

Week 2

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- **Repurpose Your Games, Puzzles and Toys**
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Repurpose Your Games, Toys, Puzzles and Picture Books

Because they have a certain sentimental value most of us hold on to these types of items even after they become outdated, worn and ultimately unusable. Instead of letting these items collect dust in your attic why not find ways to incorporate those tokens into your scrapbook pages? Repurposing your family's toys, puzzles, picture books and games can be a great way to capture the special memories associated with these item, while bringing a playful tone to your pages.

Finding Ways to Use the Pieces of Your Favorite Games on Your Pages

Do you have games sitting at home that your children have outgrown or that you've lost the pieces to? Using game pieces and cards in our scrapbook pages can be a fun way to re-capture the essence of past times. Incorporating these items can establish a tone ranging from nostalgic to whimsical to graphic—depending on the element's design and the way you use them on your pages.



Quick Tip:

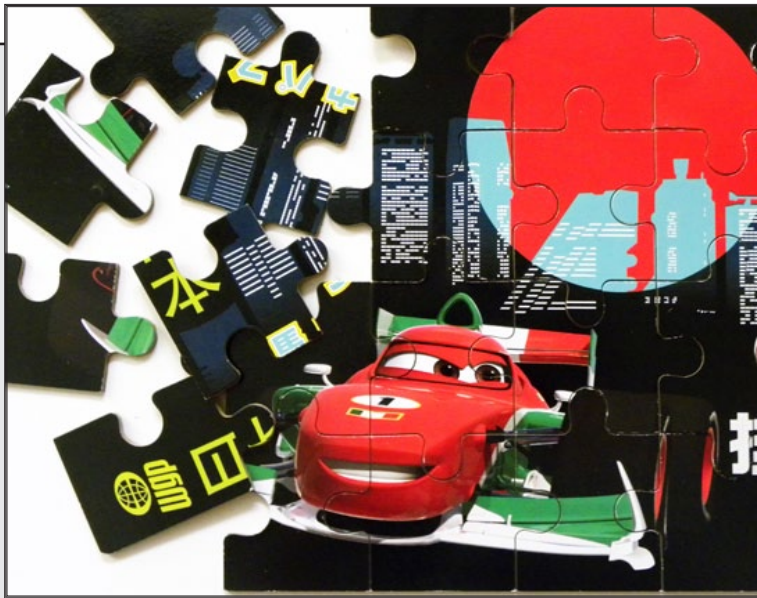
Not ready to replace your family's favorite games quite yet, but still want to have fun with games in your pages? Check out your local thrift stores and yard sales for great prices on old games.



Let's look at how you can put game pieces to use in your pages and projects:

1. Use alpha tiles to create your title.
2. Use three dimensional game pieces as charm-type embellishments or baubles.
3. Use trivia cards, bingo cards, flash-cards and playing cards as mats or journalers.
4. Make a mini album using bingo cards or playing cards as pages.
5. Create a border with a fun mixture of game pieces.
6. Use chipboard circles (such as pogs) for the foundation for your hand-made embellishments.
7. Piece together a travel kit with game pieces from your old games.
8. Use your game board as a background for your page or project.



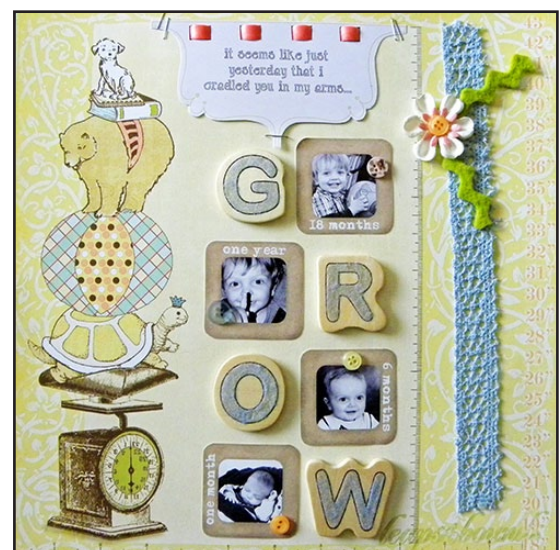


Creative Ways to Use Your Puzzles

Whether they are complete or missing a few pieces, your puzzles can find a welcome home on your scrapbook pages while adding a sense of novelty. All you have to do is open your mind a little and the possibilities are endless. Below we'll take a look at some fun ways to use your Jigsaw Puzzles, Wooden Puzzles, Word Puzzles, Puzzle Books, etc. in your scrapbooking.

Here are a few ways to incorporate your puzzles, word searches, etc. in your creations.

1. Turn your photos into puzzles--using the pieces as templates.
2. Make a fun puzzle-piece-shaped alpha with your leftover alpha rub-ons.
3. Use single puzzle pieces as embellishments or accents on your pages.
4. Cover your puzzle pieces with coordinating papers and make an eye-catching mat or frame for your photos.
5. Use wooden alphabet and character puzzles to create your titles or accents for your layouts.
6. Use your puzzles, word searches or crosswords as a background or mat on your page.
7. Use large puzzle pieces as pages for mini albums.



Quick Tip:

Try using your completed children's puzzle book pages and educational workbooks as backgrounds or mats on your pages. This can be a fun way to record your child's development throughout the years.

Re-purposing Your Children's Toys and Picture Books in Your Scrapbook Layouts



Remember reading that special book to your child each night before bedtime? Or the toy car that he never let out of his sight? Where are they now? Well I'll tell you where they should be - inside your scrapbook pages for all the world to see! Let's look at a few of the ways you can incorporate these treasures into your papercrafting so you can get those memories out of the attic and stored with the rest of your cherished moments.



To put those old picture books and toys your children have outgrown to use on your pages, try:

1. Creating a shadowbox to showcase your child's favorite toys.
2. Using paper dolls, finger puppets and storyboard characters as accents on your pages.
3. Using dust jackets from your children's favorite books as backgrounds and mats for your pages.
4. Turning pop up images into fun embellishments.
5. Using the covers from your kid's favorite books as inspiration for your page design.
6. Using small toys to embellish your pages.



Your Assignment:**Head on over to Pinterest:**

And check out my [Repurposed Board](#) for more great ideas on repurposing these types of everyday items! Not a member? Leave me a note in the classroom post for this lesson and I'll send you an invite!

In the Forum:

We're talking about whether or not you see the potential for saving time and money in repurposing everyday items in your scrapbooking?

In the Gallery:

If you're starting to warm up to the idea of repurposing everyday items in your scrapbooking then show us all how its done! Take one of the ideas presented here or use your imagination to incorporate your games, toys, picture books and puzzles into your scrapbook pages.