



Magical Memories By Scrapdolly

Week 5 Soaking up the fun

Well, almost half way through now and still so much to cram in.

The focus this week is on the wet.

For non Disney classmates first you want to think about water, be it in its natural state or frozen. This week you will focus on watery fun, watery sights, watery memories and general wetness.

You might be making an album of city trips or breaks. At first glance city-scapes can be quite austere, but they generally have a lot of softness hidden within and that softness often comes with water. There are beautiful water features in so many of our cities. Many older cities around the world are cited, for obvious reasons, on rivers and waterways.

In London, for instance, the Thames is one of the main arteries through the city and I can't think of the city without thinking of the many bridges. When I think of Rome, one of the first things I think of is the huge number of fountains and how beautiful they are. Write yourself some notes about watery moments and get some ideas of how you want to focus the page.

You may be documenting your album about a beach holiday, in which case you are almost done and dusted. You have the ocean right there in all its glory. Maybe try and showcase it by using pictures from different times of day – the clear blue of day, the inky black at night or the liquid gold of a sunset over the water. You might want to focus on the fun in the water – swimming, snorkelling, diving or even plain old paddling.

And it doesn't have to be the ocean. Swimming pools work just as well and make for some great photographs too. Or you may have been on a specialised water trip during your holiday. Perhaps you went diving or visited somewhere like a water park or SeaWorld. Maybe you did that most wonderful of things and swam with dolphin.

I am not sure if any of you are more intrepid travellers and will have watery adventures such as white water rafting or canoeing to scrap. Or you may have had a 'nature' holiday and have pictures of beautiful lakes and rivers and sparkling waterfalls to be creative with.

If you are scrapping a winter holiday – well isn't snow just frozen water! You might have snowy pictures, skinning adventures, glacier walking (seriously ... I did that last year) or snow-boarding photos.

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You might want to focus on one of the water parks. Typhoon Lagoon and Blizzard Beach are both begging to be scrapped. You may have spent time at the resort pool or had a villa with its own pool which became a focus for the holiday. Sit for a moment and think about how cold the water was after the hot Florida or Californian sun. How did that first dip feel? What was it like lying back in that ring and floating down the lazy river? How did you feel stood at the top of Humunga Cowabunga And how did those feelings change at the bottom?

There are water rides a plenty that you could scrap – not just at the water parks. How wet did you get on the Kali River Rapids? (I swore I'd never go on them again as there was not an inch of me that was dry) Did you duck on Splash Mountain or get a face full (or hide behind a willing husband whilst he took the brunt of it!) Water plays a bit part in the night shows at both EPCOT and MGM too – you could always include that on the pages.

Did you go on a boat trip across one of the lakes or lagoons. Florida is a low lying flat state with lots of water everywhere. As you come in by air you are aware of just how much water there is around you. So plenty of ideas for watery pages.

And – dare I say it – if your Floridian trips have been in the summer there is a very high chance that you saw that other sort of water. The less welcome sort. You know – the buckets that tip from the sky on an all too frequent afternoon basis. Their rain storms may be short but boy are they potent.

Here in old blighty we just don't get rain like that and yes – I have been sad enough to photograph it. I have some fab pictures with palm trees blowing horizontally and such a deluge you can only see a couple of feet. Half an hour later the rain has stopped and the blazing sun has dried the ground. I also have some fab pictures of the strange creatures that come out in rain storms. You know – a whole army of hunched-backed aliens with yellow plastic shells that even cover their heads. Yes I am talking Disney ponchos with rucksacks underneath!

As a design idea for all of you, try and capture the essence of water. You could try using water splash stickers – either pre-made or make your own. You could use lots of curves and wavy lines to simulate the flow of water. Try using clear embossing powder, glitter or Glossy Accents to make elements shine as if they are wet. You will be writing about water, including pictures about water so try and make something on the page watery as well

So get scrapping and remember to share your work if possible at www.flickr.com/groups/magicalmemories and post on my blog to let everyone know what you have done at <http://dollysdreamings.typepad.com>