

## Scrapbooking Disney: Finding Supplies at Walt Disney World

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What are the most treasured souvenirs you bring back from a trip to Walt Disney World? The most popular answer is no doubt the photographs taken during your vacation. Our family cherishes the photographic memories from our Walt Disney World trips over the years. And what better way to preserve those precious memories than to make a Disney scrapbook? Scrapbooking is currently one of the hottest hobbies in the country. Creating a Disney scrapbook is a great way to "keep the magic alive" even after your trip has ended. But you don't have to wait until you get home to stock up on scrapbooking supplies for your Disney scrapbook.

In the last several years Disney has begun offering a variety of Walt Disney World themed scrapbooking supplies. Check any resort gift shop or theme park store and you will find stickers, albums, embellishments, and page kits specifically themed for a Disney vacation scrapbook. But if you're a one-stop shopper, then "Disney's Wonderful World of Memories" is a must-visit. Located at Downtown Disney Marketplace, Wonderful World of Memories is the place where you can find the complete line of Walt Disney World scrapbook supplies.

Here's a sampling of what you might find:

**Albums:** Walt Disney World sells scrapbook starter kits, which include a 12" x 12" post-bound memory book, 15 page protectors, five scrapbook pages, 10 assorted color sheets, and one paper folder. These are available in several designs with Sorcerer Mickey, Disney Princesses, or the whole Disney gang on the cover. If you desire instant gratification, there is also a 10-page finished scrapbook which has 20 scrapbook sheets already embellished with gems, paper clips, ribbons and the like. All you need to do is insert your photographs and voila! Your scrapbook is complete! Most albums are currently priced in the \$30 range. If you're looking for a smaller scrapbook, there is also a 5" x 7" album kit that includes a 12 page album, 12 sheets of Disney themed paper, alphabet stickers, Disney stickers, paper tags, and ribbon, all coordinating. These smaller album kits, priced at \$15.00, would also be a great souvenir for a creative youngster!

**Page kits:** Disney has a large variety of 12" x 12" page kits to suit just about any vacationer. There are kits designed for each theme park, 2007 themes, Mickey and friends, and Disney Princesses. You can also

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purchase specific kits for the various thrill attractions at Walt Disney World and Florida vacations in general, including papers and embellishments for the Disney Cruise Line. Wonderful World of Memories has the best selection of page kits. You can expect to find eight to 12 different varieties of page kits there. Each page kit will make six to eight scrapbook pages and include approximately six patterned 12" x 12" sheets of paper, four solid coordinating sheets of paper, four-five pages of coordinating stickers, and four paper frames.

**Paper:** Disney doesn't sell individual sheets of scrapbook paper. If you want Walt Disney World themed paper without the extras included in kits, you can purchase a 40 page 12" x 12" paper kit for approximately \$15 which includes 40 different Disney patterned sheets.

**Tools:** Walt Disney World has some unique scrapbooking tools that you won't find anywhere else, such as Castle, Mickey, and Pooh punches and Mickey Ear paper edgers. The Mickey punches consist of Mickey's whole body, not the Mickey icon "head."

**Embellishments:** Scrapbookers will delight in the large variety of Disney-themed embellishments including Mickey head eyelets (\$3.00 for 25), Mickey head paper clips (\$5.00 for 25), and patterned tape. 3-D layered embellishments of Mickey, Donald, Goofy, and Pluto, or Tinker Bell (\$6.00 each) will add punch to your pages.

**Stickers:** You will find scrapbook stickers for just about anything Disney! Pooh, Princesses, theme parks, Mickey and friends are just a few of the options. Stickers are sold in sheets (\$4.00 for two sheets), four-roll packages, or boxes. A 200-sticker box sells for \$6.50. Stickers are not only a must for any scrapbook but also make a great gift for any child on your shopping list. You can also purchase sticker books to accompany those stickers--a great way to keep the kids busy on that long car ride home! Several of the stores I visited also carried stickers designed for the countries in World Showcase.

While Disney's Wonderful World of Memories has the best selection, World of Disney at Downtown Disney Marketplace offers most of the Disney scrapbook merchandise available at Wonderful World of Memories. Currently Disney Visa cardholders receive 10% off purchases at World of Disney. This could add up to substantial savings if you plan on buying larger-priced items such as scrapbooks and page kits.

If you don't make it out to Downtown Disney Marketplace, don't worry. Every resort gift shop I checked carried some scrapbook supplies. The Emporium on Main Street in Magic Kingdom had a large stock of

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scrapbooks, kits, and embellishments. If you happen to visit one of the Disney outlet stores in Orlando you might run across some clearance scrapbook items, but no guarantees since their inventory changes daily.

What you won't find at Walt Disney World are the basics: No card stock, adhesives, trimmers, etc. I also did not find refill page protectors for Disney albums.

Once you've got all the Disney-themed scrapbooking essentials, you can relive all the magical moments from your vacation while you preserve your photographs and keepsakes. All Disney scrapbook supplies are acid- and lignin-free and are safe for your pictures.

So if you're an avid scrapbooker with a need to feed your addiction or just a novice, take some time out during your Disney vacation to stock up on scrapbook materials. When you return home (and finish the mountain of laundry!), gather your vacation photos and start cropping!

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