

Scrapbooking Ideas: How to Fix Your Mistakes

We've all done it, ruined a perfect scrapbooking page layout. Globbs of glue in the wrong place, crooked stickers or typos are just a few common mistakes made on scrapbook pages. Before you waste your paper and supplies by throwing out a page gone wrong, you may be able to salvage that layout with these scrapbooking ideas.

Accept Mistakes

Before you even try to fix your mistakes, take a close look at it. Is it really that bad? Scrapbook layouts don't have to be perfect. In fact, they are more endearing to our families when they aren't. Accept that you will make mistakes, and be able to let them go. Do you really need to fix that mistake at all?

Scrapbooking Ideas for Glue Mistakes

Try to prevent excessive glue by using the appropriate adhesive for your project. Textured page elements like fabric or ribbon work well with glue dots, and large items like photos and frames can be attached quickly with tape runners. Tiny accents may only need a dab of glue. Try using a glue pen for these.

A rubber eraser is a great scrapbooking tool to have on hand whenever you are working with glue. Let the glue dry completely, and then carefully rub the area with the rubber eraser. It should lift the glue right off the paper. If that doesn't work, shop your local scrapbooking store for adhesive remover. Dab a little on a cotton swab and rub gently. Of course, you also can cover the glue with another page accent. A sticker can cover a wide variety of mistakes.

Scrapbooking Ideas for Typos

Typos can be the most annoying scrapbooking mistakes. Once you notice it, it's the first thing you see on the page. Remember that others may not even notice it. Sometimes you can correct the misspelling easily by changing a letter. If the error is in a title or journaling block, cut a piece of cardstock the size of the area, and try again. You've also added a framed page element to your page in the process.

Scrapbooking Ideas for Misplaced Stickers

If you find a sticker in the wrong place quickly enough, sometimes you can gently lift it from the page. If it's already stuck to your paper and you risk tearing the page if you remove it, there are special adhesive removers that can lift it from your page. Be sure to always have some on hand whenever you are working with stickers.

If a misplaced sticker is making the page off balance, you can always add more stickers to the page to even out the page. Make the sticker blend into the page by adding more focus to your focal point photo. If it's just the wrong sticker, create a mat to go over it and apply the correct sticker to the mat.

Scrapbooking is all about creativity. Stretch your imagination and look at your mistakes as challenges. How can you work your mistake into the layout? I'm sure you'll come up with many ideas to correct your scrapbooking errors.

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