**Mother May I?**

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**ROUND 6: MOTHER ON FINANCES**

For most people money is a limited commodity. When times were tough Mother stepped in and was the responsible one; keeping the family financial boat afloat with a few tips.

These tips can keep you afloat in scrapbooking as well.

**Mother says: “Waste not, want not.”**

*Translation: Stop being so wasteful.*

\*The Dutiful Daughter will recycle all she can.

Take a look at all the things you throw away in day. Is there a way you can incorporate some of these things into layouts? Turn your trash into treasure? Try grabbing buttons off old clothes before tossing them; use the cardboard from discarded boxes as texture for layouts. What about wrappers or containers from food or items you opened? Use them in a layout to add modern day ephemera. {insert: 6A.jpg}

\*The Wild Child throws caution to the wind and doesn’t worry about being ‘wasteful’.

Go overboard with your product. Use eight sheets of paper on a layout, an entire jar of flowers to get a huge bouquet on your page. Border the entire page in brads. Use something to the extreme. Conservation is not allowed. {insert Tania 6btw.jpg}

**Mother says: “If I had a nickel for every time you…”**

*Translation: She’s annoyed with how often you do that.*

\*The Dutiful Daughter will try to stop doing that.

Are your pages becoming predictable? Look back at the last few pages you have done. Is there a common aspect to them? Is the design the same, are you using the same colors or embellishments? Find the detail that you are repeating and lose it, completely. Break the routine.

\*The Wild Child lives to annoy Mother.

Find that element you’ve been reusing and kick it up a notch. Are you using a certain color often? Make it the focus of a page. Are you using metal on every page? Find a new way to use it, perhaps paint it or antique it. Doing a ton of one photo layouts? Enlarge the photo to take up almost the entire page.

**Mother says: “Do you think we are made of money?”**

*Translation: She thinks the price is ridiculous and you have expensive tastes for someone with no income.*

\*The Dutiful Daughter will learn to be thriftier.

Can you be thrifty on a layout? Can you make a layout that is a “smash” without a lot of cash? Are you able to keep your layout cost under $5?

\*The Wild Child seriously thinks money grows on trees.

Be extravagant. Find the most expensive items you own and use them. Sitting in your stash isn’t doing them justice anyway. What is your layout cost?

**Mother says: “A penny saved is a penny earned.”**

*Translation: She worries you’ll be living with her forever. You’ll never be able to move out and support yourself with your spending habits.*

\*The Dutiful Daughter will become thrifty.

Become thrifty in your layout. One of the biggest wastes with scrap supplies can be letters. How many sets of letters do you have that only have Q’s and Z’s left? Let’s focus on titles, can you find titles that utilize the least common letters? Try repurposing some of the letters into other areas of a layout. Make a title that uses those unpopular letters. Or even make them into other letters.

\*The Wild Child shows mom just how thrifty she can be.

Make an entire page without using a single ‘new’ item. With the exception of the background paper, use only scraps of paper and embellishments that are leftovers from other pages. Do not open any new packages, use up all those remnants you saved. {insert Tania’s 6cTW or 6dTW.jpg}