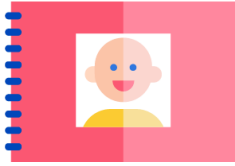


ABCs of Photo Organizing

A BEST PRACTICE BY THE PHOTO MANAGERS



A is for Album

These pictures are the best of the best! The ones that belong in an album, and the memories that you would mourn for if you lost them. These are the photos that you'll want to digitize, backup, share, and display. It doesn't mean we're going to put all these pictures into albums; it just means they are "album worthy." As you come across A photos add them to your A containers or pile or make sure you identify them with a sticky note.



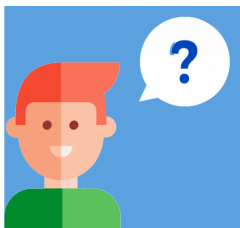
B is for Box

These photos are the extras that support your best. They are the ones you aren't ready to part with but want to have access to at some point in the future. These photos will be archived for safekeeping but not necessarily digitized. Start adding these to your B container.



C is for Can

Yes, you CAN repurpose these pictures or throw them in the trash can! Your collection is filled with doubles, triples, and REALLY BAD photos. If your photo doesn't fall into one of the previous categories, then it's a C photo. We encourage you to be brutal here and set a goal to fill a garbage can with these! Our rule of thumb is to eliminate 80 percent of your photos and keep your favorite 20 percent!



S is for Story

Does the photo tell a story? These pictures play a significant role because there is something illustrative about the picture even though it may not be obvious. A picture of a single tree in the backyard may seem meaningless unless it's the full-grown sapling your great-grandpa had planted before he passed away. The S photos are the gems within the collection, the photos that matter and tell a story. Depending on what works best for you, you can either put these in a special container to review later or take the time immediately to write down the story on either the index card or sticky note you collected prior to beginning.