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# Scrapbooking Graduation Memories

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It's hard to believe that my daughter has just graduated from high school. She has some great memories of this event for us to preserve in a graduation scrapbook.

We decided to purchase a ready-made scrapbook instead of assembling one. At a local bookstore we found a large spiral bound scrapbook/journal on clearance for \$2.99!

My daughter was not able to get her senior yearbook before graduation, so she had her friends write notes to her in her scrapbook. She took the book with her to her senior class party, then we set the book out at her family graduation party for friends and family to sign.

We had many photo taking opportunities over the weekend. We have pictures from the graduation ceremony, from her senior class party, and from her family party to put in her scrapbook. I will mat one of her senior portraits on the front of the scrapbook.

There are other mementos you can preserve in a graduation scrapbook. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Cards from family and friends
- Program from graduation ceremony
- Newspaper clippings
- Report cards
- Achievement and/or award certificates
- Senior party mementos

I will finish off the scrapbook with graduation stickers from a local craft store.

A graduation scrapbook doesn't have to be a work of art. The important thing is to preserve the memories of your graduate's big day.

This would be a great project to do with your teen. If they would like to tackle the project themselves, give them all the supplies and let them unleash their creativity. My daughter loves the finished project, but is not much interested in scrapbooking, so she is more than happy to let me do it for her.

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