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Why I would Recommend Photoshop® Elements to the Beginning Digital Scrapbooker

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Helpful Hints!

- **W**hen I first became interested in Digital Scrapbooking, I had ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA you even needed a Photo and Image Graphic Program to begin Digital Scrapbooking! Once I realized that you did, I was completely confused by the programs Adobe® Photoshop® Elements and Adobe® Photoshop®. ...I thought that they were the same thing! They have the same name (Photoshop®), right? !!

Anyway, I have come a long way since I was confused about the two Photoshop® programs, but I figure if I was completely confused about it at one time, then perhaps there may be others who are brand new to Digital Scrapbooking and feel just as overwhelmed as I once was.

Hot Tips!

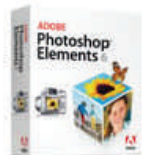
To all of you out there who feel utterly lost in the world of Digital Scrapbooking and graphic program options, let me try to help:

To Digital Scrapbook, you need a graphic program. A graphic program is a program that will allow you to combine both digital photos and digital supplies together (like digital papers, frames, embellishments, etc) to make pretty Digital Scrapbook pages. These graphic programs can also help you enhance your photos, manipulate your pages, and create beautiful digital papers you like you may see in the magazines! So yes, it is very important to purchase a Digital Scrapbooking Graphic Program in order to begin Digital Scrapbooking.

Choosing your Graphic Program/Software... which one do you choose, right? Which one is the best and why? I know, it feels intimidating; but it's really not as difficult as it seems. There are several graphic programs out there that can assist with Digital Scrapbooking, but we here at Digital Scrapbooks and More recommend Adobe® Photoshop® Elements 6 for beginners and this is why:

Adobe® Photoshop® Elements is different than Adobe® Photoshop®. There are a lot of reasons why, but the short answer to this is: Photoshop® Elements is more user-friendly and is a LOT less expensive. Photoshop® was designed with Graphic Designers in mind and was intended to be used to create Professional (and very expensive!) Magazine Ads, etc.

Although Photoshop® was created for professionals, Photoshop® Elements can honestly do a lot of the same things and still look incredibly professional at a fraction of the cost! Not to mention, Photoshop® Elements is much, much less complicated! I like things that are easy, and Photoshop® Elements is perfect graphics program for new or old Digital Scrapbookers.



And, hey, that's not to say you can't ever upgrade to Photoshop® if you want to. Get the hang of Digital Scrapbooking using Adobe® Photoshop® Elements first, and when you're a Digital Scrapbooking Pro, you may want to make the investment in upgrading to Photoshop®.

Bottom line is, it's all up to you, but just know that we are always here for you if you need any help or advice!

Kind Regards,

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