ORGANIZING

Printed Photos

>> TOP TIP <<

If you have a box of loose photos to organize, start by turning them over and sorting by the backs! You'll quickly notice different paper brands (Fuji, Kodak, etc.) and how their logos changed over time. Sorting this way helps group photos from similar time periods, making the next steps easier.

Once you've sorted your photos into upside-down piles, you're ready to move on to...

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DETERMINE YOUR GOAL

What do you want the end result of organizing your photos to look like? Do you want to downsize, digitize, design? When you know the answer to this, you'll have a direction for your project.

CREATE A WORKSPACE

This project will take time so you'll need a space to spread out and work, ideally on a table you can use until the project is complete. Gather a pencil, sticky notes, gloves, photoboxes, index cards, etc.

GATHER YOUR PHOTOS

Go around your house and gather EVERY printed photo and take them ALL to your table: frames, albums, loose photos, photo envelopes, professional photo packs, newspapers, scrapbooks, boxes, etc.

3 PILES: KEEP - PASS - TOSS

The KEEPERS are the photos you want to preserve. The PASSERS are the photos you don't need to keep but family or friends might be interested in them. The TOSSERS are ready for the garbage bin.

PRESERVE

Going back to your goal, what do you want the end result to be? The photos you want to keep need to be preserved either by digitizing, placing in archival storage boxes, or displayed in organized albums.