



Personalising your Album

Tell your story . . .

Much more than just a collection of photos, I like to use your album to illustrate your own individual story. Images will be sequenced and beautifully arranged to tell a tale from beginning to end - whether that's documenting a single moment in time or tracking your child's development through a series of photoshoots.

Follow the steps below to give me the information I need to create your own bespoke album and take a look at some of the suggestions for inspiration to make your album really personal and unique to you.

❖ Album Cover

- Choose a landscape image for the front cover
- Choose any image (either landscape or portrait) for the back cover

Optional

- Choose text for the front cover and album spine.
For example: name and date of birth, birthday or date of photoshoot etc
- You might also want to add an extra line of text to the front cover.
For example: 'Welcome to the World' or 'Happy Birthday' etc

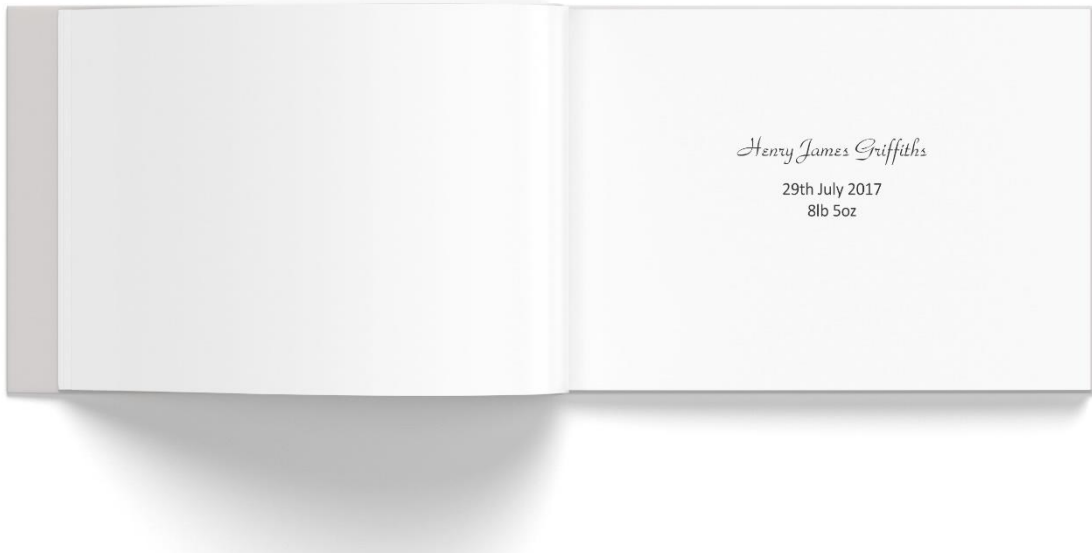


❖ Inside Front Page

- Choose text for the inside front page of your album.

This usually includes name and date of birth, birthday or date of photoshoot. For newborns you might like to add time of birth and/or weight too.

There's plenty of space on this page, so you could also choose to add a short verse, song lyric or poem.



❖ Photo Pages

As standard, every album contains 22 glossy photo pages. A selection of your photographs will be arranged in a mix of full page images and spreads of 2, 3 or 4 smaller photographs.

A bespoke album design service is included in the price, so simply tell me :

- which photos you'd like to include (or any that you DON'T want included if that's easier)
- any specific photos that you'd like displayed full page.





minimum no of images required for an album:
22 (one per page)

maximum no of images in a standard album:
approx. 50 (dependant on layout)

The average 22 page album includes 8 full page photographs and 30-40 smaller images.

Add extra photo pages

For albums with photos from either 2 or 3 photoshoots and/or where there are a large number of images to be included.

To ensure that there's plenty of space to show your images to their full potential, additional photo pages can be added on top of the standard 22.

- If you'd like to include more than 8 full page images, I recommend adding an extra pair of pages for every 2 images selected.
- If you'd like to include more than 40 smaller images, I recommend adding an extra pair of pages for every 7 images selected.

❖ Album Text

To make your album really personal, you have the option to add your choice of text alongside some of your images. This can be anything that you want – song lyrics, nursery rhymes, poems, quotes or a personal message from you to your little one.

You can add as much or as little text as you'd like, but I recommend including no more than 11 pieces (one per pair of pages)

Ideas and Inspiration

The idea of personalising your album is to make it unique to you, so you should definitely include any of your own ideas and your own individual text.

However, if you need a bit of help or inspiration to get started, take a look at the suggestions below.

Memories

Because you'll continue to look at your album and share it with your children as they grow, it's a lovely idea to include a couple of little reminders to look back on in future years.

- Have we used a personal item in any of your photos? Something someone bought you as a gift, a family heirloom or another personal prop? Consider requesting a line or two of text to accompany those photographs, explaining why you chose to include that item, where it came from or what it means to you.
- Another favourite for newborn and/or birthday albums is a selection of 'on this day' bullet points. Use the examples below as a guide, but try to include some elements that have particular meaning for you too eg: sporting events, best-selling books, local or family events etc

On the day that you were born . . .

- Sunrise was at 6:29am, sunset was at 18:14 and you arrived at 15:11.
- MPs voted to begin Britain's exit from the EU. "Today the Queen is poised to sign Brexit into law, following Parliament last night passing legislation to put the historic referendum vote into action."
- The Royal Mail released a collection of Special Stamps paying tribute to the musician David Bowie. 52 sets of the David Bowie Special Stamps have been sent into space to mark the launch.
- Today is Pi day: celebrating the number that never ends. To 31 decimal places, Pi is : 3.1415926535897932384626433832795
- The no. 1 single in the charts is 'Shape of you' by Ed Sheeran. His album '+' is also top of the album charts.

On your First Birthday . . .

- The weather was dry but overcast, with daytime temperatures of 18 degrees
- Sunrise was at 05:13
- Sunset was at 21:24
- GCSE students were awaiting their results for the first time under the new grading structure
- The newspapers were reporting on President Trump's visit to Paris to mark Bastille Day
- Rita Ora, Little Mix, Miley Cyrus and Ed Sheeran were in the singles charts
- TV viewers were eagerly awaiting the start of Game of Thrones season 7
- Wonderwoman was showing in cinemas across the UK
- The 'must have' toys of the year were Hatchimals
- The average house price was £150,000
- The average price for a new car was £17,000 and petrol cost around £1.14 per litre

Verses and Quotes

You're of course welcome to use any quote, poem, rhyme or message of your choice, but over the years I've built up a collection of popular quotes and verses.

Feel free to request any of the verses below for your album or adapt them to your own personal requirements.

FAMILY

There's a special kind of happiness
In sharing little things.
The laughter, smiles and quiet talks
That daily living brings.

There's a special kind of comfort
In knowing your family's there.
To back you up, to cheer you up,
To understand and care.

FAMILY

F is for Familiar. There's no place quite like home.
A is for always welcome, no matter how far you roam.
M is for the memories, more cherished every day.
I is for inspiration given along the way.
L is for the love you feel each time you get together.
Y is for the years to come because family lasts forever.

FIRST BIRTHDAY

May the day be filled with laughter
And the parcels full of fun.
May the cards be packed with magic
For a boy/girl who's just turned one.

FIRST BIRTHDAY

A year's gone by - how time has flown.
We can't believe how much you've grown.
You're such a joy and so much fun.
Look out world. You're turning one!

BABY & MUM

Nobody else will ever know the strength
of love for you.

After all, you're the only one who knows
what my heart sounds like from the inside.

BABY & PARENT / SIBLING

When hands reach out in love/friendship,
hearts are touched with joy.

BABY & PARENT

Take my little hand in yours

Teach me wrong from right

Read me bedtime stories

And tuck me in at night

BABY

Ten tiny fingers that always want to play

That never stop exploring the wonder of
today

Ten tiny fingers that from the very start

Will reach out for tomorrow, but always
hold my heart

BABY

A sweet little treasure
sent from above.

A coo and a smile,
All wrapped up in love

BABY

Life is filled with lots of things
That make it all worthwhile
But none can beat the love found
In a tiny baby's smile.

BABY

A new baby is like the beginning of all things . . . wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities

BABY

We have waited our whole lives to meet you.

We didn't know what true love was until you came along.

BABY

We wish you a lifetime of happiness and adventure.

We love you more than you could ever imagine.

BABY

How were we supposed to know just how perfect you would be?

BABY

Your first breath took ours away.

BABY

To the world you are just one person, but to us you are the world.

BABY

You are what happened when we wished
upon a star.

BABY

You have filled a place in our hearts that
we never knew was empty.

BABY

You are our every drop of water in the
oceans

Our every grain of sand in the deserts

Our every bit of soil in the land

Our every star in the universe

You are our every heartbeat

You are our life

BABY

We loved you from the very start,
you stole our breath, embraced our
hearts.

Our life together has just begun,
you're part of us, little one.