

# MAGIC of a Memory Box

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Imagine having the ability to unlock a time capsule of magical memories any time you desired. Years containing moments of cherished laughter, joy and happiness would be displayed right before your eyes; always kept close and never forgotten. This is the simple, yet fascinating potential of a Memory Box.



In recent years, creative minds have sought new and interesting ways to join joyful occasions together without the use of a traditional photo album. One special compilation that has taken to the likes of many has been the Memory Box. Similar to scrapbooking, this exciting craft bundles your memorabilia in a single spot.

Creating your own is simple. Find a large container with plenty of depth, and a removeable cover or opening wide enough to insert and remove the inside contents. Once you have an appropriately sized box, consider what you want it to hold. Will it represent an exclusive event, a lifelong passion for music, or the all-encompassing joys of everyday? You decide! Assign a holiday theme to your special box, such as Thanksgiving or Christmas. Each year, you and your guests can add new memorabilia and honor years of cherished holiday memories. Devise a birthday or anniversary box containing special cards or cake toppers to signify celebrations. When the important date comes around again, grab your loved one and spend quality time together appreciating your precious years of growth and meaningful memories. Over time, revisiting this treasured keepsake can become a highly anticipated tradition.

Although photos remain timeless tokens, a Memory Box can contain a variety of interesting and thought-provoking reminders. For example, trinkets such as tickets, armbands, pamphlets or ribbons from a special gift allow you to not only recall fond memories, but also to hold a piece of that time right in your hands. Do you possess a love of travel? Express it by filling your box with plane tickets or receipts from the trip's excursions. Passion for performing arts? Display your theatrical devotion with program brochures or flyers from plays you've attended. When deciding upon which items to add, asking questions at the end of the day such as, "What did you enjoy most? What do you want to remember about today?" can help steer your heart towards collecting the perfect piece. Unique to the person who creates it, Memory Boxes can hold any number of significant souvenirs from any experience.

More than just a darling craft project, every Memory Box has the ability to turn our attention towards the magic held in life and the beautiful moments it continuously brings us. The pieces you collect will serve as a reminder of that beauty. This holiday season, remember to pause in the minutes that shed love and laughter into your life, and every once in a while, step back in time to celebrate the journey that led you here. Happy Holidays!