



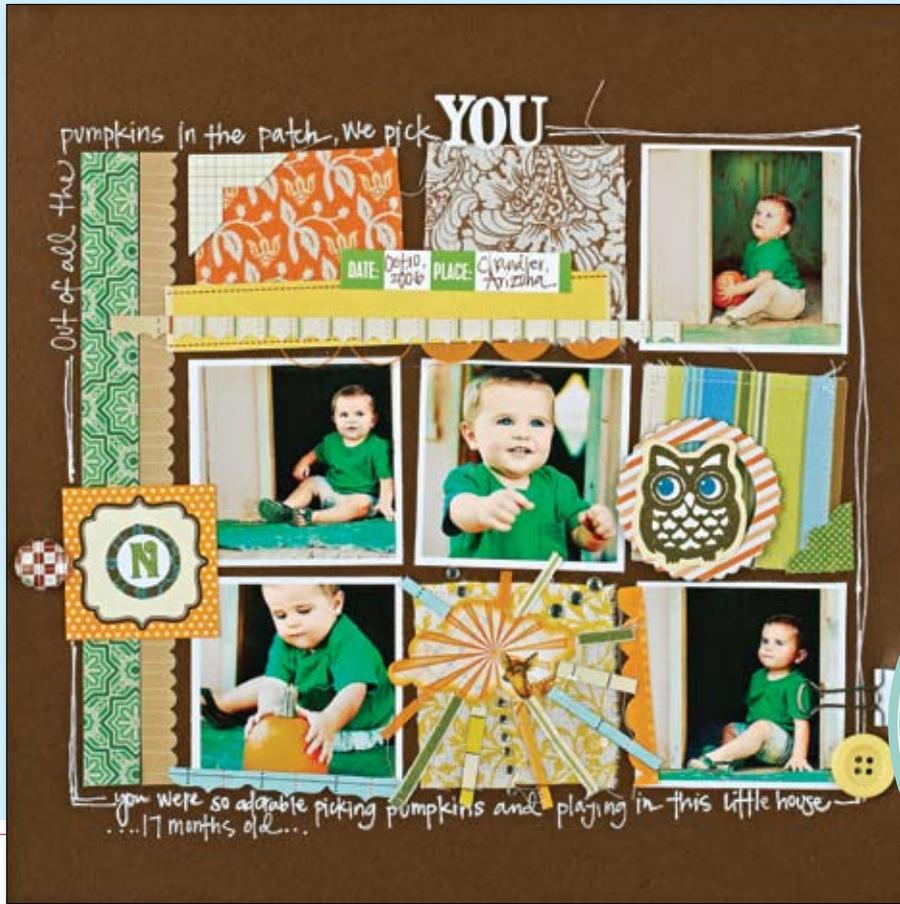
Editors' Picks: The Best Adhesives

NO MESS. NO FUSS. NO MORE STICKY SITUATIONS.

Choosing the wrong glue can sometimes lead to sticky situations. If you've ever had an adhesive accident, you know what I'm talking about. You place those theater tickets in just the right spot on your page—only to have the adhesive seep through and leave an eyesore of a stain. Or you spend *a lot* of time picking out the perfect clear accent for your page—only to have a goopy adhesive show through and ruin the effect you were going for. It can be very frustrating.

But with all the adhesives available, which should you use for your scrapbooks? To answer this question, the *Creating Keepsakes* team set up an adhesive lab, testing and trying out all kinds of adhesives to simplify the decision-making process for you. The results in the top 10 categories are here to save you time and help you create your pages with ease.

BY JENNAFER MARTIN



You by Maggie Holmes.
Supplies Cardstock: Prism Papers; *Patterned paper*: Crate Paper (orange), Sassafras (blue and yellow), Scenic Route (grid) and Studio Calico (stripe, yellow, tan and green); *Transparency*: Hambly Screen Prints; *Button and chipboard frame*: Making Memories; *Stickers*: American Crafts (letters), me & my BIG ideas (rhinestones) and Prima (pebble); *Fabric squares*: Amy Butler (stripe) and unknown (all others); *Die cuts*: Colorbök; *Labels*: Elle's Studio; *Scallop scissors*: Fiskars Americas; *Punches*: EK Success and Fiskars Americas; *Adhesive*: Helmar; *Pen*: Zig Writer, EK Success; *Other*: Metal clip and thread.

TIP:
ADHERING FABRIC
 Fabric can add a hip, homespun touch to your pages, but which adhesive should you use? Maggie Holmes used multipurpose adhesive to secure fabric squares to her layout.

1. Repositionable

When you want the freedom to be able to move items around without messy tearing, allowing you to achieve just the right page design, repositionable adhesives are the way to go. A few we found easy to use are

- Dot 'n' Roller, Kokuyo;
- E-Z Dots, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L;
- WackyTac Adhesive Mini Dots, K&Company.

2. Permanent

Lasting memories deserve lasting adhesives. So for your pages, we recommend

- Aleene's Acid-Free Tacky Glue, Duncan Enterprises;
- Terrifically Tacky Tape, Provo Craft;
- UGlu, MACtac.

They come in various forms (glue stick, liquid, rolls, tabs, etc.) to fit paper, accents, trims and more, and their strength will hold your pages together for years to come.

YOU VOTED: ONLINE QUICK-POLL RESULTS

We asked our Twitter followers and Facebook fans which adhesive they'd use if they could use only ONE for all their scrapbook projects. Here are their top five choices:

1. Scotch ATG, 3M
2. Glue Dots, Glue Dots International
3. Mono Adhesive, Tombow
4. Hermafix, EK Success
5. A tie between Kokuyo's Dot 'n' Roller and E-Z Runner from Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L





TIP: ADHERING VELLUM AND TRANSPARENCIES
 Clear items such as vellum and transparencies can be tricky to adhere without the adhesive glaring through. To affix a patterned transparency on her page, Suzy Plantamura used a Krylon spray adhesive.

Glamour Girl by Suzy Plantamura. **Supplies**
 Cardstock: Bazzill Basics Paper; *Transparencies*: Hamby Screen Prints; *Stickers*: Doodlebug Design (small letters and pink swirl) and Making Memories (large letters); *Flowers*: K&Company; *Ribbon*: Maya Road; *Rhinestones*: Prima; *Clips*: Provo Craft; *Adhesive*: Krylon; *Marker*: Sakura.

3. Multipurpose

It's been said that one adhesive can't do it all, but we found some options that definitely handle multiple scrapbooking needs. When you want to reach for one glue that will hold everything down without warping your paper edges or leaving your trims unsecured, try

- 450 Quick Dry Adhesive, Helmar;
- All-Purpose Twist & Glue, Uhu;
- Diamond Glaze, JudiKins.

4. Spray

When you want to have great but invisible hold over large or clear items, try spray adhesives such as

- Craft Bond Extra-Strength Spray Adhesive, Elmer's;
- Paper Finishes, Krylon;
- V2 Vellum Adhesive Spray, Helmar.

They're easy to use and will give you clearly spectacular results.

ADHESIVES WEEK AT THE CK BLOG



Join us October 19-23 for Adhesives Week on our blog at CreatingKeepsakes-Blog.com. We'll be asking you to put adhesives to the test and giving away even more of them!

5. Stick

Lighter than liquid and easy to apply, glue sticks work well on many different scrapbook surfaces: photos, paper and ribbon, to name a few. Some even apply in a color (for easy identification against white surfaces) and then dry clear. Among the adhesives we found effective were

- Duck Glue Stick, Henkel Consumer Adhesives;
- Extra Strength Glue Stick, Elmer's;
- Wrinkle-Free Glue Stick, Scotch, 3M.

6. Dimensional

Among the dimensional adhesives we found that worked well to give particular parts of your page just the right lift to add appealing visual interest, we recommend

- 3D Foam Squares, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L;
- Mounting Squares and Mounting Tape, Scotch, 3M;
- Stampin' Dimensionals, Stampin' Up!.

"The Stampin' Up! Stampin' Dimensionals are strong and adhere to a variety of surfaces. In fact, I used these to adhere cork together when I made brad boards." —Megan Hoepfner, Creative Editor

7. Sheet

To create an instant sticky backing for photos or accents, whether creating them by hand or with specific machines, adhesive sheets are your best bet. Among the adhesives we found most effective are

- Creative Station adhesive sheets, Xyron;
- Double-Sided Adhesive Sheets, QuicKutz;
- Double Tack Mounting Film, Grafix.

8. Liquid

The three big tests of a good liquid adhesive are that it has a steady consistency, is quick-drying and—of course—a strong adhering grip. Three that got high marks in these areas during our lab were

- Liquid Glass, Close To My Heart;
- Mono Adhesive, Tombow;
- Quickie Glue pen, Sakura.



9. Runner/Tape

Tapes and runners give you easy application and great control over strong adhesive strips. They work on paper, photos and even ribbon. Some of our faves include

- Double-Stick Tape or Easy Stick Adhesive Rollers, Duck Products, Henkel Consumer Adhesives;
- Glue Glider Pro, GlueArts;
- Scrapbooking Tape, Scotch, 3M.

10. Tab/Dot

When you need just a dab of glue, dots and tabs hit the spot. A few that work wonders to attach buttons, chipboard, acrylic accents and more are

- Frosted Split tabs, Creative Memories;
- Glue Dots, Glue Dots International;
- Zots, Therm O Web.



STICK-TO-IT ADHESIVES GIVEAWAY



You could be one of 10 winners to win over \$125 worth of adhesives in this cool giveaway! With prizes from GlueArts, Glue Dots International, Grafix, Kokuyo, QuicKutz, Sakura, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L and UGlue, you could win enough adhesives to create hundreds of pages! Enter today at CreatingKeepsakes.com/contests/index.html. **ck**