

INTRODUCTION TO SCRAPBOOKING

SAMPLE LESSON | *Scrapbooking with Instagram Photos*

If you're like me, you're taking more than half of your photos with your phone. And if you're one of the 100,000,000+ Instagram users, you might be wondering how these vintage-filtered square images fit into scrapbooking. How do you even get the photos off your phone? What can you do with them? Can they be printed or scrapbooked? Are they even big enough?



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Memory Keeping with Instagram

The Instagram photo sharing app for iPhones and Android phones has become very popular, especially among those who love to add a small creative touch to their everyday memories. The filters within Instagram can make every the worst hair day look cute!

How to Access Your Images

The most universal method of accessing images from your phone is via a USB cable. Generally, attaching your phone to your computer in this manner will allow you to browse the phone for images and

copy them to your machine. iPhone users can also use iTunes and any smart-phone user with Internet access can email photos as attachments. Of course, configurations may vary depending on phone and computer model.

How to Print Instagram Photos

The size of photos from the app varies depending on your phone's camera, but most newer phones will create images around 2000x2000 pixels. This is plenty large enough for printing nice images, even larger ones. There are an increasing number of services that will print square photos for you, but I find it most economical to print Instagram images on a regular 4x6 and then trim off any excess. The easiest method is to print one Instagram per 4x6, so the resulting image is

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roughly 4x4. I do this frequently with my Canon Selphy printer. Depending on your phone model and where you're printing (at home, Walgreens, mail order etc.), you may even be able to use an app to print or upload directly from your phone. If you'd like to print Instagrams in smaller sizes, I have several tutorials at Simple Scrapper on different methods for this.

What You Can Do with Instagrams

Instagram photos can be used just like any other digital photo. They are JPG files you can save, share, print and use in any form of scrapbooking. Here is a brief list of popular options for memory keeping with Instagram photos:

- *Layouts* - The square format makes it easier to fit multiple photos on a page.
- *Mini Books* - The smaller size lends well to creating pocket-sized albums.
- *Photo Books* - Services like Blurb.com will help you assemble your Instagrams into a bound book.
- *Pocket Pages* - We R Memory Keepers and Becky Higgins/American Crafts both offer plastic page protectors that will hold 4x4 photos.
- *Photo Art* - Square images make for a visually striking photo collage and work great for art in your home.



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HOMEWORK | Visit your Instagram profile on the web (<http://www.instagram.com/yourusername>) or on your phone.

Browse through your images. Do they evoke funny, heartwarming, bittersweet or other fond memories? Pick one photo that strikes you and share it with someone else by email or via a social network. Include 2-3 sentences about the story that came to mind during your browsing.