

Collecting and Organizing Your Pictures

1. Organize your pictures in Groups with one thought in mind, what music would I like to hear with a particular group of pictures.
If you do not have to have a specific song picked out, do not worry, it just helps with the thought process.
2. When labeling pictures, the best way that I have found so far, is to label the pictures in alphabetical groups such as:
 - A. Will be the first group of pictures. Group A, most often starts with the early years, which start from when the person is first born or pictures of where he was born, with maybe a picture of the parents or Grand parents to about when he graduates from High School, College or Military service, or sometimes into the dating years. (the second group, or Group B usually starts out with the couple Getting Married more on this in a paragraph or so). Any order of pictures works, even random picture viewing works well.

To label the pictures you can write on the back or you can use sticky notes or the little colored dots that people use when pricing items for a garage sale. (do not put anything, such as tape on the front of the picture, it may stick and ruin the picture.)

The first picture should be A-1, and the next A-2, A-3, A-4 and so on. Until Group B, then B-1, B-2, etc.

Usually the first group of pictures will be somewhere around 20 to 28 pictures or so. the Reason we label the pictures with an A, or B, or C in the front of the number is so that the computer can easily recognize how the pictures will be put into the timeline that we will be creating.

Next,

- B. Will be the second group. Group B usually starts out with the couple Getting Married and then goes on as the family life progresses adding children, pictures of the person growing older with Brothers and Sisters, Aunts and Uncles, and Friends.
- C. Will be the third group. (Fishing, Hunting, Sports, Hobbies, Travel or special interest pictures are usually some good things to put into the presentation.
- D. Will be the fourth group, GrandChildren, Friends, Parties a good mixture of everything works real well.
- E. Maybe a fifth group. It all depends on How many pictures you have.
- F. If we need to you can have an F. or a G. section .

It is real hard to show a persons life in 80-120 pictures or so, My suggestions is to keep the presentation less than 12 minutes if possible. Which means 120 to 150 pictures maximum.

Time is the biggest issue in creating a DVD or Video presentation. (150 pictures is a bunch of pictures).

The Presentations, the DVD's, the DVD Case Labels, the Pictures Labels on the DVD, and any Special Folders you have us create, are all hand built, from picture scanning to the creation of special pan in and out effects and other special items such as labeling of special sections of the presentation with text. Which of course is the probably the biggest headache of any video presentation.

Gettin all of the spelleng just rite... In two days or less. We try real hard to make it all work.

The number of pictures you choose to use is not critical, unless however you wish to stick to a specific song and want the last song of the group to end with the last note of that song.

NOW... I can make this happen most of the time, but it ain't all that easy. Let's just say, so far It has always worked.

I sure hope this helps out with your picture collecting and organizing. If you have any questions please call 541-606-6135