

## Digital Scrapbook Options Linda's 4 top recommendations:

**Scrapbook Factory** by Nova, The program is a great program you install on your computer and use templates or design your own pages with the papers, and embellishments in the program. With Scrapbook Factory you have many different types of projects to choose from: scrapbooks, journals, brag books, cards and much more. You can create web based albums or CD photo books. You have the option to start with a template and just drop your photos in, or use the template as a start and delete and add as you choose, or start from scratch, resize photos, border them and much more. The program can be purchased from several stores between \$49.00 and \$59.00 This is a "what you see is what you get" program that only updates when you purchase a new release.

**Heritage Makers** is an online program. If you know a Consultant get her number and enter it after [Heritagemaker.com/](http://www.heritagemaker.com/) A live consultant is your friend to ask questions and get help and suggestions. <http://www.heritagemakers.com/329126> ([www.scrapyourhistory.com](http://www.scrapyourhistory.com)) You create all of your Heritage Makers projects in your own online, password-protected, personal publishing and creative center, Heritage Studio. Studio is easy to use and provides tremendous flexibility. There's no special software to purchase ... you can access Studio from any computer, anywhere with internet access.

You can start with a blank page or choose one of our many free pre-designed community and professional templates to use in your projects. You'll enjoy the benefits of having complete control over how your project turns out. You have design control from templates to starting from scratch. Heritage Makers designers are Scrap Girls at [www.scrapgirls.com](http://www.scrapgirls.com) Templates and embellishments are updated often. No additional charge with Heritage Makers.

Your free Basic account gives you the ability to upload photos and create meaningful projects. Or you can choose to upgrade to a Premier membership and enjoy even more with thousands of pieces of digital art, unlimited photo storage, hundreds of free templates, free online classes, and so much more! With Basic you get 2 gig of online memory and with premier, you have unlimited online storage of your photos.

**Creative Memories:** go to <http://www.creativememories.com/> and click on Go Digital and then click on the Digital Scrapbooking link at the BOTTOM of the page. You may know a Creative Memories consultant who can give you more information. A live consultant is your friend to ask questions and get help and suggestions. Totally creatable Program. Use the link above to access the basic or full software and download to your computer. Basic is free and the full program is \$59. This is a "what you see is what you get" program that updates when you buy a new version of the program.

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**Picasa** [www.picasa.com](http://www.picasa.com). Wonderful organizer, and its Free II I

Picasa is free to download, and Picasa Web Albums provides 1 gigabyte of free storage - that's enough space for 4,000 wallpaper-size photos. Picasa automatically finds all the photos on your PC, wherever they are, and will organize them in seconds. (HINT: this includes all the jpg, tif and other pictures files so tell it to find in your documents, your pictures, or directly from your camera or scanner)

Use Picasa to design and print beautiful photo collages, create fun video slideshows, add photo text or view your favorite photos on your desktop or screensaver. Improve almost any picture with Picasa's one-click fixes for common problems like red-eye, color, and lighting. Or, use tuning and effects to make your best photos look even better. Picasa technology lets you automatically organize your online photo collection according to who's in each picture.

**Scrap Girls** [www.scrapgirls.com](http://www.scrapgirls.com) Provides a multitude of templates that you can customize or use as is. Requires a subscription or purchase as individual templates or embellishments.

**Walgreens** <http://photo2.walgreens.com/> Books are static templates with only 27 characters allowed for title and a set number of pics per page.

**Snapfish** [www.snapfish.com](http://www.snapfish.com) is the program Walgreens uses so has the same products and limitations

**CVS** [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com) Appears to use snap fish also. Same products and designs. Same limitations.

When you buy a program or subscribe to a program be sure you know what you are getting for your money. Some promise the moon and never really get off the ground. Printing options vary by program/subscription. I recommend having your 12x12 pages printed by the pros. The cost for sending the pages out is really comparable to buying the paper, embellishments, printing the photos to crop with scissors and put in a sleeve protector.

With the printed digital books, they are usually archived online and you can order reprints easily if you want additional ones later. And a real plus to me is that a digital album takes up a lot less space than a traditional album with the multiple layers of paper and embellishments.

I still use paper and embellishments, but all my pages start out on the computer and are either finished totally digitally, or they become a multi media project with digital and added embellishments.

If you have any questions please contact me by email at [curvesflorida@aol.com](mailto:curvesflorida@aol.com) or by phone: 352-751-1743 home or 352-874-7328 cell. Email is the best so I can respond to the email, but feel free to use the phone if you prefer.

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