

SPECIAL ISSUE

From Albums to Digital Frames

Memories are not just meant to be stored,
they must also be displayed.



Photos of People

Modern day technology has given us ample ways to preserve memories and specific moments. There are digital cameras, disposable cameras, underwater cameras, traditional cameras, video cameras and many more. While each piece of new equipment seems more complicated than the last and might cost more, the qualities always seem to be improving. Quite honestly, I own a digital camera, a video camera and always buy disposable cameras. I tend to take disposable cameras on vacations with me more often and have found that they take amazing photos. However, when it comes to taking photos of people, disposable cameras don't have the zooming technology that other cameras have.



Around my house, I have collages full of photos of people that have



importance in my life. Most of the collages contain my daughter's pictures, but I have lots of photos of people all over my house. Many of them have been turned into black and white photos. One of my

favorite things to do with photos of people is to turn them into something decorative. I have plenty of pictures in frames scattered all over the house. I have collages everywhere. I've been known to give collages to others with photos already placed in them. But, I love to do different things with photos. It is wonderful to take some photos and turn them into holiday decorations. One December, I had my daughter get dressed in a white jacket and pants. I also had found a shimmering gold halo that fit her perfectly. I took her outside when the sun was just setting, and wrapped a string of white Christmas lights around her. Once they were plugged in, she glowed like an angel. It made a wonderful photo and I took that photo and turned it into Christmas cards and ornaments for friends and family. Everyone commented on how wonderful of an idea that had been. Taking creative

photos of people and turning them into other objects or decorations is a great way to not only cherish them but to share them with others.

There are several websites that allow you to send photos of people and get them made into various items. My personal favorite is Winkflash, but there are many to choose from. I've gotten photo albums printed through them for very reasonable prices and there are some other really unique and creative choices as well. Doing something creative and out of the ordinary with various photos of people is such a wonderful way to carry their smiles with you all day. Having a photo on a coffee mug allows you to see them all day as well as on calendars or a mousepad. There are so many things to do with your cherished photos - find them and use them. It will be very worth your time.

Picture Upload

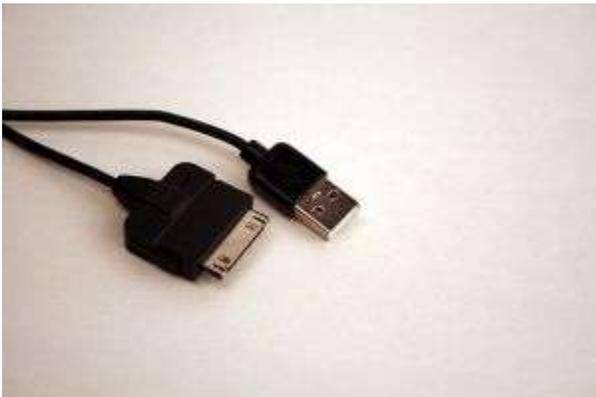
When I come back from a concert or an event of any type, I usually have hundreds of photos on my camera. This makes picture upload somewhat of a pain. Though getting them on to my computer from my camera is pretty simple, sorting them, shrinking them, and then getting them onto a photo site so I can share them is troublesome at times. I always take large photos so I can crop them if necessary, and that makes things harder for me. However, if you just want to get them up and out there, there are some easier ways to do it.



There are times when picture upload is very easy. If you use a Kodak product, you have the option of uploading straight to their online photo hosting site. If your photos aren't too large, and you don't have hundreds to sort through, this can be quick and easy. I have Kodak, but I have never really done this. I think it's about time I started. I have friends that use this method for picture upload though, and

they often have their stuff up to share online very quickly, and they are grateful that they don't have to muck around with them too much.

If you have to sort through and size your photos like I do, you have to take more time with your picture upload. However, when you are ready to put them up on a site to share online, you can find a few of these sites that work well and have a very fast picture upload. Some will upload one at a time, but they also have an option for uploading a batch at a time. You do have to wait for the upload, but it is less work this way, and all you have to do after is arrange them and decide which to share.



Not every site has the fast picture upload option, so check around before you sign up and pay a fee for storage of your photos. Some sites are free, but also have a paid membership for those who have a lot of photos they want to store and share. Some have a lot of space for free, and some only allow around thirty photos before you have to buy a membership. Look around and find what works best for you. Remember, if you have Kodak products, they offer online storage just for you, and that might be the fastest way to get your pictures online.

Picture Albums

My mother recently had surgery on her hip. She had to keep weight off of her hip for several weeks to insure that it would heal properly. Mom is



a very active person and so I was concerned that she would get bored and even depressed during this healing process. I wanted to find some type of project that she could do that would fill her time and

interests. My mom is a very giving person and I knew that if she was doing something that she felt was helping me it would help to fight off depression. I have had a number of photographs that have been piling up through the years. These pictures are still in the envelopes that they came in from development. I have purchased a number of picture albums over the years, but I have not taken the time to fill them. I packed up the photos and picture albums and went to my mother's apartment.

We had hired home care for my mother to help her with her personal cares and meal preparation during the time that she was confined to her

bed. The nursing assistant was packing up her things when I arrived. She told me that my mom was getting depressed. Mom had asked the nursing assistant to keep her drapes closed so she was lying in a semi dark, quiet room. She said that she did not want to watch television and



that she did not want to read. She asked me what I had in the box. I explained that I had brought over picture albums and photos and that I needed to have her go through them. Mom was not very excited about this. She thought it would be too hard to have the photos spread all over her bed. I rolled the bed tray over in front of her and helped her to sit up with her pillow supports. I then took out the recent photos that I had just picked up to show her. Mom saw the number of picture albums that I had in the box and asked why I had bought so many. I explained that the albums had been collected through the years and that the photos were from the last twenty years that I have been married. Mom said that maybe she would look at them later.

I was worried about my mom when I left and was certain that she would not do anything with the photographs. I called her the next day. One

of her friends answered the telephone and told me that she was helping my mom sort through my photos. She suggested that I get more picture albums so that the photos could be organized well. I told her that I did not expect the photographs to be organized.

Three days later I went to see mom again. She had been organizing the photos and said that it was enjoyable going through so many pictures that she had not seen for years. She seemed in better spirits. I told her that I would not be seeing her for ten days because I had to be out of town on business. When I visited her ten days later I had a stack of picture albums waiting for me. She had written captions and as many dates as she could on each of the picture albums. She said that her friends were helping her and that they all found this to be a fun pass time. They were going to start on photographs for my sister next week.

Digital Photo Frame



A **digital photo frame** (also called a digital media frame) is a picture frame that displays digital photos without the need to print them or use a computer

Features

Digital photo frames' common sizes range from 7 inch (17.8 cm) to 20 inch (50.8 cm), keychain-sized. Some digital photo frames can only display JPEG pictures. Most digital photo frames display the photos as a slideshow and usually with an adjustable time interval. They may also be able to send photos to a printer.

Digital photo frames typically display the pictures directly from a camera's memory card, though certain frames also provide internal

memory storage. Some allow users to upload pictures to the frame's memory via a USB connection, or wirelessly via Bluetooth technology. Some frames allow photos to be shared from a frame to another.

Certain frames can load pictures over the Internet from RSS feeds, photo sharing sites such as Flickr, Picasa and from e-mail. Such networked models usually support wireless (802.11) connections. Moreover, some digital frames now use cellular technology to transfer and share files easily and faster.

Most 7 inch (17.8 cm) models show images at 430 x 234 or 480 x 234 pixels.



With some models the width of each landscape image is stretched to achieve an aspect ratio of 16:9, which results in noticeable distortion. Built-in speakers are common for playing video content with sound, and many frames also feature remote controls.

Limitations

Because a digital photo frame's display ratio doesn't always match the original picture ratio, some pictures cannot be displayed in a satisfactory manner. For example they may be rendered too small, with

black borders, or they may be automatically zoomed-in and randomly cropped. This issue can be resolved by using photo editing software to crop the pictures before transferring them to the digital frame.

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_photo_frame)

For more information on [digital photo frames](http://batteryoperateddigitalphoto.com/), and to view the entire range of Battery Operated Digital Frame's featured products, please visit <http://batteryoperateddigitalphoto.com/>.

