

# Digital Scrapbooking Software

Stumped by the software options available for digital scrapbooking? This chart will help you sort out the most popular options, and introduce you to some scrapbooker-friendly products you may not have seen before.

SOFTWARE PACKAGE	IN A NUTSHELL	CONSIDER IF	LOOK ELSEWHERE IF
 <p><b>ADOBE PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS 10</b> (\$99), <i>adobe.com</i></p>	Combines photo-editing power with ease of use and a robust support community.	You want the flexibility of photo-editing software combined with plenty of step-by-step help.	You have an older or slower computer; software makes heavy processor demands.
 <p><b>STAMPIN' UP! MDS2</b> (\$80), <i>stampinup.com</i></p>	Easy-to-create projects feature Stampin' Up! exclusive colors and products. Print finished projects yourself or order online.	You want to create scrapbook pages, cards, and printable gifts.	You want the full creative control a dedicated photo-editing program provides.
 <p><b>CREATIVE MEMORIES STORYBOOK CREATOR OR SBCSTUDIO</b> (\$65), <i>creativememories.com</i></p>	Includes predesigned pages and art plus handy photo organizing options.	You'd like to complete attractive, printable projects with a minimum of fuss.	You want the full creative control a dedicated photo-editing program provides.
 <p><b>COREL PAINTSHOP PRO X4</b> (\$60), <i>corel.com</i></p>	Includes tons of artist-friendly effects plus powerful scripting features that make organizing and editing photos a snap.	You want a customized workspace and a quick-running program that won't clog your computer.	You'd like access to plenty of templates and other ready-to-finish projects.
 <p><b>MY MEMORIES SUITE</b> (\$40), <i>mymemories.com</i></p>	Includes lots of free supplies to get you started, plus more available for download.	You'd like to start creating scrapbook pages with drag-and-drop convenience.	You'd like to be able to edit your photos as well as turn them into finished products.
 <p><b>MEMORY MIXER</b> (\$25), <i>memorymixer.com</i></p>	Goes beyond basic scrapbook creation with robust tools for creating slideshows, videos, and more.	You'd like to share your family's memories in a user-friendly multimedia format.	You want access to other designers' digital supplies; software is compatible with Memory Mixer products only.
 <p><b>GIMP (GNU IMAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM)</b> (free), <i>gimp.org</i></p>	Offers pro-level editing features at an unbeatable price.	You're familiar with image-editing software and don't need much hand-holding.	You're new to digital scrapbooking and need helpful resources to get you started.
 <p><b>ADOBE PHOTOSHOP CS5</b> (\$600), <i>adobe.com</i></p>	Industry-standard professional-level software can handle any image-editing task thrown its way.	You want to create your own digital supplies or actions.	You're new to digital scrapbooking and don't want to struggle with a steep learning curve.

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