



Get Control of Your Camera Roll!

How to delete, sort and print your
phone photos so you can look at them
and save them forever!

Hello! I'm Whitney

I have been a family photographer for 8 years, military spouse and mom to 2. I found myself OVERWHELMED with my phone photos and knew I needed a system to delete and sort them. Now that I do, I only have the photos I want on my phone in organized folders. The photos get printed each year into books and prints that my kids look at regularly. The folders are then backed up online so they are SAFE! How would it make you feel to have a system like that for your valued photos?



Why Do We Need To Get Control of Your Camera Roll?

Photos are important! Most of us are taking a ton of photos, but are not organizing them in a way that you can find them or look at them regularly. Imagine when your kids are ready to leave the house...

- If you take 2000 photos a year
- That's at least 36,000 photos on your phone. (Most of you have way more than that)
- What happens in 10 years when your kids ask to see photos from their childhood?
- Do you have photos off of your phone for them to look through?
- Do you have folders so you can find specific photos easily?
- This problem isn't going away! We will continue to take pictures. NOW is the time to control the beast!
- If your kid needs a photo for a project, do you have any already printed off for them to grab?



First We
DELETE!

This part is overwhelming,
but possible and
necessary!

Slidebox App

This app is awesome! There is a free version but the paid one is worth it.

Start with your oldest photos first.

You are more likely to delete things the further you are from that moment in time. This will help you decide ***what photos matter to you.***

We tend to take more photos during the early years (0-5). It's ok if you have a ton of photos you want to keep! Make a plan for how you want to save and view them.



Manually Deleting

If you don't wish to use the app, you can just select and delete in your photos app on your phone.

"Off phone apps" There are apps you can purchase for your computer to sort through them. Photo Mechanic and Bridge are two options.

This is not the most efficient way as the photos will still be on your phone, and it can be time consuming to get that many photos off your phone and onto your computer.

Only Keep
the Photos
You Plan to
Print

Here's the
controversial
part...



This is my personal opinion but not one you have to adopt. It does make everything less overwhelming in the future though!

Here's the
plan



01

Divide the number of photos you have to sort by the amount of time you want the project to take

I recommend 1 - 6 months

02

15-30 minutes every night

Commit to deleting a certain amount every night before bed.

03

100 deleted before scrolling social media

Creating habits is the KEY to success with this project!

04

Pick a friend to do the project as well and keep each other accountable.



Sorting

- The key is folders!
- Sort into folders depending on how you plan to print photos.
 - By Year
 - By kid
 - Trips
 - Seasons
- You may have folders that don't get printed.
 - I use folders like reference, recipes, kid crafts etc to sort things I need to find on my camera roll.



Backing Up

The cloud is not a storage system!
The "cloud" is only backing up photos
on your phone. It's not a great
system for long term storage.

Amazon and Google

Prime includes photo storage for free! The
terms change sporadically but there is
generally a certain amount of storage for free.
Same with Google. I recommend picking one
you're comfortable with and sticking with it.

How to use it

You can choose to have it sync from
your phone automatically or not. I prefer
to use iCloud for basic backing up during
the year and keeping the auto feature off
for my Amazon photos app. At the end of
the year I sort all my photos from that
year into a yearly folder to keep. That
folder goes to Amazon to be stored.

Time to print!

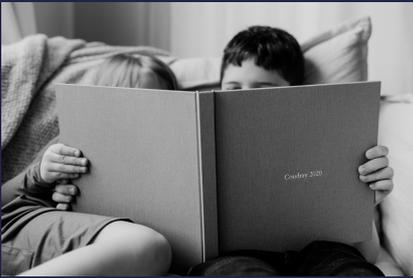
It's so important to have photos around the house for our kids. My kids pull out the albums on a weekly or daily basis. I also let them pick photos for their own mini albums

What memories do you have associated with certain photos from your own childhood? My kids recall vacations and events so much more when they have a photo to look back on.



I don't have many objects to leave my kids in the future, these photos and albums are my legacy for my kids. What mementos do you want to leave your children from their childhood?

Photo Books



Chatbooks is my favorite option.

I prefer to print them with hardcover covers for durability and at least 8x8 size. Shutterfly is a less expensive option. Artifact Uprising is a top quality option.



Professional album

For your higher quality photos, put in a higher quality album. Nations Lab or your family photographer can print them for you. There is a big difference in photo labs! These are objects that will hopefully last a lifetime! It is ok to invest in them!



Leave albums out for kids to thumb through.

Don't be stingy! If they break, I can reorder it. Many companies offer warranty programs. The purpose of these albums is to be looked through.

*Prints are
still a thing!*

01 Amazon and Google can print your photos!

It's not great quality, but good enough for throwing in a box to look through. I send my photos from my phone to Amazon in a yearly folder, then can easily print that album. There are lots of inexpensive options (see reference page).

02 Use a pro lab for DSLR photos

Same goes for prints as it did for albums. Nicer quality photos deserve better printing. There will be a big difference in your corner convenience store prints than from a professional print lab.

03 These are for kids to grab

The purpose of prints is to look at them! You will be backing them up so it's super easy to reprint if one gets damaged or lost.

Wall Art

01

Consider Frames instead of canvas

Easier to switch out photos than to store older canvases. When buying wall art, keep in mind how long you plan to keep them on the walls and how you will store them when you switch it out. Frames and large prints may be a better option.

02

Wooden Prints

Smallwoods or Pretty in Polka Dots. These make great gifts! I save this option for photos that will be displayed for a long time.

03

Gallery Walls

Mpix collage wall. There are many options that will build your gallery wall online so it's super easy to plan and order!

04

Foam Prints

I like this option for our playroom or kids room. They are less expensive than canvases and easier to store. Can use command strips to adhere to wall.

Video

Film Horizontally! This makes it better to watch on your tv!

Trim and put together in iMovie or Final cut pro. Youtube or Vimeo are great options for storage and sharing.

Video the little moments! Cooking with mom, reading with dad, their favorite toys or things to do right now. This is a time capsule.

Example of a Christmas trip movie I made of our family.



Resources

Photo Books: Chatbooks or Shutterfly

Wall art: Smallwoods, Pretty in Polka Dots

Nations Lab: Foam Core

App: Slidebox

Backup and prints: Amazon or Google

Backblaze for backing up computer or high volume

Thank you!

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