**5 Ways to Create Your Own Ransom Alpha**

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Ransom Alphas are a fun new trend both in paper scrapping and the digital scrapping world. They are available from countless manufacturers in a variety of mediums and formats. Basically a “Ransom Alpha” is an alphabet that is made up of mismatched letters and fonts. And while there are several products available for purchase, here are few ideas for designing your very own!

1. **Use Your Digital Supplies-** By combining your favorite fonts and alphas you can create your own digital “Ransom Alpha” to use in your digital los or to print out for hybrid projects as well.

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2. **Use Your Imagination & Your Own Hand-** Doodle your own “Ransom Alpha” by hand, either with a pencil and paper or with your graphic tablet. Nothing will be more original than creating your very own Ransom alpha from scratch!

3. **Use Your Stamp Stash**- Try creating your own “Ransom Alpha” stamp, by combining several of your acrylic letter stamps onto one block to create a fun photo mat or background for your los.

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4. **Use Your Magazines, Junk Mail and Collage Materials-** Thumb through your magazines, junk mail etc. and clip letters that jump out at you and sort them for future use on your art journaling pages and layouts.

5. **Use Your Leftover Chipboard and Alpha Stickers –** Ever wonder what to do with all of your leftover alpha stickers and chipboard letters…why not create your own “Ransom Title” on your next lo or altered project.

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Not enough time to make your own…no problem! Check out some of these fun Ransom Alpha Products:

**Fonts:**

[Ransom](http://www.dafont.com/ransom.font) @ Dafont

[Laundromat](http://www.fontspace.com/last-soundtrack/laundromat-1967) @Font Space

[For the Hundredth Time](http://www.kevinandamanda.com/fonts/freescrapbookfonts/for-the-one-hundredth-time/) @ Free Scrapbooking Fonts

**Stencils and Masks:**

[Idea-ology Ransom Alpha Mask](http://www.rangerink.com/products/prod_idea-ology_tools_masks-ransom-alphabet.htm) by Tim Holtz

**Stickers & Rub-ons:**

[Monogram Rub-ons](http://www.meandmybigideas.com/pages/products.aspx) by Me And My Big Ideas

[Phrase Maker Tool: w/ Ransom Alpha](http://store.scrapbooking-warehouse.com/341859.html) by Around the Block

**Charms:**

[Random Alpha Charms](http://www.misterart.com/g7232085/Making-Memories-Classic-Alphabet-Charms.htm?WT.mc_n=CJ&WT.mc_t=CPC&WT.mc_id=7232085&AID=10273655&PID=1609763&SID=tfc_-_11_7_100422_3760294c0de7950e94b906f647931737) by Making Memories

**Stamps:**

[Ransom Note Alpha](http://www.quirksofart.com/inkadinkado-clear-on-clear-stamp-set-ransom-note-alphabet.html) by Inkadinkado

Cocktail Alpha by Close to My Heart

Jumble Alpha by Stampin’ Up

**Digital Alphas and Brushes:**

[Travel Swatchbook No. 1 Brushes and Stamps](http://www.designerdigitals.com/digital-scrapbooking/supplies/product_info.php/products_id/5002) by Art Warehouse (Designer Digitals)

[DIY Acrylic Alpha No. 3](http://www.designerdigitals.com/digital-scrapbooking/supplies/product_info.php/products_id/7389) by Pattie Knox (Designer Digitals)

[All Mixed Up Alpha](http://www.scrapartist.com/shoppe/product.php?productid=5063&cat=10&page=2) by Aja Abney (ScrapArtist)

[Alphabetized Overlays](http://www.designerdigitals.com/digital-scrapbooking/supplies/product_info.php/products_id/8389) by Michelle Martin (Designer Digitals)