

## Scrapbook Ideas - Using Clear Stamps

When creating a scrapbook page most crafters will want some form of title on their scrapbook page layout that explains what the page is all about. You may decide to use an actual word that describes the day in question such as birthday, wedding, anniversary or you may choose to have a phrase that describes the emotion such as happy, sad, fun and so on. The best way to get perfect placement of titles on your scrapbook pages is to use clear stamps. Choose a design of letters that you like and place them on the actual scrapbook page as you would like them to appear when actually stamped. Once you have decided on what looks best place your clear stamp block over the letter. Clear stamps have a sticky backing so they will stick directly to the block. You then need to apply ink to the stamp and stamp onto your scrapbook page. You could then go on to emboss the wording if you wish. Stamping is great for all your scrapbook ideas, you can use words, images, your own designs and parts of stamps to embellish your page and make your scrapbook ideas really come to life. Clear stamps are a great investment because they are versatile and you can create so many different effects due to the fact they are pliable and their shape can be changed. As an example you may have a clear boarder stamp that you want to incorporate into your scrapbook ideas but do not want a long straight image, try bending or making a wave shape when attaching it to the solid block to give it a totally new look. You can combine stamping with other scrapbook ideas to get the most out of your stamps. Try stamping the image or wording on paper then cut out smaller shapes by using a craft punch or die cutting machine. It is important to look after your stamps so they do not deteriorate. When you first receive clear stamps you might be tempted to go ahead and start putting your scrapbook ideas together however it is important to condition and prepare your stamps beforehand. New stamps tend to repel the ink so use a soft sand paper, a rubber or even sticky tape to remove the coating any new stamp will have. Because clear stamps are pliable it is important to store them in your scrapbook supplies and away from sunlight as this can cause the stamps to harden and discolour. Cleaning your stamps is also important, if using a solvent based ink such as staz on then a specialist cleaner will be required. Most other inks can be gently removed with a baby wipe or simply wash the stamp in warm soapy water.

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