



Memory Books

We have picked up blank books from Lakeshore Learning Store, and Half Price Books, and filled them with photographs that our daughter loves of our favorite memories together. I let her pick out stickers, bits of wrapping paper, or scrap book paper and she and I decorated them together. We covered the outsides of the book with clear packing tape when we were done—and they still look pretty nice— so I highly recommend it. She was so little when my husband first deployed I wanted pictures of him everywhere (I even had a mobile hanging in her room made just of pictures of the two of them together—so when I'd pick her up and she'd rest her head on my shoulder those pictures were at her eye level). Her favorite pictures are of him dancing with her. :)

You can go as fancy or simple as you want. It can be a drug store plastic photo album you fill with pictures yourself, or you can upload pictures on line to companies (like Shutterfly) that will mail you a bound photo book full of the pictures that were in the file you sent. Consider the age of the child and how much love/ wear and tear it will need to survive. :)

Our daughter treats these like bed time story books. “Tell about the time when.....” And she brings me the pictures she wants to hear about. What a great way to reinforce a sense of family and the love of the deployed soldier when they are overseas keeping us all safe!

~ A Northside ISD Military Wife

