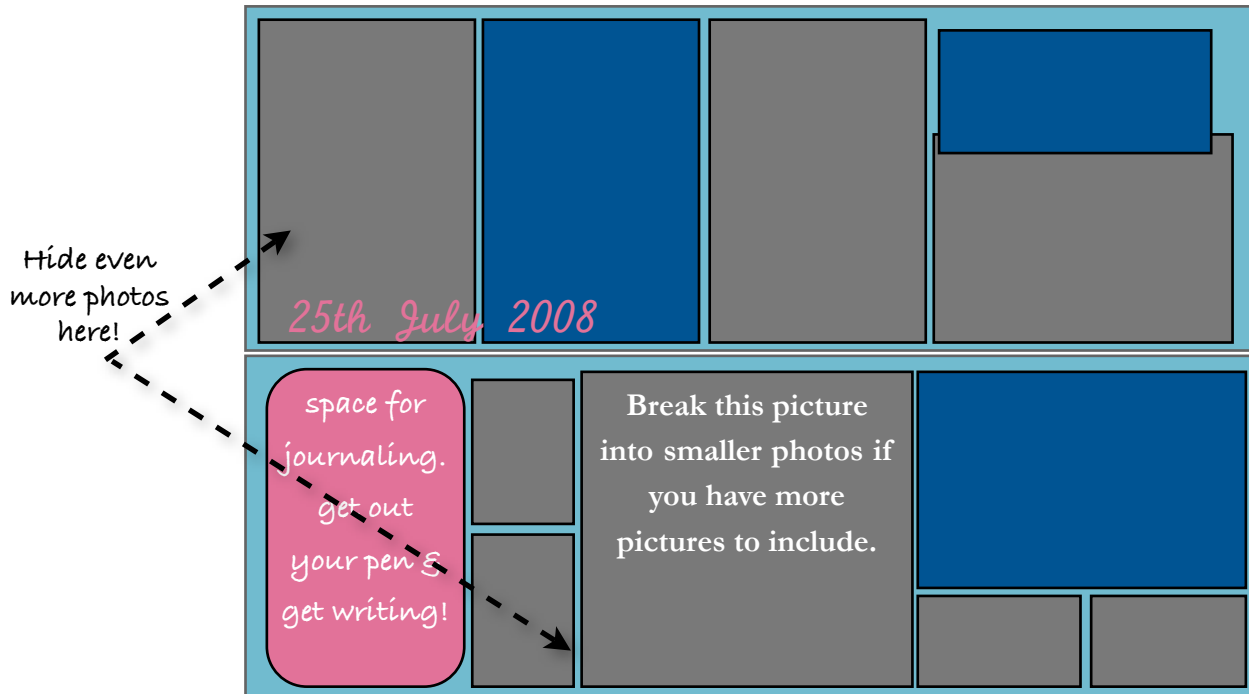


Scrap Your Day

Album Prompt #04 :: July 2008

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Each month on the 25th, along with snapping pictures all day, you can download an album prompt. You don't need this before you start snapping -- it's for the crafty part of the project. Each album prompt will include some ideas to help you put your pages together, but they also purposely leave a lot up to your imagination. That way, your personal style will shine through and the resulting book will be very much your own.



Depending on the size of your album pages and the size of your photo prints, you may or may not be able to use this sketch as shown. Even if the layout doesn't fit quite like this, you can still use some of this month's tricks to pack tons of photos into a two page layout. In the 15x7 format, you can easily include ten to twelve photos, but you can break any larger block into several smaller photos if you prefer. If you prepared your album with the notes from the getting ready prompt, you'll already have background papers attached. They aren't shown in the sketch -- you work right over the top of them. Leave gaps between photos to show the background here and there, and otherwise just know this is why we kept the backgrounds simple! I love pretty papers but I don't think we need to spend hours agonizing over our choices when we're going to put the photos over the top. The pictures and the story will end up more important anyway, so let's spend our time with that.

Tricks to try this month:

Highlighting the colours of your world: Once you've taken all your pictures for the day, see if you can select about three that really show the colours that surround you during this time of year. Then convert the rest of the photos to black and white -- so the blue boxes above represent the shots of colour in the middle of a collection of black and white images. You can convert your images to black and white using free editing software like [Picasa](#) or upload your images in colour and select black and white as the printing option at either your favourite online printer or your home printer. Or see the photo fact sheet this month for more links for nifty black and white options, depending on the amount of drama you want to add to your photos.

The overlap: The last two sketches have given you space between every element on the page, and this month that overlap is back! Try it both ways and see which look you prefer -- very simple but a big difference in the style you like best.

Include more stuff: Have you collected any paperwork today, like a receipt or a ticket stub? Set yourself a goal to include stuff from your day along with your photos.