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Well...here we are in December - probably the busiest month of the year for every woman in the world! I know that we are all out there doing our last minute Christmas shopping, baking cookies for the holidays, trying to get the house organized for company, and we probably all have felt like pulling our hair out at one time or another during the month. This is why I am BEGGING each and every one of you to take 2 hours for yourself and scrap. You deserve it!! And believe me - your responsibilities are not going anywhere. They will still be there when you are finished and you honestly will get everything done in time. We always do.

Now if you honestly don't feel you can do this, then look through the newsletter for gift ideas using your Muse. This way you are "killing 2 birds with one stone". You are scrapping AND taking care of gifts. It can't get much better than this!

We do have some truly awesome gift ideas for you to use in this issue too. I sincerely hope that you all share your projects in the gallery this month. You never know who you will inspire or who you will be inspired by. So without further ado.....

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Bloom ~ Maddy Wright

Gifts YOU Can Make!

by Gretchen Carmack

It's the time of year when our thoughts turn toward those last minute gifts for our loved ones! There are so many ways that we can incorporate scrapbooking into this season of gift-giving. Plus, we can give gifts that are not only personal and special, but usually cost less to produce than store-bought gifts as well. Everybody wins! For this holiday season, we have compiled a list of easy gift ideas to help you skip that last minute rush to the mall on Christmas Eve.

- One of the most tried and true scrapbook-related gifts is a scrapbook album. This is guaranteed to score lots of points with grandparents in particular! But what if you don't have time to create a full size album in just a few short days? Well, the answer is a mini-album, of course! You can choose how big or little you want the album to be, and go from there. Two of the most common sizes are 6x6 or 8x8, but there are many options for much smaller albums as well.
- A personalized calendar makes a wonderful gift. You create a layout for each month (again, the size can be as big or as small as you like), and then either mount your layouts on a pre-made calendar, or print your own calendar on the back of your layouts. You can have your layouts spiral bound for just a few dollars at many office supply stores.

