MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: FRANCIS CIVIRA

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Personal Blog: **http://scrapfriendsfamily.blogspot.com** (NOTE: Francis’ blog is published in Spanish, but you can paste the address [here](http://babelfish.yahoo.com/) for translation)

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Francis Civira is a happy wife to Henry, who is her “soul mate and her sunshine everyday“ and a wonderful mom to children Paula(4 )who is a crafty girl and loves all of mom’s supplies and is an artist all her own and Gabriel (1) who is a very happy baby and a sweet part of Francis’ day. She lives in Caracas, Venezuela, a tropical country, where they only have two kinds of months…the sunny ones and the rainy ones! Francis is an information engineer and really loves her job, because she has the opportunity to travel, meet with different people, enrich her “life's vision” and of course buy scrapbook goodies!. In Caracas they have just have one scrapbook shop [‘Scrap It!’](http://www.scrapit.com.ve/new/index.asp) and this was originally how Francis came to learn of scrapbooking and eventually became hooked!

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And I for one am certainly happy she did! Because that is how she eventually came to find us here at Get It Scrapped! I have had the privilege to take a couple of classes with Francis and I have always been fascinated with her attention to color and detail and her desire to always learn more! So as you can imagine I was very delighted to interview her for this month’s Member Spotlight!

**When I asked her a few questions about her scrapbooking and her creative process here is what she shared:**

I started scrapbooking at the end of the year 2005. It wasn't long before I was hooked because when I was young, I organizing my photos including: memorabilia and journaling and details to embellish my memories. Always was fan and lover all papers and cardstock, crayons, stamps, colors and cute details for my school supplies. Today I think that scrapbook always was seeking me! **. Who or What do you scrapbook most?**

Most of my layouts are of or about my family. I really have the goal of create layouts that tell my daily routine and histories about me.

This year, I scrapbook mostly on the weekends, and for now I usually set all my supplies at dining table, because I do not have a scrapbook room yet. But in the next month, we are moving into a new apartment and I will have my own scrap room! **classify yourself as?**

I am a traditional scrapbooker, because I love textures in my layouts and because digital scrapbooking has not yet caught my eye! In the short amount of time I have to scrapbook my memories, sketches help me to be more productive. I am somewhat of a “scrapbooker in progress” because I feel that I am still transforming my hobby into a passion! And I absolutely love to try new techniques all the time!

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I always have Alphabets and numbers for titles flowers, rub-ons, ribbon and buttons in all colors, handmade journaling tags and fabrics on hand!

My wish list consists of (1) learning new techniques and trends about scrapbooking here, at Get It Scrapped. (GIS is such a talented community and It offers a great opportunity for scrapbookers like me, with limited resources to train locally); (2) a Digital SLR Camera, in order to improve my photography techniques; and (3)more dies for my Sizzix big shot machine!

 **like to learn or try, but haven't yet?**

I’d like to try sewing machine techniques in my artwork. Recently my husband gave me a sewing machine as a gift, but I have not tried to use it in my layouts yet!

I get most of my inspiration from blogs by amazing scrapbookers, my favorites are:

 [Laura Vegas](http://www.lauravegas.typepad.com/)

 [Lisa Day](http://lisaday.typepad.com/my_weblog/)

 [Valerie Salmon](http://valeriesalmon.typepad.com/valeriesalmon/)

 [Janna Wilson](http://jannawilson.typepad.com/)

 [Tania Willis](http://throughtrialsiambeingpurified.blogspot.com/)

My favorite class at GIS was Scrapbooking with Fabric, with Tania Willis, because Tania surprised me a lot in each lesson. In this class she used resources accessible to me. Overall it was a really cool experience!

“Celebracion de Amor” (Celebration of Love) is my favorite layout because I think it shows our happy life together at the beach…I really enjoyed creating the squares with the thread around them!

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Thanks for sharing Francis! I love learning about all of our friends all over the world…as I hope you all do, as well!