

From Your Shoebox To Your Coffee Table For The Holidays: Tips For Creating A Photo Book Of Memories

(NAPSA)—Few things may be more cherished than a gift that comes from the heart. And what gifts are more heartfelt than those that help preserve memories of the special times in someone's life?

So if you're struggling to come up with a meaningful holiday gift, you might want to consider a personalized, hardcover photo book. Starting at \$20, you can create a one-of-a-kind gift guaranteed to tug at the heartstrings of even the "scroogiest" person on your list using your digital photos, or scanned images from those photos tucked away in shoe boxes in the back of the closet.

A kit that makes it easy to create and print at home a photo book of memories is called Epson's StoryTeller Photo Book Creator. The kit comes with everything you need to create a personalized coffee table book, including glossy pages in 5"x7" or 8"x10", a glossy book cover, a hardbound book that you easily assemble at home, and easy-to-use software that lets you enhance and place dozens of photos on up to 20 pages. And the kit works with printers made by all major manufacturers.

Four simple tips will help you create a one-of-a-kind gift that will be proudly displayed on coffee tables and shared with others for years to come:

1. Should you judge a book



Create a beautiful, hardbound photo book that you print with a regular-size printer and assemble yourself at home.

by its cover?

Yes...you can add photos and titles to the front and back as well as text along the spine, creating a finished cover that looks like a professional coffee table book. The photos you place throughout the book show up automatically as sneak previews on the back cover. You can even print inscriptions inside the front and back cover flaps.

2. Think outside the box with templates and captions.

Easy-to-use features and drag-and-drop controls enable you to create a personalized story with images and words. Create annotations in special font colors to add unique details to your story.

You don't have to be a designer to get professional-looking results. The software includes ready-to-use layouts so that every page

looks professionally designed. You can choose from six different book styles with 10 templates for a total of 60 unique page layouts and 18 cover selections.

You can place each image individually or choose to let the program do it automatically for an even faster book!

3. Do your photos look their best?

Make sure to take advantage of helpful tools such as removing red eye and enhancing contrast, brightness and sharpness. You can try adding special color effects like sepia, black & white and color hues.

You may need to restore faded traditional film photos that have been tucked away for a long time. Epson's scanners and all-in-ones let you easily scan and restore faded color photos with one click.

4. Print professional-looking books at home.

Use a letter-size printer or all-in-one such as the Epson Stylus Photo RX700 to print the pages and cover of the book you've created. Then cover it with the clear plastic transparent sleeve for extra protection, just like the ones you see on library books, and you're all done.

For more information, and to watch a video tutorial on how to create a one-of-a-kind gift for that special someone on your holiday list, visit www.epson.com/storyteller.