

LIVING IN THE PAST

VICTORIAN CHILDREN AT WORK

Scrapbooking is not a new thing! “Keeping a scrap-book” was a popular 19th century past-time, especially for women and children. Disposable paper items such as trade cards, die-cuts and greeting cards would be bought and were collected by both children and adults and pasted into Victorian scrapbooks. The cut paper could be arranged quite artistically on a page.

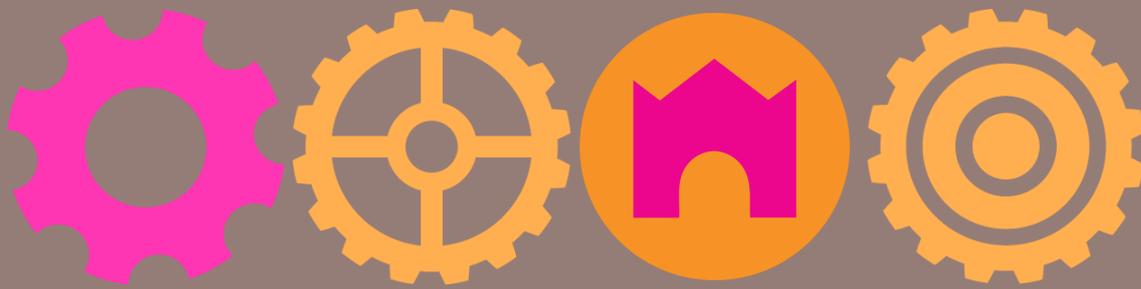
Let's get creative, making a fantastic Victorian inspired scrap book page. You could make a poster or create lots of different pages and make your own scrap book! The example shown is very modern, using lots of old comics..... It's completely up to you what pictures you use!

What You Need: A3/ A4 card, old magazines, greeting cards and pictures to cut out, scissors and glue.

What You Do:

- * Gather together lots of old magazines, comics, greeting cards and picture as these are what you will use to make your scrapbook page .
- * Spend time flicking through and ripping out pictures you really like and you want to feature. It is good usually to have lots of different sized pictures. In the example below there are Lego, superheroes and Pokemon picture.
- * Now it is time to cut out. Do not worry about cutting out, you can leave some space around your picture. In the example there is about 3mm all around. If you need help, do ask an adult.
- * Once you have cut about 30 pictures out it is time to arrange them on your piece of card. It is usually best to start with a few of your favourite pictures in the middle and then arranging out to the edge.
- * You can keep rearranging to see what looks best, also layering to cover up as much of the background card as possible.
- * Once happy glue into position to complete. If you want you could also add your name by cutting out individual letters.
- * **Look at the next page for ‘step by step’ photographs to help and examples.**





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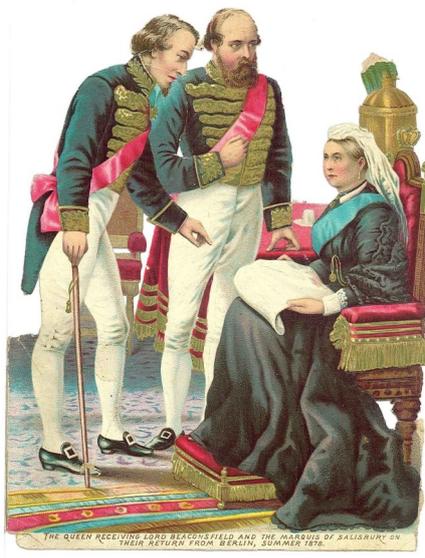
Here's our example of a scrapbook page made from superhero and other comics.



Examples of scrapbook pictures from Portland Basin Museum collection.



Scrapbook picture:
The 1851 Great Exhibition



Scrapbook picture:
Queen Victoria
receiving guest 1878



Scrapbook picture:
Queen Victoria's 1838 coronation

