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# CREATE 10 - THE COLLECTORS DIARY

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## CHAPTER ONE

### PREPARING YOUR DIARY BASE

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There is no supply list for this Create 10 class but there are some things you'll need to make sure you have in advance. We are making a 'diary' in the classes so you'll need a base for your diary. This can be any number of things:

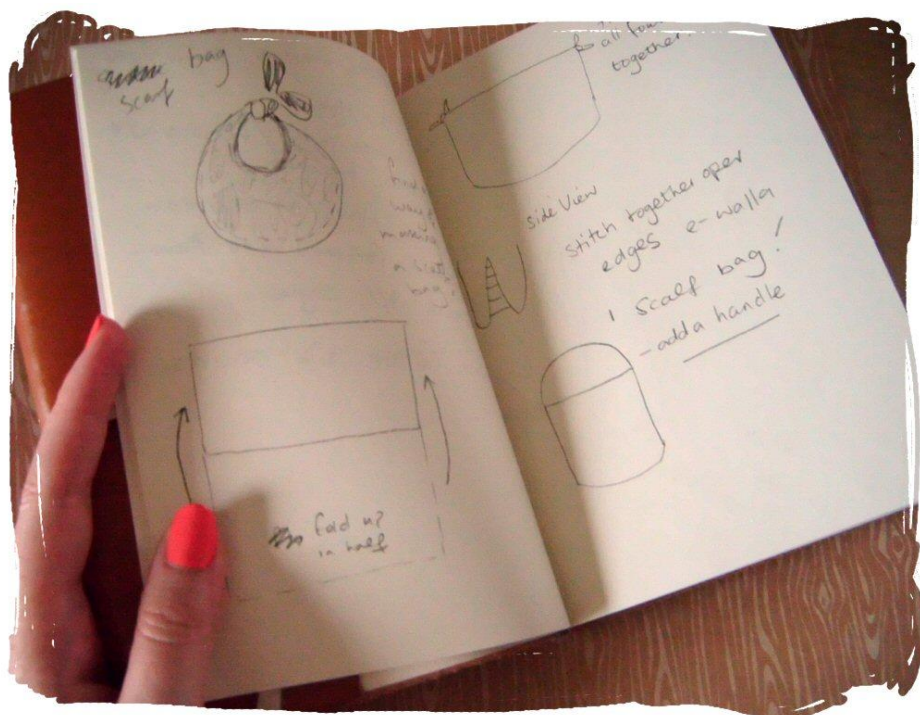
- A notebook
- An old diary
- An old/vintage book
- A bound sketchbook

Most of the pages in your book will be altered so you don't have to worry too much about what's inside. The cover can also be changed or completely covered over if you wanted. I did intend myself to use an old vintage book as my base but I also had a leather notebook on my shelf that was sat being unused so in the end I decided to use that as my base:



Once upon a time it served a good purpose as a notebook but it's been sat on my shelf unloved for a while now since it's outgrown that first purpose.

On the inside it's got lots of notes and drawings in but most of those will get covered over so don't be afraid to use a 'used' notebook. If you're a notebook geek like me and can't bear to throw old ones out you'll probably have lots. I think it was the leather binding on this one that made me keep it. It's lovely and soft and I really want to give it another lease of life. If you really wanted to you could also make your pages individually and then bind them together at the end. I do personally like the idea of re-using or re-purposing an old book though.



## OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO COLLECT

### PATTERNED PAPER SCRAPS

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If you don't have scraps or don't keep them then you can just use your regular sheets of patterned paper. I'll be using a mix of full sheets and my paper scraps. This project is ideal to use up papers that have been sat collecting dust as well as your leftover scraps. You can also add in a few newer purchases if you like. The patterns themselves aren't really relevant. The book is all about trying out ideas and collecting so it's going to have a really eclectic look once it's finished. The whole idea is that the book becomes part of you and a place to explore your own personal style and taste. If you're not sure really what that is yet then just go with what you like. The things you choose just because you like them will be indicative of your own taste and style.

### MAGAZINES

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I know some people like to keep magazines and some people like to put them in the recycle bin so if you're one of the latter you may want to start collecting a few of your favorites from family/friends. Subjects don't matter as we'll be looking at them in a non- literal way.

### ENVELOPES

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I'll be using envelopes to gather together bits and pieces and as a place to build up pages on. You can use any envelopes you have, the brown manila ones or even fancy decorative ones you might have for card making. I'll also be using some glassine envelopes from the 'Hazelnut Coffee' Quirky Kit. None of these are essential for the completion of your book but it's just something you may want to use too especially if you have lots of envelopes hanging around to use up.

## TOOLS

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A sewing machine. I'll be using a sewing machine on some of my pages – again not technically needed but you may want to follow the same process/techniques.

A paper trimmer to square up your scraps of paper.

Adhesives – double sided tape and a paper glue stick

A camera with some way of printing off your photos – you can get them processed too but obviously if you want to complete your projects more quickly a way of printing off your photos at home will speed things up a bit.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

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There will be lots of other things that I'll be using in my book to add decoration like mists, paints and washi tapes these are all things that I personally enjoy using. The idea with Create 10 'The Collectors Diary' is not to exactly copy what you see but to use the 'tasks' that you'll be set each day over the 10 days to build up the pages of your book in your own personal style. The 'tasks' are designed to send you off on your own little mission collecting or completing something the results of which you can then add to your book. After that you'll also be able to use the same ideas/philosophy to create further projects of your own choosing be it scrapbook layouts or anything else creative you need to derive inspiration to complete.

The whole idea in this class around creating a diary or book is as a space for you to explore your own personal style. The book will be just for you so you don't have to worry about things looking a certain way or coordinating with anything. It's designed to give you confidence to try new things that you might not think about experimenting with on a layout. It's more than a sketch book/idea book though too as it'll also become a visual diary of the next few weeks and a good source of inspiration to kick start your crafting when you need it.



Don't forget to sign up to Create 10 'The Collectors Diary' via the Crafty Templates store right here, <http://www.craftytemplates.co.uk/create10.html>

xx Leonora