

Alanbery Books

Junk Journaling Supplies

GLUE

The right kind of glue will ensure that whatever you add to your pages will stick quickly and permanently. There's a real trick to gluing, and it may take some trial and error, but when you're junk journaling, there are no mistakes. Everything can be fixed or modified to a workable solution. Here is a list of glues that I use. Click for the Amazon link. You may also find these at your favorite hobby store.



SCOTCH CREATE GLUE STICK. Glue sticks are not all the same. This one works on paper, photographs, and paper. Make sure you get the 'PERMANENT' variety. (They also have a 'repositionable' type which I have not used.)



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FABRIC ADHESIVE. There are plenty of fabric adhesive options out there. is a liquid type of glue that I use for most of the paper and fabric gluing when I need to be more precise with the glue placement or when I am worried about the glue stick tearing the paper.



WATER BASED GLUE PASTE. I use this primarily for affixing fabric to the outside of book covers, so it isn't 100% necessary if you are primarily just embellishing the inside pages.

INK PADS:

Inking around the edges of your photos and images can really make them stand out on the page. Use black for bold emphasis, brown for a more rustic look, green for a garden book, etc. To the right is a before and after example so you can see the difference...



CUTTING TOOLS:

A wide variety of cutting tools are available, of course. From regular scissors, to exacto knives (be careful!), to paper cutters. A metal ruler also comes in handy when you want to create a rough edge that will give that ink something it can really grab onto. Experiment with what you've got around the house before making any purchases.

THE JUNK:

There's no end to the junk you can use for your journal. Just look around the house first. Magazines, newspapers, gift cards, gift wrapping, kids' art projects, concert tickets, coloring and comic books, and of course photographs old and new. Save that neutral-colored card stock you get in junk mail. You'll need it to create stiff pockets from flimsy paper (like old newsprint and vintage magazines). And don't forget the baubles! Beads from costume jewelry you never wear, safety pins, paper clips, key chains, the kid's stickers, and so much more. Nothing will make your journal more personal than using the things that you find around the house (or even Grandma's house). If you can't get enough, then get yourself out to the thrift stores, swap meets, and yard sales. And antique shops, of course, Clovis Antique Mall in Clovis, CA, is a junk journaler's dream!

So, get your junk together and have at it... Happy Journaling!