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Chapter 1

2011

1.1 April

1st April.... (2011-04-01 00:00)



[1]

Today is a special day.... because it's Nan's birthday. Happy Birthday Nan, I hope you are going to be celebrating today and all weekend for that matter.

Have a wonderful day Nan, I hope everyone will join me in wishing you all the best wishes on your birthday and for many years to come.

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-EOXCQY-CIFA/TZUQpJ0JnuI/AAAAAAAAJFo/bglzgG4cvzE/s1600/happy_birthday_cake.png

katka (2011-04-01 02:33:28)

happy birthday Nan !!! enjoy your day !!!

Sharon (2011-04-01 03:05:02)

Happy Birthday Nan, hope you have a wonderful day!

T (2011-04-01 04:29:31)

Happy Birthday, Nan! Hope you have a terrific day.

Laurie (2011-04-01 04:49:11)

Happy Birthday Nan!!!! Wishing you many many more. :)

caribbean princess (2011-04-01 05:03:12)

Happy birthday Nan. Hope you have a lovely day!

Iris (2011-04-01 06:16:49)

Happy birthday, Nan!

kanalt (2011-04-01 06:41:44)

Happy birthday Nan!

SNARLing: (2011-04-01 08:53:40)

happy birthday! hope you have a good day and a great year

M Ng (2011-04-01 09:29:27)

Happy birthday, Nan!

Alison Reeves (2011-04-01 09:30:15)

Happy birthday Nan - put my first birthday wish on the wrong thread Doh!

justenoughsalt (2011-04-01 10:53:22)

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D (2011-04-01 12:29:54)

Happy birthday, Nan! Hope you have a delightful day.

J (2011-04-01 12:33:35)

Happy Birthday, Nan! Hope you have a lovely weekend!

Amanda (2011-04-01 13:06:02)

Happy birthday Nan! hope you have (had?) a lovely day and a great weekend ahead.

Nan (2011-04-01 13:07:05)

Thank you everybody, for the wonderful outpouring of good wishes! You've made my day happy already!

crofter (2011-04-01 13:22:00)

A little late to the party, but best wishes for a very happy birthday Nan.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-04-01 15:08:17)

Happy birthday! Hope that you had a wonderful day x

Filofreak (2011-04-01 16:56:22)

Happy Birthday, Nan! Hope it is all that you wish for.

Sandra (2011-04-01 19:40:28)

Hope your birthday was all that you wanted it to be! Take care.

Susanne (2011-04-01 19:45:21)

It is still afternoon here on the Pacific Coast, so happy birthday to you, Nan.

Roanne (2011-04-01 22:04:12)

Late to the party but more best wishes comin' at ya!

Free for All Friday No. 124 (2011-04-01 00:01)

I've been waiting all year to do today's FFAF! Today is not only April Fool's Day, it's my birthday. As the inventor of the "Free for All Friday" column, it seems appropriate, no?

Some of you may be wondering how I came up with the idea for FFAF in the first place. It started at the very first Philofaxy meet up. The Original Philofaxer, Steve, Laurie and I were having lunch in London to discuss new ideas for the blog. But first we had to order some food.

As a young Yankee, Philofaxer was rather puzzled by the English pub menu. "Fish and Chips," he said. "What's that?"

Steve replied, "Fried Fish And Fries."

"That's it!" I cried! "That's the idea we've been looking for!"

Edit: *April Fool! There was never any such meeting with all four of us. The origin of the idea for FFAF was much less exciting. I was inspired by the Wednesday "Blank Page" days on [1]www.notebookism.com. I knew our readers would have plenty to talk about!*

1. <http://www.notebookism.com/>

John (2011-04-01 02:18:03)

Greetings from a lifelong New Yorker - sometime lurker, first time commenter. I saw the thread below on a prospective meetup and thought I should surface. I've been Filofax-enthused since graduation from university more than ten years ago; my first job was near now-defunct Lincoln Stationers near Lincoln Center - I remember a beautifully inviting Filofax display. From them, I own a personal and A5 zip Durham, still as good as new.

The personal I use as a work calendar. I carry the A5 as a large creative journal warehousing papers from my other two organizers: a slimline Classic that I use as a daily journal and for story-drafting; and a mini Portland, which I use as a wallet and jotter. The Classic I purchased from Sam Flax in midtown, which may be the most comprehensive FF retailer I know of in NYC. The Mini I found at a wonderfully messy stationery store in the West Village, Stevdan Stationers - the kind of store that's an increasing rarity with the proliferation of bridezilla palaces like Papyrus and Kate's Paperie.

I'm not big on calendaring; I use my organizers almost exclusively for journal or story-writing. The ability to separate pages, re-order and thread-in is invaluable to organizing my ideas. I write while holding down a full-time job, so my time is always limited, my thoughts rarely reaching continuity. I can't think of a better way to enjoin my left brain than to be holding something beautiful in my hands while I try. This extends to the paper - in the Personal I'm using the FF-brand cream cotton paper, which is a rare paper for me that handles my handwriting (which is very light) equally well with either a fountain pen or ballpoint. I also look forward to using Maruman-brand Japanese writing paper, punched for Personal and 6mm ruled, which I found in the basement of the Kinokuniya bookstore across from Bryant Park.

I found this blog because I'm looking for a full-size Personal, and was curious which models truly lay flat - the bane of my Slimline Classic, after having taken it for granted with my old Durhams. Well, guess where Google led me. . . . Pleasure to meet the community!

kateb (2011-04-01 05:05:45)

Hi Nan, happy birthday!!

I got into filofaxes VERY recently, last Sunday 20th March actually! I was just on the internet, procrastinating from my uni work, and I found a link saying are filofaxes better than iphones or something like that, and being an iphone lover constantly looking for the perfect calendar on it I wondered if filofax had made an iphone app, so I googled it. Well, they haven't, but I searched for 'filofax' to see what all the fuss was about. Some photos came up on the shopping bit, including a photo of the raspberry finsbury, and I fell instantly in love!! I went out first thing on the Monday to buy a personal :) I LOVE it!! I spent the next 3 days reading your blog and loads of others

and already craving another one... I think I am already quite an expert on identifying filox just by their leather pattern or clasp :) And when I read your blog I feel like I am with friends- certainly, no-one I know understands my new love (obsession) with filox!

I bought a mini finchley in caramel on ebay for making notes/shopping lists while on the move. But I put the wrong postcode and I think it might be lost in the post :(

I bought a Domino A5 in red, I didn't think I would like it that much but I do :)

And on Wednesday I bought a GORGEOUS pocket Malden in crimson from the filofax website, can't wait for it to arrive!!

So this is how I use them:

My finsbury personal is called Violet and she holds all of my personal stuff- my page a day appointment diary, where I write all my lectures, appointments, meetings, shifts, to dos, and currently uni work instructions; also notes, lists, trinkets etc. She goes with me everywhere :)

Rufus, my domino A5, holds the time planners I made (similar to filofax's time management sheets) where I plan what work I need to do for the next day at uni, for essays and revision etc. He stays on my desk but occasionally he might find his way to the library :) I will also write dissertation things to do and progress in there.

My Malden, when she comes, will hold my day planners, that is a smaller version of the time planners with instructions for uni work for when I go to the library. I haven't seen a Malden in the flesh yet, but I think I might love her so much I may downsize from my finsbury to my Malden for my everyday filo in the summer :)

And my mini finchley, IF she arrives, will be my on-the-go notebook!

Thanks for a great blog, I read it everyday and get great advice from you guys! (Although I may have to ignore some of your comments about multiple filox being OK, I already have 4 and I'm only a week and a half in!!)

Alison Reeves (2011-04-01 09:29:01)

Happy birthday Nan!

And welcome to our new friends John and Kateb

SNARLing: (2011-04-01 09:31:02)

oh man kinokuniya! how i wish they had an online shop. but yeah, it wouldn't be the same. plus minamoto kitchoan is right there... i love japanese packaging. their attention and care to everything (especially packaged sweets) make it difficult to not enjoy at least a second of beauty. plus for the food - so much more enjoyabler to eat

i bought my friend a pocket crimson malden for her wedding present. she just got it yesterday and says she loves it and already made massive lists in it. she's in academia looking to get out plus getting married so perfect time for a new filofax. so kateb - can't wait to hear your experience with the crimson malden. it's a lot different than i expected (i have black personal and pocket). the leather seems to have a different treatment than the black. more dull than shiny. i bought all my maldens from the same place too, so,, ,anyway, please flickr your filox!

Alison Reeves (2011-04-01 09:31:43)

How do you create a diary/planner with the correct dates - do you have to go in and type in each date manually or is there a way to generate it automatically? Having been unable to find a layout on the quality paper I want, I'll thinking of generating my own page a day, or page on two days for my A5!

justenoughsalt (2011-04-01 11:05:08)

@john "Stevdan Stationers - the kind of store that's an increasing rarity with the proliferation of bridezilla palaces like Papyrus and Kate's Paperie." ROFL because it is so true! i have to say Kate's used to have a nice filofax variety but since they have consolidated the one store that is left looks terrible. i am also a big fan of the maruman 6mm paper which i also picked up from kinokuniya! though, i have never thought of buying it for my filofax. i use it to take notes in lectures, labs, and meetings. do you use it in your A5 and personal or just the A5? i don't recall seeing it in a size that would fit in my personal maybe you could enlighten me. as for the who-lays-flat question...i want to say steve made a list and put it on the FAQ page but i am not sure. it could just be that we seem to discuss it all the time.

Steve (2011-04-01 11:13:02)

Alison,

The easiest solution I have found is to use a blank calendar in Outlook and print that off in which ever format you want.

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/microsoft-outlook-calendar-filifax.html>

Or look at the DiY Dynamic Templates

<http://www.diyplanner.com/templates/index>

Steve

Saffy (2011-04-01 13:17:45)

I was in NY last September and Bloomingdales had a Filofax stand with binders, papers etc, might be worth a look?

John (2011-04-01 16:32:30)

Thanks for the warm welcome, all.

Colie, the paper I have is Personal-compatible - in the store, it's in a display next to some straight-from-Japan non-filofax organizers. Their collection is geared more toward Pocket than Personal size, but the two packs of paper I got were Maruman 6mm ruled, and what I believe is Kokuyo in a faint 5mm quadrille. Both packs were 100+ sheets for under \$8, so they are a good deal as well.

Saffy, that's a good suggestion re: Bloomingdales - my office is within walking distance. If you're in NYC again, I recommend the Sam Flax store slight south (53rd and 3rd).

Based on the suggestions of the group, I'm using my Durham Personal Zip as a work calendar and notebook - despite working in finance, I can't believe what even the partners here resign themselves to write on and with.

kateb (2011-04-01 18:02:09)

i will upload my pictures to flickr soon, when i figure out how, lol!

Gregorym (2011-04-01 18:20:02)

John,

Not to be nosey but what do the partners write with and on? I as well as many others have always been interested in what people use in their daily lives to write with and write on. I have thousands of dollars in pens, Mont Blanc, Lamy, Cross, but find myself writing with a BIC yellow fine I have shipped from Japan (they're no longer available in the US).

Funny you mentioned it but I noticed the president of my company writes on scraps of paper and sticks them in his shirt pocket. And writes with a 39 cent company pen.

It would be interesting to hear others that have stories.

Susanne (2011-04-01 19:44:05)

@Kateb, I like the way you have named your FFs. I have only named my car Henry, so far. My personal Domino is my "Domino" and I have a few on the way via my sister. I think I will find names for them too.

@John, thanks for the address of Sam Flax, I will stop in, next time I visit my friend in NYC.

@PA3789 I have so many pens at home and carry with me around a dozen every day. My favorite one at this time is the Pentel EnerGel 0.5 Needle Tip (black). It is smooth, does not bleed or smear. And as a pencil I am using the Pilot Rexgrip 0.5 lead. Which makes me think, why do I carry so many other pens around.

Petra (2011-04-01 22:20:15)

Oh, another pocket Durham fan - sweet! My first filo was an eBay purchase 2-3 years ago of a black zip pocket Durham, and it is still my constant companion, despite numerous other filo purchases since then. It's plain, it's black, but I love it. And yes, it does lie flat gorgeously. But so do my Belgravias and Finchleys!

Petra (2011-04-01 22:21:35)

Oops, meant zip Durham fan, since you have a personal and A5, John (which I imagine are just as nice as the

pocket).

justenoughsalt (2011-04-02 00:39:54)

@john i am going to kinokuniya tomorrow afternoon for pen refills, onigiri, and who knows what else. i hope i find the paper you suggested, thanks!

kateb (2011-04-02 20:09:12)

I know it's not Friday anymore, but... I received my Malden though the post today, her name is now Ruby, and I wanted page a day inserts but can't afford to keep buying new diaries for my new additions (and then throwing Jan Feb Mar away!) so I tore pages out of my moleskine page a day I stopped using a couple of weeks ago when I bought Violet, trimmed the pages and punched them, and now I have a diary in my pocket for free, and I haven't wasted my old diary! :D

justenoughsalt (2011-04-03 10:52:06)

@kateb could you post a few pics to the flickr group? i would like to see that wonderful idea.

Date For Your Diary - Sunday 10 April 2011 (2011-04-02 00:00)

We are going to run another conference roundtable voice chat using Skype.

I'm sure we are gradually getting to know each other's voices, but I will make a point of going 'around the table' to get everyone to introduce themselves this time.

So...When, Where, What, Who and How?

When? - Sunday 10 April from 12am (US East Coast time), 5pm London time, 6 pm Paris time 11pm Jakarta etc.

Where? - an on-line chat using [1]Skype.

What do I need? - just a micro-phone and a free Skype account.

Who - All of you... connect up with **Philofaxy** and we will attempt to get as many of us linked in to the audio conference as possible.

How -

1. Connect to **Philofaxy** by firstly searching for **Philofaxy** in**Skype**, I will then add you as a contact.
2. Then '**Start Chat**', I will then add you in to the chat room.
3. Then if you request it, I can add you to the audio conference as well. But if you just want to chat via keyboard that's fine. That way it's slightly less hectic for me!

Come and join in the fun, even if you only pop in to say hello...

As with previous round-tables there will also be a parallel text chat room going at the same time as the voice conference.

If you need any assistance setting up Skype, please pop a comment in this post and I will try and help you get one line. Skype is free for computer to computer calls....

Hope to be chatting with you next Sunday, if I can work out how to drive the new version of Skype!

1. <http://www.skype.com/>

Laurie (2011-04-02 11:58:15)

I've noted the time in my Filofax! I hope I'll be able to make it, for the beginning at least. Looking forward to chatting! :)

crofter (2011-04-02 15:51:22)

For the first time since these were started, the time is open, so I am very much looking forward to joining in!!!

Web Finds (2011-04-02 04:00)

Some more posts for you to have a read of:

- [1] Fabulous Filofax - Anita Lim
- [2] Philofaxy London Meet Up - Filomaniac
- [3] Filofax Love Part 1 - SocraTeas
- [4] Raspberry - Life A La Steph
- [5] Special Project for the Filo - Life Well Planned
- [6] Pilot Frixion Pens - Sharon
- [7] Slimming down my A5 Balmoral Filofax - Cats Corner
- [8] Why I always use my Filofax - Haukfischer - In French

Some time management posts too:

- [9] Create more time in your life - Modern Mom
- [10] How to create a to-do list that gets tasks accomplished - Unclutter
- [11] How to Declutter Your Life and Reduce Stress - Stepcase Lifehack
- [12] 11 Tips for Dealing with Email Overload - Gigaom

Enjoy.....

Also... [13] City Organiser have a promotion on at the moment insert '**GLAMOUR20**' in the code box to get an additional **20 %** off your order this code is valid until 4/4/2011. They have a sale on at the moment as well. Thanks to [14] Ariana for this tip.

If you are a blogger we appreciate links back to Philofaxy. Thank you.

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justenoughsalt (2011-04-02 09:38:50)
also this is old but i just found it this week
[1]time management in the context of working at home

1. <http://www.beckyhiggins.com/blog/2011/01/time-management-tips/>

Alyssa (2011-04-02 15:20:40)
Thanks for linking my post!:)

Anita (2011-04-02 20:42:04)
Thanks for the link to my post too! :)

Stephanie (2011-04-02 21:08:12)
thanks for featuring me in your web finds, that is super exciting and totally unexpected! i'm loving my filofax so far ==)

The Perfect Filofax? (2011-04-03 00:00)

Is there such a thing as the perfect Filofax? One that meets your requirements and desires 100 %.



[1]

When Alison and I go looking at houses for people, we very rarely find the [2]100 % house compared to the spec given to us by our clients. We often get close, but never 100 %. But then thinking about the houses we have owned in UK and France none of those were/are 100 % there's always something you wished was different.



[3] In discussion with people last Saturday at the meet up we were all comparing our likes and dislikes in the current offerings. And LouLouDorset has also done a great post on '[4]Is there a Yummy Mummy Filofax' LouLou lists some of the current offerings and her pros and cons for each model she has included. But none of them have no cons.

We all have our own preferences for colour, layout, pockets or no pockets, id slot or no id slot, smooth finish or not. Leather or non-leather. Will it lay flat or not? Location of the pen loop and it's size. The list is never ending and then there's the price... ok we won't mention that because that clouds the issue even further!

Even I have great difficulty deciding on a favourite or an organiser that meets all of my needs, likes or dislikes. I almost wish that Filofax did a customising service like [5]Timbuk2 and [6]Rickshaw Bags do. But then there might be too much choice?

What would your perfect Filofax look like, what features would you include in it?

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katka (2011-04-03 03:51:11)

I've been trying to find the perfect filo for my bag. That means one I can carry all day long and combine with my wallet. No luck yet. I've tried to downsize to pocket size, but it's too small for me. But I know what I'm looking for...Guildford slimline with clasp. Hopefully one of the new compact will be close to my dream.

Have a lovely sunday everyone !

Saffy (2011-04-03 04:30:56)

I feel I am close to my perfect filo with my slimline amazona but just not quite 100 % as you mentioned. The 15mm rings could make it perfect but until I try out a Compact I will not know for sure. I am hoping that either the Compact Osterley or Luxe will be my perfect filo but then again, neither have the secretarial pocket. My guess is that there will never be the perfect filo unless as you say Steve they offer a bespoke service which would presumably push the price up.

Louloudorset (2011-04-03 10:22:53)

Is there a perfect Filofax for me? I'm not sure, I often think "that is it" but then I get my head turned by a different binder, or size, or colour.....

I think much like how I love having lots of bags I also like having lots of Filos in different colours and sizes...

For example I really really really want the Pocket Deco to be my "One" and while it is perfect size wise for being small enough to carry around all day, and it looks so lovely etc etc there is a massive part of me that just misses the Personal size. I know this sounds tragic but it is true!

Of course now I have the Ivory Deco in Pocket I've moved my lusting onto the Amethyst Deco which you can't find any cheaper than its £200 (gulp) price tag.

So then I start thinking maybe I should get the Ruby version in the sale....

You see where I am going..oh to be satisfied with just the 1!

Lx

crofter (2011-04-03 14:02:49)

I have mine. I have mentioned it before on here, but it is a 5CLF 1/2. It is patterned after the famous Winchester with the leather gussets on both sides of the binder mechanism. It has what they refer to as 1/2" rings, but they are much larger than the 1/2" rings they say are in some of the slimlines. I think maybe the difference is in how they measured, the 1/2" in the slimlines is an outside measurement, and on this, it is the inside measurement. The actual outside measurement on this is about 5/8". The thing I like about this so much is the rings don't bother nearly as much when writing as the 7/8 or the 5/4. The quality of the leather is just exquisite, and when you put pressure on it when writing, it actually squeaks. It is like a well made saddle, both absolutely works of art.

This is very adequate for my daily use, it holds all that I need to carry, and I very much look forward to using it every day.

I am anxious to see the new compacts, and see if they are close to this. This one is about the width of a slimline, but also shorter, with an over all length of just 7" and the width is 4 3/4. I couldn't be happier with anything in the whole line, this is just perfect.

Petra (2011-04-03 15:38:13)

I have a red personal Belgravia and just recently acquired a compact Belgravia which is lovely even though it is black. It is close to what Crofter describes: 4-3/4 inch wide and 7-1/2 inches tall. The personal Belgravia is 1-1/4" thick with its 1" rings, while the compact is only 7/8" thick with its 5/8" rings. Funny what a big difference that 3/8" thickness makes!

Petra (2011-04-03 21:39:27)

Katka, they used to have a Guildford compact, which I assume is like my Belgravia compact and has a clasp while being slimmer than the regular personal size. See the comments on this past post on philofaxy:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/10/filofax-sizes.html>

They don't have it any more, but maybe you can catch one on eBay Germany?

katka (2011-04-04 03:47:29)

Thanks Petra for info. I believe they have Guildford compact on Swedish website, but it doesn't have the clasp :o(

<http://www.filofax.se/store/personalorganisers.asp?tn=1 &control=processrequest &orSizeId=13>

Silver_Elixir (2011-04-04 05:57:35)

Steve, There is another family A5 size family pack I found online at www.inner-be.com.au. I have the A5 refill pack and they have a lot of amazing pages included in the pack and it fits the A5 Filo perfectly. I will take some pics and post them on flickr if anyone is interested. The 12 month refill pack is only \$16.95AUD. They also sell A5 binders.

Petra (2011-04-04 19:42:24)

Silver, I can't get that link to work :(Sounded like good stuff.

Imy (2011-04-05 04:18:20)

After reading this it gave me an idea, buying lots and lots of Filofaxes no matter how satisfying it is, i dont think it will ever help me find "the one" so i was thinking, why not make my own, so i have decided to get a really cheap A5 off ebay, then pull it apart and make my own, just using the binder rings, then i can create the cover and all myself and i may even make it differently to the "real" filofax :-) That was my idea anyway, who knows if it will work the way i want it too?

Silver_Elixir (2011-04-05 05:44:15)

sorry petra. try www.inner-b.com.au

geew67 (2011-04-05 16:18:49)

I am currently using a brown leather zipped pocket Hamilton 'as new' which I picked up from a certain auction website for £10! It looks wonderful with the contrasting cream stitching and for me it is as close to a perfect filofax as can be. On the left it has 3 horizontal credit card slots with a mesh window below and a full height pocket behind. On the right it has the obligatory pen loop with a full height gusseted zipped pocket. On the front there is another pocket fastened by a press stud. I love it and it goes every where with me! Because it is zipped, I can throw loose papers in it and even my cell phone which is quite flat!

Butanben (2011-04-05 18:44:22)

The perfect Filofax?? Three cheers for the Graphic A5, with week on 2 pages diary. Think I have found my own Filofax perfection and heaven.... unless of course the Deco, or Almond Amazona is brought out in A5 with 30cm binder rings..... then I may just be tempted to change my mind!!! Hee Hee!!!

stationery gal (2011-04-17 20:58:01)

I must confess.....I did it!! After months of looking at and longing for the Pocket Ivory Deco I took the plunge and ordered it. I had been using a mini domino in lavender....loved the fact that it was so light weight but it is just a little too small....do I need this Deco (of course not) but organizers are my addiction (wow, I admitted it, isn't that the first step??)I know you guys understand! :)

Being put on the spot.... (2011-04-04 00:00)



[1]

Earlier this week I was really put on the spot with a face to face question about Filofax. A good friend of mine had seen the photos from our London Philofaxy meet up and she showed me her Family Organiser

that she uses, I forget the name of the brand, but it was a bound planner that slipped in to a zipped case. She uses it for all her appointments and for organising her children, but she wanted to 'return to Filofax'

'Is there a Filofax equivalent of this?' she asked.... I was a little taken by surprise at first... but then I remember ah... you want to look at the A5 [2]Family Lifestyle Pack it has a week on two pages format diary that allows for the organisation of several family members and also comes with whole host of extra inserts for things like babysitting contacts, sports and clubs, household, schools, party planning, pets and more. Looks ideal don't you think? I think she was taken a bit by surprise when she saw it on the Filofax site.

So then we thought what organiser? So we did a quick search on her PC on Amazon for [3]Filofax A5 Zipped and there was a good selection at reasonable prices. I left her choosing styles and colours and making sure she ordered the right lifestyle pack from Filofax.... using the links via Philofaxy of course!!! Another satisfied customer and another Philofaxy reader hopefully!!!

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Jeff Abbott (2011-04-04 13:47:32)

My wife loves the Family Lifestyle pack; one of the reasons she wanted to move to Filofax.

Saffy (2011-04-04 15:59:07)

I use the Family Lifestyle pack in the A5 size and love it. I cannot understand why it has had such bad reviews on the filofax website.

I would recommend an A5 with the larger 30mm rings though so you can fit the A-Z tabs and a few business card holders.

Free For All Tuesday No 9 (2011-04-05 00:00)



[1]

The answer is Filofax... now what was the question? As usual let us have your questions.

By the time this is published I should be back home in France. This was posted ahead of my trip just incase I forgot/got delayed!

1. https://lh4.googleusercontent.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

katka (2011-04-05 02:11:40)

Do you know when the new catalogue will be out?

DanishGTD (2011-04-05 02:13:12)

So many different options in the various webshops of Filofax:

I've noticed that there are a lot of variation between the various countrys and their respective webshops.

Could Philofaxy and its followers create some sort of archive in which you could get an overview of what sort of diary refills, colours of binders etc. are available around the world?

For instance, a A5 refill is available in the danish webstore that I've not found anywhere else:
[http://www.filofax.dk/store/diaryrefills/details.asp?productId=2487 &atb=1](http://www.filofax.dk/store/diaryrefills/details.asp?productId=2487&atb=1)

As well as the Finchley being available in different colours (some of them are on sale right now).

It seems strange this, as I thought the internet had sort of broken down the national boundaries as far as shopping is concerned...

Just a thought early tuesday morning. Good day to everyone!

Steve (2011-04-05 02:31:42)

Hi

It would be possible to put together such a file, basically expand the Filofax file that is on the Files page. But to do it properly it would need the co-operation of at least one reader in each 'Filofax' country. That way we could just update our own country on say a monthly basis for prices, what is available etc.

I will do a post about this idea and we will see what take up we get with such a project.

Thanks

Steve

Nellie (2011-04-05 03:09:13)

Well, my personal amazona is about to come into it's own...

I have broken my ankle, which means I am on crutches for the next six to eight weeks. I have a bound notebook for work, but I can't carry it and use crutches (it's A4). But, my filo will fit in my little backpack handbag, so I shall take that to meetings and put my notes in it.

This is a warning to all Philofaxers - don't go running, people may say it's good for your health, but it isn't!!

:)

Alison Reeves (2011-04-05 04:18:32)

I really love this diary layout on the Danish site. It's so frustrating because the UK site do so little choice in this size. It would be great to see all the options with hyperlinks to the pages? However I can't really contribute much as I am UK based which is where we have the most info!

Silver_Elixir (2011-04-05 05:47:12)

Petra,

I have corrected the link on the other post, but here it is again:

www.inner-b.com.au

letme know what you think.

kateb (2011-04-05 06:19:16)

they've just put new filox up on the filofax website, including a beautiful vintage pink personal malden just when i had bought a red one (in pocket though) i wish i had waited!!!! grrrr!

caribbean princess (2011-04-05 07:30:44)

Just received the Filofax newsletter where they introduce the Spring Range. Why is the Apex starring? In addition to being ugly it is badly made and cheap looking! Nothing like the Domino or Metropol or even the Mode unfortunately.

Kateb I recommend you see the vintage pink Malden before buying it as the colour was quite different from the pictures on the website. I was quite disappointed. As I said before it was more pepto bismol and less vintage. If

you are a grey person, the grey Malden is beautiful though ;-)

appleg (2011-04-05 07:34:25)

Thanks for the heads up @kateb !

I am waiting for the Vintage Pink Malden personal to be available online soon.

I've just discovered a hole in my Pink Finsbury Zipped where the zip fabric and leather meet. :(I've had it for 3 years and it makes me sad to find a hole.

katka (2011-04-05 08:34:33)

Steve, I'll be happy to cover Czech, Slovakia, Poland and even the Baltic (EE,LT,LV) :o) in case it would be interesting for you.

I just order Guildford Compact from Sweden. Let you know when it arrives. Must say, swedish filofax person was very nice and very helpful.

Steve (2011-04-05 08:41:58)

@katka.m

Thanks for your offer, can you please email us philofaxy at gmail dot com and we will share the file with you so you can input the details etc.

Thanks

Steve

Sandra (2011-04-05 12:50:41)

@Nellie Sorry to hear of your injury! Doing healthy things gets one everytime... ;) Take care of yourself.

@Allison The US site has even slimmer pickings. Did you see the Danish site's lovely cream with spot color vertical personal inserts. Want!

<http://www.filofax.dk/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2475>

How early do you order your calendar inserts for the following year? And, do you wish they were made available sooner than later?

DanishGTD (2011-04-05 13:02:14)

Yeah, the Danish site has quite some nice stuff. The A5 refill I mentioned earlier seems to me like the perfect refill. Week on two pages with room for notes for each day!!!

Alison Reeves (2011-04-05 13:39:44)

I think filofax UK has sent all the interesting binders, colours and inserts to other countries!

stirwise (2011-04-05 14:06:32)

Last year I did some digging around all the global Filofax sites for interesting inserts and I think the Danish Filofax paper offerings used to be an entirely different company, which was bought out by Filofax. So, the Danish inserts are a lot different than what Filofax makes elsewhere, since they are essentially selling a different brand (at least w/r/t paper).

Can't wait for the new binders to show up on FilofaxUSA (or at the very least, Filofax.fr) so I can snatch up a gray Malden and maybe one of the new compact models (which I don't see on the UK site yet).

Steve (2011-04-05 14:13:58)

Grey Malden A5's are now on the FF DE (Germany) website, but not on the UK or FR site.

And a question from me....

Anyone know of a source of the Personal size notepads? Now I have a personal size Malden...

My A5 and A4 like others came with a pad

justenoughsalt (2011-04-05 14:33:53)

@nellie wow! i am so sorry! also, i will take your advice to heart. i just stared that couch to 5k program which

i am doing in conjunction with some very slow conditioning for a triathlon. it is raining here in ny and i always get anxious about running in the rain and falling down and hurting myself.

@stirwise: interesting info about why the danish site is so different

@steve: no idea but i wish i could convert the back of my piccadilly to hold a notepad.

Questions:

1. anyone convert the back of their filo or an index tab to accommodate a notepad? my filo has a zipper pocket in the back instead of holding a notepad.
2. anyone track their training/running/conditioning in their filo? if so do you have some pics or advice?

crofter (2011-04-05 14:49:28)

For all you joggers, runners out there, I spent 15 years training for 11 months of the year to play American football. Now, whenever I get the urge to jog, I just set down till it passes. Do ride a bike, just keep track of the miles as a daily entry in my Filo. Goal for this year is 3,000 miles.

Iris (2011-04-05 15:17:41)

@Steve

Notepads are sold separately by Filofax UK (as well as FF Germany) - you may choose between [1]ruled, quadrille and yellow.

1. <http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId=110>

Steve (2011-04-05 15:30:27)

Thanks Iris, couldn't see beyond my nose!!

Added to my next order shopping list. Thanks

Butanben (2011-04-05 18:34:55)

Oh Nellie, I am just so so sorry to hear that you are on crutches and in pain. How miserable for you. I send you get well wishes. I broke some metatarsals in my left foot, many years back, falling down the last few steps of a spiral staircase. Silly me!! And it hurt!!!! More annoying was not being able to carry anything, as you say, except on a back pack. Hope you are soon back up on your feet and back Filofaxing away. xxxx

justenoughsalt (2011-04-05 23:17:13)

@crofter....i must not understand the slang there. what do you mean by "i just set down till it passes" are you saying you prefer to bike instead of jog after all that football conditioning?

Nellie (2011-04-06 01:53:07)

Thanks for everyone's good wishes! I will be fine, but it is very annoying.

@colie Keep up with the running, it is a great thing to do. I did the couch to 5k too, and am now aiming for a half marathon. I don't think I will run in the woods again though, road running only for me - no tree roots to fall over!

crofter (2011-04-06 09:30:22)

@ Colie

I find it much more enjoyable than jogging. I ride a recumbent, extremely comfortable, and I get the same cardio benefit that I would from running with out all the impact damage you get from the pounding your joints take from running.

I am all of a Quiver!!!



[1] Having recently downsized in weight from an A5 red Graphic Zipped Filofax, to a lighter plain brown A5 Graphic, one problem soon emerged, and that was, that although my new Graphic had two pen holders, they would not accommodate two Frixion pens and still let the front popper close. Two pens are a vital requirement for me, as work stuff is written in my diary in blue Frixion pen and social/ family events in pink. For those of you not aware of the wonders of Frixion, it is a gel pen which rubs out and which is possible to re- write over. Utterly useful when using a Filofax to record and amend appointments. I was loathe to give up my new Filofax, or the beautifully coloured pens.



[2] After some investigating and searching via Google, I came across a solution to my problem; [3]Quiver pen holders. They are beautifully made, hand- crafted in the softest leather and come in shades of light tan and black. Quite frankly they are a work of art and just lovely. Originally, they were designed for Moleskine notebooks, and come as a single pen holder, or a double, and are available in both small and large sizes. The single is more expensive, as it has a double elastic strap, to fit over the front and back of a notebook, and thus more workmanship. The double is the one which can easily slot over a Filofax type binder. The large double photographed here, fits beautifully over my A5 Graphic, and consists of a leather pouch sewn onto an elasticated belt to hold the Quiver in place. It is extraordinarily strong, incredibly easy to fit, beautiful to look at and functional. It will last for years, and is designed to do so. The width on the large Quiver is 4.5cm and so you require that gap between your card holder pockets in the inside front of your Filofax and the binder ring holder for it to be able to fit.



[4]

The cost of my Quiver pen holder worked out at a reasonable £10, however, the postage from the USA added on another £8, making it a fairly expensive product; but I think well worth the investment. It makes my Filofax much easier to use and it looks extraordinarily elegant. The company has sold Quivers to some of the Hollywood elite, including Oprah Winfrey, who apparently has been seen sporting one on her research notebook. It is also possible to purchase Moleskine/Quiver packages from the company direct.

The customer support team were incredibly helpful and I cannot praise them highly enough. They pride themselves on what is a quality product and when my first tan Quiver arrived with loose stitching, not only were they genuinely apologetic at the rarity of a fault, and had it replaced by mail within the week, but a second black Quiver was sent with their compliments, free of charge, to cover my inconvenience. An extraordinarily high standard of service. Cue the perfect excuse for the instant purchase of a second Graphic A5 in black, when I spotted it at a reduced price!!

This is just a superb product for Filofax or Moleskine notebook fans, and I feel so elated at having made such a useful discovery, that I wanted to share it here on Philofaxy.

Wonder if any other Philofaxers will be all of a Quiver before too long?

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Pete Mac (2011-04-06 03:52:57)

I've got a couple of the single quivers for large notebooks. I must agree - they are beautifully made and work exactly as designed.

Regards,

Pete Mac in Melbourne

caribbean princess (2011-04-06 07:08:32)

Thanks Butanben. Would a quiver work for a personal sized Filofax?

Butanben (2011-04-06 10:55:45)

Pete, glad you love Quivers too!!

Butanben (2011-04-06 11:07:06)

CP, I am sure that a Quiver would fit a personal Filofax with no problems. It is an elasticated loop which fits on so easily. It is just a question of size and dimensions, as to whether the small or large Quiver would be best on a personal. The company are easy to contact on Facebook, and reply swiftly to enquiries if you give them the dimensions of your Filofax. Remember to measure the gap between your inner pockets and the ring binder, and to check the width of the Quiver strap, so they tally. They are an incredibly helpful firm. The product is a reasonable mid price, but the postage from the USA of course adds to that. I thought it worth it for the quality and usefulness. Great pressie for DH, dads, uncles etc, with the Quiver/ Moleskine notebook packages too. See

web page. xxx

caribbean princess (2011-04-06 18:34:45)
Thanks Butanben

Ed (2011-06-12 14:37:12)

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Web Finds (2011-04-06 12:00)

No shortage of posts about our favourite topic is there!

- [1]Filofax Update it's a snake - So very.... Robin!
- [2]With just a little tweaking - So very..... Robin!
- [3]Filofax related cartoons - These as well as others feature in [4]Filofax Facts
- [5]Top Tabs - Life Well Planned
- [6]The Control Journal - Leslie
- [7]Work-o-fax - Leslie Pauley
- [8]?-o-fax Part 1 - Sharon
- [9]?-o-fax Part 2 - Sharon
- [10]Funfile thought planner - Jessica Mullen
- [11]Filofax Love Part Two - SocraTeas

Enjoy

1. <http://somenotesfromafar.blogspot.com/2011/03/filofax-update-its-snake.html>
2. <http://somenotesfromafar.blogspot.com/2011/02/with-just-little-filo-tweaking.html>
3. <http://www.cartoonstock.com/directory/f/filofax.asp>
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Mrs. Grievous (2011-04-20 16:22:33)

Thanks for featuring some of my posts! Will you please only use my first name when linking to me? O:

Steve (2011-04-20 16:53:23)

OK post altered Leslie, but your surname is on your About Me on your blog, how else would I have known it....

Mrs. Grievous (2011-04-20 22:04:46)

I know it's there, I'm not mad, it just weirded me out to see my full name on something I didn't post myself lol.

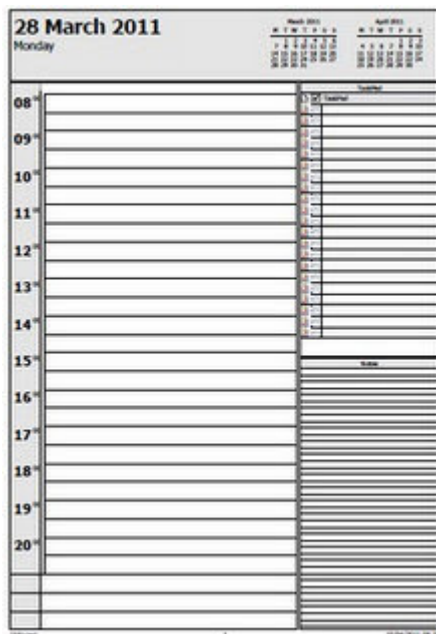
Creating Your Own Diary Using MS Outlook - Revisited (2011-04-07 00:00)

Everyone wants the 'perfect' diary for them, be it a particular format or a particular layout. Or is it that you would like better quality paper because you are a fountain pen user and you don't like the 'bleed through' you get with the standard offerings.

We have covered [1]alternative suppliers such as Quo Vadis before. However, you might already have a source of that perfect diary available on your PC/Mac in the form of Outlook.

I'm not suggesting that you start keeping your appointments on Outlook and in your Filofax. I'm just suggesting you use Outlook or a similar application to create a blank diary insert covering the period you want.

My [2]previous post last year about using Outlook covered most of the formats available, but you might want to revisit the various options you can select from within the Print Style menu. Day per Page or Day per Two Page are available, as well as weekly and monthly formats. Notes areas either lined or blank areas can be added. In weekly formats you can have vertical formats (Left to Right) or a conventional format (Top to Bottom)



[3]

If you select the 'Task Pad' to be included, it of course only includes the tasks from within Outlook. Now I like the idea of including To-Do lists on diary pages, but I like to be able to write them in myself and have the tick box. To get Outlook to add tasks I simply created a dozen or so blank tasks that just have a 'space' in the subject field. These 'blank' tasks will then appear on your diary when you select that option. The picture on the right used this tip to add the task lines.

Now selecting paper for your diary, don't forget to check what paper your printer can handle reliably. You need to look at the paper specifications for your printer. Some printers have different paper handling specifications for the manual feed tray compared to the normal paper tray. The figure you are looking for

is the range of paper weights which is often quoted in grams per square metre or gsm. The thicker the paper the heavier it will be, but also remember the less pages you will be able to fit in to your Filofax, unfortunately you can't alter the basic physics of this.

You might want to purchase your paper locally, this way you might be able to get some sample sheets of paper to experiment with using your favourite ink pen to check to see that it doesn't smear or bleeds through to the other side. You can get paper similar to the much loved 'Cotton Cream'

If you are printing your own diary you don't have to print the whole year in one print, you can break it down in to each month, change the colour of the paper even for each month, use tabbed month dividers without the usual problems associated with Filofax diary inserts. You can also print mixed formats to cover the year, say three months of day per page format, then say weekly formats for 3-6 month range and monthly layouts for 6-12 months, so the closer you get to events the more detail you can include.

You will also need a [4]paper punch and we have covered these in [5]various posts before. [6]Printing A4 or A5 is fairly straight forward, but it is possible to also print your own [7]personal size diary.

I think it's worth experimenting with trying out your own format rather than a preprinted one, you might find something that makes your Filofax work far better for you.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/09/alternative-refills-for-your-filofax.html>
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/microsoft-outlook-calendar-filofax.html>
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6. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/printing-a5-pages.html>
7. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/printing-your-own-filofax-personal.html>

kateb (2011-04-07 16:12:59)

this is so cool! I didn't even know I had outlook until this morning, and I'm just playing around with it now and I think I've already found out how to print personal pages!
thanks for this!

Susanne (2011-04-08 18:23:07)

I have been using Outlook for printing blank calendars in different views. The latest format is a blank monthly calendar. I put the current month on top of my diary, and make notes about the most important dates to remember, like birthdays, vacation or sick days. It's a great overview and easy to make yourself. How to: <http://www.strickmuse.com/2010/08/and-obsession-continues.html>

Free For All Friday No. 125 (2011-04-08 00:00)

So another '[1]Fried Fish and Fries' and I'm back in France...

Don't forget this Sunday is [2]Skype Philofaxy Roundtable Look forward to chatting with as many of you as we can.

But as it is Friday, the floor is yours to discuss anything Filofax related.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/free-for-all-friday-no-124.html>
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/date-for-your-diary-sunday-10-april.html>

kanalt (2011-04-08 08:32:01)

I have a question: for those of you who use multiple formats (week on 2 pages, day per page/2 pages per day, monthly) what do you use each for? Are they separate, or do you repeat information on both?

Karensa (2011-04-08 08:47:20)

Wow! Am I really the first poster today?

With what has been going on at work, it has been really hard to post any comments. There have been lots of threads to contribute too but since missed them, will just comment on a couple of recent ones.

I'd be VERY interested in a New York meetup. Until kids get out of school for summer though, my weekends are pretty packed so hopefully the date picked will work out. (I'll send email at later time Steve, I'm using my husband's iPad this morning.)

In regards to the perfect Filofax, oh how I wish Filofax made an equivalent binder in size to the U.S. "Classic" (8.5 x 5.5) paper size. I've been using a personal size Filofax but would really like one in that 8.5 x 5.5 paper size for my work notes, and to be more compatible with what I print out, for schedule and such.

I found a cheaper, slim binder in that size for work but, like I said, the binder is cheap and would so love one with Filofax quality.

Wishing everyone a great Friday!

Karensa (2011-04-08 08:57:23)

Oops, will have to type faster to be first.

Kanalt - I started doing this after everyone was writing about it because I thought it would help give me combine what I like about a week on 2 pages and a day per page. I just got the additional week on 2 pages recently so am only on week 2, but I like it.

On the week on 2 pages, the daily boxes are more free form so I designated a box for work to dos and a box for home to dos, any to dos that I have to get done during the week but don't have to be on a certain day. Then on the day per page, I record schedule, daily journal of what actually did and then those to dos that have to be done on at day. When I have time, I look back to the week on 2 pages for other to dos I need to do for the week or if new to dos pop up, I record them there until I know what day they go on. So far, seems to be working ok but week 4 or 6 will be better analysis than now, especially after those remnant to dos add up over time (the ones don't get to in a week).

justenoughsalt (2011-04-08 10:32:33)

@kanalt i use the month on two pages together with two days per page. the month on two pages is my big picture view with travel, special events, and any on-going projects. the day on two pages is where i put all my to-do list, notes on what i may have learned that day, individual appointments, and plans. For example, a trip might be highlighted for ten days on the month but the time of the flights and flight numbers would be listed on the two days per page. if that makes sense.

justenoughsalt (2011-04-08 11:22:11)

also, do you think we could use this in our files [1]Pen Loop! A stick on piece you can add to any notebook, etc and you can easily secure your pens to it

1. <http://www.notcot.org/post/39403/>

Sandra (2011-04-08 11:51:26)

@Colie I saw a Green Piccadilly personal on Ebay UK—I think you were on the look out for one once...

@Karensa Some of the A5 binders are more accomodating and can hold the larger planner pages. I believe the zipped A5 binders have more give on the right side...but I do not own one. Check the previously made posts on the site.

I track daily to dos on the 2 pp week (adding to do lists as necessary). Appointments start on the monthly view but are transferred over to the weekly pages when I create my daily agenda/todos on Sunday evenings.

I may move to 1 ppd for to dos next year...still evaluating the current set-up.

Happy weekend, all!

(deleted my previous comment—too many typos!)

girlinmaths (2011-04-08 12:34:06)

Kanalt: I most use the weekly pages, white and unlined. I do have the monthly pages in my file at the moment,

but find that I almost never look at them. So I might take them out.

I used the daily pages for a few weeks to make more detailed daily plans, but I have gone back to just using the weekly pages. I was making planning more complicated without any good reason. I have tried monthly and daily pages together without weekly pages and that worked pretty ok too, only carrying the whole year made my filo so fat. The weekly pages are mostly more than enough, as I do have more todos than appointments. I have written about the contents of my filo on my blog some time ago.

Mallory (2011-04-08 12:57:17)

I really appreciate all the work put into Files section of this blog. I have a (probably silly) question: When people print out the templates for Personal size, do you print it on blank paper from Filofax, or do you print on regular paper and cut and hole punch?

I really enjoy this blog and everyone's contributions.

justenoughsalt (2011-04-08 13:04:58)

@skhen yeah i am bidding on it. unfortunately someone else is too.

stirwise (2011-04-08 13:27:42)

I use page-per-day as well as the tabbed month-on-two-pages (vertical). PPD is good for details, MOTP is good for overview (events, travel, holidays, etc). I also use the tabs to break up the daily sheets into months, so it's easier to flip to a date.

I know some of you like multicolor ink pens, I recently bought a couple of Japanese pens with interchangeable ink barrels, made by Pilot: http://www.jetpens.com/index.php/cPath/91_149_346

You can do up to 4 colors in a variety of line thicknesses with a nice gel ink, rather than old-fashioned ballpoint. There are about 10 ink colors available.

The barrel is still a little thick for most of my Filo pen loops, though elastic loops are fine and my Adelphi slimline has a pen clip loop, so that works perfectly.

Jetpens.com has a lot of different multicolor pens, some of which are 2 or 3 colors and possibly slim enough for a leather pen loop, but I haven't tried them. I'm totally hooked on the Coletto pens.

Steve (2011-04-08 13:35:39)

@Mallory Thanks for your feedback. I print the pages on to Filofax Pages, or paper cut to the right size, you can get three pages out of a sheet of A4.

See the details on how to print on to personal pages

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/printing-your-own-filofax-personal.html>

Let us know if there are any inserts you would like to see added to the files page. Happy to create some more.

Rori (2011-04-08 17:35:13)

@kanalt I use the dailies for making notes about stuff that happened. I use the wotp for to do's, and the month for paydays, days I work, bills due etc.

Butanben (2011-04-08 18:22:16)

Hi Kanalt,

I use a week on two pages in A5 format, with the hours printed vertically. I have also designed my own monthly pages so I can have an overview of the months ahead, ie plan ahead for busy times. I am finding this a little constrictive though..... not enough room, so may well modify or abandon this. A nuisance, as I like to see the months ahead as a whole too. I have a daily page which is a summary of my to dos, notes jottings and appointments. It was made by Steve and is just so jolly useful.

David Popely (2011-04-09 01:22:20)

@Mallory I have a big budget pack of pre-punched FF personal size blank paper (bought from FF themselves) and I print out straight onto that - no cutting, no punching

kanalt (2011-04-09 06:30:02)

Thanks for the replies. Currently I use a month on two pages for long-term planning, a week on two pages for detailed planning (appointments, to-dos, etc) and a day per page for diary keeping. But it seems that I spend a lot of time copying information from my weekly pages to my daily pages. I'm trying to cut down on copying so much information.

Petra (2011-04-09 23:56:44)

Colie – I bought one of those pen loops at Staples about a month ago, but unfortunately it got lost in the piles in my office before I could even try it out! I'm planning on attaching it to a plastic divider insert so I can move it about between files.

Iris (2011-04-10 03:13:58)

I bought one of those **pen loops** last year for use in a journal - they are made by [1]Leuchtturm1917 & come in different colours. But be aware that the glue is very strong - once attached to a notebook (or Filo) you won't be able to remove it without causing serious damage!

1. <http://www.leuchtturm1917.com/content/der-pen-loop>

justenoughsalt (2011-04-10 13:19:16)

@iris & @petra good to know. i was thinking they would be best attached to a divider as well

Malden Magic - Updated (2011-04-09 00:00)

So I've caught the Malden bug recently, not only with the purchase of the A5 in grey, but I also weakened when I spied a Malden Personal in Crimson at a good price on Amazon. It arrived on Tuesday and I think it looks lovely.

For once I'm not going to do any lengthy description, I think the pictures will speak for themselves. I really enjoyed photographing my 'Brace of Malden's' in the afternoon sun, lots of natural light is far better than any artificial light source.



[1]



[2]



[3]



[4]



[5]



[6]



[7]



[8]

I hope you like this series of photos.

Postscript: There is a printing error in the new catalogue and on the website, the Malden A5 only appears to have 25mm rings not the 30mm rings they mention on the site. I have complained about this to Filofax, it will be interesting to see what they have to say. I still love the A5 it's just a pity it isn't as advertised.

Further Update: It seems my Malden along with other early A5 examples were fitted with 25mm rings instead of 30 mm rings. I have been promised a replacement soon...

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DanishGTD (2011-04-09 03:07:30)

Really liked the photos. Was actually quite surprised to see that the difference in size is that little! It made me move one step closer to making the switch to A5.

katka (2011-04-09 03:33:32)

What a beauty! The A5 looks perfect. I really like the pink Malden. I know you mentioned that it didn't look that pretty in reality thought.

I received Guildford Compact from Sweden yesterday. I added some pictures on Flickr...http://www.flickr.com/photos/54020897@N02/sets/72157626334_238133/with/5602033869/

I was quite surprised by the insert quality. They really get some better stuff up north :o)

Laurie (2011-04-09 04:07:05)

Great photos!!

Dilaila (2011-04-09 04:52:28)

Wow!

Sandra (2011-04-09 07:48:16)

Beautiful photos! Thank you for posting them.

I already had mini Malden envy--now I can lust after an A5 as well.

caribbean princess (2011-04-09 08:01:07)

Beautiful pictures! I can see why the Malden is such a favourite. I am still disappointed that the vintage pink didn't match up!

Silver Bell Girl (2011-04-09 08:29:17)

I wish they'd let you edit comments so you don't have to delete and start from scratch if you mess up!

ANYWAY, I love the way these look! Filofax binders are so poorly made (at least the "scratch and dent" models they send to the US to sell), but that gray is so beautiful I'm almost tempted to try again if they get it in the US.

Butanben (2011-04-09 11:00:57)

@katka, think that Steve's Malden here is red!!! It was the vintage pink that was brighter and a different colour to the catalogue colour, if that helps.

Steve (2011-04-09 11:21:48)

Yes just to confirm my personal size Malden shown in the pictures is the Crimson (red) not the new Vintage Pink colour..

Steve

crofter (2011-04-09 21:05:04)

Sweet!!!!

Petra (2011-04-10 00:05:00)

I have to say I am delighted with the quality of the Filofax binders I've bought in the U.S., at least compared to FC or DayTimer, and they don't differ at all in quality from those I saw in London. But I haven't bought hardly any from FilofaxUSA, and I think the quality can vary depending on which model you buy.

Nickie (2011-04-10 08:19:04)

Great photos Steve. I really like the zip pocket on the Malden and it will probably be my choice when I next buy a Filofax.

I'm really bemused by the Filofax customer service at the moment (email at least). As you read on my most recent Filofax post, I tried to feedback about their new WOOPWN layout but have not received any response yet. I also asked about a couple of other things using their "contact us" section but have had no acknowledgment of my query.

The solution? Ask Philofaxy!

Amanda (2011-04-12 06:10:56)

Been away for a while so finally just catching up...

The Malden A5 has 25mm rings??? No!!!! It was heading towards being an ideal binder for me until you said that! Hmm. Well, saving me some pennies I suppose...

The crimson personal looks lovely - why didn't they do that in A5 instead of pepti-bismol pink?

Mulberry Inserts in Filofax Organisers. (2011-04-10 00:00)

We have seen quite a bit of discussion and interest in [1]Mulberry Organisers/Refills whilst they look similar in size to Filofax, they needed further investigation to confirm the page sizes and hole spacings. I'm very grateful for Mulberry Customer Services for supplying the information below.

Parameter(Filofax/Mulberry)	Filofax	Mulberry
Paper size (Pocket)	120x81 mm	120x76mm
Paper size (Personal/Agenda)	171x95 mm	149x105mm
Paper size (A5/Planner)	210x148mm	209x147mm
'3 ring spacing'	19mm (3/4")	12mm
Ring Spacing between rings 3 and 4 (Pocket)	19mm	13mm
Ring Spacing between rings 3 and 4 (Personal/Agenda)	50mm	32mm
Ring Spacing between rings 3 and 4 (A5/Planner)	70mm	45mm

Examining the figures for the A5 size and drawing the locations of the holes on a plain sheet of paper. The only holes that are in the same location are holes 3 and 4 on the Filofax line up with holes 2 and 5 on a Mulberry sheet.



[2]

As you will see holes 1 and 6 on the Mulberry set are very close to holes 2 and 5 on the Filofax set, this might be a problem with long term use.

Going back to [3]Quo Vadis for a moment, their Timer 14 (Pocket Filofax) and Timer 17 (Personal Filofax) use exactly the same hole spacing as Filofax so no need to re-punch. However, their Timer 21 (Filofax A5) uses slightly different ring spacing. The '3 ring spacing' is still 19 mm, but the distance between holes 3 and 4 is 50 mm. This results in the 3 holes being offset from the Filofax 3 holes as shown below.

[4]



As you will see the holes are equally spaced between each other. In use I've not experienced any 'hole tearing' with the QV Timer 21 inserts when used in an A5 Filofax

1. <http://www.mulberry.com/?gclid=CPrd58So-6cCFUFC4QodUUTfpw#/storefront/c5493/c5496/>
2. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-bZ9J21Hbn1A/TZzGRkGBHDI/AAAAAAAAJF4/yvLksUgd5ak/s1600/Mulberry.jpg>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/03/quo-vadis-timer-21-a5-filofax-inserts.html>
4. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-pJwu5BJ6bm4/TZzGV27bx4I/AAAAAAAAJF8/D0b1delCJC4/s1600/QV.jpg>

Alannarama (2011-04-10 05:16:21)

have you seen the mulberry binders though? if i won the lottery... TOTALLY worth the odd paper.

janet (2011-04-10 07:15:53)

I have a Mulberry agenda in Oak and nothing wears like that leather. It is gorgeous!

PSC (2011-10-28 20:14:35)

Hi I have a mulberry A5 binder but want to use Filofax inserts in it due to the range . I tried to use the filofax inserts and punch them to fit the mulberry but its not the same. New i am thinking of getting a Filofax A5 but am utterly confused which one to get. This would be for office use. Any tips would help. I looked at the zipped vs the normal option now am more confused.

Flickr Challenge - Filofax on Location (2011-04-10 11:06)



[1]

So summer is fast approaching and I'm sure you will be taking a Filofax or two on your travels with you. So why not take a photo of your Filofax in a holiday location. Bonus points for taking a photo of your Winchester in the city of Winchester... or your Buckingham in Buckingham (a small shires town north west of London) you get the idea I'm sure....

Post them on the [2]Philofaxy Flickr Group and we will have a bit of fun seeing the coolest Filo's sunning themselves or showing off thier 'tanned hides' to the passing folks...

Yes the idea was inspired by the photo that @Tommes _S posted on Twitter of his Malden Mini in Italy.

1. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-yVJxA1SGiuA/TaHHD96nUTI/AAAAAAAAJH4/E23I5zr-7Mg/s1600/274148400.jpg>

2. <http://www.flickr.com/groups/40748476@N00/>

Iris (2011-04-10 11:35:30)

I took some photos last summer, see my [1]set on Flickr.

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/48943937@N07/sets/72157624469049839/>

Nellie (2011-04-10 11:41:28)

I have an Amazona... that's quite a trip I'll have to make!

Great idea!

justenoughsalt (2011-04-10 12:03:16)

i doubt when i will make it to windsor or piccadilly but i love the idea of us taking photos of our filox in the field. can we call it the "filox in the field project". can't wait to see what gets posted!

also i wonder who will go to cuba first...

Jotje (2011-04-11 03:49:45)

Does this mean I have to travel to the past with my Deco????

kanalt (2011-04-11 06:44:44)

Love this idea!

Yvotchka (2011-04-11 12:02:24)

What a fun idea! Too bad Karl Malden is no longer alive ;) Which is way more fun than, say, Malden MA. Still trying to get Filofax action shots from Kuwait...

I guess there's no major prize for taking a Domino to a pizza place?? :-)

jjhitt (2011-04-12 19:39:17)
I can't legally travel to Cuba(n).
I suppose a cigar store will have to do.

In this Filofax I will keep the following pages:

[illegible]

Does anyone else keep a Filofax in their car? What do you keep in it?

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Web Finds (2011-04-11 06:00)

Yet more excellent posts for you to read over your coffee break.

- [1]Book-o-Fax - Sharon
- [2]Family-o-Fax - Sharon
- [3]Gym-o-Fax - Sharon
- [4]101 Things-o-Fax - Sharon
- [5]Colleen Rooney - The Bag Lady
- [6]Notes on Writing a Novel - Lars Johanson
- [7]Filofax - LeMinh's Way of Life
- [8]Writing a list - Paper rush
- [9]New Adelphi A5 for €4.90 - Filomaniac - and it's now been shipped!
- [10]And the obsession continues - Strick Muse

Enjoy

1. <http://shazzastitching.wordpress.com/2011/04/07/o-fax-filofax-part-3/>
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9. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/04/zu-schon-um-wahr-zu-sein-adelphi-fur.html>
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Iris (2011-04-11 08:11:37)

I know I'm running the risk of everybody hating me, but... yes, it's true, I got an Adelphi A5 (which normally is 129 Euro) for a mere 4,90 Euro. On Thursday, I noticed by chance that Filofax Germany had accidentally put the wrong price online; so I ordered one... and it was shipped the next day. (Shipping was 3 Euro.) Since it was an obvious error, FF could have easily backed out of the contract - but I'm happy to say that they didn't!

I will post a review of the Adelphi on my blog later this week; pics are already on [1]Flickr.

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/48943937@N07/5602086007/>

28e0e8c2-3557-11e0-82ac-000bcdcb471e (2011-04-11 10:20:47)

@Iris - No! Hate is too strong of a word and the wrong word! I (and probably all who read philofaxy) am proud of you for getting such a great bargain on a great filofax and for your diligence in spotting such an oversight on price and acting promptly, too! Go, Iris!!! Okay, maybe there is a tinge, a hint of jealousy, too, because I've never spotted such an error on filofaxusa.com but hey, it's okay! At least I can claim to "know" someone who got the

best deal of the year!
AspireToBe

Steve (2011-04-11 11:27:45)

No, well done Iris for spotting it, and also well done FF DE for honouring the contract... their error.
I've looked at the photos very nice too. I hope you enjoy owning it.
We all spot deals occasionally... me included!

Sandra (2011-04-11 18:46:30)

No hatred—envious, perhaps!
Enjoy your new Filofax! She's a beauty!

David Popely (2011-04-13 11:27:55)

Additional 'find' - I notice that WH Smith are still doing cracking deals on binders via their website. You'll need to know your binders, though, because if you go to a store a) you'll find that not all the deals are there, and b) you'll find all the binder boxes are empty, and have to be taken to the customer services desk to be filled. Anyway, if you *do* know your stuff, online's got to be better than visiting their dimly-lit poorly-organised stores, hasn't it?!

Finally, just a navigation tip....the full range of A5 binders doesn't seem to be linked from the main Filofax page (duh.....) but if you click on one of the ones which is on offer at the top, you should then be able to see the full range at the bottom of the next page.

Don't know if I'll be emailing in to offer DW's assistance in making their site navigation logical.....

Free for All Tuesday No 10 (2011-04-12 00:00)



[1]

So what questions do you have for us this week?

And this being the 10th one, how are people finding this opportunity to ask any Filofax related questions?

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgC/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

Rori (2011-04-12 00:14:27)

Does anyone know when the pink Malden (or if) is coming to the US?

justenoughsalt (2011-04-12 01:35:20)

what do you wish you could erase from the refills that you use?

@rori i havent a clue. hopefully they will be here in time for the US philofaxy meetup though.

justenoughsalt (2011-04-12 01:57:06)

have you seen the new [1]"Mozarella Filofax" that has been trending on twitter?

1. <http://notalwaysright.com/not-quite-as-fast-as-a-fox-in-a-fire/11060>

girlinmaths (2011-04-12 02:56:51)

Does anyone have an idea of how the aqua colour of the chameleon compares to the aqua finsbury? The chameleon pictures look light grey on all computer screens I have tried, but this is probably not the real colour. I have seen an aqua finsbury, but the colour was much too green for my although in yvotchka's photos they look much more light blue. That is the colour I would like for the chameleon.

katka (2011-04-12 03:07:58)

@colie...I think it's Mozilla Firefox, not Mozzarella Filofax :o) Look at the question.

Butanben (2011-04-12 06:14:46)

I am loving the new FFA Tuesday column!! Thanks for all your work on it Steve. Personally, I think it is a great addition to the site.

justenoughsalt (2011-04-12 09:26:12)

@katka.m i know! that is what makes it so funny!

Mrs. Grievous (2011-04-12 09:50:27)

Is there any news at all on when the U.S. will get anything new? I am lusting after the orange domino on filofax.de.

Sandra (2011-04-12 11:41:11)

Mozarella Filofax...hee hee!

@Leslie The orange is striking. I want Laurie's ultra violet Domino. I did just snag a snakeskin A5 online, though...

@Steve-liking the FFAT! I understand why the site doesn't have a forum per se. This feature allows for questions, comments, and communication.

Loved the chat on Sunday as well-looking forward to the next Skype roundtable.

R (2011-04-12 11:43:16)

@Rori - Malden Vintage rose will be available mid may.

@Leslie - As for the Domino Orange it should be available now!

R (2011-04-12 11:48:03)

@girlinmaths

the chameleon aqua, is as it says it is aqua its just a hard color because it blends with the black. But it is blue and should be available in the us now.

Silver Bell Girl (2011-04-12 12:01:26)

I asked on the FilofaxUSA facebook page about when things new filofax/colors would be available in the US. They replied that they should be available mid-April.

John (2011-04-12 13:25:33)

This is a pipe dream for me at this point, but is the Personal Eton made for any market at this point? I've really fallen for those bellows pockets. I've ordered a Guildford which I'm going to use but will likely always carry a sheen of consolation.

kateb (2011-04-12 14:03:03)

has anybody got a system of organisation etc they stick to 100 %? I think the beauty of filofaxes is that they are completely flexible, but isn't that a problem too when you don't have a fixed, permanent system to organise yourself? Or do you just go with the flow, let your filofax(es) be flexible around your life?

R (2011-04-12 14:21:19)

@john

if you contact filofax sometimes they have old stock kicking around worth a shot

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-12 14:50:29)
by the way, I have started a filofax blog :)
<http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/>

SSA (2011-04-12 16:27:21)
[http://www.filofax.com.au/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=2 &rangeId=68 &dsId=2](http://www.filofax.com.au/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=2&rangeId=68&dsId=2)
^ personal Eton at filofax.au

Rori (2011-04-12 17:13:01)
@Iris Good on ya! Enjoy!!
@colie I wish I could erase the
time slots on my ppd refills.
@r thanks!
I'm buying a Malden for myself for my birthday. I'm turning 41 and I need something wonderful cuz I'm bummed.
I love my Cuban Zip, but the not lying flat is bothering me more than I thought it would. Plus, who doesn't need
"just one more" :D
Mozarella Filofax was funny!
BTW, I LOVES FFA Tuesdays!!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-12 19:32:33)
oh stupid google account blog thing, it keeps changing my name! on my own blog im called the perpetual student
(TPS for short) and on here i wanted to still be called kateb but it changed it... oh well!

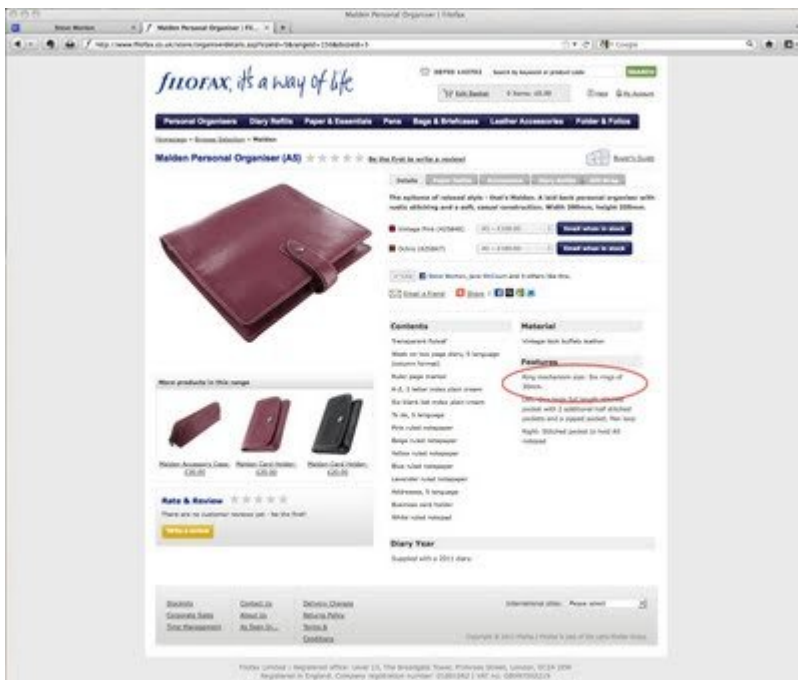
kanalt (2011-04-13 06:38:47)
Rori - Filofax USA has posted some pictures of new binders on their Facebook page, so hopefully they will be
arriving soon. The Rose Malden is not one of them, however...

Mrs. Grievous (2011-04-13 14:10:34)
PENS AND LEATHER HAS SOME OF THE NEW DESIGNS READY TO ORDER!!! Really. I'm going to pee
my pants. :)

stirwise (2011-04-13 18:21:31)
@John:
RE Eton, email me. I have one I don't use. klannert@gmail.com

Ring sizes - Updated (2011-04-13 00:00)

Ring sizes... Filofax ring sizes that is, not wedding ring sizes.
As you know I recently bought the [1]A5 Malden Filofax Organiser. In the paper catalogue it is shown
as having 30 mm rings. Likewise it was shown on the website UK and DE as having 30 mm rings.



[2]

I thought perfect, but when I bought it at the shop I looked at the organiser and thought is that 30 mm? I should have compared it to a Finsbury A5 which I know has 30 mm rings.

Where do they measure the 30mm? Looking on the [3]website they don't mention how the measurement is made.

So when I got back to France and looked at the Malden in detail compared to the Finsbury, I quickly realised that the ring size is in fact 25 mm not 30 mm as advertised. The ring size measurement is in fact the internal diameter not the external diameter measurement.



[4]

Here is a Pocket Finsbury being measured with my measuring calipers, and it is 19mm as it should be. Remember I was an engineer so this sort thing is fairly natural to me!

When I first discovered the error with the Malden, I was naturally disappointed, so I emailed Filofax UK customer service to point out the errors on the UK and German sites and in the catalogue. I got a reply quite quickly thanking me for pointing out the errors on both websites and in the catalogue.

I heard tonight that the catalogues are being corrected by hand! They have already amended the UK

website. But when I checked the German site just now, they have removed the Malden A5 from the site completely! Sorry people blame me!!!

I still love the grey Malden so much I have no intention of returning it. I could have returned it for repair complaining that you fitted the wrong ring set... but I suspect that wouldn't have worked!



[5]



[6]

Our own [7]price guide has been amended... and I warned Iris of [8]Filomonic to alert German buyers as soon as this came to light.

Filofax UK have been very gracious in saying sorry about this and they are sending me a complementary 2012 diary insert for sending them the corrections, so I'm not too disappointed.

I will take my measuring callipers on future Filofax buying trips... me I trust no one!!!!

Update: It seems my Malden along with other early A5 examples were fitted with 25mm rings instead of 30 mm rings. I have been promised a replacement soon...

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7. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/Filofax.pdf>
8. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/04/malden-a5-eine-nachricht-von-steve.html>

crofter (2011-04-13 09:22:12)

I have noticed this before also. If memory serves I made a comment not too long ago in reference to the 1/2" ring size on my 5CLF1/2 and my Guildford Slimline, advertised as 1/2" rings, not the same. I don't have a caliper, but would bet it is the same, I.D. vs. O.D..

Butanben (2011-04-13 10:05:12)

That 5cms could make a lot of difference to a packed diary.

I am dithering over the A5 Amazona, dithering because of the 25cm wide rings, but I love the Amazona look. However, that is not a decision I have to make at the moment, and I do love my Graphic

A5. Maybe when you have found the near perfect binder and system, it is time to enjoy it and not keep tweaking away by buying new binders!!! A bespoke service would answer all Filofax problems of which is THE binder to choose. Just think there is such little choice in A5 at 30cms now.

Hope you are not too disappointed with your grey Malden not having 30cm size rings Steve. It is such a lovely binder. I'd love to know how the 25cm compares with 30cm. Is there really a lot of difference??? Or do you hardly notice???

David Popely (2011-04-13 10:52:44)

@butanben 30cm rings would be roughly a foot in diameter....I hope you mean 30mm!

Dave the Pedant.....

David Popely (2011-04-13 10:57:56)

yes I *know* this only loosely fits under 'ring sizes' and I *know* I missed free-for-all Tuesday (was in London on business), but I'm going to post this here just to say that the A5/Personal dilemma is back with a vengeance Chez Popely. I have my rather-poor-quality Strata here on the desk beside me and I'm trying to give it an opportunity to convince me that it would be an OK format to have as a carry-around tool evenings and weekends as well as on work time. Now I have seen this afternoon on ebay, for the first time, a boxed set of the Filofax Pro System (A5 binder and 'pro' inserts I am assuming) - has anyone ever seen one of these, or owned one? It must be old stock because so far as I know they don't do them any more. Additionally, if anyone *has* ever seen one, does it come with any kind of documentation on how it is 'supposed' to be used from the point of view of the courses which FF still, so far as I know, run? If there is a book or booklet in the box, I would *love* to have sight of one. Over to you folks.....thanks in advance

Butanben (2011-04-13 19:28:15)

Oooooops apologies Dave!!!! What was I thinking!!!! Grounded with a cold and sore ears today, and feeling a bit wuff and under the weather. It's obviously gone to my brain too!!!! There again, given the amount of paper work we teachers get through, maybe 30ft rings would be nearer the requirement, let alone 30mm!! Maybe my Freudian slip was trying to tell me the TRUE size of Filofax I need. Haaa Haaa!!

Tim (2011-05-14 20:08:54)

The "Pro" system is just shorthand for their Time Management Professional system that I use and is fully available at <http://www.filofax.co.uk/timemanagement>

The system is standard A5 and comes with a small user booklet.

Mini as a Wallet (2011-04-14 00:00)

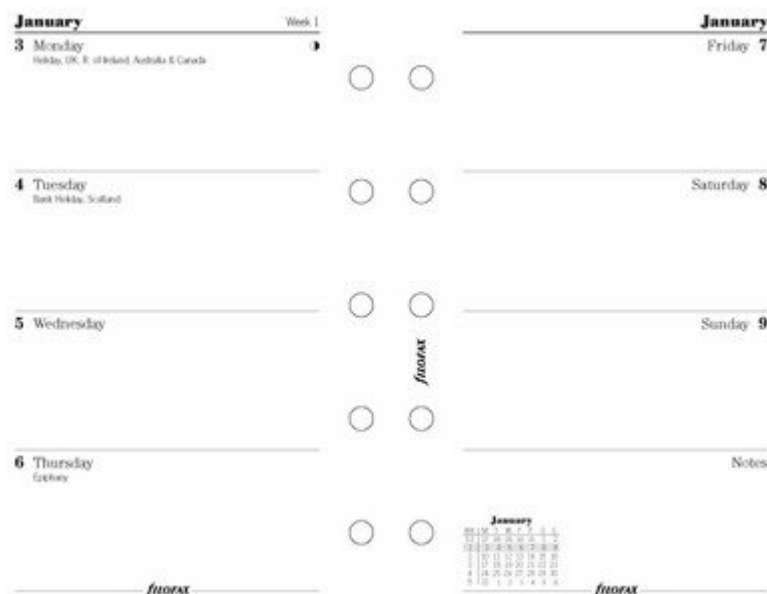
You might recall that I actually put my [1]Mini Finchley in to use as a Wallet/Filofax during my recent visit to UK.

At the end of my UK visit I swapped my cards etc back to my Pocket Filofax, gosh what a change, the Pocket just seems so big!

The Finchley worked well as a wallet I was able to tuck it in my back pocket easily. The mesh pocket worked well for coins. My UK paper driving licence tucked in to the full width pocket along with bank notes.

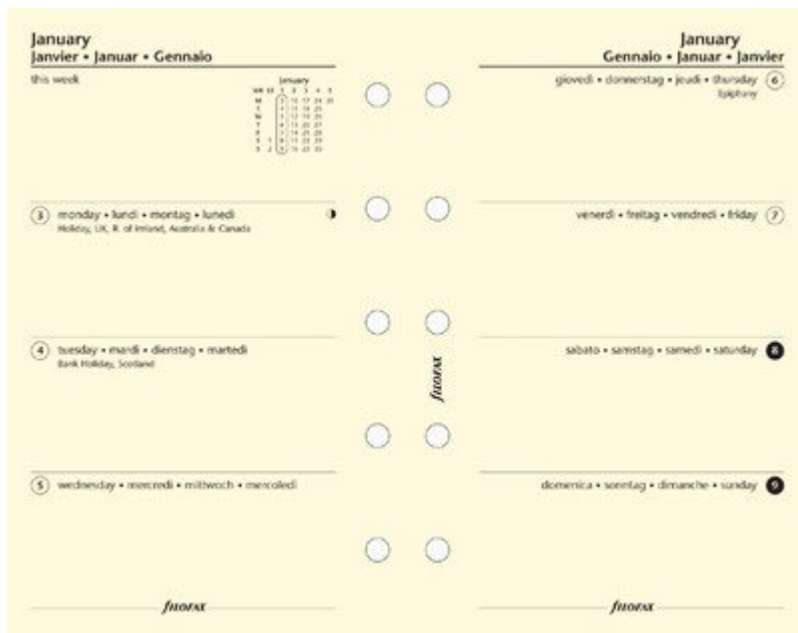
At the moment my Mini just has a Week Per Page diary insert which is the minimum size you can get and I think most people with slightly busy lives would find this format slightly restrictive. So I decided to take a more detailed look at the other diary formats available from Filofax for this size.

So there is a Week on Two Pages, what I like about this format was that it has equal spacing for each day. It is also all in English so there isn't wasted space for other languages.



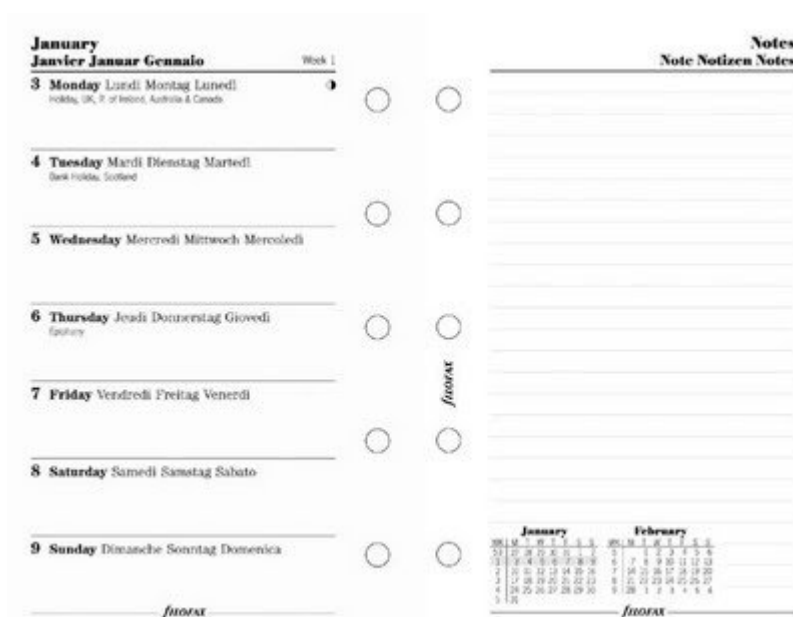
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There is also a cotton cream variety, which is multi language format.



[3]

This Week on one page with notes format might also appeal to some people as well. This is also multi-language format. I would use the notes section for to-do lists and shopping lists etc.



[4]

In UK WH Smiths the news agents also sell their own brand of inserts including diaries which are slightly cheaper than Filofax own products these are only in English, the paper quality from what I can see is no better, then again no worse than the thin Filofax thin paper.

Although the Finchley Mini only has effectively two credit card slots, although the size of the mini means that you can have more than one card in each slot and overlap them in the middle so you can see four cards quite easily as shown here.



[5]

If I can get out of the need to carry my passport or just carry it separately. I could swap my Pocket for the Mini over here in France. Could this be a way of justifying a Mini Malden... hmm now there's a thought!

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/03/mini-as-wallet.html>
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Pete Mac (2011-04-14 01:51:43)

Hi Steve,

I'm in the market for a new wallet and have been considering a mini for this. Trouble is, I've got more than 4 cards, and I can't seem to find if there is some form of credit card holder insert like there is for the pocket size. Are you aware of one?

Regards,

Pete Mac in Aus

AndyB (2011-04-14 04:40:01)

I've been using a Kendal Mini as my wallet for the last 3 months and loving it. I've managed to my four most used bank cards in the front pockets and still have space for more and bus/train tickets etc. The back zipper I use for my Tesco clubcard and Coop cards and I've still got the outside back pocket free.

John (2011-04-14 10:50:57)

I've been using a NOS mini Portland the last couple of months for a jacket-pocket wallet. I'm coming from a card holder/money clip which, over the years, had become horribly deformed from carrying too many cards and receipts. For some reason, the Portland is half the thickness of other Mini's I've seen in the current lineup, and the only one that easily fits into my jacket pocket - barring the Guildford, I think.

As I don't have credit cards, the Portland has forced me, with pleasure, to minimize what I carry. The left side is a full-length vertical pocket which carries 2 work ID's (I can wave the Portland at the sensor without opening). The right side card holders carry, from bottom up, NYC Metrocard, debit card and driver's license, with health insurance card right behind it. The right hand side vertical carries a few business cards. Cash is in the billfold (I seem to carry less and less as more of the world allows a swipe), coins in my pocket. At roughly the same time, I scored a NOS "barley" pen for the pen loop, as most uncapped pens are either too long to fit the length of the

Mini (or fit too skinny in the hand).

So far, my only inserts have been only blank notepaper, with a yearly planner for the odd moment when I have to reference a date. I don't think I could fit what I write into the Mini-size diary formats. Carrying the Portland, for me, has opened up an entire pants pocket - since I used to carry a wallet in addition to notebook and pen.

Free For All Friday No. 126 (2011-04-15 00:04)

It's mid-month! Do you use your Filofax to do a mid-month review? I like to review my monthly goals mid-month, it always helps me get back on the rails.

And to all you US Philofaxers, did you get your taxes in yet? Has your Filofax helped you with your taxes this year by recording info, keeping important receipts, etc.?

And as always on Fridays, the floor is yours to discuss anything Filofax-related! :)

DanishGTD (2011-04-15 06:17:54)

A lot of good offers on a lot of Filos in the Danish store right now. Especially on the popular amazona...

<http://www.filofax.dk/store/specials.asp?OID=215>

Have a nice weekend!

Steve (2011-04-15 06:28:43)

And Decos at 50 % off, making them quite reasonable... also Denmark only charges shipping by weight not value...

kanalt (2011-04-15 06:48:54)

Laurie - Taxes are done and return has arrived! My Filo did help with it - "remind hubby to complete forms." Very detailed. ;) He's an accountant, so unfortunately for him, that job falls squarely in his lap. Too bad Filos can't be written off - that would be a big bonus for us and my hubby might actually *let* me buy more!

Sandra (2011-04-15 09:03:15)

Taxes done and refund due any day now. Just in time for that Filofax Denmark sale...not sure if that is a good or a bad thing.

Off to shop...have a lovely weekend, everyone!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-15 09:55:47)

I wonder what those letter on the inside of the clasp near where it's stitched onto your filo mean? e.g. my Kendal has EHV, and my finsbury has VLV... I wonder if they are the initials of the manufacturers?

Steve (2011-04-15 10:07:13)

Yes they are quality control markings. I've not checked my recent ones!

But it was discussed on Flickr nearly two years ago here:

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/philofaxy/discuss/72157608315606323/>

Nellie (2011-04-15 13:33:03)

Every now and then I see folks say that they are using two pages per day diary refills. I can't see them on the filofax website, can you get them in the UK?

Steve (2011-04-15 13:37:44)

It's pre-empting a post I've already written... but the two pages per day refills I believe are this one:

<http://www.filofax.de/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2416>

They are available at Neal Street and Conduit Street as well...

Steve

JohnM (2011-04-15 14:19:22)

Took delivery of a new Guildford from PensAndLeather yesterday - understated, dare I say masculine ;)! Am I the owner of an endangered species?

I've got it filled with twenty pages of typewritten drafts and ideas in a "Projects" section, a "Notes" section of handwritten journaling - a little over a month takes up 2/3 of the organizer! - and a "Diary" section where I have a week-per-page.

I would love for the pen loop to take my Waterman Carene - has anyone ever successfully "stretched" a leather pen loop? Right now, it's not even close, so I wonder if that's even realistic. I have a Hemisphere that slips in nicely but just doesn't feel that nice in my hand.

Louloudorset (2011-04-15 16:26:47)

The Danish site has the Amethyst Personal that I want :(works out about £118 plus whatever the postage is - any ideas what that could be?

Lx

Louloudorset (2011-04-15 16:44:55)

Never mind, I've looked. It's a bargain. Dilemma time x

DanishGTD (2011-04-15 17:10:37)

Malden A5 vs. Finchley A5?

Which one do you prefer and why?

How is the thickness of the cover itself on the two models? Anyone gotten their hands on both???

Work Filofax (2011-04-16 00:00)



[1]

I'm in the process of re-organising my A5 Finsbury Filofax. This organiser will become my work Filofax, which I use when we are doing property searches for people wanting to move to our area of France.

We can visit up to about 25 different houses before we submit a report to the clients. So there are a lot of details to collect, photos to take etc. Up to now I've been using my Finsbury Slimline, but I've been using a lot of personal size paper, so the change up to A5 seems to make a lot of sense.

I've printed a lot of the inserts myself and here are a few of them with some 'mock' details filled in so you can see what I need to record for each house. Please excuse my handwriting!

LTPS Visit sheet 13
 Address of property: M.111E
 Date: 23/3/2014 Via:

Client ref: Junes

Year built	1980
Style	Modern
Storeys	2
Built of (stone, blocks, brick, timber)	Blocks
General condition	Very Good
Roof material	Tiles
Roof condition	Good
Poss. nuisances (flight path, n/way, noise, farm)	Small air field 2km
Inside	
Walls, covering	Painted
Ceilings	
Floors, covering	Ceramic Tiles / laminate
Kitchen	
fitted/empty	Fitted
Pantry	
Utility	Boiler room
Living room	
Facing	
windows/doors/French windows	✓
Chimney	No
Dining/second living	
Facing	

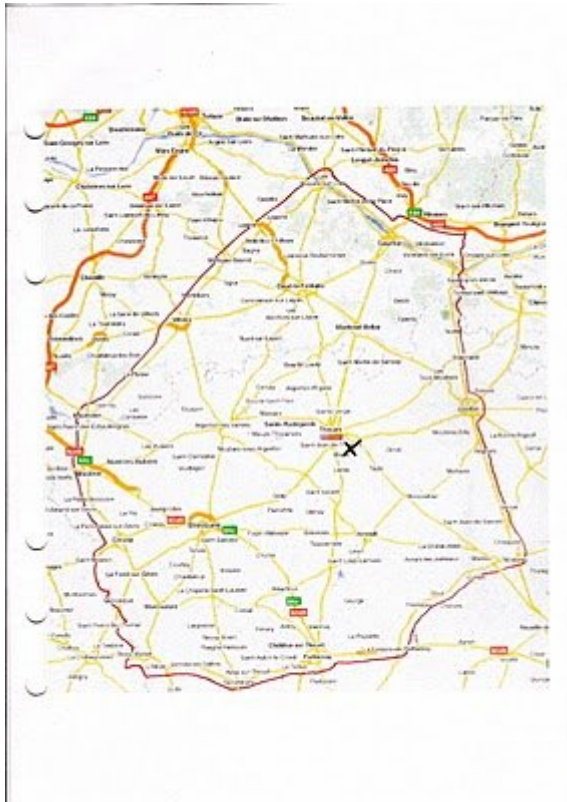
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Page 1 of our preprinted survey sheet

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Chimney	✓
Other recap	
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1	✓
2	✓
3	✓ Fitted wardrobe
4	
5	
Bathrooms	
1	Modern fittings
2	
Services	
Drainage: fosse (to current regis) or tout à l'égout	Mains
Water supply/mains	Metered
Telephone + broadband	FT + Broadband 6Mbit
Visual of electrics	Good modern switches
Heating, fuel	Oil boiler approx 5yr old
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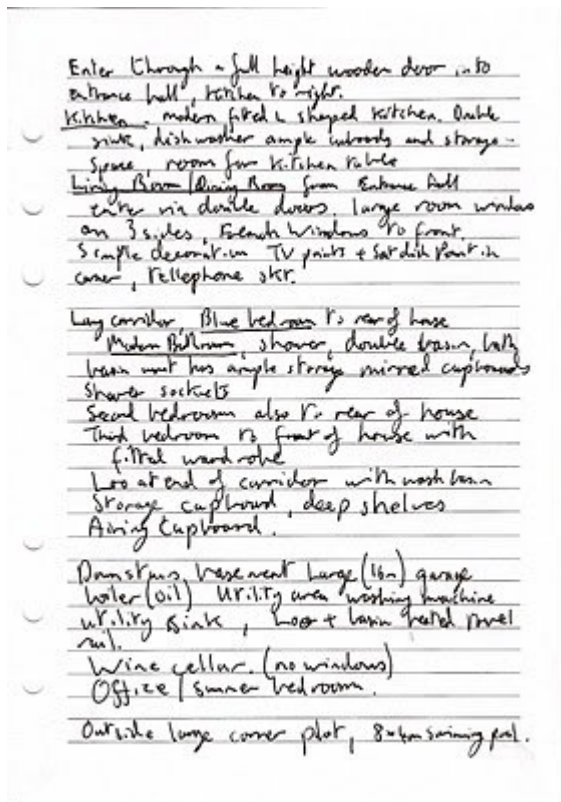
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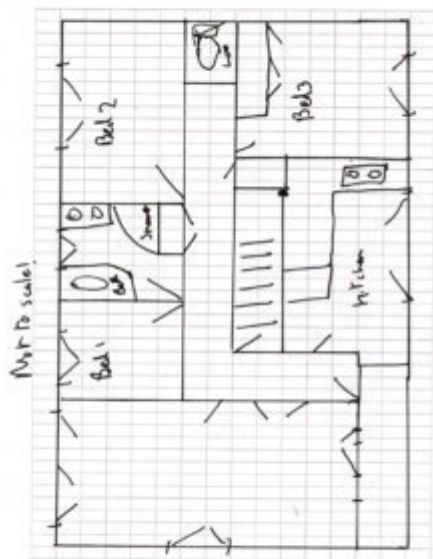
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A map showing the approximate location, we often don't get given the address of the property until we get there. I tend to then find the house using Google Earth and measure distances to shops, airports etc from that. We only work in this defined area which is centred on our house with most places within about a 50-60 minute drive of where we live.



[5]

My own description of the house in rough note form, which just helps when you are looking back at the photos later that day or the next day.



[6]

A sketch plan which together with the notes helps when we write up the detailed report for the client on each house.

At the moment my pages and inserts are based on what I've been using so far, but I suspect over time it will expand, but with the A5 Finsbury with 30mm rings I will at least have the capacity to absorb and extra pages or sections.

If you want to know a little bit more about what we do, take a look at our [7]web site.

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-vTZmkBv-dp0/TRuw1cqounI/AAAAAAAAI1E/LyJiYZANxjo/s1600/IMG_9723.JPG
2. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-MOK4MNxQVew/TZ8KTObS0jI/AAAAAAAAAJG4/7zezwt0Jdc/s1600/lpts3.jpeg>
3. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-bDuCZEWSevQ/TZ8KWmn5G3I/AAAAAAAAAJG8/Uq9KnohCXYA/s1600/lpts4.jpeg>
4. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-_6VjuBCXwpA/TZ8KdDe-HRI/AAAAAAAAAJHA/cQLG6o9b7LM/s1600/lpts5.jpeg
5. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-N9ai3GSMN3E/TZ8KQJhNNPI/AAAAAAAAAJG0/dcv4PRiIpvw/s1600/lpts2.jpeg>
6. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-PnzTLtRek3c/TZ8KLCOB_5I/AAAAAAAAAJGw/-WWx06s7tvk/s1600/lpts1+1.jpeg
7. <http://ltps.fr/>

Sweetspot (2011-04-16 01:01:04)

Hi Steve,

First time poster here. I've been visiting this blog since I got my first Finsbury in February. Now between Hubby and I, we own 5! Got some great ideas from this blog.

Steve, the survey sheets you are using is great. We are looking to buy a house now. I got a Finchley A5 especially for it, as we all know, house hunting, buying and decorating absolutely **REQUIRES** its own Filofax ;). I think your survey forms will be perfect for my house-hunting section in my filo. The listings are so thorough. Would you mind sharing the template?

Steve (2011-04-16 03:30:13)

Hi

Our original form runs to three pages, which I then cut down to two pages by removing some of the information that is contained in the agents sheets.

It's obviously biased towards the French housing market, so there might be things on there that don't apply where you are.

But I will upload the full form in .doc format and then you can edit it accordingly for your own requirements.

I've found that it saves me lots of additional writing about the basic facts on each property.

Regards

Steve

Steve (2011-04-16 03:42:08)

File now available at:

<http://www.philofaxy.com/files/Checklist.doc>

Steve

Sweetspot (2011-04-16 10:00:08)

Thank you so much Steve!

It's very thoughtful of you to put it in .doc format. As it turns out, I did make a few changes to suit the housing market here in NY. But overall it's a great template, helps me to sort out all factors that needs to be weighed.

Thank you again!

crofter (2011-04-16 10:20:33)

Hi Steve,

Thank you for posting this. I can certainly see why you need the A5. I should think over time you will build up quite a file of properties, and will easily be able to update them for new clients that want to avail themselves of your services. I would think it would be a very interesting business, and you are making many new contacts.

I would guess your ideas will be put to good use by other people in other locations that would like to strike out on their own business venture, quite a demand for it I think.

Thanks again.

Steve (2011-04-16 15:51:01)

Pleased that other people can make use of our form. I'm happy to share stuff like this.

Of course I realise that it will need modifying for different areas of the world. But I'm sure it will give you a good starting point.

Thank you

crofter (2011-04-16 18:33:23)

I agree Steve, not every place can have "French Windows".

John (2011-04-16 22:50:39)

I'm an assistant at a finance firm - not quite A5 busy, but I've re-purposed a "vintage" Personal Durham zip as a work calendar. I have a day-per page calendar inserted with takes 3/4 of the ring capacity. Appointments on the left and 5-10 word to-do summaries on the right per calendar page.

In between each two days, I place a plain notepaper sheet where I flesh out to-do lists. I find the plain notepaper really brings the task to the fore, and I get to practice writing straight lines without lines (an invaluable skill IMO).

I always keep a ruler tab in between two blank plain notepaper pages. If I'm called into one of my superiors and described a task, I can quickly turn to a "clean" place to write without heeding space or neatness - later I transcribe it formally and insert in to the day section.

I find this method helps my work efficiency immensely, especially when compared to the mess that Outlook can make of reminders and daily tasks. My desk may get messy, but my work filofax stays, more or less, immaculate.

Mrs. Grievous (2011-04-16 23:44:41)

Thanks for the form Steve. I will be starting the hunt for my first home some time next year. :) This will come in very handy (and yes, an excuse to get one of the new styles of A5 coming out)!

The Tale of Two To-Do lists (2011-04-16 15:00)



[1]

For about the last month I've been running two series of To-Do lists. A traditional paper one in my slimline Filofax, and the other using a [2]free app on my iPod Touch and it's also linked to my iMac.

It will not surprise you that about two weeks ago I more or less abandoned using the electronic one, but the paper one continues to work well. The paper one is quicker, may be not neater (remembering my hand writing!), but it's just so much easier to carry around and use at a glance as a reminder of what I have got to get done this week, or this month.

I've done some of my own pre-printed to-do lists with 'This Week', 'This Month' 'Future Purchases', 'Projects' and 'Do Sometime' in the header. Printed on Personal size sheets these make the job of updating the lists every so often much easier to do.

I am also inclining towards paper only calendars now. Whilst Google Calendar works and I can share it with the rest of the family. I find a paper calendar so much easier to manage and keep up to date. It has become a weekly Sunday evening ritual whilst I'm chatting to my UK radio friends via Skype to sit and up date my diary for the forthcoming week and also up date my Pocket Filofax at the same time.

Do you try to keep dual systems up to date?

1. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-t8d3h6j0s1U/TanYdx1DSNI/AAAAAAAAJ1k/ALJ4V2rvHA4/s1600/todo.jpg>

2. <http://www.6wunderkinder.com/wunderlist/>

Sandra (2011-04-16 15:53:42)

I do attempt to keep my primary Filofax synced with my Google calendar and a family wall calendar.

I always write items of import my personal Malden and then update my Google cal on a once a week basis (usually). Items on the wall cal has items my DH needs to know about and that impact him and the children directly, say hot lunch orders and afternoon appointments or commitments. Many items on the wall cal are not vital to have in my Filo or on my Google cal.

I like the reminder function of Google cal, and that is why I use it. I can plant friendly nagging reminders such as, "work on dissertation" or "exercise!"

That being said, I do compartmentalize my to do lists by place like GTD by David Allen recommends...@computer, @home, @phone(desk, not cell), and shopping lists by store. I won't write a to do list in two places—that is too confusing for my little pea brain to keep straight.

tommes-s-net (2011-04-16 16:09:15)

I have been trying to get my several calendars together - and failed epically!

I have always used my Filofax for private and business diary, to-do, and notes. I have been using my iMac's calendar and to-do-lists, combined with my iPhone. And I have used Outlook in my office, which I can't synchronise with my iPhone, unfortunately.

After about ten month I have to say that I will definitely stick to my Filofax as my main diary! There's everything in one place and always available.

Some office appointments will go to Outlook, since I can share it with my colleagues. Garden stuff is going to the iMac, since it is easy to make reoccurring issues, combined with my new Moleskine Garden Journal.

And still, all things gather in the Filofax, which I update every two or three weeks. I just can't imagine that there can be a time - and system - where everything is working out well, and electronically!!!

Imy (2011-04-16 16:52:50)

What I've done for my to-do lists is, I have two pages, both that I write my to do lists on, I use the same two pages all the time, I write in pencil then rub out when it's done so I'm always looking at the one as I'm changing it all the time and getting rid of things I've done, I tried to use an online to do list and I found I NEVER checked it I prefer the writing down then rubbing off method I've been doing it keeps it soooo organised and happy :-) oh wait that's a video idea lol :-)

pilgrim (2011-04-16 17:54:36)

I'm attempting to keep a copy of my calendar, contacts and diary on my Android phone & in my A5 Filofax.

On the phone I can have instant access and it's all synchronized to my Google account online (and with Mozilla's Thunderbird for emails) and with the Filo I can plan, use lists and plan, list etc.

It sort of seems to work as a lot of the synchronization is automatic (less work being the point of planning) and I can keep lists of plans, goals, books to read, home improvement or self improvement plans etc written in the Filo.

One's compact and the other gives space to meander if I wish

Regards

Pilgrim

John (2011-04-16 22:55:54)

I'm synching two personal-task paper calendars - that is to say, not work related - between a Personal Durham zip (week over two pages) and a Personal Guildford (week on one page). Guess I'm not that busy - hasn't been too onerous a task.

I have G-cal on my Android phone, like skhen, but I can see myself moving away from that - I actually find the reminder function just cluttering. With paper, I think, maybe subjectively, I'll remember more reliably if I do the work to handwrite.

Nellie (2011-04-17 02:44:29)

I have To-Do Matrix on my blackberry, but I have given up on it. It works the same way as GTD, which is nice and as a programme is excellent. I just find that I look at my lists more in my filofax. Everything is in my personal Amazona, calendar, lists, To-Do... the lot.

I am wondering whether I could downsize to Pocket...

Alison Reeves (2011-04-17 03:36:29)

I like to use Outlook as it fits in with my working life and when I do projects for 'corporate' types they do want to send outlook invites to my diary. This can sync with my iPhone but I hate using my diary on the iPhone. I find it a challenge to see what is going on around the proposed date and also it seems to take me too long to enter items.

Since I set up a pocket diary to carry round with me I haven't looked back. I use the Frixion pens so I can rub out anything that gets cancelled. It's great to just pull it out and enter my appointments when I am out and about. I also use it to make little notes etc whilst I am out. I really love my pocket Special Edition (Swarovski Elements) filofax.

Todo lists are another matter and something I have struggled with for a long time. I can't get my head around

whether I should mix work and personal, and where it should go. This is complicated by the fact that I work for myself from home, and also use a different filofax for work. I'm interested in what others do!

Saffronia (2011-04-17 18:59:06)

To chime in just a bit, as I reexamine my to-do lists, I count three. The first is the date- marker. They is no true window of time for this. It could be tomorrow, or three months from now. I mark important dates, appointments, birthdays and what have you in my filo. Then, also in my filo, I have a daily to-do list. It is quite self-explanatory, stuff I would like to accomplish in a day. To account for small daily reminders I use post-its. I write these every morning before I do anything! I may make note of little things such as a list of phone calls I need to make for the day. Follow up on things I didn't complete the day before, reminders to work out, eat, do the dishes, etc. I am definitely one of those people who need to see it on a list to do it. Or maybe just need to cross something off a list to make myself feel a little more accomplished at the end of the day. Either way that accounts for my second to-do list. The third comes in the form of a to-do in a lifetime. I keep these lists on my Pre's memo pad. It holds lists of movies I need to see, books I need to read. Gifts I would like to treat myself with ;)! Filofaxes I must have! Character traits I would like to develop, characters fictional and real that I admire and would like to learn from, artists to follow. And now since I have moved to a new city, I have created lists of places I have seen in passing that I would like to visit. I have thought about putting these down in writing on the actual to-do pages in my filo but I keep adding to them, would hate to put anything less than final on those pages. It's just a thing I have about those pages. I find them a little too nice to make lists that I will just have to remake. Anyhow, that is the tale of my to-do lists.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-04-18 03:27:06)

My Filofax is my personal and work calendar but as I have young children my hubbie and I share an on-line calendar to put dates in when we are away on business/have trips away with friends so we don't double book and are without childcare. I have to import these into my Filofax as if it is not on my paper version it doesn't happen in reality (but this is only an occasional event rather than multiple appointments every day so it is not a major task for me).

Web Finds (2011-04-17 00:00)

Some blogs for you to read....

- [1]The Big Foot of Planners - So very.... Robin
- [2]Slimline Adelphi - Sharon
- [3]Filo Finds - The Crazy Life of J
- [4]This is my favorite item - Souta
- [5]Making music and a Mini Filofax - Ivan

Enjoy

1. <http://somenotesfromafar.blogspot.com/2011/04/big-foot-of-planners.html>
2. <http://shazzastitching.wordpress.com/2011/04/13/slimline-adelphi/>
3. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/04/filo-finds.html>
4. <http://soutaniihara.wordpress.com/2011/04/12/this-is-my-favorite-items-1/>
5. <http://ivan-makingmusic.blogspot.com/2010/08/mini-filofax-and-my-music.html>

Sandra (2011-04-17 14:50:40)

Looks like the US msy get the loved/disliked Vintage Pink Malden and that lovely ultra violet Domino in July along with some other items not seen on the UK Filofax site:

The Holburn: Malden meets Adelphi minus diamond design

The Enigmna: snakeskin meets multi-tonal colors (?). Hmmn...

The Osterley: Amazona meets Classic in some pretty colors

The Regency: touted as a "men's organizer" with subtle ostrich print

I posted the link so you can at least see these designs. Prices are not available yet. And, no, I don't work for this company.

<http://www.pensandleather.com/Filofax-Organizer.aspx>

These new items aren't even on the Filofax USA site yet. Will have to wait to see what is actually released this summer...

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-17 15:30:32)

The Osterley looks nice, not sure about the rest... I hope they're available in the UK!!

One Year On...18 April 2010 (2011-04-18 00:00)



[1]

I couldn't let today pass without mentioning the [2]Philofaxy meet up, between Laurie and myself a year ago today.

In comparison to the meet-ups that have happened since it was a fairly low key event! But just as memorable as I'm sure Laurie will agree with me.

In the last 12 months a lot has happened. Laurie has moved twice, first to her beloved Scotland, land of snow and 'weather' and beautiful views, and more recently to Jakarta, a 20 degree temperature shift and a whole different culture!

I also took a big change in life style by resigning from my UK job and emigrating to France and in to semi-retirement. I still work, but only part time... the rest of the time I've been devoting to Philofaxy.. The meet up between Laurie and I that Sunday fuelled a lot of posts from both of us as we later recalled things we had discussed that afternoon. The same thing happens when ever we have a Skype chat or a meet up it sparks off questions or ideas that are generated by talking to you the readers, which is great. Philofaxy has also changed in the last 12 months, a lot more people have discovered the blog and return to read the latest posts virtually everyday. I hope we are keeping you interested and helping you make better use of your Filofax Organisers.

I'm looking forward to future meet ups both in UK, Europe and in the US, although sadly I can't promise to be able to attend all of them.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-VYwMX2E5Vj0/S8tvcSIhcPI/AAAAAAAAIAs/h9E-Y1J_6Vk/s1600/IMG_8891_2.JPG

2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/04/philofaxy-london-meet.html>

Laurie (2011-04-18 01:32:40)

Was that a year ago already?!?! Wow so much has happened in that time!!

Steve it was wonderful to meet you in person! We had so much to talk about, and you gave me an excellent tour of London! I had a great time.

I wish I could have attended a Philofaxy meetup before I left the UK (and in fact was meant to go on one last year but had to bail at the last minute). I would love to meet up with you again Steve and all the other Philofaxers! Maybe when I get myself back to Scotland I'll be able to meet up again. :)

caribbean princess (2011-04-18 02:55:53)

A year ago I had never heard of Philofaxy! I find that difficult to believe now as it has become one of my favourites due to the mix of great articles and a fantastic community. I must read it every day!

Laurie I am sad we didn't meet at a Philofaxy event but time flies quickly and soon enough you will be back in Scotland!

Thanks Steve, Nan and Laurie for a fantastic blog.

Alison Reeves (2011-04-18 03:46:06)

Philofaxy is my must read blog every day - thank you all for a great resource! It's wonderful to be able to interact with other who have similar interests!

Imy (2011-04-18 05:34:22)

I love to read Philofaxy everyday, its part of my routine, i dont think the day would be the same without it :-)

Amanda (2011-04-18 05:49:06)

Like CP, a year ago I hadn't heard of Philofaxy and had no new filofaxes (just generic, non-filo brand things left over from the 80s/90s).

Oh how things have changed!

I try and read Philofaxy each day (and miss it when I can't!) and am always picking up hints and tips here, as well as feeling as if I have made new friends. And since it is such a community of enablers, I have now got 6 new filofaxes!

Keep up the excellent work!!

Butanben (2011-04-18 20:20:01)

@Laurie, I thought of you a month or so back. Just before you moved, I was in Aberdeen for a few days, for an interview at the university. I had a wonderful and glorious meal at Cafe Boheme on Windmill Brae. If you are back in Aberdeen, you MUST filofax in that place!!!!!! I wish I had thought to e.mail you before going, as a fellow Philofaxer, to have met up and said hi!!!!

Like CP, I'd like to say thank you to Steve, Nan and you Laurie, for such a great blog.

Sandra (2011-04-18 23:03:32)

Although it has been said already, thank you Nan, Steve, and Laurie for creating and maintaining this blog! Like Amanda, Kyla, and others, I did not know a community like this existed. I had one Filofax long ago used and forgotten—the children took it and it could be anywhere—but now I am happily buying and using Filofaxes again. One seemed to be enough before Philofaxy, but now I know one is not enough, nor need it be! I look forward to sharing my organizers with you all this summer on Flickr. No time now!

Take care, everyone.

J (2011-04-18 23:28:44)

I can't believe I didn't know of Philofaxy less than six months ago! I can't imagine life without it; you all have put together such a wonderful community.

Can't wait to eventually join a Skype chat, and hopefully someday a meet up!

Timeless Expressions (2011-04-19 01:21:24)

Same as caribbean princess, a year ago I'd never heard of philofaxy.. but so glad that I found it..

However - your comment about using my FF better.. well... not exactly - I've constantly reorganised it and I'm still trying to find a solution that works! lol.

Keep up the good work. xx

Saffronia (2011-04-20 13:16:43)

I have to jump on the wagon. 3 months ago I had never heard of a Filofax, let alone of Philofaxy! So thank you for feeding my new found and very loved addiction.

Rori (2011-09-24 02:10:56)

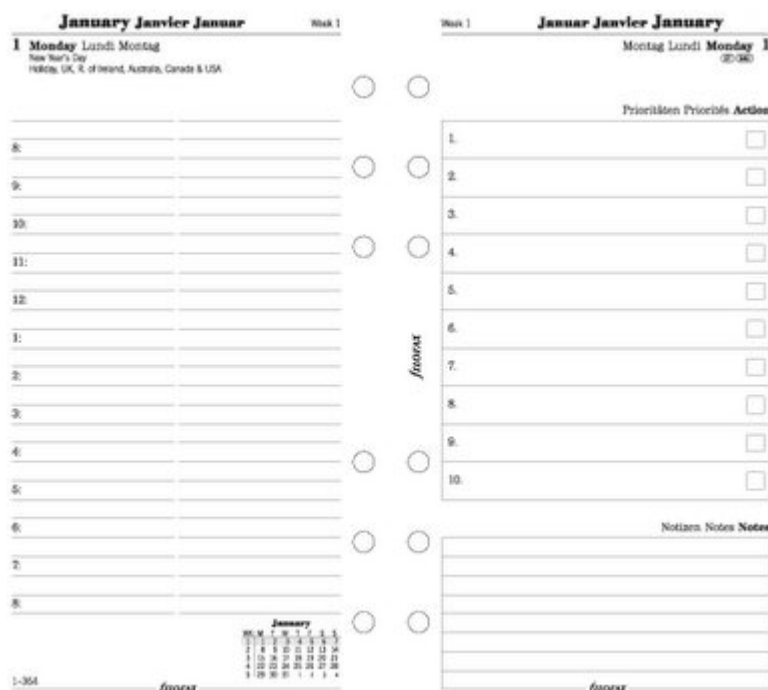
Around a year ago, I was searching for blogs about planners. I thought I was the "only one", and that I'd never find anything. (I think that's so funny now!)

Lo and behold--there was Philofaxy AND Plannerisms--JACKPOT. Thank you Steve, Nan, and Laurie!

Time Mamangement with Filofax - Diary Options - Update (2011-04-18 09:00)

I have done some further research in to the availability of diary options I mentioned in my [1]previous post. Oh I wish Filofax had an international site it would save us all a lot of time!

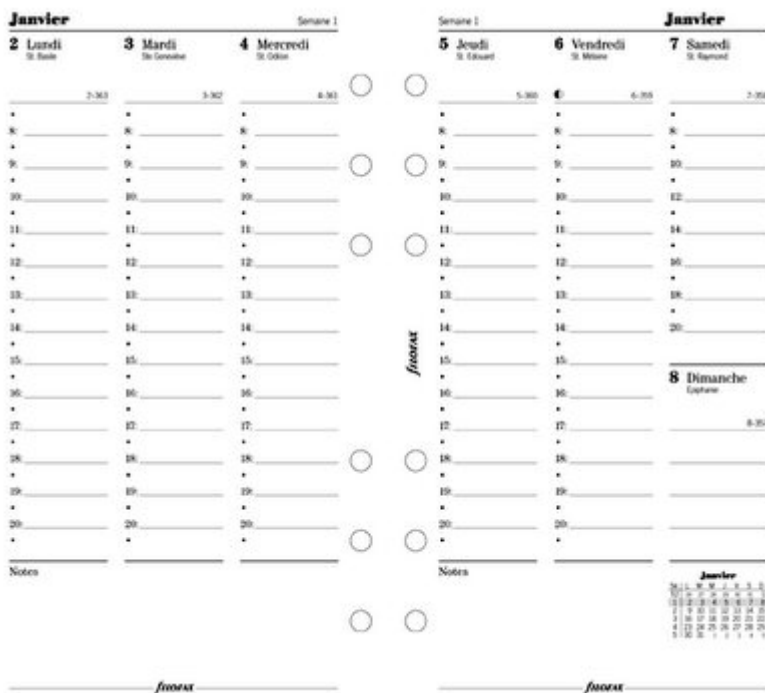
The Personal Day on two page insert used by Jotje are also available from the [2]Filofax Germany site, sadly the German site will only [3]despatch to Europe and not outside of Europe. It is also available on the [4]Filofax USA site. It's code number for 2011 is 6841711



[5]

The above inserts also appear in a very recent [6]blog post by Kanalt with comparisons to Day Runner inserts.

In addition to the inserts I discovered in my last post there is also a [7]Week on Two page insert that appears to be available only in French on the French site:



[8]

The French Filofax site does offer [9]international delivery.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/03/time-management-with-filofax-diary.html>
2. <http://www.filofax.de/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2416>
3. <http://www.filofax.de/delivery/>
4. <http://www.filofaxusa.com/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2416>
5. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-f17Iksm_tQ4/TXK5wqa4QLI/AAAAAAAAI9s/PAmn4xJBrqI/s1600/68417x.gif
6. <http://wellplannedlife.blogspot.com/2011/04/and-dilemma-continues.html>
7. <http://www.filofax.fr/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2429>
8. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-cgkLmigrqw0/TagI8seSf7I/AAAAAAAAAJM/ZZ3y3dxTm08/s1600/68431x.gif>
9. <http://www.filofax.fr/delivery/>

webheadjunky (2011-05-23 12:06:30)

Howdy! Been reading this great site for a while so thought I would finally sign in!

I have been stealing template ideas over the years and now have a set of A5 templates, including (some Time Management ones), that I use for my work Filofax - a lovely A5 Brown Hampstead (similar to Kendal but better!)

Incidentally, I also have a lovely brown Finchley Mini for personal stuff that I use as a wallet as well

Anyway, if you think it would be helpful, I would be more than happy to upload these to share with others

Cheers

Raaj

A5 Malden with 30 mm rings (2011-04-18 16:06)



[1]

Just in case you haven't read my two updated posts... I have been in contact with Filofax UK again today regarding diary inserts shown on the UK website.

But in their reply they also said that they have investigated the Malden size issue further and in fact it should have a 30mm mechanism as stated on their website / catalogue.

However, there were some early stock quantities which contained a 25mm mechanism in error. Bulk stock which will be arriving shortly will contain the correct 30mm mechanism. They are arranging a replacement for me as soon as stock becomes available.

Naturally I'm quite pleased about the outcome, because to me a 30mm A5 Malden is close to the perfect Filofax for me.

Obviously, I will let you know when I receive the replacement, more photos....

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-5mkoTjtDYM/TZ22HNSK0aI/AAAAAAAAJGc/SrL-o5jKFfo/s1600/IMG_9917.jpg

caribbean princess (2011-04-18 16:08:49)

Lucky, lucky you. You could potentially own two A5 Maldens very soon. Gosh the filofaxy units are adding up! hehe.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-18 16:43:02)

so if bulk stock is coming to filofax shortly... does that mean the antique rose A5 will be available to buy soon?? hmmm...

Gregorym (2011-04-18 17:05:23)

Thought I'd throw this in there since we are discussing rings size.

Ordered a Time System due to the fact I was discussed with my current planning system.

Hated the Time System and returned it. Ordered a Daytimer system, returned it.

Then I started thinking I needed to stop the madness and decide what I was looking for.

Well, today I ordered a Zipped Finsbury in A5 and it has 1.25" rings!!

Stupid me, I didn't realize it the last 15000 times I was on their site.

My new plan includes a PPD business with extra "to do's" so I can move my to-do's to the page of the day.

Extra blank dividers so I can use some of the suggestions that Time System has without being locked into their system.

Should be here Thursday!!

Butanben (2011-04-18 19:29:26)

Great outcome Steve.... Well done Filofax for sorting that out too!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-18 20:21:29)

this may be my perfect filofax too... deciding between ochre and vintage pink now, but i will go to see them in london before i make my purchase (or rather, ask my mum to buy them for my birthday!)

J (2011-04-18 23:24:49)

Wow! That is making me rethink the personal/A5 debate for when I eventually upgrade... too bad the A5 would outweigh the rest of my handbag :(

Imy (2011-04-19 04:22:42)

Yay :-) Do you know when the A5's will be in stock on the Filofax UK website? just Filofax dont seem to respond to anyone on the facebook page any more? :-S

Amanda (2011-04-19 04:27:52)

Mmmm... I was quite interested in the A5 Malden when I thougth it had 30mm rings but then couldn't see an advantage over my beloved Finchley when it then said it had 25mm rings.

Now it's 30mm... (assuming it is).

No Amanda, no! You don't need one! Seriously. You don't!
:-)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-19 14:59:58)
the vintage rose A5 Malden is now available for purchase on the filofax website :)

Petra (2011-04-19 23:04:16)
I would much prefer 25 mm rings to 30 mm rings myself. That would be an error I would love to encounter!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-05-23 15:10:04)
Glad that this issue was resolved for you. Great customer service. The view from above really shows the difference in ring size (some-thing I had not thought about before)....
Now debating a grey filofax (personal). Love the colour...

Alexandra (2011-05-25 12:51:44)
Hi everyone this is my first post. Im just waiting for my first ever Filofax to be delivered...A5 Cuban in Saddle Brown but I have since gone and fallen in love with another one! the A5 Malden in Vintage Rose. Can someone help me out...is Vintage Rose (this is not on their website) the same as Vintage Pink (but this is!)
All the promotion I have seen is for the rose which is the one I now want :o) p.s great site and I look forward to chatting to you all in the future x

Steve (2011-05-26 11:02:37)
Alexandra. Sorry I think it's an incorrect caption of mine on one of the photos that has caused the confusion. The Malden is in fact only available in Vintage Pink. Vintage Rose was a typo.
Sorry about that.
Regards
Steve

Free For All Tuesday No. 11 (2011-04-19 00:00)



[1]

Thanks for all your feedback last week, it's good to know we are managing to answer so many of your questions. If there's any that we missed in the last few weeks, post them again as a little memory jogger. So what questions do you have for us this week?

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgC/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

katka (2011-04-19 03:57:30)
Happy sunny day to everyone :o) Does anyone know when the new catalogue will be out?

Amanda (2011-04-19 04:01:56)

Does anyone else find the unremitting GREY of the city dweller pack really depressing?
Or is it just me?

Imy (2011-04-19 06:03:15)

Hello :-) i dont usually post on here but i really really really really want to know when the A5 Malden will be online on Filofax UK website! I need it! :-)

Steve (2011-04-19 06:22:53)

JBB the 'Spring collection' will be added to the UK website very soon I'm told.
The new lines/colours will be released in the US in July this year.
Steve

Alison Reeves (2011-04-19 07:10:40)

@Amamda - I've always hated grey since it was my school uniform colour and also it really doesn't suit me as a colour. There seems to be a lot of grey about at the moment - I know others love it, but I find it depressing!!!

Amanda (2011-04-19 08:16:55)

@Alison

I know what you mean! There seems to be a plethora of grey in the new filofax range and it's really not a 'colour' I would go for. Black - yes. Brown - yes. Pretty colours - yes. Grey?? Um. No.
The city dweller stuff is very dull.

Sweetspot (2011-04-19 08:36:58)

Anyone tried to take advantage of the sale on Filofax Danmark site? Don't know the language, but would like to know if they ship to us and their shipping rate.

R (2011-04-19 08:44:45)

@katka.m - the new filofax catalogs for us and canada should be avaiable in 3 weeks
There will be no Malden A5 line in the north American market this year
Amanda - The cuban comes in black this year

Laurie (2011-04-19 08:49:02)

NO MALDEN A5 IN THE US THIS YEAR?!?!?
faints*

Imy (2011-04-19 09:50:12)

THANK YOU STEVE!!!!!! :-)

R (2011-04-19 11:12:14)

@JBB

North America market will have theres the beginning of may so i can see the uk about the same time or mid april

R (2011-04-19 11:17:37)

also the A5 Malden in antique rose looks more purple to me than a pale pink or dark pink

shepcraig (2011-04-19 11:24:49)

Ok, I am thinking of having a philofaxy meet up here in Jenners Edinburgh, who would be interested if I made it one saturday in June??

Alison Reeves (2011-04-19 11:37:43)

City Organiser have some good reductions at the moment - 50 % on 2011 diaries and other amounts of other

inserts and planners.

Amanda (2011-04-19 11:49:54)

I would love to go to a meet-up in Edinburgh but in June I am either in Malawi or then on holiday...

:-)

Noooooo.....

Sandra (2011-04-19 12:05:56)

No A5 Malden? What about the mini in the NA market? *sigh*

On the web last week I noticed items not seen on the UK Filofax site:

The Holburn: Malden meets Adelphi minus diamond design

The Enigmna: snakeskin meets multi-tonal colors (?). Hmmn...

The Osterley: Amazona meets Classic in some pretty colors

The Regency: touted as a "men's organizer" with subtle ostrich print

I posted the link so you can at least see these designs. Prices are not available yet. And, no, I don't work for this company.

<http://www.pensandleather.com/Filofax-Organizer.aspx>

These new items aren't even on the Filofax USA site yet. Will have to wait to see what is actually released this summer...

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-19 13:04:24)

the A5 vintage pink Malden is available to buy on the website now!! (just waiting for the ochre, dammit!!)

Butanben (2011-04-19 16:58:03)

@shepcraig. I would dearly, dearly love to come to a Philofaxy in Edinburgh. But.....I am unemployed and until I know my way forward with interviews, finances etc etc, cannot commit to anything. It remains a pipedream though and a rather lovely one too I must say. Take care. Am writing this from my wee Butt and Ben in Poole, or Butanben for short!!!! Hope that Philofaxy Scotland happens, and send warmest wishes to you in Auld Reekie!!

caribbean princess (2011-04-19 18:23:49)

Shepcraig I would be interested but later on in the year. Also I would need to know way in advance to sort out on calls.

Rori (2011-04-19 18:32:54)

@Steve Why does the US release in July?? Who needs a planner in July? IMHO, that's dumb.

@Amanda Right? Like you know, RASPBERRY!!

I'd give my left eyeball (well, almost) to go to Edinburgh at any time and for any reason...

Mrs. Grievous (2011-04-19 21:38:31)

I am in love with the personal domino in orange from the German (I believe) site. Does anyone know how they are on shipping, or what is the best way to get it to the U.S.... of if it will be released in our store. :)

Petra (2011-04-19 23:10:36)

"Who needs a planner in July? IMHO, that's dumb."

Ummm, millions of teachers and students?

R (2011-04-20 08:39:04)

@rori

the colors are available now they just haven't updated their website yet for these changes the rest of the colors should be in early May.

@Leslie

I said last week in the Tuesdays. That the US has the electric orange in stock ready to ship

Mrs. Grievous (2011-04-20 10:48:45)
Thanks R. Yet another test for my patience. :)

appleg (2011-04-20 19:44:35)
the vintage pink maldens are available for personal and pocket on the uk site now!

New Look for Neal Street (2011-04-19 06:30)

Neal Street has some new visuals, I think you will agree that they look more up to date than the previous ones. Many thanks to the team at our favourite London outlet for the photo.... can't wait to be back there again...

[1]



The theme is also used in the latest paper catalogue.

Adelphi and Amazona organisers or accessories are on Easter promotion in the shop (30 % off) and this finishes on Saturday. Please note the shop will be closed during Bank Holidays but open on Saturdays.

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-jryXY0y_sNg/Ta1i-2YGorI/AAAAAAAAJI0/aFSX1Xlt-g4/s1600/Neal+Street%2527s+new+visuals.JPG

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-04-20 10:15:22)

Can't wait to see the new interior. I am visiting the store when I am in London for a meeting on the Tuesday 3rd May. Love that back section with the bargains (& looking forward to seeing the new range in person).

Guest Post - Filofax Find - Jason Helzer (2011-04-20 00:00)

Thanks to Jason for writing in about this recent find:

I've been a subscriber to your blog for quite a while now and I thoroughly enjoy reading the varied articles about Filofaxes and the many ways they are being used by people. I myself do not routinely use a Filofax because I prefer the half-sheet side of organizer, and here in the US that doesn't work so well with an A5 format planner. Regardless, I love the work you do and you have given me many ideas how to use my planner (a DayTimer).

However, I had an experience yesterday that I thought I'd share with you. I'm an avid collector of Mid-century Modern house wares and furniture, and as such I frequent many estate sales and thrift stores. Yesterday, while making my usual Thursday rounds, I came across the second Filofax that I've ever found "in the wild", a red personal Keswick:



[1]



[2]

As you can see by the price tag in the picture, it was \$0.80. But since it was Thursday, there was a 25 % sale, and I got it for my wife for \$0.60.



[3]

It needed some cleaning, and they had the gall to attach the tag with staples (which actually rubbed out surprisingly well), but all in all, it's in very nice shape. The inside is near perfect and there is only a bit of staining on the outside. Not enough to be unattractive, but to give it the look of being used and loved.



[4]



[5]

Hopefully, you enjoyed this little anecdote, and if you feel so inclined to share it with your readers, please feel free to do so. There are much higher quality pictures available on my Flickr account ([6]<http://www.flickr.com/photos/helz/>) that you are free to use as well.

Regards,

Jason Helzer

Thank you Jason, yes we always love to hear about 'Filofax Finds' I always look for them in charity shops when I'm in UK, not come up lucky yet, but you never know!!

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-DhpEAeSdPgM/Tal9hn2nKoI/AAAAAAAAJlQ/Bd7nfCZ_iaY/s1600/j1.jpg
2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-DrFMabnX2UA/Tal943-SAiI/AAAAAAAAJIU/PS4TaWdGtbk/s1600/j2.jpg>
3. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-TfW9jvTPmuk/Tal-cuRvAiI/AAAAAAAAJIY/jjtB-dged5U/s1600/j3.jpg>
4. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-hY_wx5Bge-s/Tal_Fm3f5QI/AAAAAAAAJIc/3dMuF-R12og/s1600/j4.jpg
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6. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/helz/>

Laurie (2011-04-20 01:09:21)

Wow what an amazing find!!!! Although I am outraged they stapled anything to the binder itself!!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-04-20 10:13:41)

Wow! That is an amazing find. Never thought to look in charity shops. Can't believe they stapled the binder (I can feel my blood pressure rising at the thought).

Petra (2011-04-22 10:22:19)

I love red Filofaxes – so cheery! I hope your wife was thrilled. I've had some finds, but never for \$.60 – wow! And I agree, stapling to a filofax must deserve a special punishment in the afterlife...why not just attach the tag to the rings? Not like you have to be afraid of someone switching the tags for a better deal!

terriknits (2011-04-22 13:33:37)

I wonder if applying a little steam to the leather would 'plump' it up and close the staples holes a little? (Like a garment steamer or the steam burst from an iron?)

justenoughsalt (2011-04-22 19:54:52)

i wonder, what is the keswick made of? was it the first non-leather filo?

What's in your Filofax, NOT on the rings? (2011-04-20 01:08)

One of the many wonderful things about Filofax is that there's loads of pockets in the binders to stick things into. Cards, tickets, scraps of paper, a nail file, some band-aids, and whatever else can fit into the pockets and card slots.

What do you have in your Filofax that's NOT on the rings?

Steve (2011-04-20 02:33:38)

In my Pocket Filofax I additionally have my Passport, paper driving licence, European health card, French health card, bank cards (UK), contact cards, money (coins and notes)

In my personal I also carry a couple of sheets of headed note paper, which can be handy for leaving notes when people are out, or you have to suddenly send a letter.

haukef (2011-04-20 05:21:58)

... oh yes, the pockets. Well, mine of my ol' Personal Cavendish do contain my ID-card, a plan of the Paris public transport, a city map of this beloved place on earth, some business cards, a USB drive, health insurance cards Germany and France, some tickets for the métro / RER, 20 € and some coins for emergency cases, some photos and the flight ticket for the carrier to London ...

Cheers,

Hauke

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-04-20 10:12:20)

Map of the London Underground (I have the Filofax one but also like the portable ones you can pick up at the stations to pull out and scribble on). Plasters (Peppa Pig!) and compeed plasters (for blisters from running). 4 address stickers for letters and some AIRmail stickers (always a pain to locate at the Post Office) and those stick on page markers (coloured ones which are slimmer than the Filofax ones). Also a couple of little pictures hat my children have drawn....

SP (2011-04-20 12:17:35)

Currently in my personal domino pockets I have a few receipts, a list of low point fast food (weight watchers), an invoice for an order that was missing items, and an old jury duty notice. I now realize I can throw most of this stuff away...

Anita (2011-04-20 13:48:04)

Inside: Open Water Diver card, national insurance number card, blood donor card, a jot pad, sticky index tabs.
In the Kendal outside pocket: printout from Remember the Milk, GTD & paper planners/organizers document, notes about GTD & my most recent brain dump.
Pen: pink Lamy Safari fountain pen (fits in the pen loop, yay).

Nickie (2011-04-20 15:17:17)

On my day-to-day Filofax zipper I have a Vietnamese good luck charm and a scrabble tile with my initial on it.
In the pockets are all sorts of business cards (inc. my own) and some scraps of paper that are important to me but will mean nothing to anyone else.

Sandra (2011-04-20 15:43:26)

Personal Malden: petty cash, stamps, debit card, mass card from Grandmother's funeral, photo of kids, business cards, appointment cards, a few quarters, card of St. Francis Prayer.
More stuff than I thought before the inventory!

Rori (2011-04-20 21:26:09)

In inside pockets of my Cuban Zip: debit card, driver's license.
In 3 clear envelopes, various fortunes, quotes and pictures from magazines.
In bus. card holder: pictures of my children.
Crammed in the back: a picture of Scotland, my dream AND the ubiquitous Hello Kitty Stickers!
Yes, my Filofax is fluffy and stuffy, I loves it!

John (2011-04-21 10:37:56)

I'm just getting back from a few days in Bogota, Colombia, where my Guildford acts as wallet, thus:
Left-side card pockets contain credit card, health insurance and NYC Metrocard (I take public transit to and from JFK airport);
In the left-side "multi-pocket" fits my US Passport unexpectedly perfectly;
In the left side vertical pocket I have \$60USD and 100,000 Colombian pesos;
In the right side zip pocket are:
a business card from an Uruguayan steakhouse in the Usaquén neighborhood, where the parillada was made from old bicycle parts;
a receipt for deposit on a bespoke two button business suit, slacks and 2 dress shirts from a tailor in the Chapinero district.
In the single pen holder I slot in a Fisher AG-7 Space Pen (M blue), and hung in by its clip is a Sailor 1911 Mid-Size demonstrator with a F nib.
I'll try to post photos the next time I travel - the Guildford really comes into its own overstuffed like this.

Amanda (2011-04-21 14:53:49)

Work A5 filofax (jade Finchley):
LHS pockets - business cards, scrap paper (that I use for daily to-do lists). Zipped pocket - USB stick.
RHS slot pocket - notepad.
'Home' A5 filofax (red Finchley) is actually currently pretty empty in the pockets. Not sure why! I sometimes tuck a cartesio notebook into the full vertical pocket on the LHS. I don't even have a notepad in the slot for one...
Hmmm....
'carry about/in-the-handbag-filofax' (pink Baroque personal. I've only just started to carry this around as a new experiment having failed miserably with personal size ones before).
LHS credit-card slots - bank and credit cards and vouchers for shops and stamps and some paper money; zipped pocket - coins;
technically on the rings I guess, but not paper - my supermarket loyalty card (has a hole in it and is meant to be on a keyring but is on my filofax ring) and in a plastic pocket I have a card made in Malawi which makes me smile when I look at it, and a photo of me and my DH (which also makes me smile!).
Having read everyone else's posts I realise how *dull* I am!! Sorry!

justenoughsalt (2011-04-22 15:23:07)

i am using my green windsor at the moment which has 'four \$.44 stamps
'the last holiday card from the family
'a receipt from a great road trip
'a sentimental gift certificate for a rifle and pistol lesson
'pictures that i wish i could put on the rings but i dont want to put holes in them
'a packing list for traveling
'a scrapsheets of paper with a logo idea on it
'index card with a list of books on it i would like to buy from bookculture in nyc
'an index card with a list of things i need to discuss with a friend when i see them next

Saffronia (2011-04-24 15:45:47)

My pockets may seem quite boring in comparison. But my everyday filo is a personal Finchley in teal. I adore her so! Anyhow, in tghe front left pockets I carry my library card, my museum membership card(a birthday present from my former beau!), My student ID, and my 3 insurence cards(health, dental, perccription). Nothing spectaculat there, except for my museum membership card, which gets me discounts at pretty much every major musuem in the country, including MoMA, and Guggenheim! But I will not carry on about that, even though I could.

In the front pocket I will carry post-its of all sizes. The back zip pocket, however, usually will hold my passport, my Ipod, and extra led and erasers for my mechanical pencil.

In the pen loop I hold 3 writing utensils, a Sharpie Accent liquid highlighter, a Uni-Ball Signo 207, and a generic mechanical pencil. All of them in purple. The pencil is purple but writes in normal lead.

Well that is my filo!

derekstraub (2011-05-01 13:35:02)

Hi, in most of my Filofax under the clasp are 3 Code letters which I would presume have something to do with the build date? maybe.

has anyone els noticed this? and has anyone got a Key?

Exceptions seem to be Finsbury, and earlier Made in England ones.

You can also find them hidden away in Slimlines.

regards, Derek.

justenoughsalt (2011-05-02 05:46:21)

@derekstraub good question! i never noticed that! my green windsor says EF8 and my yellow piccadilly says KIJ. both are personal. i have an older green piccadilly but the tab is so beat up i can not read the code anymore. you may want to ask this again on a FFAT or FFAF a this thread is sort of dead. it would be interesting to find out what other codes there are to be found.

Web Finds (2011-04-20 06:00)

We appear to be encouraging more people to blog about their Filofax organisers... not a bad thing, just an observation!

- [1]And the dilemma continues - Kanalt
- [2]Filofaxes reunited - Caribbean Princess
- [3]My Filofax my love - Rori
- [4]Once you go Malden - Zoe
- [5]Filofax Questions.... Imysworld

- [6]Filofax People - Paper r u s h blog
- [7]Hauke Photography - Some great photos on this site including some Filos

Enjoy

1. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/04/and-dilemma-continues.html>
2. <http://caribbeanprincessmusings.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofaxes-reunited-and-little-poll.html>
3. <http://www.rorirants.com/2011/04/my-filofax-my-love.html>
4. <http://thezeitgeistofzoe.wordpress.com/2011/04/17/once-you-go-malden-your-planner-is-scaldin/>
5. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofax-questions.html>
6. <http://paper-rush.blogspot.com/search/label/filofax%20people>
7. <http://haukef.wordpress.com/>

A (2011-04-20 17:07:52)

I found the Filofax A5 hole punch on sale here for \$44 instead of the normal \$70 that Filofax charges see here: http://www.montgomerypens.com/product_detail.asp?product_id=11289
Enjoy all!

Yvotchka (2011-04-20 19:27:42)

Wow! Lots of new Filo people to read...very cool!

Rori (2011-04-20 21:22:51)

So honored! *blush*

Filofax Delivery Options. (2011-04-21 00:00)

So you want to order something from an overseas Filofax website?

- What are the delivery charges?
- Do they even offer overseas delivery?

Let me just say it's not simple... rather than quote actual costs in this post because they are likely to change with time, I thought it best to simply list pages that detail the costs.

On Line Ordering International Delivery [1]UK Yes [2]Yes/Value [3]Australia No [4]Belgium No [5]Canada No [6]Czech Republic No [7]China No [8]Denmark Yes [9]Yes/Weight [10]France Yes [11]Yes/Value [12]Germany Yes [13]EU only/Value [14]Greece No [15]Hong Kong [16]Yes via Link [17]Yes/Individual order basis [18]Italy Yes [19]Yes/Value [20]Japan No [21]Korea No [22]Netherlands No [23]New Zealand No [24]Norway Yes [25]Yes/Value [26]Portugal No [27]Singapore No [28]Spain No [29]Sweden Yes [30]Yes/Value [31]Switzerland No [32]Taiwan No [33]UAE No [34]USA Yes [35]USA, Canada Only/Value
Why are so many sites just like a shop window and you can't order from them? It's because in those countries they are only distributors and they aren't allowed to sell direct to the public.

The sites that do offer on-line ordering I think are subsidiaries of the main Filofax UK company. The Filofax store in Neal Street have confirmed that they are willing to help supply items and can offer international delivery on a order by order basis. You can contact the Neal Street store as follows:

T: +44 (0) 207 836 1977
E: [36]dyau@filofax.co.uk
Filofax Shop 68 Neal Street Covent Garden London England WC2H 9PF

Our thanks to the staff at the Neal Street store for their help and co-operation.

1. http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?awinmid=2457&awinaffid=97790&clickref=DeliveryLink&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.filofax.co.uk%2F%3Fcm_mmc%3DAwin-_-%21%21%21id%21%21%21-_-DEEPLINK-_-PAGE
2. http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?awinmid=2457&awinaffid=97790&clickref=DeliveryLink&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.filofax.co.uk%2Fdelivery%2F%3Fcm_mmc%3DAwin-_-%21%21%21id%21%21%21-_-DEEPLINK-_-PAGE
3. <http://www.filofax.com.au/>
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16. <http://www.swindonbooks.com/Books.asp?Category=F01>
17. <http://www.swindonbooks.com/Help.asp#order4>
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31. <http://www.filofax.ch/>
32. <http://www.filofax.tw/>
33. <http://www.filofax.ae/>
34. <http://www.filofaxusa.com/>
35. <http://www.filofaxusa.com/delivery/>
36. <mailto:dyau@filofax.co.uk>

Beverley (2011-04-21 10:47:00)

Re: Filofax Canada. Our online shop is actually the US shop. And it is deucedly hard to find Filofaxes in bricks & mortar shops, too, especially since there seems to be no real list of retailers anywhere.

R (2011-04-21 14:52:19)

there is an option in filofax to find a store type where you are and numerous stores will appear

Dodo Acad-Pad now in A5 Filofax-compatible format! (2011-04-21 09:19)

Due to popular demand, the very clever and funny [1]Dodo Acad-Pad is now available in the [2]A5 Filofax-compatible size, in addition to the previously-offered [3]Personal size Filofax-compatible size (and bound in Desk, Wall, and Mini sizes). This is the very first year the Acad-Pad has been offered in the A5 size, after two years of the [4] Dodo Pad calendar-year diary being offered in this size.

If you are interested in this diary insert but want to see more about it, you can check out [5]Miss Peabody's post about the 2011-2012 Acad-Pad range.

For a (mostly) page-by-page walkthrough with lots of photos you can see my post about the bound Acad-Pad on [6]Plannerisms.

Also, you can look at my post about my [7]A5 Dodo Pad diary insert in my Domino Filofax, to see some photos of the Dodo Pad- Filofax combination in action.

The entire Acad-Pad range (including the Filofax-compatible inserts) is now available on the Dodo Pad website at:

[8]<http://www.dodopad.com/acadpad/acadpad.html>

The [9] Filofax-compatible Dodo Pad and Acad-Pad diary inserts are a great option if you are looking for a diary insert that's fun and organized at the same time!

1. <http://www.dodopad.com/acadpad/acadpad.html>

2. http://www.dodopad.com/acatalog/Diaries_Calendars_.html#aAFXA1112

3. http://www.dodopad.com/acatalog/Diaries_Calendars_.html#aAFXP1112

4. <http://www.dodopad.com/dodofax/filofax-compatible.html>

5. <http://dodopadblog.com/2011/04/11/2011-2012-acad-pad-diaries-available-now-with-a-new-addition-to-the-range/>

6. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/04/2011-2012-dodo-acad-pad-is-out-with-new.html>

7. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/04/my-new-a5-domino-filofax-with-dodo-pad.html>

8. <http://www.dodopad.com/acadpad/acadpad.html>

9. <http://www.dodopad.com/dodofax/filofax-compatible.html>

Nickie (2011-04-22 14:18:06)

Fab!! I stopped using my A5 but might just start again when I swap back now that I've seen this.

Laurie (2011-04-22 22:50:50)

Nickie if you are interested in starting this format right away, I know the 2011 A5 Dodo Pad diary inserts are going for next to nothing on Ebay right now. The Dodo Pad and Acad-Pad diary inserts are the same except for calendar year vs. academic-year format. It's a great way to try the product for cheap, and without having to wait until August to start!

kathiza (2011-05-14 13:28:53)

Just ordered a Dodo Acad-Pad insert for my A5 filofax (which I bought today out of a spontaneous mood— I owned a personal size before).

I'm so excited. I also ordered the punch, post-its, the world map and lots of stuff to go with it.... And of course

the Dodo Stickers... Oh, I'm so excited. I'm a freak, I know ;-)

kathiza (2011-05-14 13:30:05)

I just ordered my Acad Pad for my A5 Filofax off of ebay. I just bought the Filofax today and I'm so excited. I also ordered lots of stuff like the punch, post-its, the world map and of course the DoDo Stickers. I can't wait to get them. I'm a freak, I know ;-)

Free for All Friday No. 127 (2011-04-21 21:16)

It's Maundy Thursday, the 3rd day of Pesach, and 2 days before ANZAC Day. What's your favorite holiday that you would never have known about if not for your Filofax?

katka (2011-04-22 03:17:28)

Is there a Filofax Day? :o) We can found new international holiday :o)

Steve (2011-04-22 03:22:25)

Everyday.... is a Filofax Day....

Or Philofaxy Day... even better!

katka (2011-04-22 03:44:40)

Steve you should put that on the t-shirt :o)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-22 06:11:52)

Mother's Day, because it moves around so it's important that I remember it so I can treat my mummy :) Also Father's Day for my daddy!!

On another note, I've found a stockist (in the US) for the Personal Malden in Ochre :) And I'm thinking of buying it for my birthday, but I haven't made my mind up yet! What do you guys think? I love the Malden range and the ochre colour is gorgeous, although I haven't seen it in person...

Gregorym (2011-04-22 07:01:53)

I have to through out another subject due to my excitement.

I noted on a previous post I had ordered the Finsbury zip A5 because I was done trying to use a new and different system/brand.

I just couldn't get in my mind that Filofax would work no matter how I setup the pages.

Well lucky for me, having the Time System and Daytimer in my hands for a few days to try, I realized that the ability to move pages and tabs around in a Filofax actually was the right planner for me. My major issue has always been a place to write notes that I would see everyday without turning tabs. So far the 3x6 inch "postit" notes seem to be working great as I can move the note from page to page and write my weekly "to dos" on them. The Finsbury is really nice, I ordered mine in black and I like the tough side of the leather.

Just wanted to say I'm back to the Filo and hopefully for good!

juliet.lima1022 (2011-04-22 08:24:15)

Well today is definitely Filofax Day for me - I just treated myself to a new Personal Finsbury in Aqua - it's less fattening than an Easter egg!

juliet lima

(longtime Philofaxy lurker)

Butanben (2011-04-22 10:45:51)

Every FFAF is a GOOD FRIDAY!!! And of course I had to have a reminder in the Filofax to buy Hot Cross Buns

and butter,ready for today.

J (2011-04-22 12:38:20)

I agree with Katka.m- that definitely should be a t-shirt!

And since it is a FFAF- how does the leather of the grey Malden compare to previous colors? Is it as luxe as the black and crimson, or more like the complaints I have heard about the ochre?

Excitement is definitely bubbling over for US release!!!

justenoughsalt (2011-04-22 14:45:15)

on the subject of pesach, which i am doing out of town. i have/had so many lists in my filo on what to clean, when to clean, "do not eat", special shopping lists, and of course all the events....every year i forget that pesach is a BIG deal. honestly i am gonna need pancakes and a vacation after pesach!

Savannah (2011-04-22 20:29:17)

J-What is supposed to be wrong with the Malden Ochre?

Silver_Elixir (2011-04-22 21:34:33)

I don't use moleskins myself, but I just found on iTunes a Moleskin notebook app.

I wonder if Filofax will ever look at making an app? I know nothing compares to the real thing, but I think there would be major potential for a Filofax app. People could create as many side or top dividers as they wanted to, you could choose the 'cover' of your 'iphone-fax' from all that are available. You could choose different page styles, even different line widths. Perhaps you could even invent your own pages right there on your device? The iPhone could be the equivalent to a Personal or Pocket size, while the iPad could be a Personal size showing two pages, or an A5 size. I think it would be a lot of fun.

Laurie (2011-04-22 22:22:53)

SE I'm not an iUser but I think this is a FANTASTIC idea!! Filfox should definitely do an app like this!!

J (2011-04-23 02:01:24)

Savannah- I've read a few places that the ochre doesn't have the same shine or as nice of a feel in the hand as the black and crimson.

I haven't been able to see any in person, so I am just going off of those lucky enough to own them!

Laurie (2011-04-23 05:53:07)

The leather on the ochre is waxed, whereas the other colors are not so they are more shiny. The idea is that scratches should be easier to buff out on the waxed ochre leather.

Nellie (2011-04-23 08:32:26)

I have just cracked and bought myself an Ebony Deco Personal from City Organiser - They are currently on offer! Well, I have a broken ankle so I need something to cheer me up!

Savannah (2011-04-23 10:34:44)

J-I adore my pocket Malden ochre and I feel more attachment to it than any other. It is not as smooth- it has more texture, looks more vintage; distressed; more natural, but the essential leather is still has that wonderful thickness and pliability that you have to feel to appreciate. It does have a shine but if you like real shiny it appears black is the way to go. I believe it shines more than the rest. I like the ochre pocket better than my crimson personal and think the leather is just great. I think it's just personal preference. Although I don't own a grey (Steve may be more helpful with this), it very much looks like it has same texture as the red.

J (2011-04-23 12:09:07)

Savannah- thanks so much for the additional input on Malden color. I wasn't trying to say they ochre was bad, I just have heard it doesn't feel quite as soft as the other colors.

I definitely don't want something uber shiny, and really do love the vintage qualities of the ochre, I just don't have enough that would match it to make it worth the investment.
Let's hope the grey is somewhere in between!

Savannah (2011-04-23 12:58:31)

After seeing your website and personal domino, grey seems the way to go for you for sure. Start saving a dollar a day for its release in July! You can get it for 20 % off and free shipping at all times from Pens and Leather. Goldspot and The Daily Planner also offer 20 % discounts at all times. So don't worry about the "sale" price. As far as the ochre goes, I was just afraid there was a design flaw that would show up in the future, hence my query.

Jotje (2011-04-25 04:18:53)

Steve, what happened to the site layout???? I see all links in blue, and I cannot get used to it. Really liked the old layout much better, if you don't mind me saying ...

Steve (2011-04-25 04:35:23)

Jotje

I've not changed anything, I think it is a Google problem, sometimes it loads correctly other times it doesn't. It's been happening for a few days now as well on and off.

Steve

The new Filofax Flex, and similar products? (2011-04-22 22:42)

In [1]the new Filofax catalog there is a new product called Flex that's not a ring binder, but instead a cover where slim booklets can be added in. You can choose what type of inserts you want including diary, note paper, contacts etc. This looks like it could be a great combination of the flexibility of a ring binder without the bulk of the rings.

Also, there's a similar product from a different brand that Steve and a Philofaxy reader have each suggested to me (and I'm very sorry I can't remember your name right now! My brain is over capacity this weekend!). The one I'm thinking of has a cover where slim booklets are held in by clips. It's a similar idea where you can choose whatever booklets you want including diary, notes, etc. If one section fills up before another, you switch out with a fresh one without having to start an entirely new book.

Does anyone know what I'm talking about?? (Do I know what I'm talking about??) Reader Terri emailed me recently with the classic Filofax problem (which I always have myself) of Book Too Big, Pages Too Small. I was trying to suggest this product to her as a possible solution, but completely blanked out on the name of the product!

Not only that, but does anyone have any idea when the Filofax Flex will hit the markets?

Thank you for any info everyone!!

Edited: I found what I was thinking of! It was suggested by mandarine in a comment on my [2]Planner Preference: Ring Binder vs. Bound Book post on Plannerisms. Here is the comment:

There is a third option - a binder that holds your planner and any other notebooks you want to carry round, plus maps, tickets, fliers, pen, etc, all without the bulk of rings - I have been using one like this for about eight months now. It's called a roterfaden taschenbegleiter. I use the A6 size which takes moleskine notebooks perfectly, but roterfaden also has its own notebooks, which are colour coded by year, to make archiving even easier. The notebooks are held in by simple metal clips, the outer cover is a super tough synthetic while inside is tactile felt in a contrast colour - well, as you can tell, I love mine and have been using it for longer and with less angst than any other planner I have ever tried. This is the website: <http://www.roterfaden.com/>

BTW I have no connection to this company - just a happy customer!

mandarine

Glad I found this! Does anyone know of other similar products?

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/02/filofax-2011-new-range-and-changes-to.html>
2. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2010/05/planner-preference-ring-binder-vs-bound.html>

Sandra (2011-04-22 23:12:47)

There is a system called Circa, but you may be describing something totally different...

<http://www.levenger.com/PAGETEMPLATES/NAVIGATION/Preview.asp?Params=category=326-330|level=2-3>

Will keep scouring the web for this system you describe. Beats working on my dissertation...

Laurie (2011-04-22 23:14:20)

Thanks Sandra, the Circa is a similar idea and definitely an option for ring-binder flexibility but slim-book portability.

But the product I'm thinking of is a cover, and inside there are clips for holding in slim booklets. Can anyone think of what this is?

Sandra (2011-04-22 23:18:06)

<http://www.x47.com/en/personal-organizer/planner-planners-leather-pocket-size-left-hand/>

This company has spring loaded rods to hold booklets in place?! Hmmn....

Done for tonight—take care.

Laurie (2011-04-22 23:21:50)

Sandra that's exactly what I was thinking of!

I've edited my post to include the original comment from mandarine with the brand of book I was trying to remember:

<http://www.roterfaden.com/>

Steve (2011-04-23 00:12:44)

Here is a video of that product which shows it in action.

<http://www.vimeo.com/2331281>

The 'binders' and pages come in A6, A5, and A4 format, included in A4 is the ability to have an iPad 'page' which might appeal to some people.

Click on EN at the top of the Roterfaden website page to view in English.

I would imagine that the Flex system will be similar to this. It's going to be in the shops soon I'm told....

Silver Bell Girl (2011-04-23 08:28:57)

for USA customers, Daytimer makes something like this only the little booklets are held in with a series of rubber band thingies.

Amanda (2011-04-23 10:52:50)

The Journal Shop does something like this too, called Mood:

<http://thejournalshop.com/acatalog/Mood.html>

(again, just a happy customer, not paid by them!).

Imy (2011-04-23 11:17:58)

Will it be on sale online as well as in store, the colins one is kinda similar it sounds like =]

terriknits (2011-04-23 14:42:20)

thanks for all the great info and links. The Flex and Roterfaden look intriguing. I've seen the Circa as well.

For now I'm going to give a personal size binder/one-page-a-day a trial and see how it goes for me. I should have

enough room on the day pages and can have all my extra notes at the back.

Penny (2011-04-24 00:21:28)

i was going to suggest the day timer w/rubber bands as well... but i think they might be discontinued here. i found them in my local 99¢ store & haven't seen them in staples for a while.

that said, i believe a choir binder might work – it's something i've been meaning to try for a while.. but i wanted to see if i could find an A5 size binder.. [1]this choir binder is just an example, i know nothing of that particular company nor do i think it's quite what is in mind.

1. http://www.continentalbinder.com/cbs/choir_music_binder.html

Butanben (2011-04-24 12:37:34)

Not sure I like the metal clips in the German planners. Love the zingy colours though I must say!!

shepcraig (2011-04-25 17:43:59)

Flex will be available in May.

shepcraig (2011-04-25 17:45:22)

Flex will be available in may. I have my order in for a shiny new display unit.

Tim (2011-04-26 15:17:46)

The "Flex by Filofax" looks very interesting but to my mind is an almost direct copy of the Time Manager (TMI) Planner Wallet - around for over thirty years! Certainly the flexible four way slots plus business card holes is very similar indeed! What Filofax seem to have successfully done though, is to make it in three sizes and presumably come up with some great slim notebooks to go into it. The A5 version should be particularly useful in solving the current ring binder portability problem.

TMI won't care I'm sure. They've now ceased their UK service with users now directed to the Danish site, suggesting a product in rapid decline.

For Filofax, losing the binder rings with Flex may well breath much needed new life into a brand that (for many) had become a dated 1980's "yuppy" product from a different generation.

Virelai (2011-04-28 18:08:19)

Interesting concept, maybe I'll try it sometime!

What came to my mind is X17

<https://www.myx17.com/en/x17-07-moleskine-notebook-sketch-book-date-book-A7-A6-A5.html>

Looks different and the notebooks are fixed differently, but interesting too. Though it doesnt look very "first-class" compared to the other suggestions!

Web Finds (2011-04-23 00:00)

Thank you for your further feedback and appreciation.

- [1]My Filofax - Leia's Delights
- [2]Filofax in Training - YC
- [3]Malden Musings - The Crazy Life of J
- [4]In the bag test of the Baroque - Paper Pens Ink

Enjoy

1. <http://www.leiasdelights.com/2011/04/my-filofax.html>
2. <http://smilelovehope.blogspot.com/2011/04/new-filofax-in-training.html>
3. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/04/malden-musings.html>
4. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/04/in-bag-test-of-baroque-part-1.html>

Amanda (2011-04-23 10:53:49)
ooh... thanks for featuring me!

A Date for Your Diary - 1 May 2011 (2011-04-24 00:00)

We are going to run another conference round-table voice chat using Skype. The last one was a great success and possibly the longest we have run.

I'm sure we are gradually getting to know each other's voices, but I will make a point of going 'around the table' to get everyone to introduce themselves this time.

So...When, Where, What, Who and How?

When? - Sunday 1 May from 12noon (US East Coast time), 5pm London time, 6 pm Paris time 11pm Jakarta etc. [1]Times here for your city/time zone

Where? - an on-line chat using [2]Skype.

What do I need? - just a micro-phone and a free Skype account.

Who - All of you... connect up with **Philofaxy** and we will attempt to get as many of us linked in to the audio conference as possible.

How -

1. Connect to **Philofaxy** by firstly searching for **Philofaxy** in**Skype**, I will then add you as a contact.
2. Then '**Start Chat**', I will then add you in to the chat room.
3. Then if you request it, I can add you to the audio conference as well. But if you just want to chat via keyboard that's fine. That way it's slightly less hectic for me!

Come and join in the fun, even if you only pop in to say hello...

As with previous round-tables there will also be a parallel text chat room going at the same time as the voice conference.

If you need any assistance setting up Skype, please pop a comment in this post and I will try and help you get one line. Skype is free for computer to computer calls....

Hope to be chatting with you next Sunday.

1. <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=Philofaxy+Round+Table&iso=20110501T18&p1=195&ah=2&sort=0>
2. <http://www.skype.com/>

J (2011-04-24 01:03:57)
Yay! I am really hoping to make this one!!!

Laurie (2011-04-24 03:21:55)
I hope I'll be able to make it as well, I'd love to chat with everyone!

Sandra (2011-04-24 22:34:53)

Looking forward to popping in for a visit! My kids might not "let" me talk, but I will try.
11 a.m. CST, 12 p.m. EST, yes? :)

J (2011-04-25 00:28:57)

Sandra- I might be wrong, but I think it'd be 11 p.m. on April 30 for Central Time.

Steve (2011-04-25 04:10:52)

No it's AM, not PM.... The US is behind GMT not before it....

If you are confused about the start time, check out the time here:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>

I'm generally on line about an hour before the due start time as well as in the days running up to the chat.

Nan (2011-04-25 08:48:54)

It's 11 AM CT, 12 PM (noon) ET. 12:00 noon is when AM changes to PM.

And yes, the US is behind GMT, which is why some American TV networks are starting coverage of the royal wedding at midnight the night before, for the viewers on the U.S. West Coast!

Amanda (2011-05-01 13:34:21)

Oh no! Yet again I miss it because I am too busy gardening! Bleugh!!!

sorry guys - I meant to make it this time. Harumph.

Maybe next time?

Steve (2011-05-01 13:35:13)

Amanda we are still on chat

Steve

Amanda (2011-05-01 13:44:37)

J'arrive!!

Amanda (2011-05-01 14:11:26)

made it!!!

A Filofax for a Royal Prince and Princess? (2011-04-25 03:28)



[1]

So this is the week of the Royal Wedding. If you were asked to chose a Filofax for William and Kate what would you chose?

- Which model?

- Which size?
- Which colour?

And say which one it would be for William and which one for Kate....

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-o835yA7b6Mc/TbUhkY-sesI/AAAAAAAAJIw/RZ1CkySPQno/s1600/kate-william.jpg>

caribbean princess (2011-04-25 03:34:10)

I would choose a pocket or personal ivory Deco for Kate and a personal or A5 Kendal for William.

katka (2011-04-25 03:47:11)

Happy Easter to all :o)

Ruby Deco for Kate and Cuban A5 Ink for William.

Louloudorset (2011-04-25 03:58:18)

It would have to be a pocket Amethyst Deco for Kate - regal but small enough to fit in her clutch bags while out on walkies. Then an A5 Malden in grey for William. Smart and sophisticated for a future king but with a nod to being a young man. Plus plenty of space for the aides to log all his appointments

Lx

Jotje (2011-04-25 04:13:49)

I'm totally with CP! Ivory Deco for Kate and Kendal for William. Kendal, because it's classy, no-fuss and it looks really great in both countryside and during city meetings ;-)

Butanben (2011-04-25 05:58:52)

CP, these were my thoughts too, although maybe the Amethyst variety for Kate!! A Kendal may scuff a bit, so I'd have a Cuban in saddle chestnut in reserve!!! William's planner in A5 of course and Kate's for the swishest handbag!!!

Saffronia (2011-04-25 10:03:55)

So exciting!

I would say that for such royalty they would have the cream of the crop and import in from the States for Kate a personal sized Ostrich in Buttercup!

For Prince William, because he has always blazed his own trail, I would say something unique but still refined like a personal Scanda in Black.

J (2011-04-25 11:46:15)

Hmmm, I'd say that the pocket Deco is definitely right for Kate, although I think she'd have to have a custom sapphire model created to match her engagement ring!

For William, I'd say an A5 Kendal or Cuban in some shade of brown would be best!

How fun!

crofter (2011-04-25 12:04:53)

For William, go back to the classic Windsor, after all, it is the "House of Windsor". For Kate, no idea, I think after becoming a 'Royal', your life is pretty well planned for you anyway.

Butanben (2011-04-25 19:10:13)

Read on the newspaper grapevine today that Kate uses a Smythson diary!!! Will need to look up that website to compare with the trusty Filofax!!!!

Katherine Banning (2011-06-27 13:21:12)

"...for Kate a personal sized Ostrich in Buttercup!"

I can attest to the quality of that planner - I bought mine in 2003 and have used it daily since. Even now that the majority of its functions have been delegated to an iPad2, I still carry the buttercup as my wallet, with only cotton cream plain notepaper for the occasional jot.

The only problem (as usual for today's businesses) has been the customer service from the company, which I'm sorry to say could do with a re-think. But never mind, mustn't grumble. I do love the buttercup and would be lost without it.

Kate

Laurie (2011-06-28 05:53:26)

Ooh I'm very interested in your Ostrich Filofax. I've been fantasizing about the Ostrich in Buttercup as my super-splurge Filo. How does the hide hold up? Does it scratch easily? And I want to know, do the quill bumps feel weird?? Thanks for any info! :)

Filofax Organisers on Ebay (2011-04-25 17:13)

There is also a [1]Personal Amazona on Ebay as well from a different reader.

Good luck if you bid for them.

Note: Post edited as the earlier auctions have now competed.

1. http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/Filofax-Personal-Amazona-Almond-BNIB-2011-diary-inserts-/270740202769?pt=UK_BOI_Office_Office_Supplies_Stationery_ET&hash=item3f095fa511#ht_500wt_1156

Amanda (2011-04-26 15:55:37)

On my way to check it out...I have finally decided that I need to move up to the A5 size, but I can't afford to buy new right now. I'm stalking Ebay to find one!!

Amanda (2011-04-26 17:09:43)

@Amanda

There are still some deals on at WHSmiths if you're in the UK, as well as at City Organiser (and yes guys, we are two different Amandas - I'm not just messaging myself!) :-)

Amanda (2011-04-27 15:26:28)

am I just being daft or is that link not working - it takes me to a 'your search returned no items' page and then when I click on the seller indicated on that page, there are no filofaxes, just sewing things...

Steve (2011-04-27 15:33:35)

Amanda I've removed the first link as that auction has now finished, I think it was only on for a day or two. The second one is still running.

Amanda (2011-04-27 15:37:17)

ah... that would explain it!

Thanks!!

Free For All Tuesday No. 12 (2011-04-26 00:00)

So I hope you had a good Easter... did you think of any questions to ask today? Fire away.....

Dallas (2011-04-26 01:11:46)

Hi! Long time lurker, first time poster.

Does anyone happen to know if the personal Malden in ochre has been discontinued? I'd really like to get one (not that I need any more Filofaxes, poor student that I am) but it hasn't been available on the UK Filofax site for a while. :(

Also, I'd just like to say how great this blog is. I check Philofaxy (and Plannerisms, another fantastic blog) for new posts almost every day. I love to see how other people use their Filofaxes and you guys have such a friendly, welcoming atmosphere. Please keep up the great work. :)

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-04-26 01:21:02)

@Dallas I have the new catalogue and it is on page 5 - Personal Ochre (product number - 425808 -£72).

@Steve - just noticed on the same page of the catalogue that the A5 Malden is only listed in Ochre and Vintage Pink but no grey. Do you think I have an early catalogue and there will be updates?! A bit confused....

katka (2011-04-26 02:52:14)

@G.Cacti - would be possible to scann the new catalogue and get it online? thank you.

caribbean princess (2011-04-26 04:05:11)

Globetrotting I just checked my catalogue from the Philofaxy meet up and it is the same. Ochre is listed for all sizes though Dallas :-)

@Dallas the crimson Malden is available from city organiser for almost half price. You can save some student pennies! I bought one and you can see it here

<http://caribbeanprincessmusings.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofax-spanner-in-works-and-i-thought.html>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-26 06:24:26)

Hi Dallas!

I had exactly the same problem as you, I really wanted the Malden personal in ochre, and in the end I bought it from pens and leather, the US website <http://www.pensandleather.com/filofax-malden-personal-leather-organizer-ochre.aspx>

Because it's from the US I had to pay quite a lot for postage but because the price of the filo itself is very cheap on this website (about £45) the price of that plus the postage was actually cheaper than the price of a Malden from the UK filofax website!

It is in the filofax catalogue, at least on the version I have seen on the philofaxy post about it, but I think that catalogue is misleading because it shows the ochre available in all sizes but not the crimson, but now it is the other way around! They must have changed their minds about selling the ochre. I emailed filofax and they confirmed it wasn't available to buy in the UK any more :(

shepcraig (2011-04-26 09:54:55)

The Malden Ochre will be available again, they ran out a couple of months ago, and it will be ready when the new colours are launched.

app1eg (2011-04-26 10:34:22)

Hi guys, I'm currently using my Zipped personal Finsbury of 4 years, and also own a Cuban Zipped personal size. (i went back to my finsbury cos i hated that the cuban wouldn't stay flat.)

at the moment, I want to buy a malden so very badly! but i am worried about moving over to a clasp version of filo (never used one, except my mini..)

will i have to worry about my papers being dirtied or torn because they are not protected by the zip?

caribbean princess (2011-04-26 11:32:15)

@appleleg I have only ever used clasp filox and never had a problem with the pages getting dirty. Once you don't spill anything on it, the pages should be fine! :-)

Steve (2011-04-26 11:42:48)

@appleleg I still have some of my original pages from 1985 and they are still fine only ever been kept in an open Filox, I don't have any with a zipper.

There is quite a good 'margin' between the pages and the edge of the Filox so they should be ok.

Dallas (2011-04-26 14:07:29)

Thanks everyone for all of your helpful responses.

@Cacti Yay! Thank you for looking that up. :)

@CP City Organiser's prices are ridiculously good but I really have my heart set on the Ochre which they don't sell. Your Malden is absolutely gorgeous, I voted for it in your "Which Filofax Should I Use?" poll. Not that the Finsbury isn't fantastic in its own right. My first Filofax was a personal Finsbury in black that I got as a gift from my Mum last Christmas, so I'll probably always have a bit of a soft spot for them.

@TPS Thanks so much for the link! Craig, below, kindly let me know that they'll eventually start selling the Ochre again but just in case it takes forever to restock (or they decide not to, chimes my inner pessimist) I've bookmarked the site.

@Craig I'm actually not terribly surprised that they ran out, the Malden seems to be very popular. Oh well, I guess I'll just have to be patient. :)

Amanda (2011-04-26 15:57:25)

Personal Crimson Malden... City Organiser... £40

Can anyone:

a) think of (enough) good reasons NOT to get one?

or

b) think of three other uses for filofaxes that *don't* include the normal diary/to-do etc, book-o-fax, travel-fax or writing-fax?

I think I (and CP!) need some help!

appleleg (2011-04-26 23:55:10)

Thank you CPrincess and Steve for your response. I'm eyeing the Vintage Pink, though i know you all don't like that shade!

However, it does look like i will have to put off buying it for now till I get my very first job upon graduating from university! Money is tight for hubby and i now. :(

Oh well, it will be a congratulatory gift for myself for getting a job, if not a graduating gift.

Web Finds (2011-04-26 02:00)

Dunk your croissants in your coffee and enjoy these posts... I know it's a bad habit... one that I don't do you will be pleased to hear!

- [1]Current Filofax Conundrum - Rori
- [2]Easter, the Royal Wedding and my Filofax - Pretty in Pink

Enjoy

1. <http://www.rorirants.com/2011/04/current-filofax-conundrum.html>
2. <http://rachaelstone.blogspot.com/2011/04/easter-royal-wedding-and-my-filofax.html>

Rori (2011-04-26 08:31:13)
Thank you! :-)

Filofax UK Free Shipping Offer (2011-04-26 08:05)

For a limited period Filofax UK are offering free UK delivery on all Filofax products, no matter how small your order is.

To claim their discount, customers must simply enter the promocode: EASTER2 when prompted at the checkout. This promocode is valid on all Filofax products.

Simply click on the banner below and add items to your order in the normal way and use the promo code when you go to the checkout.

Note that this offer is only valid from 1pm Tuesday 26th April to 1 pm Thursday 28th April 2011.

Go on treat yourself.....



1. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152857&v=2457&q=90347&r=97790>

J (2011-04-26 12:28:21)

Got SO excited until I saw the "delivery within the UK" part. Too good to be true, otherwise that Malden would be MINE!!! Haha.

bristolbookworm (2011-04-26 13:10:29)

Thanks for the tip off. I can finally justify the hard to find squared notepaper and business card holder in pocket size!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-04-26 14:52:17)

Just going to order some paper & a 2012 diary now. Was hoping to go to the Neal St store on Tuesday but my meeting is cancelled....

Thanks for the heads-up...

End of Term Exams (2011-04-27 00:00)



[1] If you have any young adults in your home you know that at this time of year they will be busy revising for their end of year exams. Well it's now your turn to revise and also sit your exams at the end of year Philofaxy University where you have been studying Filofax, life the universe and anything else we can think of!

Little did you know that when you started reading the Philofaxy blog that it was part of your continued professional development, thinly disguised as an excuse to lead you in to financial ruin! No, we want you to expand your horizons and bring your Filofax in to all parts of your daily life both in your professional life and your home life.

So the exam papers have been set, but to help you the questions are based on posts on the blog from April 2010 to March 2011. You will obviously not need to hide your revision notes up your sleeve or write them on the inside of your pencil case.... no this is a fully open exam which you can take at your own leisure, no need to watch the clock, but we would like your answers in by the end of the first week in May so a calendar rather than clock might be more appropriate.

So here are your questions. Please answer as many as you can, the details on where to how to submit your answers are at the end of the question papers. Good luck and try your best. Don't forget to put your name at the top of your answers.

Q1. What is the name of the manager at the Conduit Street Filofax Store and what is the phone number of the store?

Q2. Where will you find the largest range of Filofax products in Scotland? And name the reader that works there?

Q3. What was the title of the 500th post on Philofaxy, and who wrote it?

Q4. Which Guest Poster used a Filofax Travel Pack to organise their trip to St. Petersburg and which model/size did they use?

Q5. How many items in total does Steve carry in his 'man bag' including his pocket Filofax, and what was the make of the bag?

Q6. What brand of wax polish did Steve use to restore his wife's 1980's Personal Filofax? Which by the way she now uses every day!

Q7. In the past 12 months which charity has Philofaxy donated to, through the commission earned on sales of Filofax goods?

Q8. What unusual course did Philofaxy readers have between Main and Desert when they met in London in November?

Q9. Who is the author of the book Filofax Facts? and in what year was it published?

Q10. Who did Philofaxy send along to the Champagne Launch of the Gourmet Gift Box set, and what gift did she choose?

Q11. What model and colour is Steve's first Filofax Mini?

Q12. Who travelled the furthest to attend the Philofaxy meet up in March was it Thomas or Steve?

Q13. In terms of Philofaxy units what is the value of an A5 Filofax in Philofaxy units?

Q14. How many pages are there in the 2010 Philofaxy Yearbook in pdf format?

To enter your answers to the questions above, email them to philofaxy at gmail dot com and mark the email with the subject 2011 Exam Quiz.

Sadly there are no prizes this time but certificates will be awarded at the University Degree Ceromony by the University Vice Chancellor.

Good luck!

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-I1wc_IYZe9Q/TNf0hb8JMKI/AAAAAAAAIm4/lfIx-7Yoxks/s1600/roundtables.jpg

Robin (2011-04-27 01:03:40)

Super-fun. I loved looking back on all the old posts!

Steve, Nan, and Laurie - you all do a terrific job! Thank you!!!

caribbean princess (2011-04-27 01:26:36)

Can't wait to do it, nerd that I am! Later after work or tomorrow :-)

Imy (2011-04-27 08:52:53)

This is sooo fun!!!! Will we get marks to know how many out of 14 we get correct?? :-)

Steve (2011-04-27 08:55:54)

Yes I can put your marks on the certificate if you like or as a percentage!

But the answers will be published anyway so you can compare the answers to what you put on your exam paper...

Steve

Imy (2011-04-27 09:27:35)

yay I've just finished so i need to type them all up and then email them

Im so excitable :-)

What's in your Filofax?: Your Lists (2011-04-27 09:00)

To continue our What's in your Filofax? series, this week's focus is on lists.

Filofax binders can hold an endless variety of lists of all types, indefinitely (unlike bound-book planners which would require you to re-write your lists each year). You can add new pages to existing lists, remove a list entirely, or adapt an ongoing list as needed.

I keep a variety of long-term lists in my Filofax that I add to year after year. They are:

In my **Lists** tabbed section I have lists for long-term to-dos; things for visiting family members to bring for me from the US; things to get in Scotland the next time we go back; books about Scotland to read; science books to read; books about Scotland to get; other books to get; DVDs to get; websites; magazine subscriptions; gift ideas for family members.

In my **Me** tabbed section I have a list of quotes I find inspirational. I also have a list of gift ideas for me so that when a family member asks me what I want for my birthday or a holiday I have something in mind to tell them.

In my **Goals** section I have lists of goals in the following categories: Learning goals for my son to prepare him for Kindergarten this fall; Personal goals; Home and Family goals; and Financial goals. I also keep lists of my New Year's Resolutions for each year, to remind myself of how my focus changes over time.

In my **International** section I have a list of all my frequent flier numbers and other membership rewards numbers.

What lists do you keep in your Filofax?

katka (2011-04-27 09:18:05)

I have - books to read, books I've read, presents to buy during the year (big family :o), papers to finish, exams to pass. And two weeks ago I made a list of Filofaxes I owned in past and then gave away, sold, returned, etc.

sandrah (2011-04-27 09:49:47)

In my primary Filo I have:

- lists of things to do by location (home, phone, computer, etc.)
- lists of things to purchase by store
- a list of websites to visit
- a list of books to read
- a list of important contacts
- a list of people to pray for
- a list of inspirational quotes
- a list of primary passwords with coded websites

I have a whole set of lists in my 101 in 1001 days Filo. Each Filo has its own particular list arrangement.

Guess I love lists as much as most of you do!

David Popely (2011-04-27 14:18:44)

I have the following:-

To-do list (work)

To-do list (non-work)

Books to read list - already owned (there are a few of these)

Books to read list - to be obtained

Grocery shopping list (if I don't add things as they occur to me I forget)

List of software info, like serial numbers etc.

List of songs DW and I need to rehearse, work up and/or generally keep 'sharp' for performance.

List of blog entries I want to write. I have several blogs, one of which is being pieced together historically, so as things occur I need to note them.

Usually a couple more 'ad hoc' lists-of-the-moment.

Hope this helps

David

ARIANA and Colin (2011-04-27 14:20:10)

in my home A5

Ive created separate tabs for each month (using post-it ividers (to save space) then ive created a month view for birthdays , bills, money, notes, important dates and doctors appointments - so i can quickly view what is happening each month,

next is PTSD - for my husband nightmares , doc appointments and progress

-then tab for birthdays, anniversaries etc

tablets - for my husband medication

then personal family information

then important numbers

then calendar

then SSAFA (for our meetings)

then Royal British Legion - for poppy collections etc

then my wish list (everything a woman wants :))

then notes

address

Personal

same month view like in a5

addresses

ssafa- quick lance what i need to do

Royal British legion

PTSD - for a quick reference

medical- tablets / family info/ doc appointments

notes

addresses

sorry using Colin's account again
(ARIANA1985 /Pati)

David Popely (2011-04-27 14:22:23)

Forgot to add the following (most importantly of all):-

Business goals for the year.

Personal goals for the year.

Business longer-term goals.

Personal longer-term goals.

I reset the goals every year in between Christmas and the New Year, and I review and adjust them when we have our early Summer holiday which is usually the last week in April, although this year it will be a bit later, in June. I do believe in regular reviewing, and doing it at the same times each year works for me

David

stirwise (2011-04-27 20:53:32)

Oh, lots of lists.

I have lists of:

things I'd like to buy for myself

things we need to buy for the lab

Standing PO numbers

Workflow for various experiments and projects

Lists of reagents and their working concentrations

Vacation plans

Human packing list

Dog boarding packing list

Household needs

Medications

Dog vaccinations

Korean language vocabulary (I'm learning Korean)

Restaurants to try

Movies to watch

Hikes to try

usernames and passwords (coded so only I can understand them)

Gift ideas

I use a page-per-day calendar so every day is essentially a list of things to do that day, and also a list of things done on that day (restaurants visited, movies seen, etc).

SNARLing: (2011-04-27 22:03:29)

since i've recently revamped my filo - it has really come to my attention that besides the calendar, everything else in there is a list:

in todo section:

personal stuff i need to work on (patience, more positive outlook, vocal self restraint)

things i want to buy (fashion, misc)

mail art projects

quotes from current book i'm reading (blink - malcolm something i can't read)

snarling post - posts written

gifts i need to make

what to do for mommie's cool + themes

things to work on with milo (potty training, etc and then crafts, etc)

stuff to work on with strummer

objects i want to make

drawings i want to do

things i need to look at more (industrial design, japanese packaging fluxus visual inspira for the art)

art section:

art supplies i want/need

pens and stationary i want / need

bags i want (mbmj!)

pack section:

storytimes in local libraries

stuff to do in indy w/milo (museums and such with hours and admission prices)

places to look up classes for 3yo (want mommie & kid art or music)

potential daycares (for when i go back to work)

food we've tried for strummer and direct "results" (so far taste of the wild gives the best poop)

milo + strummer packing lists for when we go to lolo & lola's

things i'd like for the kitchen, living room, & yard

tools we need!

woodworking reference books and magazines

things to do with nieces + gift ideas for them

food section:

ideas to cook separated into chicken; beef & other meats; pasta & grains; soups, salads & stews; vegetarian; sandwiches & things milo will eat.

mexican restaurants to try in indy (green check if we liked it, red x if we didn't)

food blogs/websites

food books & people to look up

index of recipes from cooking light subscription

lists section: (heh heh)

movies i should see

movies i've seen

books i should read

books i've read

music i like (gotta look up the band)

people to look up

and finally on special pink lined paper - good times, good times (mostly really really fun times i've had with the kid and the guy i married and that stinker dog we are trying to shape into a nice polite young fellow)

yeah. i love lists

kanalt (2011-04-28 06:45:57)

In my personal Malden (daily planner):

Phone numbers

Short-terms to dos

Long-term to dos

Short-term things to buy

Long-term things to buy

Blog post ideas

Topics to journal about

Projects and their respective to dos

Monthly to dos

Weekly to dos

Daily to dos

Family A5:

Household project to dos

Hiking trails

Bike trails

Day trip ideas

To buy for the house

Full address book

Happiness Binder:
Exercise routines
Inspirational quotes
Inspirational music
Happiness notes
What will be my reference binder:
Books I've read
Movies I've seen
Blog posts I've written
That's all I can remember off the top of my head. I too love lists.

Saffronia (2011-04-29 13:18:35)

In my everyday filo, the personal teal finchley, the lists are:

-List of accounts usernames & passwords

-Lists of places to see/things to do in Nashville

And, since my phone is beginning to fail me, I have finally moved those list's from my memo pad, to my filo.
These are:

-Movies to see by genre and region

-The 13 things I hope to come of the new year

-Shopping lists

Clothes/Shoes/Handbags I Like

Electronics I Want/Need

Filos I Want

Gift ideas for friends and family

Beauty products I Want/Need

-A list of characters who I love and why

-Artist I would like to check out

-Dogs to consider getting(I had to put mine to sleep, and am taking alot of consideration into purchasing a new one)

-Hair colors to try

-Potential Names for my New Car

-Books to Read by Genre and Region

-A list of Filofax Sightings

-A list of Character Traits I would like to develop

I am always adding to these lists. There is no telling to how many more lists I will add in the next month.

2012 diary inserts are now available on Filofax US and UK websites! (2011-04-27 22:07)

Yes, I have been checking EVERY DAY waiting very impatiently for them to arrive! Not all formats are available yet, for instance I'm still waiting for the 2012 month on 2 pages in Personal and A5 size on the US website. But I'm sure they'll be up any second now!

If, like me, you are impatient to start planning next year already, you can find the 2012 diary inserts at the links below!

[1]Click here for 2012 diary inserts from the Filofax USA site

[2]Click here for 2012 diary inserts from the Filofax UK website

(Or better yet, if you are in the UK please click through the links here on the Philofaxy page to order, so a percentage of your order can be donated!)

1. <http://www.filofaxusa.com/store/diaryrefills.asp?tn=1&control=processrequest&dy=2012>

2. <http://tidd.ly/fcbdb487>

David Popely (2011-04-28 14:00:33)

Filofax still haven't 'got it' regarding the week on two pages (columns) needing to be available in the UK, have they? So its either order from one of the EU countries where they *don't* have internet sales on theri website (WHY???!!) or change yet again.

At this rate of ignoring their customers, I am seriously doubtful I'm going to continue with FF into 2012. I had my Time Manager out again last week and i *know* I can get a fully formed and functioning multi-format (day, week, month, year) system for under £30, which is starting to sound like a much better dal than a company that just doesn't seem to care about customer needs. *And* it's a proper results tool as well as just a diary and list-keeper.

Amanda (2011-04-28 16:19:15)

@David

I'm SO with you! The vertical format is great - I use it in my A5 filofax but there's just nothing for the personal size. I had a really good look at the TM stuff too and wonder if that's the way to go.

David Popely (2011-04-29 02:20:21)

@Amanda Have you used TMI before? I recall we exchanged comments about this before.....I think! If you want to email me offline at davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com, I'm always happy to extol the virtues, provide scans of forms, explain how it all fits together, etc etc. I must admit that this has got me quite grumpy....I think business need to listen to the perceived needs of their customers (as a business owner myself), and be responsive. I don't think FF are doing that at the moment, but rather putting all their eggs in the 'we are currently fashionable' basket, releasing more and more new binders, neglecting the 'working parts' of the system. Fashion is fuckle, and when that bandwagon eventually moves on, I think FF will get a nasty shock if they have alienated the 'core' users.....

Amanda (2011-04-29 15:31:33)

@David,

I've not used the system before, but I have emailed you for your advice! Thank you for such a kind offer. I think FF needs to sit up and listen to some of the core customers. As I've said before - getting the inserts right will make *all* the customers happy! Why there is no single internet store is completely beyond me! I know I am not alone in wanting that.

David Popely (2011-04-30 13:11:59)

There simply isn't a good reason for not having a single global internet store these days except if you can't be bothered. Case closed.....have emailed you a pile of info re Time Manager

David Popely (2011-05-01 03:13:27)

Am going to try adapting my Filofax to do the job of a Time Manager system.....I may be some time.....:)

Amanda (2011-05-01 14:55:38)

and...? Have you managed to fit the square peg into the round hole??

Good luck!

And thanks for the email! I'm really grateful.

David Popely (2011-05-01 15:18:57)

Well I've not started as I've had a lot to do today.

Are you interested in the results?

Have emailed you back

David

Steve (2011-05-01 15:19:51)

Philofaxy is interested... possible Guest Post?

plaiditude (2011-05-01 22:16:53)

David Popely, I also am interested in your Time Manager info. I'd love it if you could email your info to: my username you see here + @gmail.com

Guest Post - Waving the flag for Filofax - Jane (2011-04-28 00:00)



[1]

Along with many others, I just love a good old fashioned wedding, and especially a Royal Wedding, so I am very much looking forward to the big event on April 29th, when Catherine Middleton and Prince William get married in Westminster Abbey. Like many, I shall be watching it on television, and maybe even on the big screen, which is to be put up in one of our local churches. It is a date which is of course firmly written in my Filofax, along with our street party and neighbourhood celebrations which are to follow in the afternoon and evening.

In the spirit of celebration, I thought that this must be the ideal week in which to share my Union Jack box with you. As you may have guessed, it's my Filofax storage and goodie box.

What's inside? Well remarkably, quite a selection for such a small box. It holds:

1. My red Graphic Zip Filofax, with spare pages and inserts,
2. A Dymo Label Maker, for labelling tabs,
3. Sticky Avery tabs,
4. A selection of super sticky post it notes,
5. Small Moleskine Notebooks, and a small spiral calendar notebook, for meetings. I've decorated these with floral buttons,
6. Cream card with which to make index pages,
7. An A5 folder filled with spare event stickers and Filofax event stickers,
8. Two pencil cases, containing Frixion pens, my favourite Parker pen and a range of pencils and erasers. One pencil case is in tan and the other in black, to match my Filofaxes,
9. Scissors,
10. An A5 Filofax hole punch with tweezers, (to clean out the confetti like hole tags,)
11. My Personal Mode Filofax, currently used for recipes,

12. And finally, a range of small mini jot- pad sized notebooks, on which to make short shopping lists.
Whatever you are doing on April 29th, have a wonderful day!

1. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-45a4lmYL0pw/TaDDPDY0gXI/AAAAAAAAJH0/JpBHPFRpYi0/s1600/Quiver+002.jpg>

Sandra (2011-04-28 10:18:58)

Thanks for sharing your stash! I keep my Filo goodies in a deep purple paper box. Well, I did until I started collecting Filos like bad habits...

I need to buy a larger storage box—with enough room for just one more Filo (Malden).

caribbean princess (2011-04-28 14:59:55)

Thanks for sharing. I am feeling patriotic too. It is a lovely storage box. DH got me a large Union Jack Cushion which I placed on the huge chair in his study. Also I have used the London stickers you gave me to decorate my new planner. I really love them. Thanks soooooo much!

@Sandra I think a crimson Malden would be a patriotic addition to your larger storage box :-)

Butanben (2011-04-30 18:31:28)

Thanks CP, thanks Sandra!! Glad you like the box and the stickers!!! I love those Union Jack cushions too. Such fun!!! I agree that the Crimson Malden is a super colour. Don't normally go for red, but like that particular one.

Matching Filofax and phone (2011-04-28 10:47)

As we all know, I'm not the most technologically advanced person in the world. But recently I took a big step into a techie world I had not yet dipped a toe into. I bought a smartphone.

[1]My old phone was so unsmart, it didn't even have a camera. But I loved it anyway. Even so, it was time to upgrade. I needed something with internet access on the go.

I'm a Nokia girl. There's just something about Nokia phones that I like. They feel comfortable to me.

So when I went looking for a new phone, there was no question which brand I would get, I just had to settle on which model. It was an easy choice: the Nokia C3, with WiFi, Facebook and Twitter apps, and a good camera.

Here it is. Can you guess why I chose this particular color?



[2]



[3]

Don't they look great together????

With the information I keep in my Deco Filofax and the connectivity of my new phone, I can rule the universe with just these two items!

MWAH HA HA HA HA HAAAAAAAAAAAA!

Does anyone else match their phone and Filofax?

1. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2010/01/when-is-planner-not-planner.html>

2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/--YRhWj5nTyI/Tbl20bF8M6I/AAAAAAAAABzI/Bw9vOaa8S94/s1600/April+2011+068.jpg>

3. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-ufJ8NQ9IJWw/Tbl2ei2wTcI/AAAAAAAAABzM/xPZL4C1YwzA/s1600/April+2011+071.jpg>

SNARLing: (2011-04-28 10:54:06)

heh heh. you are too cute

Yvotchka (2011-04-28 10:56:59)

whoa....GORGEOUS!

Sandra (2011-04-28 12:07:28)

Love! My Blackberry matches my Malden. I'd snap a pic but my phone met a cup of coffee yesterday and let's just say Berry didn't fare so well.

Loved your previous Deco and Coach bag post, too! I just got a Vera Bradley bag in the Baroque pattern to match my Filo and phone. I like matchy matchy, I guess!

Jotje (2011-04-28 12:15:03)

Check out my Flickr photostream: phone being perfect match for Raspberry Finsbury ...

Steve (2011-04-28 12:30:37)

Great match Laurie, I will be interested to hear how you get on with the C3, I'm also a long time Nokia user. But a very low user these days too.

brusz (2011-04-28 13:06:30)

My Samsung touch screen fits nicely in the back snap pocket of my personal ivory Deco!

Jotje (2011-04-28 14:14:53)
@brusz: picture!!!!

caribbean princess (2011-04-28 14:51:10)

Lovely photo. My Adelphi used to match with my iPad. But now I have swapped to Crimson Malden so it will clash. My iPhone is boring black so I guess it goes with everything?

Lord Dodo (2011-04-28 15:00:09)

Congratulations on the new phone! Now - the burning question I have is; does your Decofax (gorgeous BTW) have a Dodo-Pad Filofax-compatible diary refill inside? That would be the ultimate! I use a red Domino A5 Filofax with 2011 Dodo-Pad A5 diary insert and an (almost matching) iPhone. Toodlepip!

Amanda (2011-04-28 16:26:59)

I got a new computer at work the other day and the IT guy said, "Did you want me to set it up to synch with your phone and diary?" and I looked at my filofax and wondered how that would work...!

:-)

Very nice combo Laurie. VERY chic!

Susanne (2011-04-28 18:46:49)

Sweet. My netbook matches my Personal Domino. Navy blue.

J (2011-04-28 23:05:56)

Tres chic! My Blackberry and Domino don't match, but I'd say the pink case compliments the grey Domino well! And Sandra- I was going to tell you before- if you haven't fixed your phone already, try putting it in a container of plain, uncooked rice. It sounds crazy, but I've seen it save multiple phones!

Saffronia (2011-04-28 23:32:50)

That is really cute. I actually, unintentionally, have a matching phone and Filo. I use a Personal Teal Finchley. My phone is a Palm Pre, with a GelaSkins cover of Van Gogh's Almond Branches in Bloom. I don't have a picture, as my only camera is the one on my phone, but here is the site. http://www.gelaskins.com/store/skins/phones/Palm_Pre/Almond_Branches_in_Bloom

It is really pretty and feminine. I just love it!

Nikki (2011-04-29 17:54:03)

I've never even seen a phone that colour! Love them together, very cute! (Im so bored of my old black phone.. only 6 more months to go.....) x

juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-01 06:55:34)

Lovely picture - they really were meant for each other! This combination is so sophisticated - whenever I try to do the matching thing it ends up looking a bit childish!

@Saffronia: I love your combination too! The Almond Blossom image is gorgeous and must go really well with your Teal Finchley -another very sophisticated look!

I don't have a matching look at all - I just retired my own Teal Finchley in favour of a new Aqua Finsbury - which I love - but my phone is an ancient silver and black nokia - not a smartphone - just a basic model. I suppose I think of my phone as purely functional, whereas my filofax has to be gorgeous!

The Royal Wedding Free For All Friday No. 128 (2011-04-29 00:00)



[1]

So today is the big event... the Royal Wedding in London. I'm sure a lot of you might be watching it or watching the highlights of it on TV?

But as it's Friday the floor is yours to discuss anything Filofax related...

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-o835yA7b6Mc/TbUhkY-sesI/AAAAAAAAJIw/RZ1CkySPQno/s1600/kate-william.jpg>

tommies-s-net (2011-04-29 03:02:15)

I wonder, if Kate and William used a Filofax to plan their wedding. And if yes, which model... ;)

Thomas

Nellie (2011-04-29 04:31:45)

I love all the flags, and that people are enjoying themselves. Lets hope the weather holds for them, and they have a long and happy marriage.

caribbean princess (2011-04-29 07:37:30)

I really enjoyed the wedding. I hope they have a long and happy marriage :-)

michele (2011-04-29 08:12:09)

Here in NY I woke at 3:45 to start watching the event. I called friends in W. Yorkshire to say good morning!

@tommies-s-net: The new Duchess of Cambridge was seen making notes with a blue smythson at times: lunch w/ Camilla, etc.

Saffronia (2011-04-29 12:59:58)

I have Filofax related news not in relation to the Royal nuptials.

I was perusing the Filofax USA sight and saw new marketing! Namely the orange Domino! I am hoping the new inventory isn't far behind.

Anyhow, happy Friday everyone!

Mrs. Grievous (2011-04-29 16:29:09)

I saw that too, Saffronia. I want that orange domino so bad, and they just taunt me with pictures. :P

Does anyone know what the slimmest A5 is at the moment? I'd like to see a slimline A5.

Butanben (2011-04-30 18:26:06)

I also read in the media that Kate has a Smythson. Not sure if she has one of their diaries or planners.

My Filofax Family (2011-04-30 11:00)

Like a photographer at the Royal Wedding (wasn't it good....) I managed to gather the whole family together today for a family picture....



[1]

They are in top to bottom order: [2]Mini Finchley, [3]Pocket Chameleon, Blue [4]Pocket Finsbury (Car-o-Fax), [5]Slimline Finsbury, [6]1980's Winchester (the grand dad of the collection) Red [7]Malden Personal, Black [8]Finsbury Personal, Black [9]A5 Finsbury, Grey [10]A5 Malden (with [11]skinny rings!) and last but not means least Black [12]A4 Classic

They all enjoyed the sun for a few minutes but wanted to go in before they got a little sun burnt!

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-PRVNU4DNytU/TbwZkkRzWzI/AAAAAAAAJJU/178GZ4Fw07Q/s1600/IMG_9996.JPG
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/my-first-mini.html>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/11/filofax-pocket-chameleon.html>
4. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/car-o-fax.html>
5. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/02/using-my-slimline-filofax-as-my-wallet.html>
6. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/07/stampede-of-horses.html>
7. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/malden-magic.html>
8. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/06/filofax-on-ebay-it-pays-to-be-patient.html>
9. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/work-filofax.html>
10. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/malden-magic.html>
11. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/a5-malden-with-30-mm-rings.html>
12. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/12/big-can-sometimes-be-beautiful-as-well.html>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-04-30 11:45:08)

I went through the picture naming them all and got them all right except for the Winchester! I think I'm getting quite good at this seeing as how I've only been into filofaxes for just over 1 month!
(I wish I was this good at my exams!!)

caribbean princess (2011-04-30 12:26:17)

Love it! I won't post mine though as I don't want DH to know how many of these lovelies I actually own! Hehe.

LJ (2011-04-30 13:13:43)

I know that feeling, I got my first Filofax (personal Finsbury in aqua) about a month ago and have already got 2 more (A4 for work and the breast cancer pocket one for travel planning), and another 4 on the way from eBay. I finally found a shop nearby (I'm in a little village in Switzerland) that has a Filofax display, only for my other half to despair as I made him take a photo of it with his iPhone, and then proceeded to pick up (and name) almost every one of them. I have now fallen a little in love with the Chilli Cuban... but then I'll have to stop coveting the Ruby Deco... wondering if I'll go to hell if I covet the Ivory Deco instead. Love the Amethyst one, but one of my 4 in the post in an Imperial Purple Finchley... I do like to mix it up with the colours :o)

Alannarama (2011-04-30 16:09:53)

Wow! Are they all in use?

Steve (2011-04-30 16:18:27)

@TPS I hope you are going to enter the Philofaxy End of Term Exam?

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/end-of-term-exams.html>

@CP but there's only 3.369 Philos in the picture!

@LJ it's catching...

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/photographic-proof.html>

@alannarama to be totally honest. Not not all in use yet.. But I have plans for most of them so eventually they will be all used at some time.

Anita (2011-05-01 09:47:29)

Wow, what a lovely stack of filos :)

Thanks for sharing them with us! I only have 3 & wondering if I need them all...

28e0e8c2-3557-11e0-82ac-000bcdcb471e (2011-05-01 18:14:07)

Lovely Collection!

Here's my ever-expanding filofax family:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/aspire_to_be/5677314626/

AspireToBe

28e0e8c2-3557-11e0-82ac-000bcdcb471e (2011-05-01 18:16:51)

Oops, my filofax family flickr link seems to be too long:

here it is again (hope this is better):

<http://tinyurl.com/3ere4xs>

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Web Finds (2011-05-01 03:00)

Not huge numbers of posts, then again I suspect a lot of people are on holiday:

- [1]Filofax Amazona - Big dreams, small pockets
- [2]An introduction of Sorts - She did it her way
- [3]How much do you spend each year - Filomaniac (Thanks for putting the questions in English)

- [4]Mini Mid-West Meet Up Filofax Style - The Crazy Life of J
- [5]My PhD planner revealed - Caribbean Princess

Enjoy and don't forget we have a [6]Skype chat later [7]today....looking forward to chatting with you then.

1. <http://russiandesolation.wordpress.com/2011/04/26/filofax-amazona/>
2. <http://she-did-it-her-way.blogspot.com/2011/04/introduction-of-sorts.html>
3. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/>
4. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/04/mini-midwest-meet-up-filofax-style.html>
5. <http://caribbeanprincessmusings.blogspot.com/2011/05/my-phd-planner-revealed-finally.html>
6. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/date-for-your-diary-1-may-2011.html>
7. <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=Philofaxy+Round+Table&iso=20110501T18&p1=195&ah=2&sort=0>

girlinmaths (2011-05-01 05:23:08)

great post about the mini meetup! I would love to have one, anyone up for it? I live near Amsterdam...

DanishGTD (2011-05-01 13:28:45)

Hi all

Just found a red Filofax briefcase on the danish used-site dba.dk.

<http://www.dba.dk/attache-mappe-filofax-roed/id-73228723/>

It's really cheap: Around 30 pounds. BTW I'm not the seller, just wanted to let you know...

Saffronia (2011-05-02 03:31:23)

Various meetups sound really great I fear, however, that I have moved to an area sans Filomaniacs.

Correct me if I am wrong. Are there any Philofaxers in the southern US? IE Nashville, Atlanta, Montgomery, Jackson, New Orleans?

If you exists, maybe we should have a mini "Southern" Filo meetup!

Could be nice!

D (2011-05-02 10:12:19)

I am near Atlanta.

Saffronia (2011-05-02 12:14:09)

Where exactly are you. I am in Nashville but can definitely make an Atlanta trip!

Atlanta Filo meetup anyone?

Petra (2011-05-02 14:29:39)

Atlanta meetup would be fine with me – I'm only two hours away and need to go to IKEA anyway :-)

But if I bring all my filofaxes, I'm not sure there would be room in my van to bring anything back!

Saffronia (2011-05-02 20:34:25)

Oh my, Filofax and IKEA! Okay people, lets start checking some dates. If an ATL meetup is desired I would love to help organise it. Let me know. My email is saffronia(dot)lily(at)gmail(dot)com.

Just because we are few and far between doesn't mean we should miss out on all the fun!

Steve (2011-05-03 04:33:23)

Those of you thinking of organising meet ups, don't forget to take a read of my document here:

<http://www.philofaxy.com/files/PhilofaxyMeetUp.pdf>

A lot of it is common sense, but there might be a tip that you might have over looked.

Regards

Steve

Saffronia (2011-05-03 12:27:45)

Thanks Steve,

That is extremely helpful!

Petra (2011-05-04 01:05:26)

Anytime after June 8 works for me. Might be good to time it for mid-summer when all the academic year planners hit the shelves! Though that's a HOT time in Atlanta.

Saffronia (2011-05-04 14:07:59)

@Petra, that sounds like a great idea. I looked up some stockist and some eateries. I would love to discuss it with you but would prefer not to flood the Philofaxy comment board with our back in forth. Could you email me with anyother suggestions!

Thanks. :)

Filofax for Children? (2011-05-02 00:00)



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Children in my experience are great imitators, they love to be doing the same as Mummy or Daddy. I'm sure we can all remember dressing up in shoes that were miles too big for us, or having our own gardening tools and trying to help weed the garden.

You might also remember books that you had as a child. I can remember the '[2]I-Spy' series of books, which always seemed to have a slightly 'sinister' side to them. My son I recall had a '[3]FunFax' organiser which had 'interesting' facts in it, puzzles and other activities in it as well as a diary.

So do any of your children copy you and have their own organisers yet? I'm sure we would love to hear about what they do with their 'organisers' Of course it would be another way of putting in to use some of your under used Filofax organisers.

Could we have a 'Young Readers' section on Philofaxy including their own printable templates?

No harm in starting them young... as they say!!

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-vYsfumVWwho/Tb3IzxVbzzI/AAAAAAAAJJY/Nl8MRIqe62M/s1600/830px-Fun_fax1.JPG

2. http://www.amazon.co.uk/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_1_11?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=i+spy+books&x=0&y=0&prefix=i+spy+books

3. http://www.amazon.co.uk/The-Funfax-Organiser/dp/1862085102/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1304282897&sr=1-2

Jaztee (2011-05-02 00:57:02)

I had forgotten about my FunFax, that was one of my favourite things growing up!

I don't have children of my own, but definitely remember wanting to copy mum and dad so I got a hand-me-down one when I was 5 (Dad thought it was best to learn organisation at an early age) so I'd use it as a toy diary, so on Monday Barbie would go visit my Lego collection etc or sometimes I'd write when a friend was coming over. Oh and I kept track of birthdays too. And I'd use the note section to write stories and draw.

And when I got older I loved the money sections and to do lists to keep track of my allowance and things I wanted to buy.

Nikki (2011-05-02 03:05:09)

I smiled when you mentioned the I-spy books! I had some of those.. now my son has them on his shelf! Not sure what their 'sinister' side is though, so now Im curious!

My son doesnt have a Filofax.. hes only little though, so theres time yet! He does like drawing in mine though, whenever we're somewhere and hes bored he will draw pictures on the coloured notepaper.. at first I was like 'can I really let him do this!?' but I actually like opening it up and seeing what he's drawn, its like a little surprise each time! I'll be keeping an eye on the comments to see if anyone has children who has one.. then I may be pinching ideas as I love the idea of my son having one too! :0p

Steve (2011-05-02 06:09:22)

I think it was because back in the 1960s a child going around with a note book jotting down numbers and details of military vehicles and such like was seen as cold war spying!!

Saffy (2011-05-02 06:49:09)

My 13 year old daughter has 2 of her own filofaxes, the pink mode and pink hearts plus 'borrows' one of mine (vintage pink Finchley), all pocket sized. She loves them, obviously not to the extent that I do. Her friends are now showing an interest and want their own too.

Imy (2011-05-02 10:16:57)

I had about 5 or 6 funfaxes, the ones i remembered were, finding nemo, a horse one, lion king?

I used to love them, but they didnt have a proper diary

then when i was in college i got a ratatouille funfax and put filofax pages in it to use as my college diary, i loved that rat (yes i was 18 but i am aloud to love cute cartoon films :-))

Robin (2011-05-02 12:00:25)

This is a little off the Filo topic, but it made me remember how my kids and I would always write back and forth in a spiral notebook. When they were little, I would write something like, "I love Josh," (and then read it to him!), and then he would "write back."

The notebook never stayed in one place too long, but it was always in plain sight where everyone congregated. At first, I would find scribbles with a crayon; in later years, it would be a common thing to have "I loved my birthday present!!!!!" written in sparkly gel pen, or "Hi Mom, be cool today!" written with a random Sharpie from the pen jar. It was like magic to see things appear on those lines. Of course, I would always write back. The unwritten code was that you were never supposed to see anyone actually writing!

I've heard that people use fancy "circle journals" for just this purpose, sending the whole journal back and forth to friends instead of just individual pages. We went through a half-dozen lowly spirals, which have become some of my most treasured possessions.

Wow! It made me smile to remember this! The upside is that both my son and daughter - who are now in their 20s - still write the occasional paper card to me along with their thousands of emails and texts! I guess you can't start their paper-and-pen habits too young!

Sandra (2011-05-02 13:14:27)

My older girls (all of age 8 and 6, respectively) want a Filo like me. They begrudgingly use the FC compact ones I bought them (on clearance from Target). Of course, they still want one just like mine. (sigh)

On that note, I may just cave and get Domino pockets for them...sturdy, colorful, and affordable (not full price-no

way!). They can grow into them, really. Thinking one pink, one grape, one gooseberry—I have a red one I could hand over to the boy.

The youngest truly does not need one—but, she will want one anyway!

I think it is never too early to teach organization skills. Or to instill a bizarre attachment to one's Filofax. :)

Amanda (2011-05-02 14:01:46)

Oh, I agree - you can never start with organisation skills too early!

I too had I-Spy books - there were loads of them, not just the 'planes, trains and automobiles'. As I recall though, you could send them off when you had completed them but I can't remember what you got in return... a swift access into MI5 when you were old enough? Maybe that *was* the plan - get small kids to spy for you and send their results in, in exchange for a badge or something... Steve - can you remember what you got?

I didn't have a FF was I was small though - just borderline OCD which has now (happily) found an outlet in filofaxes!

Amanda (2011-05-02 14:07:28)

Apparently it was a badge...

<http://www.redshirt.co.uk/media/i-spy-i-spy-books/>

Steve (2011-05-02 16:32:03)

I wonder if there are any 'young' readers of Philofaxy? Or could there be some younger readers if we did some articles aimed at them?

So parents let us know what you think..

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-05-03 03:17:39)

I LOVED the i-Spy books. I wonder if they still make them (although it would be easy to make your own i-Spy sheets these day with a computer).

My twins are just 2 so are a little young for organisational skills (if you are ever too young for planners!!!) but my daughter always says "Mummy drawing" when I bring out my Filofax and pen. I can't wait until they can have a diary of their own (even if it just to track pocket money and holiday events).

icclewu (2011-08-26 09:47:00)

my three year old loves looking through my filofax and sticking the filofax stickers everywhere. i did contemplate letting her use my mini identity as I know i will never use it again. The 12 year old however has her eye on my personal songbird. I can't really see me letting her have it, but did contemplate getting her a pocket domino for christmas, to start her off.

News Update (2011-05-02 10:31)

Hi Everyone.

Firstly thank you to everyone who joined in on the Round Table Chat yesterday both the text people and the voice chat people. It was great fun and no doubt there will be a post or two from different quarters about what happened in the chat... and afterwards!!

Some other brief news for you...

1. The Osterley is now available in Neal Street, this is one of the new range of organisers that Filofax have released this year. I don't have any other details about colours and sizes, best contact the helpful staff at Neal Street if you are interested.

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E: [1]dyau@filofax.co.uk

Filofax Shop 68 Neal Street Covent Garden London England WC2H 9PF

2. Spotted by Jotje this morning the [2]Chameleon in Compact size on the French site. Think personal size but only 15 mm rings... or a Slimline with bigger rings and a closure tab. This is another model variation that isn't shown in the UK paper catalogue.

3. News from NYC via Andrew: Borders at Madison Square Garden/Penn Station in NYC is having a closeout sale on binders. 50 % off. Saw a couple dozen, lots of pink ones. But some variety still. Many have 2010 inserts. A bit hard to find them , as they're on a low shelf in the back of the store.

Have a good week.

1. <mailto:dyau@filofax.co.uk>

2. <http://www.filofax.fr/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=13&rangeId=148&dsizeId=13>

SNARLing: (2011-05-02 11:25:52)

whoa. i'm kinda digging that compact chameleon...

Saffronia (2011-05-02 12:04:10)

The compact Chameleon looks so beautiful. I am quite tempted, even though I am almost certain it would be entirely too small. I like the idea of something so luxurious and thin.

.....Hmm! Maybe I can reevaluate my Filofax wish list to fit one in?

On another note, have you seen the compact Luxe? I may have been the only one not to catch this, but the black one looks like the perfect address book. Just imagine my very own "Black Book"!

Amanda (2011-05-02 12:27:21)

I have to say the service at FF France is good (for those of you yearning for the compact). I have ordered (far too much!) stuff from them and when a FF came without a map of the world (even though one was listed in the contents) I emailed them to tell them and they posted one out to me straight away - even though I am in Ecosse and not in La Belle France.

Sorry - does that count as 'enabling'??

:-)

Petra (2011-05-02 14:37:42)

I don't need no stinkin' enablin' - I just got my US Filofax catalog in the mail today! And hubby owes me a birthday present :-)

Petra (2011-05-02 15:22:03)

Whoa - am I seeing correctly that the compact Osterley has TWO pen loops?! The compact Luxe and Chameleon look like they only have one...

J (2011-05-02 15:34:50)

Lol, that chat was amazing. Who knew I needed a worldwide group to make up my mind for me? Stay tuned, I will definitely be doing a "chat and its results" style post- hopefully when I am home from work tonight!

Petra (2011-05-02 15:39:42)

Double whoa - the A5 Luxe is a slimline, with 20 mm rings (3/4 inch). And it looks far less bulky than the Adelphi, so possibly a true slimline?! Don't know how I feel about the pen loop location though - anyone have experience with those?

Jotje (2011-05-03 03:49:10)

Petra, the Adelphi also has the penloop in that place.

However, the Luxe A5 has even two (!) penloops. I guess the location makes sense, because that would mean the binder is a bit smaller than the "regular" A5's and - big advantage - your register tabs won't be bended by the pen!

Petra (2011-05-03 14:05:29)

That would be great about the tabs, but with the pen pointing inward, you'd have to make sure to retract it or it would be likely to write all over the leather inside! Or even poke at it. Will have to rig something up in one of my binders to check that out :-)

Free for all Tuesday No. 13 (2011-05-03 00:00)

So I hope you enjoyed your weekend especially if you were lucky to have yesterday as a May public holiday.

So what questions do you have for us this week?

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-05-03 03:22:58)

Morning! Just wondering what you use to archive old diaries? I am sure that Filofax used to sell black storage folders but have just been on their site and can not see them any-more. Do you know if they have been discontinued?

tommies-s-net (2011-05-03 03:44:25)

Hi Globetrotting Cacti,

I usually buy mine in a shop. I know they are available in Germany and the UK, but not from the websites, too. Might be better to ask in a shop.

Regards, Thomas

tommies-s-net (2011-05-03 03:48:48)

Update: have just searched for "storage binder" and found three entries for different sizes - on the UK website... Maybe it's available in the US as well.

Regards, Thomas

katka (2011-05-03 04:20:09)

I store my old pages like this....<http://www.flickr.com/photos/54020897@N02/5004028488/in/photostream>

Steve (2011-05-03 04:50:09)

The storage binders are still for sale:

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/paperessentials.asp?tn=1&control=processrequest&CatId=7>

Although it might be cheaper to go in to WHSmiths if you are in UK or TK Maxx or Tesco and pick up a cheap organiser for use as a storage binder...

May be the Apex would make a good 'colour coded' binder?

David Popely (2011-05-03 06:13:23)

Note to all - I have just noticed from Twitter that someone names @claire_marshall seems to be doing PR for Filofax. I'm sure she'd welcome your (polite) comments re their customary failure to respond to incoming email enquiries (I've registered my opinion!).

Just saying.....

David Popely

Steve (2011-05-03 06:22:08)

@David, Yes I clocked her last week and followed her with the @philofaxy account. Also noticed the firm she works for is @slampr and their website: <http://www.slampr.com/> doesn't exactly give alot away...

28e0e8c2-3557-11e0-82ac-000bcdcb471e (2011-05-03 07:17:16)

Hello, Globetrotting Cacti!

I use personal Dominos for archival purposes. All diary leaves from previous years get stored in 7 out of the 8 Dominos that I own currently. (8th one is empty right now).

Photos, postcards, drawings from my kids, letters from them, and everything else from years past that is not included in the current filo gets stored in a personal Cuban (ink) for now, though this is subject to change as I switch out/rotate filox.

AspireToBe

juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-03 07:18:01)

I have a couple of questions about A4 filofaxes. I would like to have one to keep on my desk - my personal goes everywhere with me, but at home it would be useful to have the bigger size to keep A4 printouts plus longer notes.

So, my questions are:

Which of the A4 binders lie flat most easily? This doesn't bother me with the smaller sizes, as I mostly write while holding them in my hand, but for a desk-based filofax it's important!

Secondly, do all the A4 binders come with 25mm rings - as seems from the UK website - have there ever been any with bigger rings?

Lastly - and, yes, I know this is really superficial of me, but I am very colour-oriented - are there any A4 binders that aren't black or brown? My ideal would be a shade of blue, green or turquoise - so have they ever splashed out on bright colours in the A4 size?

Grateful for any info or advice!

Anita (2011-05-03 11:59:10)

Hello all!

I have 2 Classic filox, & both seem to be suffering from some type of cracking on the surface.

It's also mentioned in these reviews: <http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=1 &rangeId=86 &dsId=1>

Has any one else had this problem & is it a known issue with the Classic??

Steve (2011-05-03 12:32:15)

Anita

Which size is your Classic? If you are suffering similar problems. Report them to Filofax Customer Service and I'm sure they will exchange them for you.

Steve

Steve (2011-05-03 12:33:26)

@juliet.lima1022 I have the A4 Classic which in personal form does not lay flat but in A4 it does lay flat almost out of the box.

In fact mine stays open on my desk all the time, if I go to close it it needs a little encouragement to close because it stays open all the time.

I've not found the 25mm rings a problem, I've been adding quite a few pages to mine recently and it's still only half full. Remember it's twice the page size of A5 so you can get a lot on a page and you don't use as many pages.

How about an Orange A4... on 30 % off at the moment here:

<http://www.filofax.fr/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=7 &rangeId=102 &dsId=7>

Here are the A4 posts on Philofaxy including my review of my own A4

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/A4>

Steve

Saffy (2011-05-03 12:40:58)

@Anita, my classic (aka Cross) cracked along both sides of the tab closure so I can now see the inside materials. I did use it constantly for many years so wasn't too bothered and made this my excuse to buy a new filo. I was tired of fighting with it to write in. My next purchase was when I discovered some filox lay flat.

stirwise (2011-05-03 13:00:06)

My big questions for the week are:

Has anybody found a source for all of the Filo-branded maps? They sell a different variety in each geographic region, and I'd like some of the Korean ones for an upcoming vacation. Unfortunately, it seems the only place to get the foreign maps is in the foreign location.

Also: anybody know which models of pocket-size binders have notepad pockets in the back? My Malden does, and now I'm wondering which other ones do, especially w/r/t the new binders coming out this year.

Saffy (2011-05-03 14:40:59)

@stirwise - pocket sized with notepad - identity, metropol, indie, apex (new), urban (the best travel filo cos has outside zipped pocket), bond, malden, songbird. Seems there is only one new addition.

Saffy (2011-05-03 14:46:25)

@stirwise - here is a customised urban that shows the back pocket.

<http://senseofgravity.blogspot.com/2011/02/heres-how-i-use-my-urban-filofax.html>

The Crazy Suburban Mom (2011-05-03 14:47:30)

I have a pocket windsor that has 4 rings and I haven't used it in ages because not all refills work. They changed the ring number and spacing (not sure what year) and I can never decide if I want to use this anymore. I've never found the size that easy to work with as a filo - but I'm thinking of trying it out as an address book and wallet. Its not perfect for that either though because it doesnt have a bill slot - But I hate that it's just been sitting around forever. Anyone else have a four ring binder still?

Tracy

shepcraig (2011-05-03 15:48:14)

We just got a delivery of the new Apex Organisers, they look brilliant, I will have to resisit buying one myself

justenoughsalt (2011-05-03 22:18:58)

@The Crazy Suburban Mom i never knew that about the pocket windsor. i have the personal size one and it is the standard six rings...

David Popely (2011-05-04 01:52:12)

@Steve I had a DM on Twitter from Claire Marshall late yesterday an have asked her to DM me an email address so that I can explain some of the perceived shortcomings in more than 140 characters! Will keep you in the loop - possibly by blind copy?

T (2011-05-04 03:53:17)

@juliet.lima1022:

My cherry red Domino A4 lies as flat as a pancake and has done since I bought it.

juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-04 03:57:49)

@Steve:

Thanks for all these links!

What you say about your Classic A4 is very interesting - I love my personal Finsbury, but it is a long, long way off from lying flat! So I assumed the A4 would be the same - based on what you say, maybe I should make a trip to the shop and see how they behave on the counter . . . then again, that orange Graphic on the French site is definitely bright! I couldn't lose that on my desk, however cluttered it was! I'm quite tempted.

Thanks again - will let you know what I do in the end.

juliet lima

juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-04 04:09:20)

@T:

That is also good to know - I don't have a Domino - in any size - but I've always liked the look of them ...
... so, a few clicks later: it seems the A4 Domino has been discontinued - no sign of it on the UK website anyway.
To be honest I am not a fan of red (or pink) in any shade, so would probably have taken black over cherry red anyway.
Now if there were an A4 Domino in aquamarine, that would be quite a different matter!

DanishGTD (2011-05-04 11:44:06)

It's true, the Domnino lays perfectly flat. The only downside to the Domino is the quality of the binder. It bought mine used about a month ago and the penloop on the right side - getting the mosst use is beginning to tear. The inside lining is some kind of suede or something, which is not great at all...
I'll probably have to get my hands on a Malden or a Finchley.
Having said that, the Domino is the cheapest filo and a great way to test out a different format if your thinking of switching...

Petra (2011-05-04 14:17:18)

Suburban Mom, I have a four-ring binder in that size, but it's a Brighton one (does have a bill pocket). It can take any of the Filofax pocket inserts that have the slotted (oval-like) holes, but not the ones with perfectly round holes. The slotted ones are compatible with the older 4-ring pocket size. I also just make my own inserts using a pocket hole punch and punching two holes on either end of the paper.

T (2011-05-04 14:52:38)

juliet.lima1022

Ack!!I misspoke! My Domino is an A5, not an A4. Sorry for the confusion.
I do have an A4, but it is a Guilford. It lies flat very nicely, but only comes in black.

Butanben (2011-05-04 15:10:01)

@Juliet. I have an A5 Graphic and simply adore it. You won't regret buying that style.

Sandra (2011-05-04 23:27:44)

Which female author mentions Filofax over and over in her work? I cannot remember her name for the life of me!
Thanks in advance!

Anita (2011-05-09 13:35:54)

@ Steve & @ Saffy - thanks for your comments. I sent my Classics to filofax & they have just confirmed they'll replace the Personal size for free! Really excellent customer service :)

What's in your Filofax?: Accessories (2011-05-04 09:30)

Part 3 of our What's in your Filofax? series is about the plethora of accessories you can add into your Filofax. Maps, envelopes, even non-Filofax ones (the ultra-handy Swing Pad by FC comes to mind).
In my long-term Filofax (which is my Personal Deco) I keep:
Clear page marker/ rulers in my Monthly and Weekly pages
Sticky Notes accessory
Filofax Stickers
Maps: International, Europe (which is so old it still has Yugoslavia), and Scotland (from the Filofax British Isles maps)
DayRunner calculator that I've had since 1995 which I love because it can face left or right on the rings ([1]click here to see a photo)
Business card holder
Clear top-opening envelope
What accessories do you keep in your Filofax?

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/plannerisms/3784409036/in/photostream>

Imy (2011-05-04 09:37:32)

Lips post it notes
sharpie marker
filofax page markers
business card holders
london underground map
memory stick
in my A5 finsbury :-)

Yvotchka (2011-05-04 09:47:25)

Clear plastic envelope, extra plastic card holder inserts and that ever-so-handy Franklin Covey Swing Pad :)
In a Personal Malden

Rene Raggl (2011-05-04 09:49:09)

Maps (Europe, BENELUX)
folding project planning insert
clear rulers in Weekly and Monthly overviews
clear top-opening pockets
clear business card holders
clear dividers
additional tab pages (for financial, ride registration, article and logistics price lists and my diary)
Post-it note (normal size)
I intend to get:
ruler calculator
post-it ruler
city maps (Amsterdam, Paris, Oslo, Cologne)
All this in a SENIOR sized Succes "Hunter"

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-04 11:23:01)

does anyone know where I could get my hands on a FC swing pad? preferably in the UK or online? thanks!!

J (2011-05-04 12:38:01)

two top opening envelopes (one for mementos, one coupons)
zip envelope (stamps and paper clips)
two black rulers
world map
Filofax stickers
business card holder (for insurance cards and blood card)
Filofax post-it notes
black Frixion pen
All in a Personal Domino (soon to be transferred to Personal MALDEN!!!)

stirwise (2011-05-04 13:37:14)

In my Pocket Malden:
Two top-opening envelopes (one for cards, one with my Northwest Forest Pass)
Page flags
Filo stickers
black ruler
Reinforcing sheets

I used to have a lot more in my Personal size binder(s), but I've decided to really pare down to the essentials. It's working out so far . . .

Saffronia (2011-05-04 14:02:57)

Not too many accessories on my Filo. In my personal Finchley:

Top opening envelope

Black Filo Ruler

2 FC Business Card Holders

2 FC side zip envelopes

DanishGTD (2011-05-04 14:07:00)

In my A5 Domino: Three plastic folders (personal sized fit in the A5) for pictures etc., pad of post-its - stuck to the back indexes, business card holder for currently-needed info and off cause the note-pad in the back and a ruler for "today".

Mrs. Grievous (2011-05-04 14:21:55)

In my mini piazza that I use as a wallet I keep store discount cards and library cards that go on your keyring on the rings. That way they don't get all smashed up and torn. :D

In my personal sized Filo I lots of clear zippered pockets.

Amanda (2011-05-04 14:42:26)

In my A5 Finchley at work:

World map and time zones

spare pad in the back slot

business cards in the zipped pocket

"daily-bucket" paper in the front pocket

A today marker

an End Polio Now Rotary Bookmark (punched so it pokes out the top and acts like another today tab)

In my A5 Finchley at home:

spare pad in the back slot

top-opening pocket with a valentines card from my DH

3x End Polio Now bookmarks (er, yes, spot the rotarian here...) again acting as other page markers.

In my Personal Baroque:

Vouchers in the front pocket

Bank/credit-cards in the front pockets

stamps

coins in the zipped pocket

A top opening clear pocket with a cute card from Malawi, my business cards relating my charity and a pic of me and DH

A business-card holder carrying store cards, donor cards, etc

My supermarket loyalty card (stuck on the rings)

A today marker

A world map

[you can see a post about the baroque on my blog - <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/>]

caribbean princess (2011-05-04 14:48:59)

Magnificent Malden Personal

Filofax sticky tabs holder

Mirror (of course)

World map

Underground map

Filofax stickers

3 today rulers

Business card holders
Top opening pockets
Business cards
BMA membership cards.
Finance sheets
Travel receipts

girlinmaths (2011-05-04 15:12:26)

In my purple personal finchley:
filofax stickers
today ruler in brown
clear top opening envelope
multi-purpose holder
world map
some cute post-its stuck to the dividers for storage

Amanda (2011-05-04 15:18:33)

oh, and I feel really stupid, but what's a FC swing pad? When I search for swing pad, the things that come up would *not* go in a FF! They seem to be golf-related or cushions!

Steve (2011-05-04 15:22:08)

Amanda to save your blushes... it's here:
<http://store.franklinplanner.com/store/category/prod60015/US-Plastic%26-Insertables/Swing-Pad?skuId=31244>

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Amanda (2011-05-04 15:23:57)

thanks Steve!! I figured it probably *wasn't* related to either golf or cushions!
:-)

kanalt (2011-05-04 19:33:30)

Another Malden here (black personal) has:
Plastic envelope with a picture from a magazine that I love
Post-it accessory
2 rules - one clear, one black
Filofax stickers (don't know why though - I don't use them)
another plastic envelope at the back with my father's funeral cards
a DayRunner note pad for those on-the-go notes I hardly ever take

Nikki (2011-05-05 12:49:18)

I have:
Filo post-it pad,
Calculator,
Uk maps,
pink pentel breast cancer campaign pen
inside the rings theres a blue stripy bic pencil
some reinforcing sheets
filo Jot pad
post-it page tabs
clear business card envelope (that holds my partners buisness card, the other 2 have a pair of lips and a rabbit that my son made using bindeze beads!)
In the zip pocket I have a pair of scissors and a leopard print (Bet Lynch-esque) mirror!
Thats inside my raspberry personal Finsbury.. I may need a sort out soon as its getting rather fat!

Millie (2011-05-07 08:47:29)

I have one of those clear wallets, some non-Filo post-it notes and 4 different stamp books (I want them to be an accessory because there are so many!)

Kelliejo (2011-05-08 20:49:11)

Can't wait! I get my first FILO tomowwow. I ordered the Siena in brown. Very grateful for all of this wonderful info.

End of Term Exams - Answers (2011-05-05 07:17)

Thank you to all of you who have returned their exam papers. Overall you all scored very highly in your end of term exams.

So here are the answers....

Q1. What is the name of the manager at the Conduit Street Filofax Store and what is the phone number of the store?

A1. Her name is [1]Brigitte and Laurie met her in April 2010 and the phone number is [2]0207 499 0457 You have it on speed dial don't you?

Q2. Where will you find the largest range of Filofax products in Scotland? And name the reader that works there?

A2. We believe it is [3]The Pen Shop in Jenners Department Store in Edinburgh and Craig is 'Mr Filofax' there!

Q3. What was the title of the 500th post on Philofaxy, and who wrote it?

A3. [4]A Very Special Free For All Friday No. 79 written by Lauri. And we are rapidly approaching the 1000th post!

Q4. Which Guest Poster used a Filofax Travel Pack to organise their trip to St. Petersburg and which model/size did they use?

A4. It was [5]Helen and she used a Pocket Urban.

Q5. How many items in total does Steve carry in his 'man bag' including his pocket Filofax, and what was the make of the bag?

A5. In the [6]photo you will see 8 items Pen, Car key, torch, house keys, mobile phone, magnifier, reading glasses, Pocket Filofax or 9 items if you add the compact camera mentioned in the post. There was a little variation on the answers to this question, but I've not been too strict with taking marks away from people on this question. And the bag is a 'Caselogic'

Q6. What brand of wax polish did Steve use to restore his wife's 1980's Personal Filofax? Which by the way she now uses every day!

A6. [7]Kiwi polish

Q7. In the past 12 months which charity has Philofaxy donated to, through the commission earned on sales of Filofax goods?

A7. [8]Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign with over £120 raised in the last 12 months.

Q8. What unusual course did Philofaxy readers have between Main and Desert when they met in London in November?

A8. [9]Filofax - At the March meeting it was before the starters!!

Q9. Who is the author of the book Filofax Facts? and in what year was it published?

A9. [10]Ian Sinclair 1988

Q10. Who did Philofaxy send along to the Champagne Launch of the Gourmet Gift Box set, and what gift did she choose?

A10. [11]Oni of course and she came away with a Scanda Personal

Q11. What model and colour is Steve's first Filofax Mini?

A11. A [12]Mini Finchley in red

Q12. Who travelled the furthest to attend the Philofaxy meet up in March was it Thomas or Steve?

A12. Slight trick question this one... [13]Thomas had travelled from Bonn, I had travelled from Misse in France, although on the day I only travelled from Pembury, Kent. But if you take worst case... Thomas

travelled approximately 515km, and Steve 503 km !!!

Q13. In terms of Philofaxy units what is the value of an A5 Filofax in Philofaxy units?

A13. It is [14]0.5 Philofaxy or Philo's for short!

Q14. How many pages are there in the 2010 Philofaxy Yearbook in pdf format?

A14 [15]617 pages... Caution don't press the print icon !!!

Certificates will be emailed to you in the next few days.

Again many thanks for everyone who took part.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/04/brigitte-at-london-filofax-shop.html>
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/04/filofax-shopping-in-london.html>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/05/pen-shop-edinburgh.html>
4. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/05/very-special-free-for-all-friday-no-74.html>
5. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/07/guest-post-european-adventures.html>
6. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/carrying-my-filofax-pocket.html>
7. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/09/restoring-leather-filofax.html>
8. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/12/breast-cancer-awareness-campaign-dec.html>
9. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/11/london-meet-up-20-november-2010.html>
10. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/book-review-filofax-facts-ian-sinclair.html>
11. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/10/filofax-champagne-launch-event-7th.html>
12. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/my-first-mini.html>
13. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/03/philofaxy-london-meet-up-march-2011.html>
14. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/02/filofax-organisers-how-many-do-you-own.html>
15. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/2010-yearbook.html>

Tommes (2011-05-05 07:30:46)

At first glance, I may not have answered all questions correctly. But I'm sure, I can proceed to the next term :-))

Happy Philofaxing everybody!!

All the best wishes, Thomas

Imy (2011-05-05 07:33:49)

I have too many items, i included the Cd player and Cd case too :-(

DJ (2011-05-05 08:58:36)

Steve, just read your post on Filofax Facts by Ian Sinclair...

Great Scott! The key Filofax employee, the one responsible for saving the company during the Blitz, was Grace Scurr, not Grace Scutt. After the war she became Chairman, serving until 1976. Sorry to be such a nit-picker, but we're Filofaxers, IT'S WHAT WE DO!

The book notes that the original market for Filofax was the military and the clergy. *Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition!*

caribbean princess (2011-05-05 10:00:08)

I think I have 100 % Maybe I should switch my PhD from epidemiology to philofaxy? haha.

Cant wait for my certificate :-)

Sandra (2011-05-05 13:05:15)

Thank you, Steve! You enabled me to put off that pesky dissertation for a few minutes to do something fun and educational.

It was a joy to search for the answers and to read the blog posts I missed the first time they were published.

I'll frame my cert and post it above my Filo Family Shelf.

Have a lovely day!

Laurie (2011-05-05 15:19:18)

Congratulations to everyone who passed their exams!

LOL CP, would that PhD degree then be a Doctorate of Philofaxy?

caribbean princess (2011-05-05 15:36:57)

Laurie it sure would! I think Doctor of Philofaxy has a nice ring to it.....

Maybe I should convert? ;-)

Steve (2011-05-05 16:16:12)

Well the course moderator is going through the exam papers at the moment, there is some 'sucking air between his teeth and shaking of head' Red pen is much in evidence, he's a bit of a tough cookie.

But I think it's safe to say you have all passed....

kanalt (2011-05-07 09:27:20)

I am a Philofaxy University drop out. Wanted to complete the exam but never made it to the exam room. Ah well. There's always the GPD (General Philofaxy Development - Philofaxy Equivalency).

Steve (2011-05-07 09:29:40)

Kanalt, resits will take place in the Autumn term for those people that missed this exam date....

Philofaxy Enabling will be awarded separately...

Special awards to Philofaxy Meet Up Co-ordinators, they deserve it!...this time next week....

kanalt (2011-05-07 10:03:14)

Thanks Steve! I thought some extra curricular activities might help.

Free For All Friday No. 129 (2011-05-06 00:09)

Now we are into May, and plans are really starting to gear up. In the US, college students are graduating right about now and going off into the "real world." School has about a month to go (nearly 2 months in the UK), and things are generally getting busy.

Are you starting to make plans for the summer? Have you done any re-arranging in your Filofax in preparation for the change to summer?

And as always on Fridays, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related! :)

Rene Raggl (2011-05-06 03:37:48)

I would have a question... I just switched from the "day per page" layout to the "week on 2 pages". Layout is Monday on the top left and Sunday in the lower right corner.

I am having slight trouble with dividing the space within the day.

First I've been writing the daily tasks on top, but that seemed messy. So I moved the appointments to the top, i.e. "18:00 - Dinner" and reserved the bottom three lines for the daily tasks (I have quite a lot!). Still, I am not quite happy with this solution.

I would be curious how you handle this. Any tips are greatly appreciated!

Greetings from Zeeland,

Rene

Amanda (2011-05-06 03:52:20)

@Rene

I have had the same problem and what I tried (though on the personal size it's still a bit tricky; on the A5 it worked a treat) was to vertically split the day with a line and put appointments on the left and daily tasks on the

right. You could divide the space unequally if your tasks > appointments. I always like to have my appointments in order vertically as they occur in the day.

Anyway, hope that helps!

Timeless Expressions (2011-05-06 07:13:23)

Rene... that's my problem too.. but I've tried different layouts and this is the one I always come back to. Any more help would be fantastic too!

Timeless Expressions (2011-05-06 07:17:25)

Steve... just thought you'd like to see.. lol.

<http://timeless-invites.blogspot.com/p/something-little-different.html>

Butanben (2011-05-06 07:47:25)

Rene, I use the jot pads for URGENT reminders and place the reminders on the bottom 3 rings of the week- I have an A5 planner, so it doesn't take up too much space. Apart from that I use 1 separate sheet of daily actions which I put at the front of my diary section, to jog my memory and focus. The jot pads are pretty handy I find. A task which must be done that day, but at no specific time, goes at the top or bottom of my diary space, as an untimed appointment.

juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-06 08:20:58)

@ Rene:

'Week on 2 pages' is just about my least favourite layout - it seems like it should be big enough for everything, but it is hard to make good use of the space.

So this year I bought the 'week on one page with notes' which allows me to put fixed date stuff on the left and tasks for the week on the right. This seems to be working okay so far, but I need to 'stress test' it a bit longer before I can be sure.

There are some interesting layouts available on the French website that we don't have in the UK. They have a 'week on two pages' with hours for appointments plus a small space for notes:

Vertical:

<http://www.filofax.fr/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2429>

Horizontal:

<http://www.filofax.fr/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2456>

There is also a nice variation on the vertical layout on the Dutch website:

<http://www.filofax.nl/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2690>

Would any of these suit you better?

juliet lima

Rene Raggl (2011-05-06 08:54:11)

@Amanda: Thanks a lot, this sounds like a workable solution as I also prefer to see my appointments in chronological order. I will definitely try this one!

@Timeless: I can see why, but at the same time "day per page" remains very attractive. Time will tell what I will choose for the next filler in October.

@Butanben: I would have to have a look if Filofax jot pads would fit my Succes organizer (<http://www.succes.com/en-nl/>) too, but they sure look practical.

@juliet.lima1022: Concerning note space I also prefer the "day per page", but the organizer gets very fat that way. Thanks for the links you sent, but they look even more cramped than my current layout. I think I will stick with what I have for now and try to make that work. Or switch over to an A5 organizer next year. Sounds like it is worth considering...

Alison Reeves (2011-05-06 11:57:46)

I seem to remember reading here something about 'you only have one life so you should only have one filofax/planner'. I'm wondering if I should just have one filofax as I seem to feel I am making life a bit complicated at the moment with several, and of course when that happens then I stop using them!

I'm also finding that because I am not going to carry them all around with me, that I am tending to not write things I should write down in them - when I am next 'with' the relevant filofax, I just forget!

Does anyone else just have one filofax to plan and store all their stuff for work and home?

Bye the way sorry I've been absent for a while - have been on holiday! (Yeh!) wish I could get back into the swing of being home again, I just want to collapse and read my book!

Tommes (2011-05-06 12:09:47)

@Alison

I'm also a "one life - one planner" guy. I find it very difficult to take care of more than one Filofax. I've just bought a Mini recently, which is going to be my accounting Filo, but even this is disturbing. I carry my Personal with me most of the time - privately and for business...

Looks like you've had a great holiday, didn't you. Enjoy the memory of it as long as you can/will, everyday life comes soon enough!

Kind regards, Thomas

Alison Reeves (2011-05-06 12:29:58)

@Thomas

Thanks for your comments. I can cope with using my pocket to carry around and one for work/home I guess. The trouble is I get seduced by all the lovely binders and have to try and think up uses for the ones I have bought in impulse!

One thing about being on holiday is that it is lovely to just have a few possessions with you - I have been feeling overwhelmed by things I own since being back - I may even sell off some of my filofax collection! (That is pretty scary!).

stirwise (2011-05-06 12:54:33)

Rene:

You didn't mention what size pages you're using, but I assume it's Personal size. I used to use a few different styles of week-on-two-pages but last year made the switch to page-per-day. That said, there are some interesting non-Filofax weekly formats out there, particularly in Japan. Here are a few:

<http://en.item.rakuten.com/nomado1230/4060dr1112/>

<http://en.item.rakuten.com/ikeman/4900855183353/>

<http://en.item.rakuten.com/ikeman/4900855183261/>

This is my personal favorite of the weekly formats:

<http://en.item.rakuten.com/nomado1230/dvdr1014/>

Unfortunately, it seems to be sold out right now on Rakuten, but it should come back in stock by the summer. I like this style because each day has space for notes, tasks, and time markers for appointments.

The site I've linked above is a Japanese site that ships worldwide.

They have a very interesting selection of binders and refills. FYI, in Japan Personal size is called Bible size.

b.sherlock (2011-05-06 14:43:59)

I'm also a one life=one planner person but as a lazy student, I think I have less things to plan than many filofaxy users :P

I received a filofax catalogue in the post today with some of the new range in it- I'm particularly liking the enigma which comes in "brindle" or "vermillion"

Clara (2011-05-06 16:23:50)

Okay so.. a few days ago I ordered my first Filofax (yay!!), a Violet Piazza in Personal.

Has anyone ever had a Piazza?

I got that one because they were on sale on a Spanish website so I just HAD to get the most expensive one I could get - yet spending less money.

Greetings from Spain!

Rene Raggl (2011-05-06 18:43:47)

For the general discussion, I am also a "one life, one organizer" type of guy. In the last weeks my focus has been shifting from iPhone and iPad (using Google Calendar for Agenda and Egretlist for To-Do's) to the paper based planner I call my own.

It offers a sense of focus I have been missing with my iOS devices. You can read more about that in my latest blog entry over at <http://rene.raggl.me>

(The photograph shows my "Hunter" with the layout as I used it until last Monday, white day per page. Since then I have switched to cream colored a week per two pages layout. I love the classy cream appearance and have gotten several compliments and inquiries already!

@stirwise you're right, an oversight on my behalf: I use a Succes organizer in the "Senior" format, from the "Hunter" product line. This is 95x150 mm which is a bit smaller than the personal if I saw that correctly. Consider the heresy! (Tongue firmly in cheek! ;-P)

The Japanese layouts sure look interesting (especially the first and last one), but I don't know yet if a Filofax refill will fit the Succes ringbinder. I am a neat freak (except for my writing) and would hate having to re-punch them.

@Clara: well, welcome to the community! And I hope you will get many years of pleasure out of your purchase!

Rene

Savannah (2011-05-06 20:22:45)

Alison I sympathize with your dilemma, it is also my own. I know that I would only get a fraction of what they are worth which makes it that much harder to do.

terriknits (2011-05-06 22:01:28)

I have succumbed.

Yesterday ordered a Malden Personal in crimson. While I was clicking around, I discovered the month on two pages (tabbed) 6842511. This is perfect!

Wait, I should back up. I have had ongoing planner/bound book angst for months. Throw in a change in my work load and an extra contract and I was a mess. I tried a few different formats, then bought a cheapo DayTimer binder and was using blank daily pages. I had ordered some Filofax page a day inserts and a set of the month-on-1-page. They came two days ago and I love the daily sheets but the monthly pages are not working.

So I have the beautiful Malden coming to me, the perfect month on 2 pages tabbed, some quad ruled note paper and some other little bits.

I am also waiting on some blank dividers that were forgotten on my first order. Then I should be alllll ready to go and stay organized! Love Filofaxy!

girlinmaths (2011-05-07 09:02:54)

Rene, I know that Filofax personal and Succes standard are the exact same size. The Filofax pocket and Succes junior have the same ring layout, but the page size differs by one or two mm. The Succes senior size does not exist in the Filofax range. The jot pads will work but none of the other inserts will fit, even with repunching.

Petra (2011-05-07 09:35:33)

Clara, congratulations on your purchase! I haven't had a Piazza, but I've read a comment that the suede band gets dirty easily. Might be good to put some suede protectant on it so it stays fresh. The Piazza is on clearance in the States too, and I've been tempted.

Amanda (2011-05-07 12:08:21)

@stirwise

The Japanese layouts look very interesting. Is the paper nice? The website described it as "Characteristics of high flatness and less likely to exit the back is the best paper day planner refill right". Does that translate as fountain-pen friendly? :-)

@Alison

Although I have one life, I have two main planners - work and home (in much the same way that although I have one set of feet I have both high-heels and hiking boots...)

My work planner stays at work (the key point being that home is NOT work) and I use another Filofax for every-

thing else. But then, I (deliberately) keep work and 'rest of life' separate.

If you're falling between filofaxes though, it would suggest that you should keep one as your main one and put the others to other, non-planner uses (book-o-fax; garden-planner; etc...?). If you have lots of lovely filofaxes, why don't you change with the season? I couldn't resist getting another baroque in blue (even though the pink is fabulous) and have decided to change on the equinox! Blue for autumn and winter, pink for spring and summer.

Nellie (2011-05-07 12:12:31)

My Ebony Deco arrived! :)

I was going to use it as my book-o-fax volume 2... but after reading this blog post I think I might use it to start keeping a logbook: <http://www.austinkleon.com/2010/01/31/logbook/>

I can't remember where I found the link to that blog, I am sure it was via someone's blog who posts here, so thanks, whoever you are!

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A (2011-05-07 12:12:37)

@Stirwise: do you know which refill on that Japanese site would be compatible with the A5 Filofax? Thanks for the tip on that site, bookmarked for further exploration!

Amanda (2011-05-07 12:47:05)

@Nellie

The link to the logbook was on Plannerisms. I thought it looked interesting too Especially the little cartoons next to each item!).

Nellie (2011-05-07 13:33:47)

@Amanda

Thanks! I looked everywhere to find the link, but couldn't for the life of me find it again!

Steve (2011-05-07 15:29:38)

Just curious... why is it we often say that we 'move in' to a new Filofax?

A (2011-05-07 15:31:18)

@steve

Because it is part of home, who we are...

stirwise (2011-05-08 14:00:55)

@Amanda:

Those robot-translated descriptions can be *very* funny. I do believe that particular statement is referring to bleed-through, but I don't know if it's specific to fountain pens. As for the paper, I think I posted a couple of different brands of refills, my experience with the DaVinci-brand ones is that the paper is very thin (that's one of their selling points), but doesn't bleed through with roller ball ink. Unfortunately, I haven't tried a fountain pen on the pages.

@A:

If you search the refills category (household supplies and stationery > organizers > refills) for A5, I think you'll find a lot of products. I believe that the "Desk Size" category is mostly A5, but there may be other sizes mixed in there.

Rene Raggl (2011-05-09 03:37:45)

@girlinmaths: Thanks a lot for your help, it is much appreciated!

Web Finds - 7 May 2011 (2011-05-07 00:00)

So I hope you have had a good week, here are some of the latest posts for you to take a read of.

- [1]Filofax: A revelation - Planet Millie
- [2]Filofax Placement - Imysworld
- [3]Once You Go Malden - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
- [4]When the Malden Enablers Attack - The Crazy Life of J
- [5]Become Instantly More Reliable with a One-Calendar System - Day-Timer Blog
- [6]Filofax Malden - Flickr Group

Enjoy

1. <http://mslogica.com/2011/05/filofax-a-revelation/>
2. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/05/filofax-placement-things-i-love.html>
3. <http://thezeitgeistofzoe.wordpress.com/2011/04/17/once-you-go-malden-your-planner-is-scaldin/>
4. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/05/when-malden-enablers-attack.html>
5. <http://daytimer.wordpress.com/2011/05/02/become-instantly-more-reliable-with-a-one-calendar-system/>
6. <http://www.flickr.com/groups/malden/>

Millie (2011-05-07 08:51:32)
Thanks for the mention, Steve :)

Guest Post - Nellie - One Life, One Filofax (2011-05-08 00:00)

I was interested to read on [1]Friday's FFAF about people's views on One Life, One Filofax. I did use to run two. A Personal for home and an A5 for work. In the end I abandoned the A5 as it all got too complicated and the A5 was too heavy and big to carry back and forth from the office. So, I was ruthless and sat down and thought about what I really needed to carry with me. My A5 had all sorts in there... recipes, newspaper clippings, vouchers, business cards, lists, work info... Did I really need it all? When was the last time I was in the office, and thought "where is that recipe for oat biscuits?"...

So, here is what I do now:

For Work Notes:

I have a day book, a hardback bound book where all my notes from the day go. Each morning I review my calendar (we use outlook at work) and make a list in my day book on what needs to be done, who I need to see, call etc. I refer to this constantly and it is with me all day, in fact I am almost welded to it. This means my Filo isn't full up of notes which I may need to refer to at some point, but I don't need access to at short notice. The daybook stays in the office. My Filo goes backwards and forwards from home to office with me, but whilst at work it sits on my desk open at the diary page.

Now for my Filo set-up:

I use a Personal Almond Amazona,



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I really love the pocket in the front of this. I use it to keep things like stamps, and a card my lovely hubby sent me, and also some emergency contact details I need to carry. I like to have inserts which make me smile, and as you can see I have an Agatha Christie theme at the moment. I change these every few months when I get bored! I also have a 4 colour Lamy pen in the pen loop.



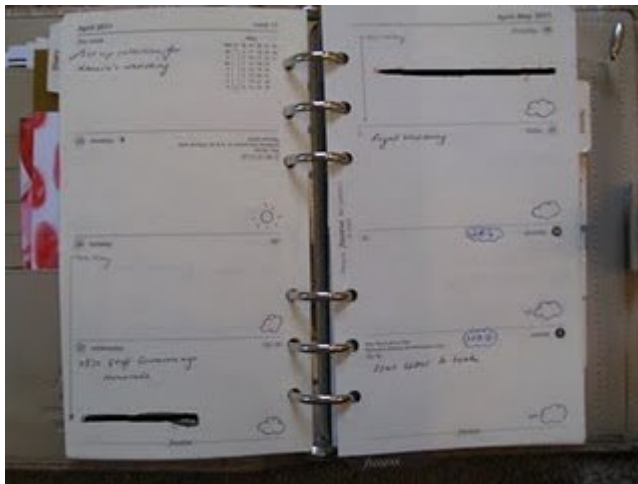
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Diary Tab: First I have a Christie book art page.



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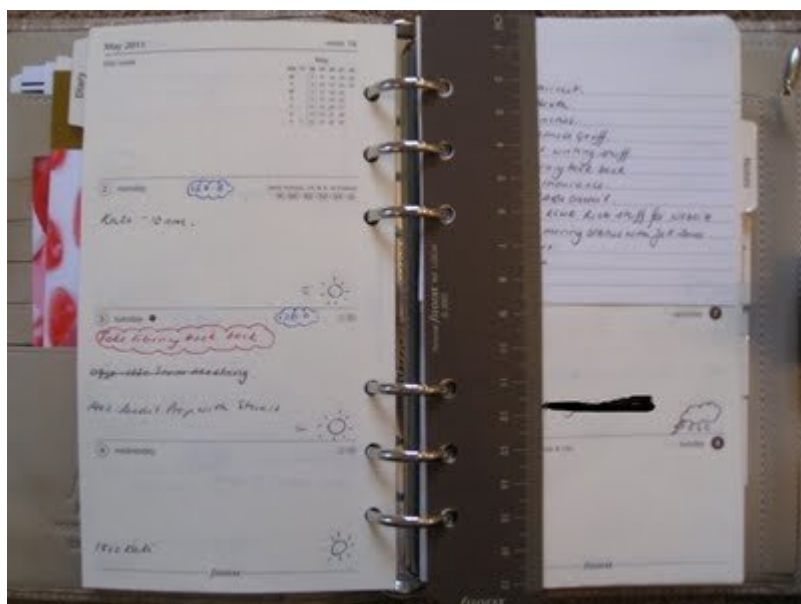
Appointment with Death – Appointments! Diary! Ok, it's a bad pun, but I like it! I use a week on 2 pages, cotton cream inserts. I like these as they have a notes box at the top above Monday.



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The photo shows a fairly quiet week, normally they are busier than that. For reasons unknown even to myself I started drawing the weather on each day. Does anyone else do this, or doodle on their diaries? There is no colour coding, other than red is stuff I really mustn't forget! All appointments go in here, personal and work. Each Sunday I review the coming week to make sure everything is prepared. I did try one day per page, but needed the over view of the week. I also used the [6]day planner inserts for a while, but that just took time to fill them out, and I found when I was sat at my desk my Filo was nearly always open at the week to view pages, so what was the point?

To-Do: I used to use the to-do lists by Filofax, but it really wasn't working as I never looked at them. So now, I take a normal lined piece of Filofax paper and cut it in half and put half between the two sheets of the weekly diary. This way it doesn't block everything, but the list is still there to remind me to review it.



Anything which is time dependent eg. Renew car insurance, book 6 monthly check up at dentists etc, I write in the notes box in the appropriate week in the diary. When it comes around I transfer it to the to-do list. If I put it on a separate piece of paper I will forget about it!

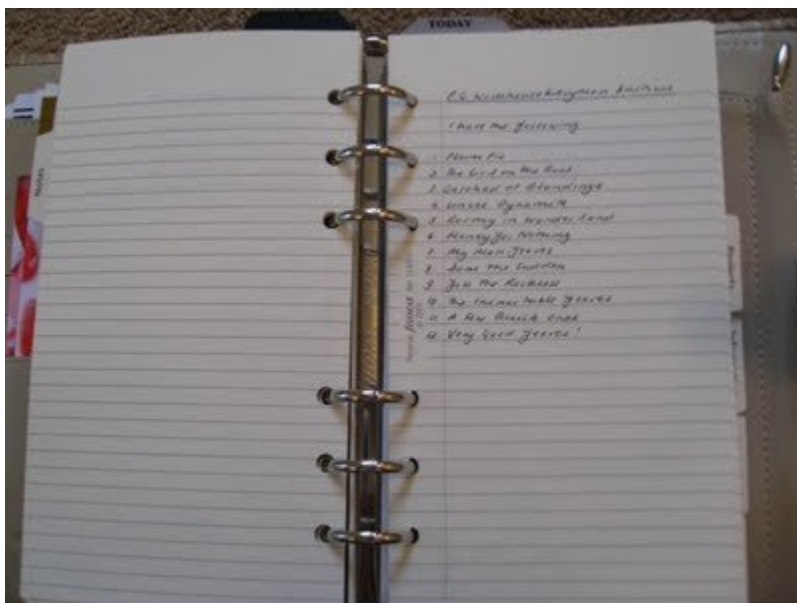
Notes Tab: Under the notes tab I have lists of things. Eg. Shopping lists, reading lists, blog entry ideas, reference lists etc



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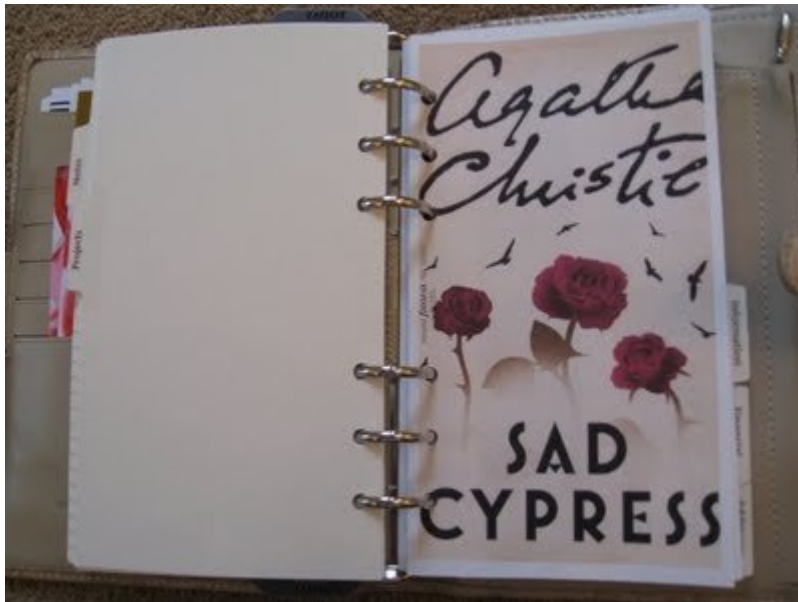


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Some are work related some are not. It's my general capture area and so has some blank lined and unlined paper. I used to hate unlined paper until I started using Filofax. Now I like it as I can draw

mindmaps when I have ideas, little doodles, sketches etc.

Projects Tab: This is for health information, to help me keep on track with my goals. I have a pull out yearly calendar where I mark off what exercise I have done.



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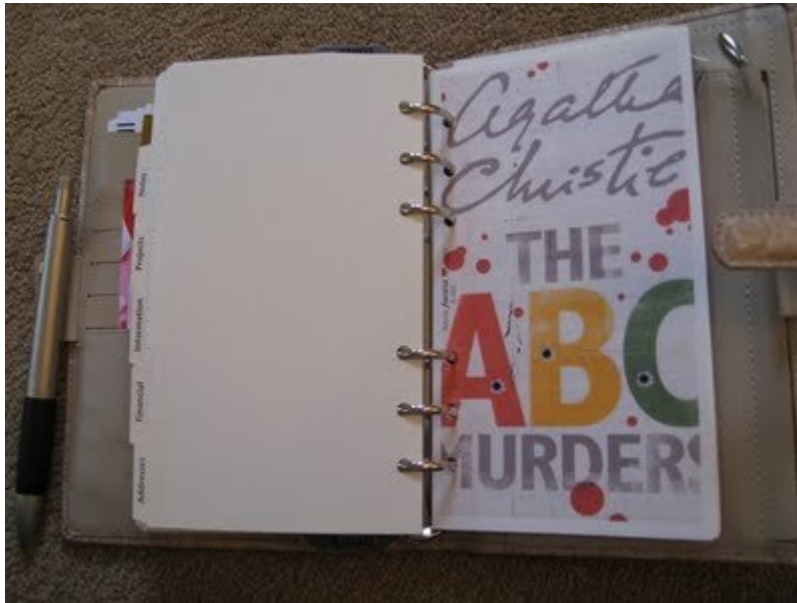
Information Tab: This has a London Underground Map, plus reference information like hospital numbers, membership numbers etc.



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Finance Tab: This is empty at the moment

Addresses Tab: I like to have addresses on paper as I have lost too many phones to be sure of their safety! I took out the A-Z dividers as they just added bulk.



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I have a business card holder at the back for appointment cards etc.

I am now a great believer in One Life One Filo (OLOF!) and since I have used my Filo only to help me with planning rather than storing stuff which might be useful at some point, I have found things have been much more efficient (and less bulky!). The conclusion I came to is that Filo is about planning, not data storage, and separating the two has made all the difference to me.

Thank you 'Nellie' for a great insight in to how you use your Filofax.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/free-for-all-friday-no-129.html>
2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-Aflz9TtzHko/TcWiIY2gqEI/AAAAAAAAJJ4/P5FiEpQyfiI/s1600/1+Almond+Amazona.JPG>
3. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-Y5L69aqxw2U/TcWi91f81dI/AAAAAAAAJJ8/QCqCqStTVtw/s1600/2+Inside+Front+Pocket.JPG>
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caribbean princess (2011-05-08 01:31:27)

Absolutely fabulous post. Thanks for sharing. Your Agatha Christie indexes are amazing too. I love to see how other people organise themselves! And you are one organised lady.

I own so many Filofaxes, I have to find uses for several of them! However my Malden is basically the one I use. In addition to my PhD planner I record social events, holidays, birthdays etc so I guess if I had to get rid of all my other Filofaxes I would survive! Not like I plan to do this though ;-)

Nellie (2011-05-08 07:02:39)

I think most of us have more than one filo! I do have others, but I only use one for planning and I think that is what has made the difference for me. I was making mistakes trying to run two at the same time.

Sandra (2011-05-08 07:55:47)

Thank you for sharing your set up and gorgeous Amazona. You are right on spot about the planning vs. storing functions. In the past I would make the mistake of combining these into one very complicated and overstuffed Filo. My personal Malden parallels yours with regards to primary usage.

As a teacher, I do keep a separate planning Filo (A5 Snake Domino) as that works for me. It travels back and forth, but I keep it lean and light (well, as light as an A5 can be!). I plan to share that setup once the summer break arrives.

Nellie (2011-05-08 08:04:34)

@Sandra I'd love to see a "lean and light" A5 set up. I do like my A5 for the space, but my word it's heavy!

Alison Reeves (2011-05-08 08:53:10)

This is a great post - really enjoyed reading it and it has given me some ideas. I think the dilemma I have is that I really want the ease of one filo, but I find the personal size just too small as a main filo.

Size is an issue. The A5 is too big for carrying around (although great for writing in). The personal is a bit big for my handbags, but small the write in. The pocket is great for carrying around and for notes, but not big enough for proper work planning.

As usual too many choices seem to have made me frozen whilst trying to make a decision!!!

Nellie (2011-05-08 11:30:58)

I noticed that although I had more space in the A5 I didn't put more information in, I just filled the space with larger writing!

David Popely (2011-05-08 12:20:18)

Thanks Nellie, and apologies for being slightly late catching up with this thread.

I'm firmly in the 'one life, one Filofax' camp here - I **need** to have everything in one place, or I'm unable to function properly! For the same reasons as yourself, I have given up the A5 in favour of the Personal size - I can't lug my A5 to the gym, to a restaurant, etc. And my FF **is** my day book - I have to take it everywhere! Also I have a really nice vintage binder which I'm happy to have on show, which explains in turn why I don't buy new binders ad hoc!

I like your idea of the to-do list in between the diary pages. I've tried this before with some success, although recently I've started experimenting with GTD, so I have a 'notes/in' section in my FF, where I use yellow paper (like a yellow legal pad in miniature) to record incoming stuff that later gets sorted into the various lists and sections occupying the remainder of the binder.

Nellie (2011-05-08 13:42:26)

I seem to be the only one who doodles the weather in their diary. :S

Please tell me there are other doodlers out there!

Steve (2011-05-08 13:43:36)

I record our swimming pool water temperature... or is that showing off?

Amanda (2011-05-08 13:56:51)

I always record the weather in my journal... Little symbols like you do (and like the ones on the weather maps).

And yes, Steve... that *might* be considered showing off.

:-)

Savannah (2011-05-08 14:44:33)

Great post Nellie. I have been working toward the same conclusions and applications myself and it was inspirational to see how you use your filofax and notebook.

I do record weather when it is predicted to be particularly nice and I have been known to doodle on my planning pages. I know your not alone in this regard.

Nellie (2011-05-08 14:49:26)

@Steve

Swimming Pool? As my doodles show we don't have the weather to support a swimming pool lifestyle!
Hurray for doodles!

Khane (2011-05-08 15:12:01)

As we reside a mere four leagues from the Napa Valley, I religiously record the daily temperature of our extensive wine *cave* on a daily basis in a trusty Pocket Executive Slimline. One can't be too careful about these things...à votre santé!

Butanben (2011-05-08 18:48:25)

Nellie,

This was just a fabulous post. Thank you so much.

I just love the Amazona too in this colour. I am a teacher, so secretly would love to see Sandra's set up in her A5 Domino. I have just started a separate GTD Filofax to keep at home, which has reduced the thickness and weight of my A5 day to day Filofax. My day to day now carries Actions for today- 1 page- diary WOTP, monthly diary, addresses, computer password log ons (hints to jog memory, not actual passwords,) and phone call list. Much better to have separated out my GTD and reference stuff!!!!!!

Butanben (2011-05-08 18:49:07)

PS- Love your weather doodle idea, and may copy this one!!!

Laurie (2011-05-08 20:15:19)

I love this post! Your AC tabbed dividers are very clever! I love the theme and how each title corresponds to the topic.

I'm not a doodler, but I might have to take your weather-doodle idea. I like how you can see at a glance what the weather has been like all week!

Actually, I WOULD do that if I lived in a place that had changeable weather. Here in Jakarta the weather is the same every day, all year round. 33 degrees C, chance of thunderstorms. Sometimes it rains, sometimes it doesn't. BTW I love the secretarial pocket in the front of the Amazona! I wish more binders had that.

Shivon (2011-05-08 21:41:06)

I am also in the one life, one Filofax camp. My mind could not handle being split up into multiple files. I need to know that it's all in one place, which is why I started using a Filofax in the first place. It's just the way my mind works.

And I like the idea of writing the weather in my file. I may steal that idea. I doodle on my pages, though.

Oh yes, long time lurker, here. You all enabled me to buy my second fill last week, a Malden!

Sandra (2011-05-08 23:29:59)

@Butanben Working on a post...please be patient with me. 15 more teaching days and then my time, energy, and soul is returned to me. I love teaching-don't get me wrong-I'm just a different person from the end of May to mid-August. ;)

@Shivon Welcome to the Malden Club!

@Steve Pool temperature? Seriously?!

J (2011-05-09 11:42:24)

Love this post! I really like the idea of not carrying too much with you- I did the same thing with my first Filo (Slate Domino). Now that I'm moving into my Malden, I've been asking myself if I really need to carry my recipes, etc with me every day. The answer for most everything is no!

And I love the weather doodles! I used to do this in my old, generic planner. Now that I've switched to DPP, I may have to start again!

And Sandra, can't wait to see what you've done with that gorgeous A5!

Filofax Flex [Update] (2011-05-09 08:13)

In today's [1]Guardian there is a brief review of the Filofax Flex a new 'planner/organiser' it is now on the [2]Filofax website. The article indicates that prices are between £17 and £27.



[3]

They say:

Fed up with attempting to synch various devices to each other so you have the vaguest idea of where you are supposed to be, and when? Perhaps that's just Buy of the Day, but we're having a bit of a retro, good old-fashioned write-it-down-on-nice-stationery moment. No back up required. This clever new range from Filofax is essentially a real life app holder - the folder contains space/slots for diaries, notepads or contact books, but folds up to a very bag-friendly size. It comes in a variety of sizes and colours (black, magenta or slate) - and any disorganisation after purchase is entirely your own responsibility.

It will be interesting to see the full details of this new product.

Read our detailed [4]review here

1. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2011/may/09/buy-of-the-day>
2. <http://tidd.ly/5275c006>
3. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-kr9IUo0W0hM/TcfaH8jCWdI/AAAAAAAAJLA/biq06Y0n-S0/s1600/Filofax-Flex-007.jpg>
4. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/flex-by-filofax-review.html>

justenoughsalt (2011-05-09 08:18:30)

hey steve do you have a link to the guardian post?

Laurie (2011-05-09 08:20:56)

Ooh I like that magenta color!

Arlecchino Fluorescente (2011-05-09 09:08:58)

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2011/may/09/buy-of-the-day>

Beverley (2011-05-09 11:38:39)

"any disorganisation after purchase is entirely your own responsibility" Damn.

jjhitt (2011-05-09 11:39:14)

I like the concept, but has reservations about how "future-proof" is it.

Can I buy refills ten years from now?

Also, if the pages were drilled so they could be transplanted to my existing ring binders, it would be a big plus.

It's a nice concept, but I don't think I'm about to switch from my existing system.

Steve (2011-05-09 12:33:50)

Link added to post.

I hope to get one of these for review, so expect some detailed photos of it etc.... :)

justenoughsalt (2011-05-09 13:27:07)

yeah @jjhitt why in the world would they make these without holes to fit into filofax binders?

@steve when you get one for review you will have to let us know if the sizes correspond to the binders at all

Steve (2011-05-09 13:29:03)

Naturally it will be as detailed as I can make it... sizes, paper quality, quality of construction, you name it I will try to do it. Not sure what 'inserts' I will get with it but we will have to see.

Amanda (2011-05-09 13:31:11)

Looking forward to the review! I'm not entirely convinced about these... unless they are also punched to go in the binders, what's the benefit over carrying a notebook?

caribbean princess (2011-05-09 16:01:24)

Amanda I agree. So far I have to admit I just don't get it....

I will have to wait and see what Filofaxy says! ;-)

Rori (2011-05-09 16:52:08)

Um...why? Love the pink tho!

Jess (2011-05-09 17:06:07)

this might be a good way for people like laurie to have the benefits of a bound book without feeling like she is "cheating" on filofax!

i'm really interested in this product, i'll be honest.

Butanben (2011-05-09 20:08:08)

I am really curious to see how this actually works- how the bits and pieces slot in place, and what notebooks are in it. Also would love to know the sizes and colours available in each size. Just adore the pink though..... typical female, more concerned about the gorgeous colour!!!! Am thinking this may make a good Christmas gift later in the year, for one or two particular family members. Can't wait for your post Steve, and to hear what others think. Thanks for all your hard work.

kanalt (2011-05-10 06:35:35)

I'm really curious about this too. It may come in handy for note-taking at meetings. But it sure won't replace my Malden!

Iris (2011-05-10 08:36:10)

Amazon USA offers [1]Filofax Flex already - unfortunately they don't show any pics! There are black, magenta and slate covers in A5, slim and pocket size.

1. http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=bl_sr_office-products?_encoding=UTF8&node=1064954&field-brandtextbin=Filofax#/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Doffice-products&field-keywords=Filofax+flex&rh=n%3A1064954%2Ck%3AFilofax+flex

Steve (2011-05-11 07:06:49)

Thanks Iris, at least they have it listed, unlike anywhere else yet!

Also mentioned in the Daily Express

<http://www.express.co.uk/features/view/245630>

Steve (2011-05-14 01:20:34)

The 'Flex by Filofax' website has gone live

<http://www.flexbyfilofax.com/>

kanalt (2011-05-14 06:36:17)

Am I missing something on the site? How do you look more closely at the items, and especially, how do you purchase? Or is it not available for purchase yet?

Amanda (2011-05-14 06:45:40)

Uh, and am I missing something... how can there be a million ways to put these bits together?? Four potential "booklets" in four different places. Surely that's 4 to the power of 4 ($4 \times 4 \times 4 \times 4$) which, um, is 256? Unless there are several hundred versions of each insert...

Steve (2011-05-14 07:00:22)

@kanalt it's just that front page at the moment... nothing more yet.

Amanda there's three different sizes too. I think there's more than 4 inserts available in each size and I think the limit is you can only add 4 inserts to the 'binder'

Saffronia (2011-05-17 00:18:03)

Can I comment on how much you guys are enablers.

I was not at all tempted by the announcement of the Flex by Filo when mentioned a few months ago. But when I saw the comment about the site going live I thought, "Why not?" and I went to the Flex by Filofax website.

After finally seeing the possibilities of the layout, I feel, with great certainty that I may in the very near future go from being a Philofaxer to a Phlexofaxer! :)

It really does have everything. The beauty of the Filofax organizer, plus the practical storability of the Moleskin. I am sold! And I blame you, Philofax community!

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Steve (2011-05-17 02:18:50)

I have received a couple of Flex binders and inserts in the post yesterday just before leaving to travel to UK.

I'm doing a review of this new product, so look forward to seeing the detailed review later this week.

Steve (Currently travelling in UK)

Free For All Tuesday No. 14 (2011-05-10 00:00)



[1]

Do you ever get asked 'Why do you need so many Filofax organisers?'

It is just not the sort of question you ask of a Philofaxer is it..!!!!

So what devilish questions do you have for us this week?

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

Pete Mac (2011-05-10 00:11:10)

My wife asks me all the time. I respond by asking how much Grindley china she needs to buy... :-)

Seriously, she doesn't get it, but lets me indulge my obsession more often than she should. And it works both ways.

Regards,

Pete Mac

Petra (2011-05-10 00:42:17)

And Filofaxes are both a visual AND tactile collectible (and olfactory for some!), unlike china!

Does anyone know WHY Filofaxes so easily become an obsession?! I don't have the same obsession with Franklin Covey or DayTimer ...

Wendy Lyon (2011-05-10 00:50:20)

I have been trying to find my "perfect" filofax and after many false starts (all headed to Ebay) I have ended up with the Filofax Malden in Ochre after stalking Philofaxy for a few months. I really wanted a binder that would look great in a couple of years once it has developed a patina. I would love my filofax to look loved and feel fabulous. My filofax arrived last week and I am somewhat disappointed with the dryness of the leather and its almost yellow spots. I am wondering if any of you Ochre owners have treated your leather with a conditioner? or linseed oil? My family thinks I am crazy (and maybe I need more going on in my life...) but I have been trying to deepen the color of my binder and smooth its leather by placing it in the sun (for a tan!) and also putting lotion on my hands and then massaging some into the leather.

I am curious how other ochres are wearing! Or should I have chosen another color...agh! So hard, I live in the USA and do not have a stockist near me with the Maldens to see in person.

Thank you so much for sharing! Wendy

hailey (2011-05-10 02:12:23)

Hi, I came across your site and wasn't able to get an email address to contact you. Would you please consider adding a link to my website on your page. Please email me back and we'll talk about it.

Thanks!

Hailey William

haileyxhailey@gmail.com

Steve (2011-05-10 03:44:48)

For Hailey and anyone else who wants to get in touch, the address is at the top of the 'About' page....

Regards

Steve

Alison Reeves (2011-05-10 04:04:23)

I'm not sure why, but I think I have so many Filofaxes because there is too much choice and I can't settle on one! In some ways I wish that instead of bringing out so many new models, that they would be more inventive with inserts. I am a typical gemini - I have dual personalities so different filofaxe designs feed different parts of my personality!

Saffy (2011-05-10 04:48:53)

I have been addicted to Filofaxes for a long time and wonder if it is helped along with that ever elusive search for the 'perfect filo'.

Although a bespoke service would be great I don't think it would solve the problem. There are always new and enticing colours and leather textures to 'add' to the ever growing collection.

Although DH doesn't 'get it' I can say the same for his love of gadgets.

We all have something we like to spend our money on be it China, Handbags, Shoes, Gadgets, Filofaxes, dining out or fine wine the list goes on.

I think that those who make such comments don't look at their own spending habits.

Having said all this I do wonder myself why I am obsessed with filox? Reading Philofaxy and knowing there are other like minded people out there makes me feel a whole lot better about it.

Jotje (2011-05-10 05:54:37)

@Wendy: I once held an Ochre Malden, but didn't like the feel of the leather either, because it felt dry and wrinkled. The black and crimson are much smoother and shinier. My guess is that the Ochre has received a different treatment.

That said, Iris has an Ochre Malden, and that one does look a lot smoother than the one I held. If you are really dissatisfied, you might wanna return it. Could after all be a faulty one?

zephyr (2011-05-10 06:28:35)

Can you ever have too many?

kanalt (2011-05-10 06:45:44)

Every one of my Filofaxes has a purpose. Most hold extra paper and inserts. One holds future diary pages and one holds past diary pages. Then there are the special binders - Happiness binder, reference binder, knitting binder. So this is why I need so many Filos - for all the different purposes. Of course, it's just fun to collect them too. And it is funny how Filofax has become a collection, whereas I don't have any DayTimer or Franklin Covey binders either. I think Filofax just has a good variety of choices. And of course, you always want more.

Butanben (2011-05-10 06:54:55)

I have started a GTD Filofax this week. Really enjoying getting that set up. Think the setting up part is such fun. Probably why we all have several Filofaxes. A change of size and colour from time to time, as our lives and needs change is lovely too. There is something exciting about the anticipation of a new Filofax too.

Iris (2011-05-10 08:23:49)

It's true, my Malden's leather is rather smooth and shiny - but due to the Ochre's "vintage" look (must be some special leather treatment), every single one looks slightly different. When I bought mine at the Filofax Centre in London last year, I insisted on buying the one which had been sitting on the shelf because it looked much nicer than the one she got for me from the stock.

Mrs. Grievous (2011-05-10 08:36:30)

BF insists that I go digital. He just doesn't understand that it's the writing and crossing out that makes me feel so good after I've accomplished a to do. ;)

We're starting a diet together this week, and I can't wait to use the A5 that I won on ebay. It should be in my mailbox when I get home. :3

I guess he doesn't understand my Filofaxes the way I don't understand all his kitchen unitaskers.

justenoughsalt (2011-05-10 10:28:55)

i am pretty happy with my filofax. dont get me wrong i would love a red amazon or an aqua finchley or to see an osterly in real life but my filofax is just fine.

the only thing i miss is a notepad. my model does not have a space for a notepad like some of the others do

J (2011-05-10 11:47:37)

@ Wendy- Welcome to Filo in the US! I knew I wanted the Malden, but couldn't decide on a color and couldn't find a single place to see one in person (until Sandra came along!)

I was intrigued by the ochre, but had heard people with the same complaints you have. I ended up with the crimson and am loving it, I know several people with the black love theirs too. Of course, many people are thrilled with the ochre, but I think as Iris mentioned you have to be very choosy with the color.

Hoping you find your perfect Filo soon!

stirwise (2011-05-10 15:29:08)

Jotje commented on one of my Filofax photos on my Flickr page that she'd like to see a post about how I have my Pocket Malden set up. I went ahead and wrote something up with more pictures, it's on my [1]Blogger page.

1. <http://stirwise.blogspot.com/2011/05/moving-into-malden-pocket.html>

Shivon (2011-05-10 22:29:07)

@Wendy : I have a Malden in ochre also, and mine is also very smooth and shiny, no yellow spots. From what I've heard, I seem to be in the minority!

I am not one for collecting filox - my first was a chili Cuban, and now my ochre Malden. I think I've found my perfect filo in the Malden. However, I am obsessed with seeing how people use and organize their filox. I stalk flickr and Philofaxy, hoping to see pictures of how people arrange everything.

Wendy Lyon (2011-05-11 13:37:27)

Thanks so much for the feedback regarding my Filofax Malden in Ochre. Since I haven't officially moved into it yet (still living in my domino...) I am opening myself to the possibility of returning it. So I've ordered both a black and crimson filofax and then can compare all 3. This is what I should have done in the first place but I really liked the look of the ochre. My other option was to order a few ochres so that I could pick out a nice shiny one but was worried that all the USA maldens would be similar. Of course I will have to scramble to make a decision so that I can return the extra binders before my credit card billing statement ends! Thanks again, I love hearing about other people's Filofax experiences.

Filofax Hack (2011-05-10 18:00)

So you would like to have a note pad in your Filofax, but your particular binder doesn't have the slot in the back inside cover to hold one....

Well 'The Perpetual Student' has the answer for you.

Take a top opening envelope, trim 6mm off the left hand side of the back card of the note pad and hey presto you have a notepad that will fit your Filofax.

Thank you TPS for this great suggestion.



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1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-wnwnKewC2oo/TcmwWSvHX4I/AAAAAAAAJLU/LesDaxXur1s/s1600/5707690595_a9805a3cd5_b.jpg
2. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-iroKEHZ3oWo/TcmwWW_HMdI/AAAAAAAAJLc/HAx5cf1KI64/s1600/5708256400_53f1de4201_b.jpg
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Den (2011-05-10 21:29:14)

My hack is slightly different because I balk at Filofax plain paper pricing, including notepads: I use a plain (cheap) 3" x 5" notepad, and insert it in a top opening envelope. If and when I need to store a sheet in a pocket filo, I just punch the relevant sheet(s) with my handy Filofax punch. You DO have a handy Filofax punch, don't you?

justenoughsalt (2011-05-10 22:13:00)
GENIUS...GENIUS...GENIUS.

Silver_Elixir (2011-05-11 02:17:10)

I have done this same thing to my personal Filofax. I am not using a Filo notepad, but a Debden one in the same personal size. I have my notepad at the front of my Filo and I am amazed at how much I have used it. Great minds think alike huh?

Imy (2011-05-11 03:44:34)
That is just amazingly clever!!!!

Filofax USA - Any Questions? (2011-05-11 02:28)

This is mainly for folks in USA and Canada. 'Colie' has managed to get an appointment with the Filofax Rep in New York this coming Friday afternoon.

So if you have any questions you would like her to ask him on your behalf please pop them in the comments here, or email them to philofaxy at gmail dot com and I will ensure they are forwarded on to Colie in time.

I suspect most of you will want to know what colours / new stock the USA store will be stocking and when. But don't feel you have to limit your questions to just those.

Butanben (2011-05-11 03:55:40)

Any chance of an A5 Malden being produced in red? I would just so love this, and would buy from the USA.... yes, all that way... if produced in A5 red in their range. Thanks Colie and Steve.

Kate (2011-05-11 06:17:51)

Any chance of being able to buy the print to size software? As its a download I don't see why not. Phoning the company or a store in the US seems a long way round for a simple download.

Alison Reeves (2011-05-11 06:49:08)

I have a question for the UK if you ever get a chance - why on earth don't they have a full range of inserts on their website? Surely this should be the goto place for inserts? I find many I am interested in on Euro sites - in English - it just doesn't make sense! For example the month on two pages tabbed is available on the French site in English but not on the UK site. I find ordering from abroad a problem as I don't speak the language and of course it incurs a lot of additional postage costs buying from different sites.

Ok - my little rant over!!!

Michele (2011-05-11 07:12:33)

@Kate, I have this software. It's on the US site to purchase, and once you purchase, Filofax will send you a license key to download to download and save on your pc as a printer option.

R (2011-05-11 08:49:00)

@butanben

i said in an earlier Free For All Tuesdays comment section that the A5 Malden will not be carried in the NA market this year.

A (2011-05-11 10:50:43)

I would ask them to consider publishing a list of other organizer systems, inserts, and hole punchers that are comptible with their products for the simple reason that it will enhance their customer service. Now people have to guess and if they find another organizer system, they might switch there.

Also, I'd like to know whether they will consider releasing a kids-line. Mine wants one!!!

For kids: sturdy cover, no leather, many different inserts, many compartments, room for photo ID and library cards, variety of calendars (due to different school systems with different time tables),all kinds of world maps, chemistry/physics/math inserts (not really cheat-sheets but general overviews) and maybe some small dictionaries. An English spell-well insert would be great too. If this teacher can think of anything else, I'll comment again.

cgarsnrealest8 (2011-05-11 16:24:56)

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Butanben (2011-05-11 21:08:27)

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R (2011-05-12 09:03:27)

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Steve (2011-05-13 16:43:29)

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Posted by cgarsnrealest8 to Philofaxy at 11 May, 2011 16:24

Steve (2011-05-13 16:43:59)

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Posted by R to Philofaxy at 12 May, 2011 09:03

What's in your Filofax? : Tabbed Dividers (2011-05-11 08:47)

Part 4 of our What's in your Filofax? series is about your tabbed dividers. I don't mean which tabbed sections you use. I mean the dividers themselves.

I've seen some amazing photos online of people's customized, artistic tabbed dividers.

I'm not artistic, but I do customize my tabbed dividers a little bit: I use trimmed sticky flags to label blank tabbed dividers so I can move sections around at will and still keep the tabs running neatly down the side all in a row.

Do you customize your tabbed dividers? Do you add art, labels, color, stickers, or anything else? Or, do you use the tabbed dividers that came with your Filofax as-is?

Steve (2011-05-11 10:01:57)

I also use my label printer to create new labels for my sections.

In my A5 I have:

Notes In - General capture

Calendar

ToDo

Projects

Notes

Reference - Maps etc

Then a standard set of A-Z at the back for Addresses etc

justenoughsalt (2011-05-11 11:16:50)

i made my month tabs using scrapbook paper. i liked the colors and the designs and decided to just make my own using my old month tabs as a template.

i use multiple sets of index tabs

+ vertical tabs from muji which are on very heavy cardstock

+ a set of pastel unlabeled index tabs from kinokuniya in nyc

+ a very old set of plastic filofax number dividers in basic colors

none of them are labeled. i just can not commit

Steve (2011-05-11 11:23:57)

Also see this post for tabs ideas:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2006/06/scientific-method-applied.html>

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-05-11 11:32:33)

My tabs are covered with Japanese washi tape (as they cover and uncover so easily)....

Sandra (2011-05-11 12:44:52)

@justenoughsalt Ha! Another tab labeling commitment-phobe!

I added scrapbook paper in the spaces before my tabs to pretty them up a bit. My label maker creates labels for some of the standard Filo tabs. I also use colored stickies for the tabs I simply cannot commit to yet (or for variety) ;).

May work shortly on printing tab dividers, although it seems so...permanent. Love J's, though, in her Slate

Domino. That's my inspiration.

I want wasabi tape. Found it referred to online on the last site Steve posted today.

<http://www.cutetape.com/shop/japanese-washi-masking-tape.html>

Love the versatility of this product.

Sandra (2011-05-11 13:04:41)

Oops! Washi tape-although I do love sushi...

Alison Reeves (2011-05-11 13:26:19)

I would love a 1-12 (or even better Jan-Dec) set of tabs for the months for my pocket. Can't find them anywhere. I'm wondering if I could take a set of a-z (13 tabs) and relabel? Would have to be small labels though. Has anyone done this?

J (2011-05-11 14:39:44)

I found some great dividers at a local shop- they are Filofax but I'd never seen them before. They resemble hanging file folders in miniature- you know the ones with the plastic sleeve that you slip the colored tabs into?

I'm loving these because I can change the set up around whenever needed without changing the whole insert- right now I have Diary, Lists, Blog, Me, and Etc.

Instead of printing directly on them, I used glue and Zots to add scrapbook paper to each one- they are pretty, but can change as I need them to.

And thanks Sandra! I can definitely send you the pattern for the printed inserts if you want to try them out (although you need Microsoft Publisher).

Steve (2011-05-11 14:41:33)

J are they like these:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/06/look-what-i-have-just-found.html>

Steve

justenoughsalt (2011-05-11 15:28:16)

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Houshold

Legal

Accounting

Stock investment

Travel itinerary

Medical

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Work in progress

Objectives

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T (2011-05-12 00:50:54)

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Web Finds (2011-05-11 09:41)

Some interesting 'On-Trend' posts for you to read..... a couple containing Maldens... we like the Malden, it is very 'On-Trend' you know....

- [1]Going Analogue - In the Dutch Mountains
- [2]General Filofax Update - Sharon.... warning this contains a Crimson Malden!
- [3]Moving in to the Pocket Malden - The lowlife of the party
- [4]The Little Red Book - Karen Tayleur
- [5]My Love My Filofax - Lipstick and Lattes

Enjoy

1. <http://rene.raggl.me/post/5170730526/going-analog-some-of-you-who-read-this-and-know>
2. <http://shazzastitching.wordpress.com/2011/05/08/general-filofax-update/>
3. <http://stirwise.blogspot.com/2011/05/moving-into-malden-pocket.html>
4. <http://karentayleur.blogspot.com/2011/05/little-red-book.html>
5. <http://lipstickandlattes.blogspot.com/2011/05/my-love-my-filofax.html>

justenoughsalt (2011-05-11 11:21:08)

"going analogue" mentions "success" planners and refills which we have not discussed before and are really impressive. good find steve!

Jotje (2011-05-11 11:37:31)

The last website doesn't open, I get an error message ... :(

Sandra (2011-05-11 12:26:47)

Those Success binder are so fun! Especially like the Yak binder (for my son, not me!).

Kudos, Steve!

@Jotje-It opened for me... :)

terriknits (2011-05-11 13:41:56)

I am waiting (im)patiently for my crimson Malden personal to arrive. Already I am thinking about a mini to put in my purse ... it's a sickness. And I don't want the cure. ;-)

Is it time for a change? (2011-05-12 00:00)

I chuckled the other day when I saw a tweet that simply said '**Enabler Alert**' after I had appeared on line.

We have all become enablers in some way or form. I've been 'called' or should that be 'accused' of being the 'chief enabler'... ok I hold up my hand say 'guilty as charged..... so what are you going to do about it!!!!'

I have been reading various posts and comments and then looking at my crimson Malden Filofax and thinking I want to put my Malden in to use. It shouldn't just be sitting there looking pretty and smelling nice (You have to be a Malden owner to understand this!)

So reading various posts about using only one Filofax have been 'enabling' me to think through how I might do the same..... or try to. So I set myself a mini challenge to bring my Malden in to use, but I think I need to recap on my current Filofax set up, so you can appreciate the mind games I went through to change to the Malden.

My current line up looks something like this:

- [1]A4 Classic - Sits on my desk as my at home planner, it also holds my master address list.jotspot
- [2]Pocket Chameleon - My carry around Filofax/Wallet
- [3]Finsbury Personal - My journal for recording past events
- [4]Slimline Finsbury - My notebook/to-do list Filofax
- Other Filofax organisers in the collection have specific tasks so I won't include them here.

OK that is too many isn't it? What I wanted to attempt to do was 'slim' down the number of organisers I actively use and make better use of them in the process.

The Slimline was the first up to be taken out of current use or at least changed. I've found having it as a separate To-Do list/Notebook has helped me make better use of [5]To-Do lists and I think I now have them under control, so those lists have transferred in to my Malden at the simple click of the rings. The same goes for the notes, that I didn't archive in my rationalisation process.

The A4 Classic sits beautifully flat on my desk, but as you might have suspected it is a little big to carry around. My A5 Malden I think would be a great substitute for this, but for now my A4 has been put back in its box.



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As my Pocket Chameleon has been used as both a Wallet and a Filofax, I needed to replace or substitute it for something that acts as a wallet and notebook.... and I had a choice of retaining the Pocket Chameleon, using my Mini Finchley.... or going back to the Finsbury Slimline with my 'vintage' [7]change holder.

The final 'suggestion' makes a lot of sense if you think about it. It is personal size, so pages are easy to swap between the Malden and the Finsbury. It will hold all of my cards and passport as it did [8]before, but now it doesn't have any diary in it, just some plain and ruled paper for instant note taking.

So with the Pocket Chamelon and my A4 Classic out of the way, I set about setting up my Slimline and my Malden Personal. It took me a few iterations to get a set up I was happy with and it took me most of the weekend at different times. In fact I got part way through writing this post and had to abandon it when I realised a problem with the set up at that point!! Stop writing, concentrate on getting the set up how you want it!!!

However, the best thing about Filofax is that you can make numerous changes without any problems or long term damage.



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So my black Finsbury Slimline has now become my 'wallet' and a notebook as follows:

- Inside front cover - Bank and medical cards
- Inside back cover - Passport and drivers licence.
- Plain and ruled paper
- Filofax solar powered calculator - mainly used for calculating exchange rates.
- Clear top opening envelope with my health care insurance certificate and opticians prescription
- Vintage change holder.



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My crimson [11]Malden Personal is a fairly standard set up, but for the record:

- Inside front cover - business contact cards
- Inside back cover - note pad
- Diary tab - Week on Two Page - Multi language version. I will change this for a different WOTP next year.
- Notes tab - white ruled paper
- Projects tab - To-do list with the following headings



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'This Week' 'This Month' 'Sometime' 'Blog Posts'
'Projects' 'Future Purchases'

- Information Tab - Maps of UK, France, London, World time zones.... I like maps!
- Financial - Not a section I normally use, so it might be relabelled at some point.
- Addresses - Standard A-Z two letters per section with standard 130201 inserts



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The other major change you might have spotted is that instead of having a Filofax as a 'planner' for future events and another for my journal/diary (past events). I am going to try combining these in to the one WOTP diary in the Malden. So far it is working fine, it will be better with equal space for each day, but I will see how it goes for now, before swapping out the diary insert.... remember Nan said have a [14]cooling off period... I think I need one, I've broken most of the 'rules' this last weekend. But I now have the pleasure of using my Malden!



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Now if you have been observant over the last year or so, you might remember that I previously changed from my [16]Slimline Finsbury to a Pocket Finsbury because the Slimline didn't fit [17]my bag. Well that has also changed in the last couple of weeks too. I'm now using a [18]bigger bag! and it takes Personal size and even an A5 without straining things too much.

Naturally I will report back on any further adjustments/tweaks to improve my set up and I will let you know how the new set up is working out... there is is that other Grey A5 Malden lurking on my side table crying out 'use me too.....'

Sorry if this version of this post is slightly different to the version of the one you read previously this was due to the Blogger outage and them restoring a previous version of the post. I went through so many versions of this post before it was published I can't remember all the changes and amendments. Likewise earlier comments have also been lost due to the Blogger Outage suffered in the last 36 hours.

Steve

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J (2011-05-12 01:53:18)

Love it! You definitely didn't disappoint with this post Steve!

Yay for Crimson Malden users- I think I finally have mine set up, so expect a post soon! Hopefully I can get it done before New York.

I've somehow managed to combine my Filo into my planner and wallet- I just carry my cash and change in a small change purse- sometimes cash goes in the Malden. We'll see how long that works!

Oh, and congrats on the new man bag! You're moving up in the world I see! :)

kanalt (2011-05-12 07:50:35)

A Malden Slimline! Can you imagine the buzz this would create? I would take it, though I would prefer it with 1/2 inch rings rather than the 7/16 that the classic slimline has.

Great set up! I can't wait to see what you do with the gray A5.

SNARLing: (2011-05-12 09:07:58)

i would so totally love a malden slim. i had been hoping for that for awhile now, guess my hopes need to be even louder still.

i love that filofaxers can change their set-ups to suit their current needs - - - especially since (with a little arm-twisting of the enablers - only a little needed, mind-you as we all have a little enabler in us) there is always some beauty (or 2, or 3) hanging out to change into!

i switched to the pocket malden in march and have been very happy with it, but i hate that my own personal malden is currently unemployed (much like myself). with all the current insert talk, and seeing everyone's brand spanking new personal maldens, etc, i've been trying to figure a use for my own as well... i do know that eventually i will move back into it. heh heh. gotta love the filofax. for now, though, my current life loves hanging out in that cute little pocket. perhaps once my creative side can no longer stand the restraints of 3.25 x 4.75, it will happen. so, of course a part of me is HOPING that will happen real soon... heh heh

R (2011-05-12 09:08:01)

at one time or another FF use to have inter changable rings. They have gone to rivet now becuae alot of ppl were complaining about the rings coming undone from the cover. And most did not know how to re attach the rings to the binder

Sandra (2011-05-12 11:20:33)

Love the "enabling" tag, Steve! Wonderful, detailed post. Thanks!

While I adore my personal Malden in crimson (what's not to love?!), I do toy with the idea of a pocket Malden in black ala SNARLing. I love the back pocket for use as a wallet or receipt keeper-my pocket Domino and Finchley do not have those. Very disappointing.

I will revisit my Filo family in a few short weeks and remind myself, always, to ONLY carry what is essential. This is difficult at times, but I will succeed!

Will check out the French site for this compact size.

You really should consider that Yak binder on the success site. It seems suitable for tracking tweets and blogs, I think. ;)

caribbean princess (2011-05-12 16:02:06)

Wonderful post Steve and nice to see that you have put your Malden to good use!

I wish they would introduce a purple Malden. But I am loving my crimson and the set up is working for me.

Twitter Roll Call Time... (2011-05-12 15:00)

[1]Twitter amongst our 'community' has continued grow with more and more readers joining in. Recently I've noticed more people in the US joining in, which is great. We often have a lot of 'worldwide' discussions on there.

It was back in July last year that we last did a '[2]roll-call' So if you are on Twitter, why not let us know who you are and we will 'follow' you and you can join in the daily fun.

Of course don't forget to follow [3]Philofaxy on Twitter to see instant news of site posts and other updates.

If you aren't yet on Twitter, then give it a try, as you build up the people you follow and those that follow you then it actually does work quite well.

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3. <http://www.twitter.com/philofaxy>

ohlittlecloud (2011-05-12 15:23:26)

I'm @ohlittlecloud - but I think you're already following me!

Clara (2011-05-12 15:37:27)

I'm @clarapineda!

stirwise (2011-05-12 15:44:40)

I'm @stirwise. :)

Sandra (2011-05-12 15:52:40)

I'm @skhen! Off to tweet as we speak...

caribbean princess (2011-05-12 15:59:35)

I am @CPrincessUK

28e0e8c2-3557-11e0-82ac-000bcdcb471e (2011-05-12 16:03:35)

I'm @aspire _to _be

Imy (2011-05-12 16:05:46)

im @imysworld

Sandra (2011-05-13 13:07:13)

Darn Blogger!

@skhen (Sandra)

J (2011-05-13 13:18:57)

@thecrazylifeofj

A (2011-05-13 13:36:46)

@filo _ads on Twitter!

SNARLing: (2011-05-13 13:55:22)

@theSNARLingpost

Jotje (2011-05-13 13:59:37)

@J _is _hier

stirwise (2011-05-13 14:10:04)

Feh, stupid blogger.

@stirwise

SP (2011-05-13 14:10:54)

@SP_FTW

Steve (2011-05-13 14:11:18)

And as I was going to say 24 hrs ago.....

I'm @stevemorton on Twitter....

Nan (2011-05-13 14:32:21)

@NanB

Millie (2011-05-13 14:47:41)

@Mslogica

Steve (2011-05-13 16:23:40)

ohlittlecloud has left a new comment on your post "Twitter Roll Call Time...":

I'm @ohlittlecloud - but I think you're already following me!

Posted by ohlittlecloud to Philofaxy at 12 May, 2011 15:23

Steve (2011-05-13 16:24:19)

Clara has left a new comment on your post "Twitter Roll Call Time...":

I'm @clarapineda!

Posted by Clara to Philofaxy at 12 May, 2011 15:37

Steve (2011-05-13 16:24:52)

caribbean princess has left a new comment on your post "Twitter Roll Call Time...":

I am @CPrincessUK

Posted by caribbean princess to Philofaxy at 12 May, 2011 15:59

Steve (2011-05-13 16:25:25)

28e0e8c2-3557-11e0-82ac-000bcdcb471e (<https://openid.aol.com/opaque/28e0e8c2-3557-11e0-82ac-000bcdcb471e>) has left a new comment on your post "Twitter Roll Call Time...":

I'm @aspire_to_be

Posted by 28e0e8c2-3557-11e0-82ac-000bcdcb471e to Philofaxy at 12 May, 2011 16:03

Steve (2011-05-13 16:26:04)

Imy has left a new comment on your post "Twitter Roll Call Time...":

im @imysworld

Posted by Imy to Philofaxy at 12 May, 2011 16:05

gdigesu (2011-05-13 17:22:56)

Hi - I'm G di Gesu @gdigesu on twitter

justenoughsalt (2011-05-13 17:25:50)

@justenoughsalt

Robin (2011-05-13 18:37:05)

@robins_chi on Twitter!

Saffronia (2011-05-13 22:15:35)

@saffronialily

Iris (2011-05-14 09:16:17)

I am @iris30606 - but I've decided to leave all things Filofax to my @filomaniac account. I got a bit confused lately by reading everything twice...

Laurie (2011-05-14 11:09:45)
@plannerisms

Anne (2011-05-14 12:52:59)
Hi I am @annelou72 have always lived Filofax can never fully replace tech for me.

shepcraig (2011-05-15 12:39:57)
@cshepherd238

Nickie (2011-05-15 16:20:24)
@nickie72

Rene Raggl (2011-05-15 17:19:38)
@rraggl

Bridgett (2011-06-06 21:31:03)
I'm @bridgett but I'm new to having a Filofax. I've only been using one for a week.

Blogger Outage (2011-05-13 13:24)

No we didn't go away and sulk... Blogger has had major problems in the last 36 hours. Two posts that were published yesterday were restored but without any comments. Which is a particular pain on the Twitter post!
My post about my Malden change over was restored to an earlier version not the version that was published, so I'm trying to repair that one. Also all the comments on that post have also been lost. Looking closer, all the comments from yesterday have not been restored. I have them as emails, but there's no way to reimport them.
Sorry for this outage, it's outside of our control and we are just as annoyed about it as you are. I will be looking at other possible options for the future.
Thanks for your patience and support.

A (2011-05-13 13:37:51)
Sorry to hear that but you know we will all be checking back in so ... not too many worries, ok?

Timeless Expressions (2011-05-13 13:40:04)
Oh you're lucky.. I've lost most of this week's posts.. hey ho.. great to be back online.. lol

T (2011-05-13 13:50:35)
Glad y'all are OK.
I had been looking forward to FFAF, but it will keep until next week.

David Popely (2011-05-13 14:03:46)
hi Steve
Time to look at Wordpress more closely maybe?
David

Steve (2011-05-13 14:07:06)
Yes David, that is running through my mind at the moment, but it's not something I'm going to dive in to because

the timing for me isn't perfect at the moment with me travelling next week.
But I need to sketch out all the pros and cons etc in the next week or so...
Watch this space as they say...

Steve (2011-05-13 16:29:30)

I'm trying to restore the comments that have not been returned to the blog by Google,
Sadly they will all appear from me not the original person. But I'm posting them in full.
Steve

Steve (2011-05-13 17:24:39)

I'm told that Blogger are restoring comments as well. I will remove the ones I've uploaded again if they do reappear over the weekend.
Steve

Butanben (2011-05-13 17:26:32)

Hi Steve,

So glad Philofaxy is back on schedule. As A says, we'll all be checking back in.... we love Philofaxy too much not to!! xx

Steve (2011-05-14 01:25:38)

Another update. Comments are being restored by Google (Blogger) but they may take all weekend to appear. More comments than posts obviously.

The only thing we appear to have lost is my final version of my Malden change post. Sadly I can't remember the final paragraph wording exactly. Best left as it is I'm afraid.

Thanks for your patience and support yesterday. We have some more interesting posts than this one coming up for you in the next few days.

Free for All Friday No. 130 (2011-05-13 13:49)

Blogger's back! And so I'm finally able to do my Friday post. (Blogger was down Thursday night my time, Eastern U.S., when I tried to do my usual last-minute panicked FFAF post.)

It's rare for Blogger to be out-of-commission. Annoying though it may be, such outages make us aware of the dichotomy between our digital and analog lives. As Philofaxers, we already have at least one foot firmly planted in the analog.

Besides Filofaxes, what non-digital objects do you love in your life?

For me, one of those things is beautiful luggage! I just bought a Victorinox wheeled briefcase/laptop case to see me through my one-day trip to New York for the Philofaxy meetup. I bought it at [1]Leather World, where I've also bought Filofaxes and refills. I had a nice talk with one of the employees, who was tickled to hear about the Philofaxy blog and the meetup, when I told her why I was buying the bag. (When I wrote down the blog link for her, she aptly noticed that I didn't have a Filofax pen in my pen loop, though.) She wants a full report when I get back!

Another one is trains! Air travel is so awful nowadays, that I take the train whenever possible, even though it can be less expensive to fly from Boston or Providence to New York, Philadelphia, or Washington. I'm taking the train to New York and back the same day, since I couldn't get a room in the City for just one weekend night. Besides, sometimes one would rather sleep in one's own bed.

I'm getting autosave error messages as I type this...I guess Blogger is still a bit sickly. As I sit here typing in the same room off my garden where I set up my first PowerMac 6100, I feel like it's 1997 all over again!

1. <http://www.shopleatherworld.com/>

caribbean princess (2011-05-13 14:31:11)

I love my handbags! Functional, stylish so like Filofaxes one can never have too many! ;-)

stirwise (2011-05-13 14:51:03)

I also LOVE handbags. I love most accessories, umbrellas, wallets, keyrings, little bags and cases, all of it. Filofax love is just a natural extension of that.

T (2011-05-13 14:57:00)

I have a question to throw out to everyone for Free for All Friday:

Everyone seems to be crazy for the Malden line of Filofaxes. I've never seen or held one, so tell me:

What's so compelling about them? What about them makes everyone swoon?

Is there anyone out there who thinks they're only so-so?

If I were considering one, give me some of your reasons for buying it (or not).

Steve (2011-05-13 15:24:09)

T the softness of the leather on the Malden is quite different to other models currently sold.

They lay flat out of the box.

They are all leather and I personally think the quality of them is very good.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-13 16:20:46)

I ordered a personal Malden in ochre from Pens and Leather and it hasn't arrived it, I'm worried it's lost! Does anyone know their policy for items being delivered to the UK that have got lost?

Also, I wanted to buy a filo from city organiser (I hadn't decided which one, maybe the red Amazona or crimson Malden) and both times I had made my mind up to actually buy it, they had gone from the website!! Does anyone know if they restock frequently?

Thanks!!

Steve (2011-05-13 17:22:43)

I'm determined to end today on a positive note, despite the technology minefield I've been going through today!!!!

Roll on Saturday... today hasn't been one of my best I'm afraid.

So can I wish you all a great time at the meet up tomorrow in New York, and I know I and lots of others will be with you in spirit if nothing else. Looking forward to seeing the photos afterwards.

Have a great day and I'm sure there will be lots of smiles on your faces in the pictures.

Enjoy.....

justenoughsalt (2011-05-13 17:25:13)

+ swiss army watch

+ leatherman

+ my pens and pencils

+ handkerchiefs

Laurie (2011-05-13 22:26:52)

In addition to my pens, pencils, notebooks, paper planners and Filofaxes, I love books. I don't see myself ever buying an e-reader, no matter how "convenient" they are. I like to hold the book in my hands and turn the pages. Also, when I buy a book, it's mine for as long as it's sitting on my shelf. I've heard stories of people "buying" books on Kindle or similar, to have them erased by Amazon (or wherever they purchased them from), because of licensing errors or whatever. No thanks.

In general I try to be as analog as I can. I have a deep mistrust of technology and I have a very low tolerance for glitches. I enjoy the simplicity of using a real object that I can manipulate in my hands and not have to rely on electronic gadgets to work, when they feel like doing so!

Amanda (2011-05-14 06:36:33)

Like Laurie, I love books and can't imagine ever getting an e-reader. I love being able to flick through them, the feel of them in my hands and seeing them lined up on my shelves etc.

I also love paper/notebooks (as well as my FF) and, for some reason, wooden boxes. No great use for the boxes, but I love both boxes and small sets of drawers (like in old haberdashers or similar). DH finds it amusing and perplexing in equal measure!

Oh and Steve, chin up. we are all such a loyal band of followers, none of us will have 'gone away' because of the blogger outage!

kanalt (2011-05-14 08:07:42)

Like Laurie and Amanda, I too love an actual book. I don't own an ereader and won't until I am forced to. I see their benefit and if I traveled a lot, I might be enticed. But there is something about a book - it's feel, it's smell, the satisfying page-turning. The idea of it is much like using a planner over a device.

Like Nan, I like the idea of trains as well. It's not often that I go anywhere that requires me to take either. But I've always wanted to travel cross-county on a train. The time it takes and the money required over flying though doesn't make it a reasonable option when merely "getting somewhere."

And I'm also a handbag lover! I'm just as happy with a cute Target bag as I am with designer brands.

Alison Reeves (2011-05-14 10:21:50)

I love other accessories, but fountain pens are my other big thing. Really love Mont Blanc. Also partial to sunglasses for some reason! Handbags I like but find it harder to justify the cost! If I was going to give my younger self some advice it would be "buy a lot less but buy the best you can afford". If I've bought quality items, I've looked after them and by and large have them still.

Nellie (2011-05-14 11:46:13)

Another book lover here! Not so bothered about handbags though, I only have one.

I have never seen a malden and I am also intrigued to know why people love them so much. I shall have to see if I can seek one out in real life. The photos on the web always leave me a bit cold...

Jotje (2011-05-15 08:24:36)

TPS, I've asked CityOrg and they are trying to restock the crimson Malden. However since it is a discontinued item, they are not yet sure if they'll succeed...!

Vintage Pink Malden Personal - Guest Review (2011-05-14 00:00)

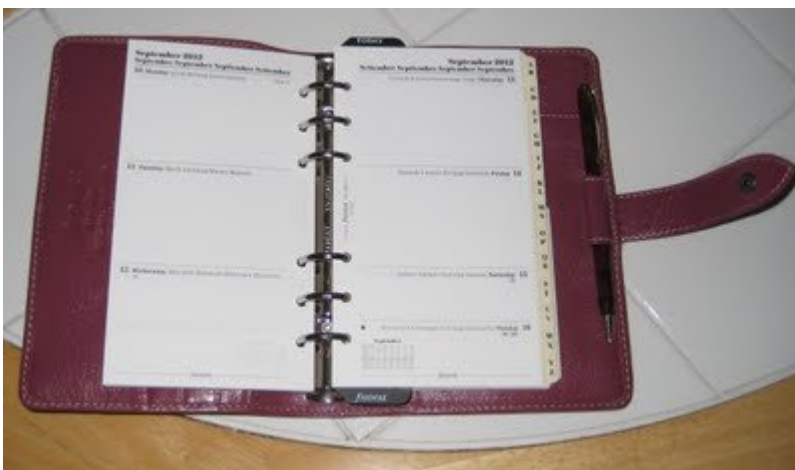


[1] *Well I know there have been a lot of 'comments' (some negative) about the 'Vintage Pink Malden' so it was quite heartening in a way when one of our readers mentioned they had bought one.... so it was a must to ask them for a review with pictures.... So thank you to Lisa.*

After much deliberating regarding buying an Osterley, I requested a brochure from Filofax and was surprised that it was the Malden that really looked perfect. I ordered it on Friday lunchtime and it arrived Saturday morning, much to my husband's surprise! It is absolutely wonderful, even our 17 year old son, who is not given to liking his Mum's purchases, admired it and made a comment that sums it up perfectly: "simple but nice". After using the Ruby Deco ([2]which I am selling), which lived in a drawer of it's own, the Malden is on view in the bookcase, that has glass doors to prevent it from dust, but means that I can check it every time I walk by it!

It arrived in one of the slip-case boxes and is in absolutely perfect condition, I dedicated yesterday morning to putting all essential information in it and it was just lovely to write in. The paper seemed as nice as the cotton cream, and I love the colour although it wouldn't be to everyone's taste, and it lies nice and flat when I write in it, as you can see from the photos - at least when the diary is evenly balanced, if that makes sense!

I have included some other pink items in the photos so you can possibly see what shade of pink the Malden is, it has a slight sheen to it but isn't really glossy. It's better than any other filofax I have ever owned, and this one is for keeps - much to my husband's relief! I even prefer it to the Deco, simple is beautiful, I think is the case.



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Saffy (2011-05-14 02:47:01)

Lovely to see photo's of the Vintage Pink. I didn't take any notice of it at the London meet up and I actually think I like this better than the crimson.

Oh, and keep your Deco too. Don't sell the Deco, it's a Deco!!!!

One 'posh, personal, just for you' (Deco) filo and one filo for everything else.

Jotje (2011-05-14 03:32:19)

Thanks for the review and the pictures! Much appreciated. It actually looks a lot nicer than I would have expected. And I agree: don't sell that gorgeous Deco. No crime in owning 2 filofaxes!!!! (ehum.... or more....)

caribbean princess (2011-05-14 05:53:11)

Thanks for the review Lisa. I was one of those who didn't like the vintage pink. However I am glad you are loving yours as the Malden is fantastic! I bought one in Crimson.

I think they should do more colours as the leather is lovely. Oh and don't sell your Deco!! You can impress with a bit of bling sometimes! ;-)

Saffronia (2011-05-14 07:51:30)

I agree with everyone else, I am really happy some one is enjoying the vintage pink Malden. Every Filo deserves a little bit of love.

@CP, I would be very happy to see the Malden in a Bone or like an Antique White. Somwthing creamy, neutral, and very classic.

Maybe I can put my bid in with Filofax USA and see what happens! ;)

SNARLing: (2011-05-14 08:19:24)

oooooh - bone would be beautiful! even i would consider getting one of those and i'm black to the bone.

i agree with everyone else - although i don't own a deco it's a beautiful piece - if you sell it, you might regret it later. you should hang on to it for at least a couple of years... it will definitely be sellable then and maybe even be more precious - either to you or your potential buyer

Nellie (2011-05-14 11:47:14)

Don't sell the Deco! Don't sell the Deco!

Great post - thanks!

Savannah (2011-05-17 13:22:00)

I actually like this color pink, it's more of a mauve. If it were a true pink it wouldn't appeal to me.

Philofaxy Comments (2011-05-14 15:11)

We are still waiting for Blogger to restore all the comments that were removed due to the outage on Thursday/Friday.

However, can I also mention that we now moderate comments on posts older than 4 weeks old. Previously we didn't moderate any comments, but recently there has been an increase in the number of spam comments with links left on older posts. These comments look sort of genuine at first until we check the links.

So if you are commenting on an older post, and your comment doesn't immediately appear that is why, please don't post duplicate comments.

Your comment will appear after it has been moderated by Steve and normally within 12 hours at worst.

Thank you

New York Meet Up - Live (2011-05-14 16:13)

Well the New York meet up is happening today... now in fact...



[1]

And here is everyone... ordering drinks I'm told prior to the Filos coming out, such restraint!!!

Sorry I can't put names to every one. But on the right at the front is Kanalt, and at the far end of the table on the right is Nan.

Didn't take long did it....



[2]

Wow look at this collection!



[3]

Have a great day, we look forward to hearing how things all went.

1. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-a0B2trQ3lQc/Tc7ga8-or-I/AAAAAAAAAJMA/xN-jYIqQ16c/s1600/nyc.jpg>
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caribbean princess (2011-05-14 18:43:02)

Oh yay! Looks like so much fun. And so many wonderful Filofaxes. I look forward to seeing more pictures.

Saffronia (2011-05-14 18:53:18)

Oh my that looks so exciting!!!

I want one too! When do I get a meetup!? (In my annoying younger sibling voice!)

David Popely (2011-05-15 03:00:29)

@saffronia "Organise (build) it and they will come..... :)(with apologies to 'Jim Morrison' in Wayne's World :)

South West UK meet-up anyone?

David Popely

Jotje (2011-05-15 03:04:43)

Looks like great fun, I would have loved to join! On the left in the front I spy J, the rest will need to have name tags attached I'm afraid ...

Looking forward to all the blogposts and pictures about the meetup!!!!

David, SW UK: not only do I want to come, I want to LIVE there...!!!!!!

Steve (2011-05-15 03:36:06)

We could have our own version of South by South West David!

Thank you by the way to @TheCrazyLifeofJ for tweeting all the photos I was 'pinching' them off the net and adding them to this post as soon as I saw them!!

Looks like every one had a great time so thank you to Kanalt for doing the bulk of the organising and for everyone who took part for adding in their assistance.

Saffy (2011-05-15 06:55:10)

Love the look of the venue and wow, what an impressive pile of Filofaxes.

Laurie (2011-05-15 07:34:54)

Wow that's wonderful so many of you were able to go!

I want an itemized list of exactly what each of those Filofaxes are (and their respective owners!)

kanalt (2011-05-15 16:58:05)

We had so much fun! We should have written a list of all the Filos, but sadly (oddly) no one thought of it.

Sandra (2011-05-15 19:48:28)

That group Filofax pic is almost as nice as the group Philofaxer one :)

Glad to hear the day was such a success!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-16 05:06:57)

definitely David! I live in Plymouth! it would be very exciting! But I don't know of many filofax stockists we could visit, maybe there are more in Exeter than there are in Plymouth?

timmo55 (2011-05-16 18:34:35)

Would love to see a meet in the South West! All we need is a Filofax store nearby as well!

New York Meet Up - Michele (2011-05-15 08:43)

Yesterday was the Philofaxy New York Meet-Up organised by Kanalt. Twelve Filofax enablers enthusiasts gathered from some considerable distances to meet up in New York City.

Last night's [1]New York Live post was pulled off of Twitter as the pictures appeared from Jordan (Thank you J).

Michele has this morning emailed us some pictures and notes to go with them that gives us an even better impression of the day.

No doubt or I hope there will be more pictures to be added or other blog posts that we can link to about the day.

So over to Michele to explain the photos(Click on the photos to see a full size version, use the back button on your browser to return to the post):

We all met up in front of the store's window display of Filofaxes! Look closely and you might be able to notice the reflection of Kanalt in the glass... but you will be looking at the different Filofax Organisers!



[2]

Kanalt and Nan with their purchases.. Nan was VERY focused on picking out her supplies!
Laurie's ears must have been burning because we were all looking over the Ivory Personal Deco!



[3]

Shopping's done...

Back Row: Karensa, Kanalt, Dasha, Mimi, Jordan

Front Row: Nan, Michele, Helen



[4]

After we shopped we walked just a few blocks away to have an early dinner.. We had finally decided on La Pain Quotiden, a Belgium menu inspired bakery. Our table easily fit all 12 of us, and I mentioned to the waiter that we would soon be filling up all the empty space on the table! He was so amazed by all the filofax asking us how many we each owned!

Left side (left to right): Jordan, Mimi, Dasha, Helen (hidden a bit) and Karensa
 Right side (left to right): Kelly, Nan, Colie, Kanalt



[5]

Colie has the most amazing pen collection.. Jordan and Mim were very intrigued by them...

It was great that Jordan and her boyfriend Brian flew from Chicago, Illinois for the event! That's a green personal Windsor on the bottom left... Colie won it on Ebay. I was showing Colie that it was from the older versions of Filofax as it had the gold imprinted "real leather, made in England". So question for Philofaxy: Around what time did the Windsor launch? Same as the Winchester?



[6]

I believe Karensa is inspecting Jordan's crimson Malden.. Karensa and her friend Helen flew in for the event as well (Georgia or Tennessee - sorry, I cannot remember which). That's Jordan and Mimi in front of her... Mimi has the most beautiful handwriting.... we were all looking over her files and just amazed at her notes ...



[7]

So before we left the restaurant after eating a delicious dinner, dessert, wine, tea, etc.. we piled up the files into a big pile... I think this is the picture all would appreciate more... Malden front and center!!!



[8]

Dasha, a very busy law student, and her collection of filofaxes!!! Thank you Dasha and good luck on



your exams! [9]

Nan had a long commute as well.. From Boston to New York it was a 4 hour trip each way. She started at 8am and wasn't arriving home until 11pm. It was really interesting to ask her how she found "Philofaxy.com" and basically getting Steve and Laurie to help grow it... She had been wanting to start a blog on Filofaxes because EVERYONE had a Moleskin blog...

Thanks to Kanalt for putting together the day.. Not kidding there were about 20 emails on just where we were going to eat!

Thank you Michele I'm sure everyone had a great day, if a little tiring with all the travel. Well done.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/new-york-meet-up.html>

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Rori (2011-05-15 09:45:14)

So glad that everyone had a good time!!

Jotje (2011-05-15 09:54:51)

Thank you!!!! Wonderful pictures that give us an even better impression of the day (and increase the jealousy!)

I love that stack of filo's! And very "in character" for Colie to wear bright (Piccadilly) green ...;

caribbean princess (2011-05-15 10:31:34)

Oh wow! Looks like you guys had so much fun! I really wanted to fly across the Atlantic and be there with you. Who is going to win the lottery so we can have an international meet up??

I would still love an Edinburgh meetup :-)

Saffy (2011-05-15 12:23:57)

Great photo's. Love that green Windsor. Wish Filofax would release that colour again.

shepcraig (2011-05-15 12:38:00)

Edinburgh meet up is being worked on right now, will have news very shortly, stay tuned....

caribbean princess (2011-05-15 14:02:10)

Oh Shepcraig really!! I hope I can make it! ;-)

Alison Reeves (2011-05-15 16:04:19)

I'd love to see Mimi's handwriting - just a little obsession of mine! I love anything calligraphy!

kanalt (2011-05-15 17:03:19)

Great post Michele! I love that my reflection comes up on a photo of Filofaxes - in every Filofax, there I am, if only as an apparition! ;)

dashalovesyou (2011-05-15 17:54:58)

I feel like a celebrity now, lol :)

Laurie (2011-05-15 20:11:26)

What a great post! It looks like you all had a wonderful time!

I want to know what the Filos are in front of Mimi in both of those photos: in one it looks tan, and in the next photo there's a grayish one (Urban perhaps?. And are they Personal size or A5?

kanalt (2011-05-15 20:24:01)

Laurie,

If I remember correctly, the binders in front of Mimi are personal size. One was not a Filofax, but I don't recall the brand. It is a tanish-grayish suede-like binder. Very nice! The other, I forget the name, possibly Urban, but it is a Filofax.

SNARLing: (2011-05-16 08:44:58)

this is great! i love your pics - it's almost as if we're there too in that reflection...heh heh

M Ng (2011-05-16 15:33:18)

Hi, everyone. What a great write-up, Michele.

Laurie: Kanalt's spot-on, I have a personal Urban in slate and a (many years old) fawn-colored suede binder by [1]Designers Guild in front of me. I don't think Designer's Guild makes planners anymore.

Alison: I'll submit a handwriting sample to Philofaxy soon (on Filofax and related refills, with various pens mentioned/fondled on Saturday?). My handwriting isn't so much calligraphic as it is, perhaps, technical, but it's served me well.

It was wonderful meeting everyone on Saturday. Kanalt, thanks so much for organizing this event! Colie, thanks for doing so much of the leg-work. Jordan and Karensa, thanks for flying in! The event would not have been so lovely without you.

1. <http://www.designersguild.com/>

Laurie (2011-05-17 02:55:15)

Nice. I thought I recognized the Urban. Never heard of Designers Guild!

I've always admired people with very neat handwriting, because mine is so messy!

LJ (2011-05-18 15:39:48)

Looks fab - and that window display is so pretty!!!

New York Meet Up - Nan (2011-05-15 12:19)

Here are the memories of yesterday I'll always treasure...

When Michele and I sat down to dinner, she looked around the table and asked, "Did you ever think it would turn into this?"

I had never asked myself that question. But the answer is no, I never thought many so people would be reading Philofaxy, let alone getting together for such a joyful meeting!

I'll never forget Kanalt's weeks of preparation, research, and thousands of email exchanges that made this day possible...Michele's waiting outside of Sam Flax for me even as rain threatened so I'd be sure to find my way...Karensa's brand-new Malden...Dasha's well-loved pocket slimline...Kanalt's Happiness Book...Jordan's beautiful crocheted pen case...Mimi's super-perfect handwriting in her commonplace book...Colie's running ahead to [1]Le Pain Quotidien to stake out the big communal table for us.

I feel as if I've known each of you for years, even though we had such a short time to spend together. We came together over a shared love of Filofaxes, but the real connection was in the heart.

1. http://www.lepainquotidien.us/#/en_US/locations/new_york/midtown/2nd_n_50th

Jotje (2011-05-15 12:42:12)

Nan, that's such a sweet and touching description of yesterday's meetup!!! I'm glad it turned out to be such a great success (though I had no doubts that it would be ...!)!!!

Sandra (2011-05-15 12:47:40)

Nan-

What a lovely account to read about on this cold Sunday in May. It sounds like you all got along swimmingly, and I so wish I could have traveled to NYC for it.

Thank you for sharing such a special memory with us. Take care.

caribbean princess (2011-05-15 12:51:22)

Such a wonderful account of what looks to be an amazing time. It is the same way I felt at the two London meet ups. We were not just bonding over filofaxes; it was like meeting long lost family for the first time!

Thanks to Kanalt for organising and to Nan, Laurie and Steve for such a great blog!

Steve (2011-05-15 13:55:30)

Nan,

The Philofaxy magic of the London Meet-Ups looks like it travelled across to New York just as I had hoped it would.

Your account of the day is very touching, because it mirrors the way I felt at the London meet-ups. As CP said we are like a long lost family in a lot of ways.

It's just impossible to put in to words, but when you experience it you know exactly what I've been trying to say these past few months.

Thank you everyone.

Better start planning another meet up!!

Steve

kanalt (2011-05-15 17:08:04)

What a wonderful description, Nan! I felt the same way, as if finally meeting people I have known for years, though I guess this is the truth anyway. We all hit it off right away and all had a great time.

Thank you to everyone for their support in putting this together, whether you helped research, offered tips, participated, or just showed your emotional support via Twitter and the blogs. I'm so glad I embarked on this adventure - it was so worth it!

justenoughsalt (2011-05-15 22:01:35)

oh nan! that is just the sweetest!

J (2011-05-15 23:15:58)

Wow Nan, this is beautiful. And so true. Try as I might, I can never truly explain to anyone how amazing this community is!

SNARLing: (2011-05-16 08:43:36)

wow. beautiful. must have been a really great time! awesome!

New York Meet Up - Kanalt and J (2011-05-16 01:00)



[1]

Some other blog posts about the New York Meet Up which I am sure you will also enjoy reading:

- [2]What's In My Bag - NYC Meet Up - Kanalt
- [3]It's a (Small) Philofaxy World: The New York City Meet Up - Kanalt
- [4]A promise is a promise - The Crazy Life of J

- [5]An unbelievable experience - The Crazy Life of J

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3. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/05/its-small-philofaxy-world-new-york-city.html>
4. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/05/promise-is-promise.html>
5. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/05/now-that-ive-caught-up-on-my-sleep-i.html>

Jotje (2011-05-16 04:30:59)

Now, WHO bought a Crimson Malden at SamFlax???

Alison Reeves (2011-05-16 06:40:52)

Sounds like you all had great fun! Wish I could be there - but alas New York is rather a long way from the UK!

Perhaps I'll get to the next one in London!

kanalt (2011-05-16 06:40:58)

I believe it was Karensa.

Web Finds (2011-05-16 08:00)

I've almost lost track of what posts I've reported on and what ones I haven't.... anyway here are some I'm sure you will like:

- [1]What became of that Finsbury? - Caribbean Princess
- [2]Going analogue - the sequel - In the Dutch mountains
- [3]Mini Filofax Meet up - Kanalt - There was one before last Saturday's!!!!

Enjoy and have a good week

1. <http://caribbeanprincessmusings.blogspot.com/2011/05/so-what-became-of-that-finsbury.html>
2. <http://rene.raggl.me/post/5509413787/going-analogue-the-sequel>
3. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2010/10/mini-filofax-meet-up-new-hampshire.html>

markus (2011-05-16 08:38:31)

Here is another link.

<http://www.flexbyfilofax.com> is online.

Nellie (2011-05-16 15:27:39)

that looks interesting. Could be useful for work... I wish there was more info on the website as to what the inserts are like.

M Ng (2011-05-16 15:50:38)

The Flex reminds me of the Midori Traveler notebook, but with more options and sizes.

Jotje (2011-05-17 03:23:18)

Still have the impression that the Flex is a ripoff of www.x47.com!

Free For All Tuesday No. 15 (2011-05-17 00:00)



[1]

So what questions do you have this week?

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

terriknits (2011-05-17 01:02:35)

When will my Malden and inserts arrive? That's my burning question for this week!

Femke (2011-05-17 02:14:39)

terriknits: I have the same question! After Laurie pointed out the sale at City Organiser, and the crimson Malden almost 50 % off, I couldn't help myself. I have failed my goal for this month (not to use my creditcard!), but it's a Malden! Can't wait for it to arrive.

Laurie (2011-05-17 02:52:51)

To be fair, I heard about the sale from Sharon and just passed the information along. Enable It Forward. ;D

Jotje (2011-05-17 03:21:42)

Femke, your creditcard will forgive you once you hold your precious Malden in your hands!

Femke (2011-05-17 03:30:04)

Oh, so thanks Sharon as well :D

And Jotje, haha, I think so, too.

Saffy (2011-05-17 03:30:06)

I have a question. Apart from the incredibly popular Malden that everyone is raving about, what is your favourite Filofax and why? Is it the colour, pocket placement, leather texture? Just curious?

tommies-s-net (2011-05-17 03:45:26)

@Saffy: I do love my Mini Malden, as well, but my all time favourite is my Personal Hamilton!

I still love the brown colour, the oiled leather texture, and the - for me - perfect pocket placement. Plus: it's an all leather binder, which the successor Kendal isn't anymore :(

I hope it will still last a long time :)

All the best wishes and kind regards,

Thomas

Little Ms Jay Kay (2011-05-17 04:06:20)

I have just finished my post on my blog about the love of my Filofax and I mention my very first Filofax that I ever owned. However, I cannot for the life of me remember it's name. I have searched on the net but it's obviously

really hard without a name! So I am hoping that someone here could shed some light! It was a tan personal Filofax that was leather down the spine and suede on the front and back. The popper fastener was leather too. It had a zip pocket at the back and credit card slots in the front. That's it! Can anyone help because it is bugging me!! Thanks! x

Saffy (2011-05-17 04:21:51)

@tommies-s-net: I can understand why it is your favourite, it really is lovely and looks so classic like it will go on forever and just get better with age. In fact, after seeing your Hamilton I bought the Kendal (I know a lesser product) for my brother. I can't wait for him to see it. He was very impressed by the pics on the Filofax web site. And your mini Malden is just too cute. I think of all the Malden colours I prefer the Ochre.

Alison Reeves (2011-05-17 04:25:04)

I love my special edition pocket - it's black patent with crystals and silver accents. I got a black and silver index from Maudie over at Etsy and have just had her make me a plain black 12 set so I can write the months on in silver. This is my diary of choice that I carry around with me everywhere now. I'd have preferred a larger one on some ways, but knew it would never fit in my handbags.

I have loads of others (even an Ivory personal that has never been used!) but I just want to use my pocket!

I have a black Amazona in A5 which I also love, and I plan to use this on my desk for planning and lists etc. Has anyone found a way to increase the shine on the black amazona?

I've always been a colour girl, but I seem to have gone all black recently!

littlethatlittlethis.com (2011-05-17 04:30:16)

I am new to using a filofax, I recently started using my personal domino. Thanks to all the wonderful people at philofaxy I learned how to use a filofax and am absolutely loving it.

I would like to know which of personal filofax lie flat. My domino lies perfectly flat. It would be great if someone could tell me if chameleon/finchley/adelphi lie that flat.

Thanks in advance.

Saffy (2011-05-17 04:43:39)

@Alison: The SE Sounds lovely, would you be able to post photos? I too have a few yet to be used, perhaps I will change over with the seasons. I understand the 'fit into handbag' problem which is why I have a few slimlines. I love that I have a full personal sized page but not the weight issue.

@littlethatlittlethis@ I believe that all three you mentioned lay flat.

T (2011-05-17 05:29:04)

My question is really lame, but here goes:

Why are the holes slotted in the refills for the pocket Filofaxes ? The inserts that come in the Filo are the regular round holes.

What gives?

juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-17 06:24:53)

I am just the opposite to Alison - I used to be all 'any colour so long as it's black' but now I crave colour - especially blues and greens and most especially turquoise.

It was because of its vivid turquoise colour that I bought my Personal Finsbury in Aqua a couple of months ago. I had never owned a Finsbury before - I actually avoided them because I didn't think I would like the feel of the leather, but, much to my surprise, it is now my all-time favourite filo! I love the firmness of the leather, the neatness of its profile, the feeling that it is tough enough to stand up to daily use - my previous filo was the Finchley in Teal, but I never felt so comfortable with it as I do with the Finsbury. The Finchley has a slightly puffy texture and yet feels a bit flimsy too - sorry to any Finchley lovers - I expect some people really like its design, but after two years of on/off use, I just couldn't take to it. I haunted ebay, buying other filos - there's a whole boxful of them in my spare room right now! But as soon as I got the Finsbury I knew it was the right one for me.

This has really made a difference to the way I use my filo, too. With the Finchley, I entered some information,

but it never became 'the everything book' that I wanted it to be - I just didn't like using it enough to do that. But, in a much shorter time, the Finsbury already has much more of my life in it than the Finchley ever had. Before, the idea of using a filofax to organise myself was just that - an idea. Now, because I have the right filofax, it's become a reality.

So to anyone who is still searching for the right filofax and wondering if the search itself is a waste of time, I would say, keep looking, it will make a difference to your life.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-17 06:31:19)

T, it's so they fit onto the personal rings if you ever need to put them in a personal filo! Try it yourself if you have a personal!

Laurie (2011-05-17 06:33:14)

juliet your story is so inspiring!!

Saffy (2011-05-17 07:00:50)

@T: I think it is so that they fit the old 4 ring pocket binders.

@Juliet: I love your story too. It is exactly why I asked the question in the first place. I feel I am on a perpetual quest to find 'my' perfect filo.

About 5 years ago I gave my brother a navy Finsbury which he used irregularly up until the past year, he now loves it. I was not too impressed with it because it didn't lay flat, however, after use it does now. I want it back, he, he. I have now bought him the Kendal and no, I wouldn't dream of taking the Finsbury off him.

I love that you have found your perfect filo.

Perhaps as someone suggested a couple of days ago from the NYC meet up, the Malden in cream, lush!

T (2011-05-17 07:57:52)

@PTS and Saffy:

Thanks for the information!

I was wondering because I usually order my paper refills in volume at a printer's, instead of buying the Filofax refills.

I just got a pocket Guildford and was wondering if I needed to give special instructions to the printer for the holes. It seemed that the regular holes worked just fine, but I thought I might be missing something.

Alison Reeves (2011-05-17 10:29:25)

@ Saffy

I'll try and do some photos when I get it set up properly with the new inserts.

timmo55 (2011-05-17 10:35:48)

WOW! I have just seen the post about 50 % off at City Organiser!! I hot footed it over to their site & just placed my order for a crimson personal sized one. This is the third organiser I have bought this month! Earlier I bought a grey Pesonal Malden and yesterday bought a Personal Chameleon from WH Smith in Exeter at £32! But the Malden I think is my fav. So I'll sell the Chameleon now !!

Alison Reeves (2011-05-17 10:38:29)

I want to sell my Finsbury Mini which is in a light emerald/ grass green colour. Does anyone know what this colour was called as it seems to be discontinued? I will put it on ebay shortly once I have done the photo and sorted the colour name.h

Edwin61 (2011-05-17 10:45:16)

HELP!

I saw a beautiful Kendall Personal at WH Smith for a lovely price. Unfortunately they don't accept orders from out of the UK.

Now what? My parents go for a holiday to the UK, can they obtain it? Is there an alternative? Is there anyone in the UK who would like to help me and be the PO Box (which I would sincerely appreciate).

And WH Smith should take orders from abroad off course.
Thanks anyway

Jotje (2011-05-17 11:17:59)

@Alison: the official color is Emerald!

@Saffy: my personal Deco, because the leather it is so incredibly lush ...!

On laying flat: we've had several posts about it, I believe Steve included it in the files section? If not: those Personal binders lay flat: Domino, Deco, Malden, Finchley, Chameleon, Kendal, Songbird and the other Fabric covered ones. And lots of the "old" ones (like Piccadilly, Winchester, Kensington etc.)

@Jay Kay: I will start a quest soon to help you find the name. I love challenges like that!!!

Saffy (2011-05-17 11:22:24)

@Alison; Thanks, I can't wait to see the photos. I think the green was called Emerald at least that is what it looks like from the French website and I think Laurie has the A5? I love green and would dearly love a filo in that colour but the mini's just don't work for me otherwise I would have bought it from you.

@Edwin61: what country do you live in?

Jotje (2011-05-17 11:28:16)

@Ms Jay Kay: Is it the Chester? Filofax UK have screenshots of some vintage catalogs on their page. Here is a shot of the Chester: <http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=3-96061503356&set=a.396060408356.173324.97875648356&type=1&theater#!/photo.php?fbid=404776288356&set=a.396060408356.173324.97875648356&type=1&theater&pid=4176775&id=97875648356>

Apparently it was made in two colour combinations.

timmo55 (2011-05-17 11:30:54)

Hey Edwin61 - what WH Smith branch did you see the Kendall in or was it on the website?

Where about in the UK will your parents be & when?

Saffy (2011-05-17 11:39:19)

@timmo55: this is where I bought the kendal for my brother from at 50 % off.

<http://www.whsmith.co.uk/CatalogAndSearch/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=32784602>

Edwin61 (2011-05-17 11:44:19)

@Saffy I live in the Netherlands (pretty close to the Belgium border)

@Timmo55 My parents will visit my uncle in Bournemouth by the end of May.

It's all about the Kendall Personal Brown (I already have a A5 but I want to downsize and an Personal Black but I prefer brown) Think for an Ebay sale. Unlike many others I don't want to have a large collection of binders. Just one that suits me and is my walking memory ;-)

I saw it all on <http://www.whsmith.co.uk/CatalogAndSearch/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=32784602>

I'll see my folks in a couple of days. Anyway, help is welcome. So pitty that WH doesn't accept orders from outside the UK :-)

Saffy (2011-05-17 11:52:59)

@edwin61: can you have it posted c/- to your uncles address in Bournemouth?

timmo55 (2011-05-17 12:10:08)

How about this one:

http://cgi.ebay.co.uk/Filofax-Kendal-Organiser-Personal-/28064747489?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_3&hash=item4157e49ecc
£20!

Saffy (2011-05-17 12:17:31)

WOW!!! That wasn't available when I bought mine.

Sandra (2011-05-17 12:21:50)

@juliet.lima1022 Thank you for sharing your story! So glad you found the right Filo for you. It seems to always come down to one's individual preferences—as well it should!

@Femke You will love your Malden. Worth every penny.

A (2011-05-17 12:22:26)

Can someone tell me the best shops to find Filofax steals in London? Pls add addresses so I can make a list. Planning on coming to London this summer for a short stay!

Alison Reeves (2011-05-17 12:37:20)

@Edwin61 - could your uncle place the order for you? Then your parents would bring it back with them when they return?

Jeff Abbott (2011-05-17 13:25:18)

@Saffy – my wife and I both have Classic A5 (mine in chocolate, hers in pink) and love them. A5 is too big for some but they work great for us as "everything" books. I don't have another Filofax as I don't like to split things up and worry about which planner something is in.

Little Ms Jay Kay (2011-05-17 14:19:05)

@ Jotje You are a star! Challenge completed! Just take a bow! Looked at the pix and I was transported to the day I bought that Filofax.... ahh magic! I posted a reply on my brand new blog! Thanks again x

littlethatlittlethis.com (2011-05-17 19:03:42)

@ saffy thanks!

geew67 (2011-05-17 19:18:02)

@Saffy, I own about 10 Filofaxes but my all time favourite must be my pocket zipped Hamilton. I did the same as @juliet.lima1022, I hunted and bought from that wonderful site eBay until I came across the Hamilton. It is all leather and the smell is wonderful. I am trying to find a small slimline fountain pen to fit the pen loop, anyone any ideas?

terriknits (2011-05-17 19:43:51)

@Femke - I ordered through Filofax USA site (very economical shipping to Canada vs UK and vs. Pens & Leather), but they take a loooong time.

I have ordered the crimson. I usually default to black, black, black for bags, accessories, etc. but I loved the look of the crimson. Can't wait to see it "in real life".

This is my first Filofax brand binder, but not my first ringed planned. I feel a monster in the making ... already I've been eyeing up pocket/minis to throw in my smaller handbag.

Oni (2011-05-17 20:21:56)

@Alison : I would be quite interested in the Mini Finsbury, except I don't do eBay. Is there another way for me to acquire it? Please email me with the details.

Thanks!!

Laurie (2011-05-17 20:35:44)

Here's a link to a photo of my green Finsbury A5:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/plannerisms/3783634767/in/set-721576234_30927643

Butanben (2011-05-17 21:52:38)

Edwin, I live just 20 mins from Bournemouth, in Poole. There is a big WH Smith at Castlepoint, Bournemouth, an out of town shopping complex, but very close to Bournemouth, which has a very good selection of Filofaxes. Worth ringing them to see if they've got it in stock, as will probably be close to your uncle's home. Also Beales in Bournemouth, John Lewis at Branksome, between Bournemouth and Poole, both have an excellent selection of Filofaxes. Any good???

Butanben (2011-05-17 21:55:53)

PS @Edwin. Beales Filofaxes are in The Pen Shop, same company which Philofaxy are meeting up with in Edinburgh!!!

plaiditude (2011-05-17 21:57:11)

Does anyone have both a personal and A5 Kendal that could answer a question for me? I first bought the A5 Kendal, loved it except for one problem, the leather snap closer seemed too short - it's very difficult to close it even though the A5 is not full. A couple of months ago I got a personal Kendal and its strap was plenty long enough. The other day I decided to compare the straps and found that both my binders use the exact same length of strap, but the A5 of course is thicker with the larger rings, plus the seam on the back where it is sown in is further back from the edge. I'm wondering if this is how it is supposed to be, or if perhaps a mistake was made with my A5 and they used the wrong strap when sewing it. Can anyone compare the lengths of their straps and let me know if the A5 and Personal Kendal should have different lengths? Thanks!

Rori (2011-05-17 22:39:29)

@juliet Brilliant! Totally inspiring (and kind of enabling...:D) Thank you!!

@Laurie "Enable It Forward" LOL!! :P

Jotje (2011-05-18 08:25:51)

@plaitude: intriguing! I don't have an A5 Kendal, but I do have a Personal and A5 Finsbury, so I measured them up: the A5 strap is 1 mm wider and 3 mm longer than the one in the Personal. However, the Pers. strap is sown at 24mm from the edge, whereas the A5 strap is sown at 21 mm. The popper of the personal is at 23 mm from the edge, on the A5 it's 28 mm. Minor difference. But still differences!

terriknits (2011-05-18 12:53:31)

SQUEEEEEEE! The mailman just delivered my Crimson Malden. It's so gorgeous! I yanked everything out of my DayTimer binder and put it into the Malden, but I will have to go through and sort out all the tabs and sections. It's a horrible mishmash of DT refills, FF inserts and pocket size Moleskine paper that I ripped out of other books and hole-punched. It is, quite frankly, an ugly mess. Can't work on it right now, but will do so this evening!!

UNchecked other (2011-05-18 14:38:16)

@terriknits: Congratulations! The Malden is one piece of understated beauty that lives up to its reputation...and more!

I also have a Malden and out of all my organizers, it's my favourite. Unlike the Ostrich or the Deco that suggest (and ARE) "glam" and "luxe" or the Metropol that says "youthful," the Malden has an understated elegance that hints of more. It can't be stereotyped because it has the possibility of being anything and everything.

So in that regard, you could make it more blinged out with cotton cream everything, fun with colourful tabs, or down-to-earth with pics of loved ones. Its beauty and appeal are timeless. Kind of like Audrey H. and Katherine H. as opposed to I dunno, the Jersey Shore girls?

Ooops...That love letter went longer than intended. I guess my mom really wasn't joking when she said that the first time I saw a Malden in person, it reminded her of Gollum caressing The Ring and softly saying, "My Preciouuuuuussssss...."

Cheers!

Amanda (2011-05-18 16:03:42)

Bit late to the party as been away on business...

I *never* got on with a personal size filofax until I bought the Baroque. *Really* pretty and excellent pockets (almost identical to the Malden), *plus* the gorgeous embossing.

I blogged about it here:

<http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/04/personal-baroque-part-3.htm> l

I have also got the baroque in blue and I think I prefer the colour but am trying to hold off using it for a bit.

Anita (2011-05-18 17:26:00)

Just had excellent service from Filofax UK. They agreed to replace a slightly cracked cherry personal Classic. Unfortunately when the replacement arrived, the spine had become detached in the post.

Before they sent out another one, I asked if I could have a personal Malden instead... crimson one arrived today & it's gorgeous! I'm such a convert that I'm going to sell my other 2 filox :)

Oni (2011-05-19 07:53:09)

@Alison:

I have just sent you an email, hopefully it didn't end up in your spam folder.

I noticed that my profile is hidden and you weren't able to see my email address.

Kelliejo (2011-05-25 16:55:49)

I am so glad I found this site. So much information. I just bought 7 filox. I know I know. I have several things I want to do with them. I gave one to my daughter too. I just got all of my preprinted stuff but I am very interested in printing some custom ones for myself. I would love any info on the program they offer to do this from home. Hooked!!!!

Web Finds 18 May 2011 (2011-05-18 00:00)

So this week we have some new people to blogging and new to Filofax blogging too, as well as some of our established contributors.

- [1]Malden in Manhattan - The Crazy Life of J - *which you must read in conjunction with:*
- [2]Malden on Location - Life Well Planned
- [3]All About Organisation - My Fabulous Filofax - Little Ms Jay Kay Gets a Life
- [4]Malden Magic - Timmo55 - Hmm where have I seen that title [5]before??!!
- [6]Another Malden - Timmo55
- [7]My Filofax, how I love thee (Part 1) - Simplify To Save

Enjoy

1. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/05/malden-in-manhattan.html>
2. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/05/malden-on-location-bryant-park-nyc.html>
3. <http://littlemjaykay.blogspot.com/2011/05/all-about-organisation-my-fabulous.html>
4. <http://timmo55.blogspot.com/2011/05/malden-magic.html>
5. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/malden-magic.html>
6. <http://timmo55.blogspot.com/2011/05/another-malden.html>
7. <http://simplifytosave.com/2011/05/13/my-filox1/>

Amanda (2011-05-18 22:45:03)
Thank you for the mention. :)

What's in your Filofax? :Addresses and Contacts (2011-05-18 07:02)

In this week's edition of our What's in your Filofax? series the subject is addresses and contacts.

I keep my master addresses and contacts information in my A5 Finsbury that stays home. This is the one I use when addressing my Christmas cards. Everyone I know in my life is in my A5.

In my personal Deco I keep addresses, phone numbers and other contact information for everyone I might need to contact on a regular basis. That way whenever I travel, I have all of my emergency contact info, and addresses of people to send post cards to.

I also keep a list of all the phone numbers that are in my mobile phone so if it ever gets lost or broken I can re-create all my contacts in a new phone.

I know many people these days keep their contact information only electronically. Do you use your Filofax to hold addresses, phone numbers and other contact information?

Femke (2011-05-18 07:12:51)

That is the one thing I don't use my Filofax for, I have an iMac, iPad and iPhone, so that is where I keep my addresses. My files are stuffed with other things, so I'm glad that I don't have that in there.

Imy (2011-05-18 07:36:15)

I don't use my filofax for addresses at all, I have some important numbers written down, but I took all the address sections out to save weight, I might use them later? I don't know, but I don't have hundreds of addresses or anything like that :- (and I like to write letters

tommies-s-net (2011-05-18 07:46:31)

Besides having to decide which colour I use for which kind of notes, this is my most bothering task.

Last winter, when updating the diary for 2011, I removed all addresses and business cards from my Filofax. And I haven't reorganised them ever since :(

Since I also keep it all in my Mac and iPhone, there are so many information entries to each person, that I cannot put it all in the place a Filofax template offers.

So, I would very much have it all in my Filo, but haven't imagined a "good system" yet.

Kind regards, Thomas

Saffy (2011-05-18 08:20:50)

I keep all my addresses in my 'master copy' file behind their respective tabs. In my slimline which I carry with me all the time I condensed my addresses down to 4 pages and only carry "relevant/important" address/phone numbers with me. The slimline only comes with 12 (slimline a-z) tabs and so I pull those out and replace with spare subject tabs. Better to have 6 tabs than 12.

I have also done this with my A5 work file, saves flipping through the a-z trying to find the correct number.

terriknits (2011-05-18 10:01:18)

I don't have addresses in my planner. I have my addresses/contacts on my BlackBerry. That is also on my computer in Outlook (and I have two external hard drives that get backed up daily). More room for other goodies in my binder!

justenoughsalt (2011-05-18 10:41:41)

I keep maybe 6 addresses and contacts in my filofax but all of my contact info is in my google contacts which automatically syncs with my phone, and mac so I never have to update multiple devices.

LaLaBella (2011-05-18 11:00:57)

Been lurking for a while. Time to jump in.

I keep addresses & phone #'s at home but keep just phone #'s in the one I carry around. I also border a couple of pages with a yellow highlighter and use those pages for emergency numbers. My house got broken into once and those highlighted pages made my life so much easier.

Beverley (2011-05-18 11:33:54)

I have a tiny Lechtureum address book that sits in the back pocket of my Filo. I had a similar thing when I used a Moleskine. I also have all its contents in my laptop, my iPod and an address book in my studio. Full addresses, emails, phone numbers, everything are in all places. My computer blew up two years ago taking my email address book with it proving that "point of use" is pointless in this instance.

UNchecked other (2011-05-18 14:01:35)

Aloha! A really long time lurker, first time commentator here!

As much as technologies have rapidly advanced, they are still likely to fail. Bearing that in mind, although my contacts are stored in my home computers / laptops / tablets / hard drive / thumb drives / smart phones, I have back-ups of back-ups in paper form.

Even though it only keeps a master list of addresses, my at-home Filo has an overstuffed burrito aesthetic because the list is exhaustive. My grad school Filo has a section for networking info related to academia and research, my main Filo has a list of important contacts, and finally, my pocket—the one used for smaller purses—also has a list of important contacts.

You could say that I NEED to have contact info; a lot of my scholarly research interests are in not-so-safe locales.

stirwise (2011-05-18 14:38:17)

@A Well-Preserved Me:

I like your emergency numbers idea. Currently the only emergency contacts in my Filo are in case someone needs to contact people on my behalf, like if I'm in an accident. I never thought it might be helpful to have numbers *I'd* need to call in there.

I don't currently keep any kind of contacts pages in my Filo, I do that exclusively electronically. There's a lot of redundancy, I have my computers sync with my phone and the cloud, so I'm not worried about loss, but having a list of useful contacts, like insurance companies, etc. would be really helpful in an emergency.

I do keep a handful of business cards in my Filo, with contacts I'll only need temporarily, so it's not worth entering them into my phone.

Right now the only thing I use telephone/address sheets for is username/password info for websites, carefully obfuscated so only I understand what they mean.

LaLaBella (2011-05-18 14:51:20)

@Stirwise

I have phone #'s for my credit card companies, insurance companies, a reputable locksmith, a towing service. Like I said, a lifesaver.

J (2011-05-19 14:29:32)

I used to keep some addresses (mainly close friends and family) in my Filo, but removed them when I revamped. Now they are in my Domino which stays at home.

I also use Google Contacts for most work contacts and emails- it is super convenient as these change so often!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-05-19 15:06:12)

I also use my iPhone for contacts but do have an emergency list in my Filofax as I don't know any-ones number (including my hubbies) off the top of my head. I have my hubbies, parents, in-laws, childrens nursery phone numbers in my Filofax just incase my phone dies on me. I also add any travel numbers onto a designated travel page (hotel, airlines, travel insurance) before I travel incase I get delayed and my phone battery dies (it has happened on multiple occasions). It doesn't add bulk to my Filofax but is reassuring to have there...

Flex by Filofax - Review Part 1 (2011-05-19 00:01)

When a company that has been known for one type of product for 90 years comes out with a new concept or design of product, it somewhat grabs your attention. [1]Flex by Filofax is just that. A totally new product line for them.

I received a large parcel just before I left to travel to UK on Monday, it was a bundle of the new Flex by Filofax consisting of a Pocket size Flex 'binder' and an A5 size Flex 'binder' in addition I also received some other inserts for both sizes.



[2] This is the first time I had seen the Flex system, so it has taken me a few days to fully assess it before writing this review. Yes it's made by Filofax, but it is very different to the organiser systems you are currently using.

There are some similarities so let's deal with those first. The page sizes are the same, so pocket is 81x120 mm, A5 is 148x210 mm. There is a Slim size as well which is 150mm x 85mm slightly smaller than Filofax Personal Size.

Like a Filofax organiser there are a selection of 'inserts' that you can put in your Flex binder. However, an insert in the Flex system is effectively a bound book, not loose pages. Inserts such as plain or ruled paper come in a variety of page numbers so you have some control of how 'thick' or 'thin' your Flex is.

I'm not sure why, but I was expecting a very technical solution as to how the 'inserts' are attached to the binder. But there isn't one. If you think of your Filofax organiser without the ring mechanism (possibly quite a costly item these days) then on the front and back cover there are slots or pockets running from top to bottom of the cover, these are quite wide. You simply insert the cover of the insert from the left or the right into the pocket.

Being such a simple solution it does facilitate quite a few permutations that you can use in setting up your Flex system.

So far I've come up with these ideas:

- Normally we think of a book being bound in the middle when you open it. With the Flex system you can have it like that. However, you can also put the binding at the edges with the opening sides in the middle. This raises some interesting possibilities, which I will come on to later.
- The pen holder included with your Flex binder can be inserted on the left or the right or in the middle. Left handed people can celebrate this system I think would cope with their needs perfectly.
- Being able to insert any number of combination inserts in to the binder allows you to mix and match the different inserts available and the method of moving them in or out of your system is very quick and not complicated at all. For instance with the Flex binder you get a Jot-Pad, there's no need for this to sit in the binder all the time you could keep it in your kitchen for making shopping lists, then just as you go out shopping you pop it in to your Flex binder and it is then integrated in to your system again.
- There are diary inserts; so far I have only seen a Week on Two Page format and Year planners. But if they one day they produce a Page Per Day format as well. You could have say Week on Two Pages on one side of the binder and Day Per Page on the other side of the binder, when open, both would be fully visible at the same time.

The diary inserts I received are 2011/201213 month week to view and they include the following:

- 13 month week per view diary (July 2011 – July 2012) in English only
- Each week has a 'This Week' space along with a monthly calendar and then equal spaces for each day.
- Four year calendar blocks
- 2012 + 2013 Month planners (the cover sheet says 2011 + 2012 this is an error)
- International information
- European information.
- Notable dates
- Religious festivals
- Weights and Measures
- The World and time
- Personal Information.

The paper is similar to Filofax cottoncream; it feels quite high quality and smooth to touch. In total it is 144pages. The level of detail in the information is similar if not the same as ina conventional Filofax diary insert, but obviously you can't remove pages youwill not use, and they have to stay in the same order.



[3]

In the above picture you can see an A5 Flex binder with a notebook inserted on the left but with the binding in the middle, whilst on the right the plain notebook is inserted with the binding on the outside edge, as you can see when open it they do overlap.



[4]

In the picture below on the left is the A5 Flex binder in grey sitting next to my grey A5 Malden (I had to get a Malden in here somewhere!!) As you can see the Flex binder is slightly smaller although the paper size is the same.



[5]

This picture shows the standard A5 Flex set up of an 80 page ruled notebook, 32 page jotter pad and moveable elasticated pen holder



[6]

Opening everything up.



[7]

Here I've removed all the inserts so you can see the binder in it's basic form. Even with an insert on the left hand side it is still possible to access the car slots on the left hand side. The pockets that the inserts slip in to can be used as a secretarial pocket if there isn't an insert slotted in to it.



[8]

Here is a Pocket Magenta Flex binder.



[9]

Again this comes with a standard set up of a 64 page ruled notebook, 32 page jot pad and a moveable elasticated pen holder



[10]



[11]

Again removing the inserts shows the detail of the card slots on the left and you will notice the horizontal slots for the jotter pad top and bottom so you can use the binder with the pad on the left or the right.



[12]

Here I've inserted the Week on Two Page diary insert on the right and a 256 page notebook on the left. As mentioned earlier, with it fully open the card slots are still accessible.



[13]

The view from above of this quite 'chunky' set up. The pen holder is still usable.



[14] And fully closed with these to inserts in place here you are seeing the binding side, so it more or less protects the pages too.



[15] Prices are as follows:

2011
RSP
(Inc VAT)

CODE

SIZE

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Covers

852001
Pocket
Filled Pocket Flex Black
£ 17.00
852003
Pocket
Filled Pocket Flex Magenta
£ 17.00

852004
 Pocket
 Filled Pocket Flex Slate
 £ 17.00
 854001
 Slim
 Filled Slim Flex Black
 £ 19.00
 854003
 Slim
 Filled Slim Flex Magenta
 £ 19.00
 854004
 Slim
 Filled Slim Flex Slate
 £ 19.00
 855001
 A5
 Filled A5 Flex Black
 £ 27.00
 855003
 A5
 Filled A5 Flex Magenta
 £ 27.00
 855004
 A5
 Filled A5 Flex Slate
 £ 27.00
 Dated
 8621111
 Pocket
 Pocket English Week on 2 Pages Flex Diary July 2011-July 2012
 £ 5.50
 8620112
 Pocket
 Pocket English Week on 2 Pages Flex Diary Dec 2011-Dec 2012
 £ 5.50
 8621011
 Pocket
 Pocket Multi-Language Flex Horizontal Year Planner 2011
 £ 2.50
 8621012
 Pocket
 Pocket Multi-Language Flex Horizontal Year Planner 2012
 £ 2.50
 8641111
 Slim
 Slim English Week on 2 Pages Flex Diary July 2011-July 2012
 £ 7.50
 8640112
 Slim
 Slim English Week on 2 Pages Flex Diary Dec 2011-Dec 2012
 £ 7.50

8641011
 Slim
 Slim Multi-Language Flex Horizontal Year Planner 2011
 £ 3.00
 8641012
 Slim
 Slim Multi-Language Flex Horizontal Year Planner 2012
 £ 3.00
 8651111
 A5
 A5 English Week on 2 Pages Flex Diary July 2011-July 2012
 £ 10.00
 8650112
 A5
 A5 English Week on 2 Pages Flex Diary Dec 2011-Dec 2012
 £ 10.00
 8651011
 A5
 A5 Multi-Language Flex Horizontal Year Planner 2011
 £ 3.25
 8651012
 A5
 A5 Multi-Language Flex Horizontal Year Planner 2012
 £ 3.25
 Refills
 872001
 Pocket
 Pocket Flex Thin Ruled Notebook
 £ 3.50
 872002
 Pocket
 Pocket Flex Thick Ruled Notebook
 £ 7.50
 872003
 Pocket
 Pocket Flex Thin Plain Notebook
 £ 3.50
 872004
 Pocket
 Pocket Flex Thick Plain Notebook
 £ 7.50
 872005
 Pocket
 Pocket Flex Contacts
 £ 3.50
 892001
 Pocket
 Pocket Flex Jot Pad
 £ 6.00
 892002
 Pocket
 Pocket Flex Pen Holder
 £ 2.00

874001
 Slim
 Slim Flex Thin Ruled Notebook
 £ 4.50
 874002
 Slim
 Slim Flex Thin Plain Notebook
 £ 4.50
 874003
 Slim
 Slim Flex Contacts
 £ 4.50
 894001
 Slim
 Slim Flex Jot Pad
 £ 8.50
 894002
 Slim
 Slim Flex Pen Holder
 £ 2.50
 875001
 A5
 A5 Flex Thin Ruled Notebook
 £ 5.50
 875002
 A5
 A5 Flex Thick Ruled Notebook
 £ 10.00
 875003
 A5
 A5 Flex Thin Plain Notebook
 £ 5.50
 875004
 A5
 A5 Flex Thick Plain Notebook
 £ 10.00
 875005
 A5
 A5 Flex Contacts
 £ 5.50
 895001
 A5
 A5 Flex Jot Pad
 £ 10.00
 895002
 A5
 A5 Flex Pen Holder
 £ 3.00

Flex is currently available in stores at the moment and [16]available on-line in the next couple of weeks.
 There is also a dedicated website for the '[17]Flex by Filofax' where people have posted their own [18]feed-

back about the Flex system

I'm not sure I would replace my Filofax with a Flex system. But I have to say I think this new product should be a success, particularly if they expand the range of inserts available and possibly the number of colours/styles of the binders. I particularly like the way the binder has been designed, the way the pockets if not used for an insert you can use then as a pocket for storing notes, tickets etc.

Thank you to Filofax for sending me the free samples to review.

1. <http://tidd.ly/5275c006>
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3. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Lwemc7acP_M/TdP8tNuSSBI/AAAAAAAAJM4/f48dSJl5jKs/s1600/C_Shot+1a.jpg
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6. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-6dTC93R4hTE/TdP9EDEbchI/AAAAAAAAJNE/AukiGY9pMIs/s1600/DSCF0540.JPG>
7. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-_QmW7ZEdZfE/TdP9N3STJvI/AAAAAAAAJNI/UiT7E_v1E/s1600/DSCF0541.JPG
8. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-N1eQQt129gE/TdP9Xqm01MI/AAAAAAAAJNM/sZyjK0i-XDY/s1600/DSCF0542.JPG>
9. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-ddXWG14BvVI/TdP9f8RXqII/AAAAAAAAJNQ/qa9I4Zab7wQ/s1600/DSCF0543.JPG>
10. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-I8TX9daulto/TdP9nrQMbuI/AAAAAAAAJNU/x4ElPqmqAso/s1600/DSCF0545.JPG>
11. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-IFHEfRbJLGk/TdP91ayj9tI/AAAAAAAAJNY/eP-y6YVtz0Q/s1600/DSCF0546.JPG>
12. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-jpxR0frB-_U/TdP-FJYUBdI/AAAAAAAAJNc/1cj10rDDydU/s1600/DSCF0547.JPG
13. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Abm4Hz54AH4/TdP-qm0f0eI/AAAAAAAAJNs/H8mFsOSpkMU/s1600/DSCF0553.JPG>
14. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-APTjTaDLTXc/TdP-0JyIntI/AAAAAAAAJNw/snXFbGv028A/s1600/DSCF0554.JPG>
15. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-mZ-ppB0kXWI/TdP-6cwkXyI/AAAAAAAAJNO/53FSRYTFDyk/s1600/DSCF0555.JPG>
16. <http://tidd.ly/5275c006>
17. http://www.flexbyfilofax.com/default_flex.asp
18. <http://www.flexbyfilofax.com/experiences/>

justenoughsalt (2011-05-19 00:14:15)

perfect post is perfect....

i will have to see the flex in purpose. i like the idea of it very much but am concerned about how bulky i would be inclined to make it.

stirwise (2011-05-19 00:40:25)

This is similar to how Hermes sets up their agendas, though with more flexibility. That said, you can get page-per-day books for an Hermes agenda (they come boxed, 3 or 4 books per year, I can't remember which), but this limits users to WO2P exclusively. How disappointing.

Laurie (2011-05-19 00:53:19)

Excellent review Steve, thank you for showing us the details of this new system (and I love the action shots! Well done.).

There are several things I like right away about this system: the ability to see the weekly diary open alongside notes; each booklet lays flat and there's no rings to avoid while writing; the pockets are arranged so that there are many possible configurations for the booklets.

Can you tell us approximately the thickness of the A5 Flex with the weekly diary and notes booklet compared to the thickness of your A5 Malden?

Thanks again Steve for this great review!

terriknits (2011-05-19 02:26:20)

oh dear ... just when I got my Malden and got it all fixed up. I really like the looks and flexibility of this. Awesome review! I'll have to come back tomorrow and read it more thoroughly (past midnight here).

Steve (2011-05-19 03:32:39)

Thanks everyone.

Laurie I will set up the A5 Flex like that later and add in an additional photo. As well as measuring the two together.

Francesca (2011-05-19 04:07:42)

My goodness... This could be the answer to all my Filofax needs! Let the Flex shopping commence!

Thanks Steve- you have brightened up this morning's commute!

Imy (2011-05-19 04:58:53)

You would not believe how amazing that review was, and you really sold it to me (not that it would take much) but as soon as i get paid and i see it online im buying it :-) MAGENTA!!!!!! YAY

Thank you for an amazing review!!!! :-D

Alison Reeves (2011-05-19 05:33:49)

Great review, thanks Steve. I feel quite excited about this, but am not sure if in fact it would meet my needs as well as my filofax.

Top marks to Filofax for branching out with a new innovative product though. I'm sure if it is successful they will add some nice leather binders to the range - I would have thought they might have had one in leather now though?

I'm looking forward to seeing more about it soon.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-19 06:06:01)

Interesting! I'm not sure I would replace my existing filofaxes either; it's annoying that if I bought this to try out, I wouldn't be able to just swap back to my filofax binders if I didn't like it, because the inserts I had bought for the flex wouldn't fit on the rings and they would be wasted, unlike if I buy a filofax binder now, I can just switch the inserts back over. But I suppose I might find a use for it one day... I just wonder if any non-filofax notepads etc would fit in the slots refilling it could be slightly less expensive?

Laurie (2011-05-19 06:18:05)

Excellent question TPS, I wonder if for example Moleskine volant or cahier notebooks would fit into the slots?

Steve (2011-05-19 07:52:15)

Hi Folks

OK after lunch I will do the additional photos as mentioned earlier and also I will measure the 'slots' or more accurately the size of the pockets on the Pocket and A5 I don't have a Slim/Personal to measure but you might be able to scale between the different sizes to get some idea.

Regards

Steve

Oni (2011-05-19 08:17:15)

This is indeed a great review, Steve!! Whilst looking at the pictures, I found myself trying to come up with an excuse to get one. Sadly, I can't justify getting yet a new system, when I have my lovely Midori waiting patiently inside its box until next year.... sigh.

I agree with you, this will be a great hit, especially if they offer more colours! The magenta and slate are ok, but I'd much rather have one in purple (Laurie, wink wink), blue, olive green, etc...

Laurie (2011-05-19 08:24:43)

Yes let's hope Flex 2.0 comes in purple!

(Although really, do I need any more temptation??)

SNARLing: (2011-05-19 08:43:31)

great review and pics!

the flex seems interesting enough but it also looks as if it's a desk product - no matter what the size. i write in my lap a lot or sometimes standing up...not sure that this product could work that way unless you took the booklet out of the sleeve pocket...hmmm kinda too much work. it's already a lot of work sometimes to very quickly unpop a binder, look for notes or the marked calendar and write in that... i'd love to see more detailed images on how people would use it

Schollert (2011-05-19 10:01:03)

Wow! So great to hear a 'specialists' hands on experience with this!

I have high hopes for the Flex system and really am looking forward to play around with it (and maybe smell it... (if you do not get this, don't think of it!) ;-))

Looking forward to see it in the e-shop soon. Hope my local pusher (Norway/Oslo) will get a good selection as well.

justenoughsalt (2011-05-19 10:13:46)

us traditional filofaxers might have a problem with the inability to take things out after year and years of conditioning where we add and remove at will. but then again filofax seems to be pushing this as a filofax alternative. in my head i read that as moleskine competition.

@theperpetualstudent i think that you asked a great question. i know some japanese bookstores that sell notepads in those sizes and hope that they will fit as an alternative if i dont like the flex ones

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-19 10:41:41)

@Laurie and Justenoughsalt,

I think the A5 size will be easy to refill because there are plenty of A5 notebooks, diaries etc out there! In fact, I'm thinking about doing that for my uni planning notes. But I don't know about other sizes...

Does anyone know where we could get our hands on one of these?

Saffronia (2011-05-19 11:56:29)

@Steve

Thanks for the great review!

That looks like a pretty great combination of bound book and "leather" organizer.

I like the slimness of the inserts in the A5, though the pocket is a little obnoxiously thick.

I am a little disappointed at the quality of the Flex cover, but I definitely love the potential!

Anticipating the future covers they will provide. Great hopes for something a little luxe in terms of Flex covers.

All-in-all, I like it!

Great post!

stirwise (2011-05-19 14:08:30)

@justenoughsalt I was thinking the same thing, that this is a direct response to Moleskine. Seems like a "smarter" Moleskine, instead of having 3 or 4 books floating around in your bag, you can bind them all together.

I used to be a Moleskine person, and part of the reason I stopped using them is I got sick of having so many loose books to keep track of. Yes, it was nice to only bring with me the book I thought I'd need, but it was also a hassle.

If one can stick Moleskine books in the Flex cover, that might be a real winning combination.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-05-19 15:02:54)

Wonderful review. I would not envisage the Flex replacing my Filofax but I like the thought of having it as an ideas book that I leave on my desk that I can sketch and write in (and open up so my thoughts are all displayed at once).

Nothing will replace my Filofax, a system that works so well for me but this might be an ideal supplement (time to go shopping!).

Tim (2011-05-19 17:01:45)

Filofax might be "excited" - but nothing is new. The Flex by Filofax design is just a blatant copy of the Time Manager (TMI) Planner Wallet from 1980 and still available! To be fair, Filofax have done it in different sizes such as A5 and added some flexibility - but that's about all! If I could add a photo here to show you, I would!

kanalt (2011-05-19 21:46:45)

Excellent review! I'm in agreement that I would replace my Malden as my daily planner. But I can see myself using one of these for meeting and/or project notes. Looking forward to its arrival in the US.

Steve (2011-05-24 09:53:31)

OK if you have any 'readers questions' I think I will mop them all up with one final part on this product.

Please post your questions in the next day or so. Thanks

Steve

Filofax USA Q&A (2011-05-19 09:00)

Last week before the meet up on Saturday, our 'roving reporter' Colie got to speak to some of the representatives of Filofax USA and fired some tough questions at them! Well in a friendly way of course! Thank you Colie for these detailed responses:

Marty from Filofax: Tell us more...Maldens, Stocklists, & Warnings

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting Marty Kirschenheiter, the area manager for Filofax here in NYC. Marty represents Letts of London, Lamy, Lard-O-Led, and our personal favorite Filofax. He was very excited to meet and seemed genuinely happy to hear about the Philofaxy community! After meeting with him, I have to say he is a real gem and Filofax is very lucky to have someone both responsive and enthusiastic!

Marty said that he did not think the A5 Malden would be produced in red, at least not this year, but he did elaborate on the Malden line itself; noting that the Malden's leather is not bonded leather. It is instead, top grained leather which accounts for the variation we are seeing in the color and pattern of each individual Malden, especially in the Ochre color option.

Like the Philofaxy community, Marty did not really know why the international sites do not have the same stocklists/items but he did mention that all of the printing is done at the same location in England and that the individual countries create special orders for their refills from there. He did not foresee that changing any time soon. Marty warned that we should expect a decrease in the assortment of non-dated refills, as they discontinue items that have not sold well. (gulp)

Marty said that the Apex line was the closest to a kids line that Filofax has produced. He seems to see it more as a teenager's Filofax, but mentioned that it is a much harder vinyl than the Metropol.

- Marty was carrying a black Guilford Extra Slimline with
 - month on 2 pages diary inserts
 - green ruled paper (whatever he picks up that week he uses)
 - the assorted sticky notes insert
 - the black ruler insert
- At home, Marty keeps a black Hampden A5 as more of a journal with
 - month on 2 pages diary inserts
 - lots of business card holder inserts
 - address pages

Dominic from Filofax: Tell us more...about FLEX & Print-to-File software

"Everyone in the organization is very excited about Flex. Before I speak about Flex, it's important to note that our new Flex product is not a Filofax. The Flex tagline is "Notes & More", which really sums up its purpose. Flex is a brand new concept in the notebook category. Flex is a product that is used for taking notes, organizing thoughts, making lists, recording memories, sketching, planning and creating. Flex is designed for thinkers, students, romantics, artists, mom's, dad's multi-taskers and everyone else who enjoys (or needs) to write things down. Flex can be made to include a planner, but a planner is not its primary function.

The Flex product consists of a cover, or jacket, that is cleverly designed with slots that allow you to insert special notebooks inside of it. The design and placement of the slots enables you to insert up to several notebooks at a time. The notebook inserts are formatted as ruled, blank, as an address book, a jot pad or even as a planner. There is also a way to customize Flex with multiple pen loops. The number and format of the notebooks and accessories that you use is totally up to you. Whatever you decide to put in your Flex is certain to create a unique writing experience that feels great in your hand. Look for Flex to be on store shelves in the US by mid-July."

Dominic DiBella is President of Filofax, Inc. and started with the company way back in 1997, which happens to be the first year I bought my first Filofax! Dominic is a CPA and his first position at the company was as Financial Controller. Then a few years later he became CFO. Responsible for six stores, he really began to learn about the Filofax business. Sadly, none of the Filofax stores are open any more. Then in 2001, when Letts purchased Filofax, Dominic became President of Filofax, Inc.

Dominic uses a black personal Finchley as well as a black pocket Belgravia...

"In my Personal Finchley I use a lot of notepaper, to do lists, and sticky notes. As for my Pocket Belgravia, I use this when I'm not travelling. My pocket sized Filofax has just has a calendar, ruled papers and many to do lists. I usually keep this in my car and take it home for the weekends."

I asked Dominic which item is he particularly fond of that does not seem to get enough attention.

"I really like our Print-to-File software. When you combine the software with our laser paper, or even with one of our hole punches, you really get a chance to maximize your Filofax...I am a big fan of our Print-to-File software and so I use it to print off all of my sales and financial reports. I then put these reports into my Filofax so that I can have them at the ready whenever I'm in a meeting. This saves a lot of space in my briefcase and really helps me to stay organized by keeping my calendar, notes and reports all in the same place."

Note from Steve: *I am reviewing the Flex System at the moment for you... please be patient it will be on here soon. Also I would love to know why the Print to File Software isn't available outside of the USA.*

Dominic from Filofax: Tell us more...Philofaxy Q & A

Dominic DiBella President of Filofax, Inc answers Philofaxy questions...

● Butaben: Any chance of an A5 Malden being produced in red?

○ *"Malden is a great product and there are more colors planned for launch. Unfortunately a true Red is not presently in the works"*

● Alison Reeves: Why on earth don't they have a full range of inserts on their website? there are many on Euro sites - in English - that are not available on the US site. there is a lot of interest in the refills on the Denmark site.

○ *"If you are referencing the US website, we do presently carry most of the English language inserts that the company makes. Of course with the vast selection of products that we have in production there are bound to be a few that we've missed. If there is something that is of particular interest then please let us know and we can certainly see about adding it to our website."*

● A: Consider releasing a kids-line? have you ever done a kidsline? {For kids: sturdy cover, no leather, many different inserts, many compartments, room for photo ID and library cards, variety of calendars (due to different school systems with different time tables), all kinds of world maps, chemistry/physics/math inserts (not really cheat-sheets but general overviews) and maybe some small dictionaries. An English spell-well insert would be great too. }

○ *"To my knowledge we have not produced a line that was aimed at young children. Over the years we have produced a large number of products aimed at the school market, however most have been targeted towards university aged students. We are currently working on a "youth" offering for next year. At present this line is targeted for the late teen/early twenty year old age group. The suggestions for a young student product will certainly be taken into consideration."*

● Lee Ann: Will there be another sale soon?

○ *"I believe this question is related to our UK website. On occasion the US website will offer discounts on items that have been discontinued from the line, but we currently do not plan to discount any of our new or existing lines."*

● Lee Ann: Could they have a competition that is open to US residents?

○ *"Yes there will be contests for US residents. We are working on some fun contests for the third and fourth quarter. Check back with www.filofaxusa.com in the fall to see what we have."*

● Lee Ann: Any chance of discounts to email subscribers?

○ *"US and Canadian customers who are on our mailing lists do receive exclusive coupons for free shipping and other "gift with purchase" promotions. Anyone who purchases from our website is automatically added to our email list unless they choose to opt out. You can also add your name to our list without a purchase by going to our homepage at www.filofaxusa.com. If you scroll to the bottom you can click on the link to add your name to our list."*

● Aunt Gloria: Are any plans to produce the personal in a larger ring size - any where from 1 1/4 to 2 inches?

○ *"At this time there are no plans for a ring size of 1 1/4 to 2 inches. We are always reviewing our ring size offerings and will take your suggestion into consideration."*

● Kanalt: Any plans to sell the travel and / or city packs in U.S.?

○ *"Yes, we can add these to our US website. Give us a few weeks."*

● David Popley: What can you tell us about the time management professional system that is on the UK site? Any chance of it coming to the US? Is it something Filofax plans on continuing?

○ *"This product has been around for many years and is quite popular in the UK. Unfortunately I am not well acquainted with this range and so I cannot pass along many details. I do know that there are no plans to bring this product into the US at this time."*

● justenoughsalt: How are Letts, Lamy, and Filofax related?

○ *"Filofax and Letts are part of the same company. Back in 2001 the owners of the Charles Letts & Company purchased Filofax Limited and then formed the Letts Filofax Group, Ltd. (LFG). The LFG is headquartered in Dalkeith, Scotland. LFG also owns the Yard-O-Led brand of writing instruments that you see on our website. As for Lamy, LFG does not own them. Filofax, Inc. (The American subsidiary of LFG) is the US distributor for Lamy. Filofax, Inc. are also the US distributors for Caran d'Ache fine writing instruments."*

● justenoughsalt: When will the new organizers be out and in stores in N. America?

○ *"Many of the new Filofax organizers will begin shipping in early June."*

Thank you Colie for asking all of the questions on our behalf.

Nan (2011-05-19 09:23:47)

Thank so much, Colie. I was hoping you were going to write this info up for the blog!

tommies-s-net (2011-05-19 09:49:07)

Thanks to Colie for writing, and Steve for publishing! Great post!

I just don't like the passage saying that some undated inserts will be discontinued :(Looks like I will have to buy a couple of my favourites in advance...

Once again an big thank you!

Thomas

Laurie (2011-05-19 10:01:27)

Thanks Colie, this is great information!!

Sandra (2011-05-19 10:09:04)

Thank you, Colie!

justenoughsalt (2011-05-19 10:17:14)

@tommies GULP

SNARLing: (2011-05-19 12:07:09)

awesome! thanks for doing this. i find it interesting which products filofax insiders use. i'm worried about the items to be discontinued though...

stirwise (2011-05-19 13:42:56)

Great post! I especially like the news that perhaps the travel and city dweller packs will come stateside. I've always wanted them but could never justify the shipping cost from the UK.

Any chance we could get a list of soon-to-be-discontinued inserts? I'd like to be able to stock up . . .

Silver Bell Girl (2011-05-19 13:50:45)

Thanks for trying, Colie. They certainly aren't very forthcoming with specifics, are they?

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-05-19 14:59:51)

Really interesting. Thanks for sharing...

Kate (2011-05-19 15:37:40)

Very interesting post. Thanks for sharing it. I love surfing the international Filofax sites and comparing products and looking for bargains. I've just picked up a half price Personal Piazza in a glorious sunny yellow from Filofax France. I feel quite chic!

Like Steve, I wonder when the print to file software will be available outside the US. A comprehensive international site would be a dream come true!

Butanben (2011-05-19 18:20:14)

Thanks Colie. Just fabulous the comment that A5 Maldens are being considered in new colours, and that the quality of leather on them is such top grade. Thanks for arranging what sounds like a great meeting.

~AspireToBe~ (2011-05-19 19:12:29)

Bravo!! This is a fabulous interview/writeup for those us interested in what's happening now & in the future in the USA filofax world. Thank you very much!

Petra (2011-05-20 11:04:43)

Ah, good to see another fan of the Finchley and Belgravia – those are two of my favorites!

Flex by Filofax - Review Part 2 (2011-05-19 11:32)

Thanks for all the great feed back on the [1]review of the Flex by Filofax, some of you have asked some questions, so I thought it best to add the answers to these to a separate post.

A couple of points to clarify, although I compared the Flex to my A5 Malden, the cover of the Flex is **not** made from leather. It's made in some form of synthetic material, but it has the look and feel of leather....but not the smell!!! As you will have seen from the photos, the detail in the stitching is very good, very close in fact to the stitching on the Malden. But in your hands you would know it wasn't leather straight away. However, I think it is still very well made.

The pockets that the inserts fit in to on the A5 (page size 14.8 x 21 cm) Flex are 14.5 cm deep by 20.5 cm tall. I measured the size of the card used for the pen holder insert. And the pockets on the Pocket size (page size 8 x 12 cm) are 8cm deep by 11.5 cm tall. So in both cases slightly smaller than the page size in height.

Weight wise with the A5 Flex fitted with the thin note book and the diary I would estimate it to be lighter than my Malden A5. With the A5 Flex fitted with the thick (256 page) note book and diary I would say it was slightly heavier than my A5 Malden. Although you will have to trust my judgement on that one, I don't have access to scales at this moment in time. I can measure them more accurately in a couple of days time.

Anyway some more pictures:

In this first picture is my A5 Malden at the top... if you need a clue... it is the one with (skinny) rings! and below it is the A5 Flex, with the diary (144 pages) and the thin notebook. (80 pages) In this picture both are inserted in to the inner pockets. Both overlap each other when open.



[2]

In this next picture again the same inserts in the Flex, except this time they are inserted in to the outer pockets, so when both are open they would both be fully visible (double page).

As you can see it makes no difference to the thickness and the pen holder (not shown) will still fit in an inner or outer pocket, this lets you have the pen in the middle or outside (like the Malden).



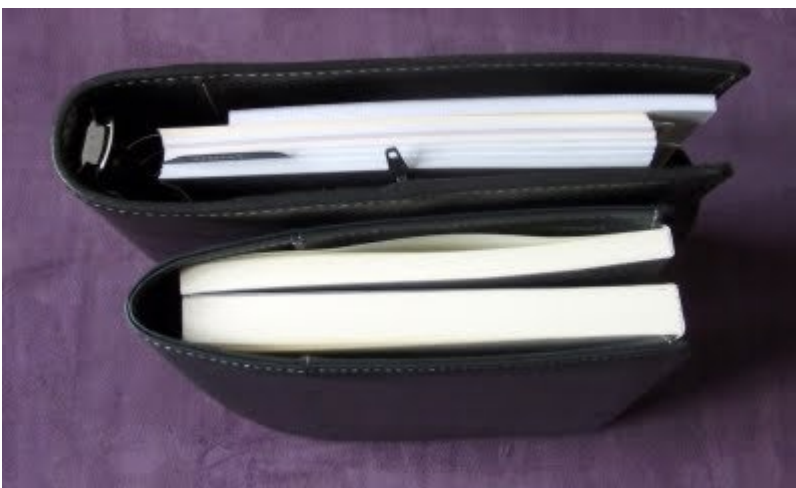
[3]

It is also possible to have one insert in an inner pocket and the other on an outer pocket. Like in this picture:



[4]

In this picture, I've changed the notebook for the thick (256 page) size and still with the diary insert. I had it set up as Diary in the back cover (on the right) and notebook in the front cover (on the left), but you could have it the other way around just as easily.



[5]

This final picture shows the above set up laying flat, as you can see there is still a reasonable gap in the

middle for the pen holder to sit in.



[6]

People have asked about availability. Now available on the [7]Filofax UK website.

If you have any more questions add them in to the comments and I will do my best to answer them, although there might be a bit of a delay as I'm travelling back to France tomorrow.

Although when I'm back in France I'm going to investigate doing a video review of the Flex, because I'm sure that will answer some more of your questions or confirm things slightly better.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/flex-by-filofax-review.html>
2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-pJvcMPu2tvg/TdUt6JuJv4I/AAAAAAAAJ0A/GX1DoduipYs/s1600/DSCF0569.JPG>
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7. <http://tidd.ly/5275c006>

Imy (2011-05-19 11:59:07)

look forward to your vid on it :-)

is the magenta a really nice one in real life? if that makes sence?

Steve (2011-05-19 12:14:22)

Yes I'm not promising something up to your standards! But I'm going to have a go!!

The magenta isn't a bright pink, or a dull red it is closer I would say to raspberry may be a bit brighter than that. I will try to take a more natural light photo on my normal camera when I get back to France at the weekend. The photos so far have been done indoors in my hotel room and with my small digital point and shoot.

Tommes (2011-05-19 13:24:36)

This is a really great system. I think it is a really good "setup" for my girlfriend. But that means, there will be no Deco in our household :(

Thanks a lot, Thomas

Nellie (2011-05-19 14:49:46)

This is really interesting, thanks for a great review! Do we know how much they are likely to cost?

francesca.matthews (2011-05-19 14:57:43)

Hi Steve,

The full range is in both the London flagship stores.... I know because I couldn't resist after reading your post, and I ran down to Mayfair at lunchtime and bought a Slate A5 + lots of inserts!

Absolutely loving it - it's the Filofax solution I've been looking for, as since getting the iPad, I have only been using my A5 Filo for note taking and todos etc. This now does the job in a much slimmer format, but still lovely big A5 pages.

So happy with it - really thrilled.

Steve (2011-05-19 15:00:57)

@Nellie, take a look at the price list in part 1 of the review here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/flex-by-filofax-review.html>

@Francesca I hope you mentioned Philofaxy when you raided the Conduit Store!! But I'm pleased you like them, I think it will prove quite popular.

caribbean princess (2011-05-19 15:04:41)

Initially I was not taken by this product but now I am quite intrigued as it could work quite effectively as a notebook for me.

Hmmmmmmmm I shall wait on your video though.

Excellent post :-)

Imy (2011-05-20 04:31:29)

Steve - my standards arnt all that good, i will do mine as soon as i get one, i cannot wait to get it!

Oh ok, im still getting it in that colour, i am a pink person! :-)

Ahhh cool i thought they were quite good, thank you, will they be on flickr, soo excited!!!!

I cannot wait for it to come online!!!

Imy (2011-05-20 04:36:09)

Steve - have a nice drive back :-)

Imy (2011-05-20 13:55:25)

I cannot wait until its available online :-(im too excited!!!! How much longer??

Robin (2011-05-20 21:43:43)

Hi Steve -

If you were sitting at a normal conference-type table at a business meeting, would the A5 Flex open too wide to have it right in front of you for note taking? Or would you have to angle it to keep from nudging the person next you (who should NOT be nudged)?

Steve (2011-05-21 13:38:31)

Hi Robin

OK if you were in that situation you could quickly reconfigure your Flex to use one or both inside slots, which would narrow the whole thing down. Then when your meeting is over and you have desk room again you move your inserts back to the outside slots again. They move in and out very easily and because they are 'bound' as opposed to loose leaf they won't change in order of the pages or lose any pages.

Steve

Steve (2011-05-23 11:20:27)

Neal Street Filofax store in London have their new display in place and stocks of the Flex...

Steve (2011-05-24 09:53:01)

OK if you have any 'readers questions' I think I will mop them all up with one final part on this product.

Please post your questions in the next day or so. Thanks

Steve

Free For All Friday No. 131 (2011-05-20 00:00)

It's Friday once again folks, the weekend is nearly here. I'm at the end of a short visit to UK, I travel back to France tonight.

So the floor is yours to discuss anything Filofax related.....

Steve (2011-05-20 02:10:43)

My bargain buy of the week whilst I've been in UK was a Filofax A5 2011 page per day business diary insert for £1... normally £19.

I know we are over 5 months in to the year, but it will give me a chance to try that format and see how well it works.

I picked up this bargain at the local stockist in Heswall, they had got their 2012 stock in and wanted to shift the 2011 left overs, so I had a look through the box!!

I also got a 2012 cotton cream personal size week on to pages for my Malden.

Femke (2011-05-20 02:37:24)

I have received my day on one page and my monthly tabs from filofax germany. Im keeping them in their package so i can sit down with my Malden when it arrives to reorganise! Im quite excited!

zephyr (2011-05-20 03:58:59)

Bought this week, a lovely Personal Kensington in really soft black leather - charity shop for £2.50! Looks never to have been used, but it is in daily use now. I felt guilty, so I slipped another pound in their tin.

Alison Reeves (2011-05-20 04:02:35)

I've bought some custom made index tabs in black for my pocket special edition. It has 12 tabs and I plan to write the month names onto them in silver (when I get an uninterrupted moment!).

Sword.Lily (2011-05-20 04:10:25)

I wish I could find a stencil ruler like the one on this blog. It looks useful and is so cute.

<http://www.loving-each-day.com/2011/03/how-i-use-my-day-per-page-inserts.html>

Scout (2011-05-20 05:40:24)

If you go to an "everything el-cheapo type shop" I bet you'll find a decent A5 or A4 diary that just needs its edge guillotined and punched, a job that takes a few minutes, to provide you with a quality fax diary that isn't in unnecessary multiple languages.

I slip those A5 pages into a photocopier to transfer onto A5 paper of my choice...which was originally just a quality paper for fountain pens...but I have chopped and changed some colours/months and after some years I have now settled on pale yellow for May, light green for June, light purple for July, pale yellow for August, salmon pink for September and light blue for the whole winter... perhaps I just ran out of colours! Strong coloured pages are simply, to paraphrase Kirsten Dunst, "too intense" (I wish she'd have cause to say that to me).

While there is often a day or two's overlap, having different or important months diary sheets in a different colour really does help in finding things and I think it adds a touch of magic to the fax...which isn't all about time management. While I like efficiency, no sane person loves efficiency...but you can love nice leather.

Michele (2011-05-20 05:52:20)

Colie informed me of an auction on ebay.. Personal Windsor Lock in green.. Looks a bit beaten up but I put in a bid for \$3.00 and so far I'm the only bidder!

lucythirteen (2011-05-20 06:34:41)

Long-time reader, first-time poster:

Heads up for Manchester area people - I picked up some ancient discounted FF inserts at the city centre Paperchase earlier this week - a packet of shopping lists for 31p and old-style post-its (perforated pages) for 10p. If you're in town, worth checking.

And a question: does anyone switch out diary formats for different times of the year, and how well does it work? My job is such that for 8 mos each year I need one page per day w/ appts, but then the other 4 I could do week on 2 pages. But I'm not sure it's worth the effort to buy 2 formats and combine them. (But then, any opportunity to play w/ new inserts is probably a good thing!)

Imy (2011-05-20 07:33:11)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-psprOd--Y> &feature=feedu

there is a video on the Flex for Filofax, its only a small animation, kinda looks like an Apple advert :-) xxx

John (2011-05-20 08:20:43)

Just read through Steve's 2 part review of the Flex - excellent work, sir. I'm intrigued enough to see it in person - hope it arrives in the USA soon enough.

How would people feel about a leather Flex? That would tip the scales at least for me. Surely FF can do one better than this:

<http://www.levenger.com/PAGETEMPLATES/PRODUCT/Product.asp?Params=Category=322-724|Level=2-3|pageid=7745>

Silver Bell Girl (2011-05-20 09:30:27)

I'm playing with converting from a personal to a pocket filofax. I used to use a small, spiral-bound weekly/monthly calendar that worked great for keeping track of appointments and to do's. My problem was wanting all my other stuff (address, quotes, codes and routines I use for work, a few photos, etc.) I think I'd be find with a pocket size filo for the calendar part. My question is, can you realistically carry the calendar plus address pages and some note pages to hold the other things I want to include? It seems like the rings are generally smaller and I wasn't sure how much they will accommodate.

Thanks.

LaLaBella (2011-05-20 10:41:17)

I was going through some boxes of old things yesterday and found my very first Filofax brand agenda. A black pocket Windsor. It needs cleaning but otherwise, it's in great condition. :-D

J (2011-05-20 11:38:12)

I'm cheating with a question:

My friend is graduating from a nursing program- I'm using this gift giving opportunity as an ambush to introduce her to Filofax! She's very organized so I'm sure she'll take immediately.

Now, since she'll be a busy nurse, I'm thinking the best bet might be a pocket Domino- it's light, portable, and easy to clean/wipe off (essential in a hospital environment)

Any other suggestions, or does the Domino seem like my best bet?

Savannah (2011-05-20 11:41:48)

Silver Bell Girl- Many of the pocket binders have 3/4" rings which are only about 1/8" smaller than the personal so it shouldn't be a problem. Just make sure you order a pocket that has the larger ring size (ex., Malden, Classic, Finsbury, Finchley, Metropoli).

Kathinka07 (2011-05-20 13:42:48)

I'd like to ask: What are the pros and cons of the zip-filos compared to the other ones (like the "normal" ones and ie the Domino with the rubber band). Do you like the zip ones?

jjhitt (2011-05-20 14:02:20)

J: It's pricey, but the Deco is available in white. Perfect for a nurse.

Silver Bell Girl (2011-05-20 15:08:22)

Thanks Savannah. I think my Personal Finsbury rings are slightly less than an inch, so that wouldn't really be much smaller. I searched Pocket sizes on Pens and Leather and found a Pocket Chino for \$15 that says it has 3/4" rings. I decided to get that as a low-risk way to try Pocket. If I end up liking it, I really want the Pocket Malden in gray (if they get it in the US).

J (2011-05-20 15:46:18)

jjhitt: Yeah, I can't even afford a Deco for myself! Not to mention it has to survive in a hospital environment- the deco is far to glamorous to live in scrubs all day! So far the Domino still seems to be my best choice.

stirwise (2011-05-20 15:57:28)

@J: Yes, I agree with you on the Domino. It's pretty sturdy, and could be wiped down if necessary. My only gripe with the Domino line is that it's a bit more of a pain to get in and out of, since the strap takes more time and hands than a snap. However, the upside is you can cram stuff in there loose and feel confident that it won't fall out. For a nurse, that might be a big boon. Back when I worked in a hospital it seemed like most everyone had piles papers held together with clips and elastic bands stuffed in their pockets. :)

M Ng (2011-05-20 16:34:40)

Sword Lily: I've been hoping to find a stencil like that too, but no dice so far. I think it's time to go to a children's/toy store, versus stationery and art supplies stores.

Thanks for including a link to the blog, I'd forgotten where I'd seen the idea.

terriknits (2011-05-20 16:36:10)

I've had my personal Malden (crimson!!) for a few days now. I think the rings are a wee bit smaller than the ones in the DayTimer I was using. I love how soft and supple the leather is. And after a few hours of use, the Malden is lying flat (laying? flat?)

It took me a few hours to sort my inserts and sections but I love how I have it all laid out now.

I love -LOVE- the Filofax paper! so smooth and beautiful. I got some quad-ruled paper/note pad and I really, really like that as well.

I also got the tabbed month-on-two pages (horizontal day slots) and while at first I was concerned that each month started on the back of the previous month's second page, I have nestled my page-a-days in between the two monthly pages and I like it. (I'm pretty sure my FC and DT month-on-2-pages were standalone, in that you could have them together and the 'back side' of the second page was just note space, not the next month's page.)

And I am continuing to eye up a mini to put in my bag.

One thing I'm struggling with - the pen loop. Do they stretch out a bit? It's just -that- much too tight for my UniBall Signo 207. So I have my Zebra Mildliner in there for now (JetPens!).

caribbean princess (2011-05-20 16:47:22)

J I think the Domino would be perfect. It should be able to handle the perils of ward life including any mislaid body fluids (haha) and the elastic band would allow all the nursing rotas, other sheets, etc to be slipped in nicely. She will love you! Not to mention it is reasonably priced.

:-)

terriknits (2011-05-20 16:54:44)

@sword lily, if you do a google-image search for "stencil ruler" or "template ruler" you'll pull up a lot of results. Maybe you can find something on there to buy?

J (2011-05-20 17:36:19)

Haha CP! I was hoping you would put your two cents in! And I'm glad that I'm not the only one who thought of

mislaid bodily fluids as a concern!
Domino it is... now just need to pick a color!

SNARLing: (2011-05-20 17:56:45)

if you go with lavender or electric blue - they are still half off at kate's paperie. i almost bought one - (thanks skhen) the price was too good, but i don't need it

Amanda (2011-05-20 17:57:48)

at risk of making everyone icky over the best colour...
black... might be too close to a 'dead' colour
chocolate... let's not go there!!
red... too close to blood
so... slate or ultraviolet I guess!
:-)

Laurie (2011-05-21 02:44:14)

I love the Domino binders but you might consider a Metropol instead. It opens with a snap (so it can be opened with one hand) and it's wipe-able smooth faux leather inside and out. The faux suede inside a Domino might get grungy. Just my 2 cents.

@lucythirteen, I think that's a fantastic idea to use daily pages when you are very busy and week on 2 pgs when you're less busy. I know a lot of Filofax users do this or something similar. That's what's so great about Filofaxes, you can have whatever diary format you need whenever you need it! :)

Laurie (2011-05-21 02:51:03)

Off topic: I would like to propose a different (earlier) time for a Skype Roundtable chat. I'll never be able to make the current time slot because it is late at night for me. If there's any way we could shift it to 10 am EST/ 3 pm UK, that would be 9 pm for me which I could swing.

Would anyone else be willing to change the time, maybe just for the next one? I'd love to be able to chat with you all!

Petra (2011-05-21 11:34:59)

I was just thinking Metropol instead of Domino for the nurse when I got to Laurie's comment. Couldn't agree more. In fact, I got a Metropol to keep my 5 houserabbits' info in because I knew it would be going to the vets with us, as well as being beside me when I did subQ fluids, treatment, or meds for bunnies with problems. I like the Metropol's interior pockets far better than the Domino's too, and it has a notepad pocket in the back - great for jotting down those nurse's notes! Not as wide a range of colors, though. If they brought a Metropol out in electric blue (which is what my Domino is), I'd buy two more :-)

Steve (2011-05-21 12:55:20)

Hi Laurie

Reference the Skype Chat, yes I will make the next one a bit earlier. I realise also that you must be missing out on a lot of the chatter on Twitter also, unless you have catch up sessions every 'morning'

Regards

Steve

Jotje (2011-05-23 08:58:20)

@J: I agree with the others: while the Domino has a perfectly wipeable surface, the insides are quite "vulnerable" to dirt. One question: is she really going to carry it with her all day long? I find that hard to imagine.. If she does: I agree on the Metropol, if she doesn't: then I'd scoop up a pocket bargain with that superb wallet pocket! Like the Finsbury or Urban (dull colours tho).

Of course they will have the slight disadvantage of not laying flat (or taking years to do so).
Sigh.

J (2011-05-23 12:20:13)

Hmmm, I never thought about the Metropol! I guess I'm back to square one... at least I have quite a bit of time to figure it out!

Poco Profile - Update (2011-05-21 00:00)

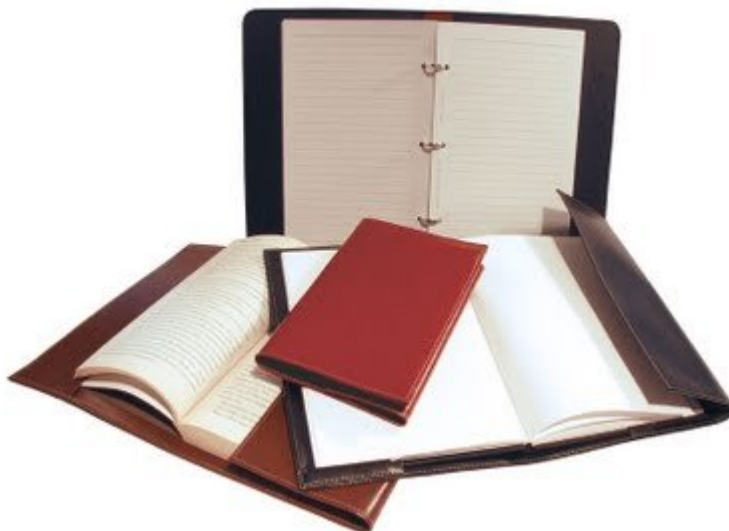
Our friends in Sydney, Australia emailed me an update on their range of covers and organisers today. Here are the details.

I've stocked up on SLIPCOVERS and JOURNALS for the cocoon season - and they are on special. Slip covers in 3 sizes A6, A5 & A4 and an A5 3 ring loose-leaf filled journal. The slip covers are empty so you can choose your own filling (notes, sketch books, address books, diaries and even novels). If your hardbound diary (A5 or A4) is starting to look scrappy a smart leather cover will see you through this year and many more. Also new in is a re-worked Brisbane style binder - the hardback of the Poco range of organisers. It's available empty or filled with 2011 diary.

For ordering, prices and specs follow the OTHER link from the ONLINE STORE link (bottom click on the left side). And for the Brisbane go to the ORGANISERS/Personal link from the same.
[1]<http://www.pocoprofile.com.au/>



[2]



[3]

All in quality cowhide leather and all made in Australia.

If you are in Sydney next month you can find these and other things at the annual June sale. Yes, they'll be a little cheaper as the online prices are inclusive of post.

IMPORTANT: I will be out of the office until next Tuesday and I won't have email access so If you are ordering or have any questions, I won't be able to help or dispatch until next week. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Best wishes for a happy winter - Victoria

JUNE Thursday 16th to Sunday 19th Victoria St LEWISHAM NSW

Thu 8am - 7pm Fri 8am - 7pm

Sat 9am - 5pm Sun 10am - 4pm

1. <http://www.pocoprofile.com.au/>
 2. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-M3tnNP19un0/TdLwDrrSU8I/AAAAAAAAJMw/MsKpZL51km8/s1600/Newsletter_PIC.jpg
 3. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-ycz0HUUKiE0/TdLwCn2B5sI/AAAAAAAAJMs/GsiYf_QWb2E/s1600/GROUP-Newsletter.jpg
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Web Finds - 22 May 2011 (2011-05-22 00:01)

Some posts to read for the weekend...

- [1]A Foray into the Finsbury Filofax – Slimline & Mini - Cat's Corner
- [2]Vicky's Vivacious Aqua Finsbury - Caribbean Princess
- [3]Filofax using Podcaster and Blogger - Ewan Spence...
- [4]My Filofax - Part 2 - Simplify to Save

Enjoy

1. <http://www.cathryncook.co.uk/blog/2011/05/finsbury-filofax-slimline-and-mini/>
 2. <http://caribbeanprincessmusings.blogspot.com/2011/05/vickys-vivacious-aqua-finsbury.html>
 3. <http://www.ewanspence.com/blog/2011/05/19/lets-meet-up-at-blogworld-new-york/>
 4. <http://simplifytosave.com/2011/05/18/my-filo2/>
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Big Rings Little Rings (2011-05-23 00:00)

So at last I've received a replacement [1]A5 Malden with the correct 30 mm rings. A big big thank you to Filofax customer service in UK, they were very helpful throughout this whole saga, which started soon after I bought it in London at the meet up back in March, two months ago! You can read what happened in my [2]earlier posts.

So what is the difference between 25 mm rings and 30 mm rings?



[3]

As you can see above, looking at them like this the difference isn't that obvious is it? Which is which? Well the top one is the 25 mm ring one and the bottom one is fitted with the 30 mm rings.



[4]

However, looking at them from above like this, you can see quite a marked difference between the two ring mechanisms and why the 30mm rings will hold considerably more pages...

So I've already set up the smaller ring one with a 2011 [5]Business A5 diary insert I picked up in UK for £1 this week in a shop sale in Heswall and I've moved the A5 fill from the smaller ringed Malden to the larger ring one. I will post an up date once both are fully set up.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/malden-magic.html>
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/ring-sizes.html>
3. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-jpfKV-V1wAo/Td1L7UqSFXI/AAAAAAAAJOU/ZxFNU1TX15g/s1600/IMG_0027.JPG
4. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-niq6dyj4Jpg/Td1Lr2AIJ1I/AAAAAAAAJQJ/LFHw773UrDw/s1600/IMG_0022.jpg
5. <http://tidd.ly/d08462c2>

Tim (2011-05-23 04:08:30)

I think they should have gone for the 25mm Malden! Many of us these days prefer a much slimmer organiser as stuff that used to bulk out a Filofax is now so often held on a laptop/ pda or iPhone. I would much prefer 25mm to 30mm - but really yearn for the day they produce a genuine 20mm suitable for men (unlike the Adelphi). That would look really slick! Around 5 years ago, there was a 19mm A5 "Executive" model, but there seems to be no

old stock anywhere!

Steve (2011-05-23 06:24:59)

Hi Tim

Most of the other all leather A5's are supplied with 25 mm rings. But the Malden and the Kendal come with 30 mm.

The Finsbury is also 30 mm but it isn't full leather, which is what I was looking for.

Quite a few non-leather A5's also come with the 30 mm rings. So there is quite a choice. But as you said only the Adelphi with the 20 mm rings.

Steve

Butanben (2011-05-23 06:53:54)

I have 2 30cm Graphic A5s. One is for GTD, which I am trying out and the other for diary,daily agenda, addresses and computer info. The GTD one could easily be a 25mm one instead. GTD stays at home and A5 is for work/social.I use a spiral notebook for capturing, whilst away from my at home GTD. Seems to be working so far.... but early days.

Tim (2011-05-23 08:09:28)

Steve - I currently use an A5 Kendal so am well used to those big, fat, 30mm rings. As a left-hander, I fight the battle with them daily! Whilst I would love to still live in the era when a fat Filofax suggested being well organised and successful, this no longer presents the positive image at meetings it once did. A very slim A5 organiser coupled with a portable computer gadget of some kind is how it has to be these days! Whilst some may disagree, the standard black organisers you mention, also now look rather dated and old fashioned in business. Sadly, Filofax seems to want to appeal to young women as their core market. The ochre or grey Malden in A5 with small rings would have been a great model for us "computerised but still love paper", trying to be fashionable, kind of guys!

terriknits (2011-05-23 15:47:24)

Out of curiosity, are all the "personal" sized binders the same ring size, i.e. 7/8 or 15/16"?

Filofreak (2011-05-23 16:35:45)

Steve

Are you keeping both Maldens? Or are you sending the 25mm ring Malden back? Just curious.

Tim (2011-05-23 16:47:14)

Heh Erin - If he does, or if knows where there are some more (and there must be - somewhere!) I want first refusal, as I think the semi-formal slim look is great!

Steve (2011-05-23 18:25:39)

Erin and Tim.

No, I'm keeping them both. The 25 mm one has been used ok only for 2 months, and it's not as per their catalogue.

Plus they haven't sent me any money for posting it back to them in UK from France, which would be quite expensive given the size and weight. I think they have written it off.

Especially if you add in the staff time this thing has taken. Also taking it off of the German site when it was just about to be released. I suspect the ones they had in Germany will have had to be returned to UK for the correct size ones etc etc.

They just seemed grateful for pointing this out to them otherwise it would have cost them a lot more in replacing them to other (less co-operative) customers...

As for getting hold of any of the 25 mm ones.. sorry I can't help, I'm not sure how many were produced. I got mine from Neal Street. May be contact them if you are still interested.

Flex by Filofax - Review Part 3 (2011-05-23 19:00)

And here is the video! Enjoy....

[EMBED]

Don't worry... Philofaxy isn't going to become Philoflexy...!!!!
And you can now buy the [1]Flex on-line

1. <http://tidd.ly/5275c006>

kanalt (2011-05-23 21:59:16)

Excellent review Steve! I can't wait to get my hands on one of these for work. I can do away with the paper calendar and online task list and put it all in one place AND still have room for meeting notes and the like. I'm quite excited now!

One question, since this is debuting mid-year, does the diary start with 2011, or not until 2012?

Steve (2011-05-23 23:53:20)

Hi

You might remember from Part 1

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/flex-by-filofax-review.html>

The diary inserts I received are 2011/2012 13 month week to view and they include the following:

13 month week per view diary (July 2011 – July 2012) in English only

Each week has a 'This Week' space along with a monthly calendar and then equal spaces for each day.

Four year calendar blocks

2012 + 2013 Month planners (the cover sheet says 2011 + 2012 this is an error)

International information

European information.

Notable dates

Religious festivals

Weights and Measures

The World and time

Personal Information.

And they also have a Dec 2011 to Dec 2012 13 month diary available too, in all three sizes

Robin (2011-05-24 00:28:55)

Very cool video - you did a terrific job! Plus, everything you wrote is now crystal clear!

I really hope you do more of these, Steve!

Steve (2011-05-24 00:32:28)

Thanks Robin! I think I've now mastered the technical side of things, I just need to get the presenting side of things sorted!!

But yes I think on something as new as the Flex, the video adds heaps more to the written review. It is not a product we are all familiar with, so no matter how much I wrote or photographed them, getting the concept of the pockets across was never going to be easy.

So yes there will be more video reviews to go along with the written and photos...

Oh and before anyone asks... no fake tan was used!! It's for real!!!

justenoughsalt (2011-05-24 00:42:51)

why was i thinking "oh i can buy a flex and take the pen loop card out, poke holes in it, and WHAM extra pen loop for my filofax"

Steve (2011-05-24 00:46:47)

Take a look at Part 2 of the review and follow the Amazon link, you can buy the Pen Loops on their own... no need to buy the whole thing if you want to try out your extra pen loop idea.....

justenoughsalt (2011-05-24 01:32:04)

lol my world has changed. i have heard steve's voice!

Steve (2011-05-24 03:19:05)

Join in the next Skype chat and get to talk to me then!!!

I'm not sure if I sound like a typical English person or not. I can hear my northern accent somewhere in there on certain words, which I don't suppose I will ever lose. But it's a bit mixed up I suppose having lived in South Eastern England for most of my life.

caribbean princess (2011-05-24 03:41:58)

Excellent review Steve. This is definitely on my must have list for the notebooks! I hadn't quite got it before but I am a visual person so seeing the video has helped a great deal. I can't wait for when it becomes available online. Now I only need to decide on colour!

Amanda (2011-05-24 05:23:00)

Fabulous review Steve - it all makes perfect sense.

Now, will this finally be The One for Laurie we wonder?? It certainly seems to be something for me to think about for my 'I like to carry a notebook and a diary but the rings in the filofax get in the way' problem. I also like A5 but feel the A5 filofaxes can be a bit of a beast to carry around. This is presumably a lot lighter. Shame it's not actually leather though...

Maybe I will experiment!

Laurie (2011-05-24 06:02:13)

Absolutely brilliant video Steve, thanks for showing us the ins and outs as it were for the Flex. I especially like that the diary and notebook can be fully open next to each other with no pages obscured.

In the shot where you show that (at 5:38), what is the diary page? Is it some kind of month view? Looks like it could be months as columns with 6 months across the 2 page spread?

Thanks again for this video review, it's great to see how the whole thing works!

Steve (2011-05-24 06:15:53)

Hi Laurie

I will pop a scan of it on Flickr and pop a link in here.

Yes it's a monthly planner double spread for 6 months.

There is a 2012 one in the front and 2013 one in the back

Although the diary is July 2011 to July 2012, I guess they are using the same pages for the Jan 2012-Jan 2013 diary as well.

Laurie (2011-05-24 06:21:43)

Sounds great Steve, thanks!

Steve (2011-05-24 06:33:16)

Here is the link to the Monthly calendar that you caught a brief glimpse of..

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/temps-perdu/5754509300/>

Also in the Philofaxy Flickr group I've added a few photos of the Flex with a Crimson Malden so you can see which colour matches it best... matter of taste I guess...

kanalt (2011-05-24 06:40:53)

Right, right. Thanks for the info again, Steve.

Jess (2011-05-24 09:26:59)

looks amazing. i am going to get a pocket magenta with a diary and thin notebook, and trial it as a wallet with the card slots and tucking bank notes in the pockets behind the inserts. amazing.

Steve (2011-05-24 09:52:38)

OK if you have any 'readers questions' I think I will mop them all up with one final part on this product.

Please post your questions in the next day or so. Thanks

Steve

Amanda (2011-05-24 10:07:37)

okay - really girly question, but... are the covers of the notepads etc colour-matched to the binders? The ones in the video are grey and (sorry!) I'm not that into grey. It would be funky if the magenta binder could have magenta covers to the notebooks.

I do realise that is *such* a girly Q though!

Nellie (2011-05-24 15:12:00)

Great review - thanks Steve! I love this idea and it could be great for work. I have just one niggling doubt. It all looked a bit "floppy" if you know what I mean. I wonder if without some kind of elasticated strap or closer when I put it in my bag it would fall open and the inserts become damaged. Any thoughts on that?

Take care and keep smiling!

Steve (2011-05-24 15:28:46)

Nellie and Amanda, I'm answering your questions in my 'Readers Questions' post on the Flex which should be on line by the weekend, or when we don't get any more detailed questions like yours.

Thanks for raising these questions though they are really good ones to ask.

Rori (2011-05-24 20:45:31)

Until I saw this, I thought "What's the point of the Flex if you have a Filofax?" Ahh, NOW I get it! Excellent video! Thank you.

Gail (2011-05-25 05:58:02)

Would it be possilbe to get 3 notebooks in there?

Steve (2011-05-25 06:08:06)

I will try it and photograph it for the last part of the review..

Two of them overlapping do fit but it might be a little tricky to use. But I will photograph it and you can decide.

Gail (2011-05-25 07:52:23)

I was thinking this would be excellent for students, they could use a notebook per topic and it's not out of their price range either.

Imy (2011-05-25 09:01:43)

Does it have any kind of page marker, like a ribbon for the Diary? just came to my mind? or are they going to sell a special page marker or do you just have to do that yourself? :-)

SP (2011-05-25 14:05:55)

Thanks for the great review Steve! I can't wait for the Flex to be released in the US. Wish I could get my hands on one now. Do you think the inserts are best/easiest used when removed from the Flex? As in, the Flex is more of a storage device than a usable folder?

Steve (2011-05-25 18:19:06)

Hi SP

No I would use the inserts inside the Flex binder. And although I've been swapping them around a lot for photos and the video.

I suspect a lot of people will load their binder up as they like it and just use it in the same way until they need to replace the insert because they have filled it up.

Iris (2011-05-26 02:21:52)

Here's a Link to a German Shop - [1]Schacht & Westrich - Flex is in stock already.

1. <http://www.schacht-westerich.de/markenshops/flex-by-filofax.html>

Free For All Tuesday No. 16 (2011-05-24 00:00)



[1]

Well last weeks FFAT had a huge number of comments/replies.

I wonder what questions you will have for us this week?

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

Karensa (2011-05-24 00:19:25)

OK - I didn't think I'd ever be a commentor that raves about a new Filofax but the new Crimson personal Malden I purchased in New York is a beautiful binder. I'm really enjoying using it.

Now, though, I feel like I need to clean up some of my pages - like they are "too messy" for such a regal binder.

Also, out of curiosity, is there a Memorial Day type holiday celebrated in Europe?

Steve (2011-05-24 00:28:43)

Hi Karensa

I know what you mean about what can go in to such a treasured binder!

A good place to discover national holidays in different countries is on the Filofax website. You will need to log in to your account and I know on the UK site there is an International Holiday page:

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/holidays/default.asp?mini=1>

You select the country and it displays all the holidays on that page.

In UK there is Spring Bank Holiday on the 31 May.

But its 'cause' is a little different to that of Memorial Day

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spring_Bank_Holiday

In UK and in France the 11 November or the Sunday closest to the 11 November tends to be remembrance day it started to remember the soliders killed during WW I 11-11-1918 It's not a holiday in UK but it is in France.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remembrance_Day

Regards

Steve

justenoughsalt (2011-05-24 00:38:23)

+ idea: filofax swap* where two people switch models for 7 days and blog about it. good idea? bad idea? *needs a better name

+ are any of you in los angeles?

+ seriously where do i find those blank index dividers in the US? preferably in nyc but i would be okay with ordering online. thecrazylifeofj had them in her malden at the nyc meetup. m _ng did as well. they were clear plastic tabs like you would find on hanging folders for a filing cabinet

justenoughsalt (2011-05-24 00:39:31)

@karensa so happy to hear you love your new malden. i am still cleaning up my filo and trying the ideas i saw others using at the meet-up

Femke (2011-05-24 02:20:08)

@karensa, I received my Crimson Malden yesterday and even with a major migraine, I couldn't stop smiling when I saw it. It's gorgeous.

I have also switched my system, to a page per day. So far, I'm liking it, I have so much more space per day! The only thing I miss is the week view.

caribbean princess (2011-05-24 06:34:34)

I love my crimson Malden! It is wonderful! But I have gone and done something naughty. It isn't a filofax exactly but hmmmmmm.....

Amanda (2011-05-24 06:40:47)

Oh CP... what is it darling??? And does DH know (yet)?

Just been to the filofax UK site and there is 3 for 2 on paper and essentials. Ends 31/5

kanalt (2011-05-24 06:55:42)

@justenoughsalt - You can buy small dividers like that at Staples or Office Max. They're Avery I believe. The ones I have are clear, though they may make color tabs.

<http://bit.ly/j8YtnI>

And they do make colors, according to the website.

Jotje (2011-05-24 07:15:29)

@Karensa: In Holland we have Memorial Day on the 4th of May, when we remember all casualties of all wars past and present. At 8.00 pm the whole country (or at least that's the idea) inserts 2 minutes of silence. If you are in a train, it will stop for those 2 minutes, many people driving pull over into a parking lane for those 2 minutes. It is quite impressive actually ...

Did you know that we have an American Cemetery a few miles from where I live? The American soldiers are remembered each May on the US Memorial Day. Should you be interested, here is the link to the Cemetery website:

<http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/ne.php>

It is nice to know that the 8,301 American soldiers that gave their lives for our freedom, are not being forgotten!

caribbean princess (2011-05-24 11:54:01)

@Amanda you shall have to wait and see ;-) hehe!

stirwise (2011-05-24 14:50:34)

@Steve We also celebrate Nov 11th in the US, Memorial Day is a separate holiday for veterans. I don't know that anybody else celebrates it, however most places have some kind of labor/labour day on May 1st, while we don't have ours until September.

Really looking forward to new binders in the US this summer, but not sure I would be able to bring myself to exit my Kate Spade binder. The rings are a hair smaller than I'd prefer, but it's just so compact it's a real treat to use.

Have any of you ever found the perfect balance of slimness and capacity? If there was a pocket Malden with *slightly* smaller rings I think I'd never change binders. (Except to change colors, of course!)

J (2011-05-24 14:57:12)

@justenoughsalt- you must have missed my Tweet! I found the exact tabs I have while in NYC! They are at Montgomery Stationery on the LES for \$4- I grabbed a backup pack but I know there were at least two more. The address is 330 Grand St.
New York, NY 10002.

LaLaBella (2011-05-24 15:35:48)

I've decided that I must acquire an A5 from the UK site since the Aqua Chameleon is a no-go in the US. Are there any special instructions or do I just have to live without? Thanks in advance.

Steve (2011-05-24 15:41:14)

If you are ordering from abroad from Filofax UK please read the following post, you might be able to save some money on delivery which is quite expensive from the UK site.

Ordering from Neal Street can work out considerably cheaper on high value orders.

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofax-delivery-options.html>

LaLaBella (2011-05-24 15:44:09)

Thank you. I'm in the US. Got the Personal in spring green yesterday but that A5 is begging to come to the US. How can I say no? That would be inhumane! :-D Thanks again!

Diana

Kat (2011-05-25 11:22:19)

Hi everyone,

long time reader, first time poster. :) I do have a problem I could really need your assistance with: I want to buy a Filofax as a present and the seller does not ship outside of the UK :(That's it in a nutshell, there are some other complicating factors, but I just wanted to ask if any of you readers from the UK would be willing to help me out and "forward" an item for me. Immediate payment with PayPal is no problem, and I'll pay for any costs that will incur and of course for the shipping (it's within europe) and I'll even add something on top for your time!! :(If anyone would be willing to help me out with this, please, if possible, let me know until about 9pm UK time (about 4 hours from now on), I would very much appreciate it.

I'm not sure if you can send private messages or something like this here ... so I guess just reply here please or let me know how to contact you. Thanks! :)

Kat

plaiditude (2011-05-25 13:31:14)

Can someone measure the length of the closing strap on a Kendal A5? Mine is 4" or 103mm. Same exact length as on my personal Kendal - I want to see if my A5 has the wrong strap. Thanks!

Web Finds - 24 May 2011 (2011-05-24 12:00)

May be I should number these posts! They are coming though so often these days... hope you still enjoy reading the other blog posts.

Anyway some more....

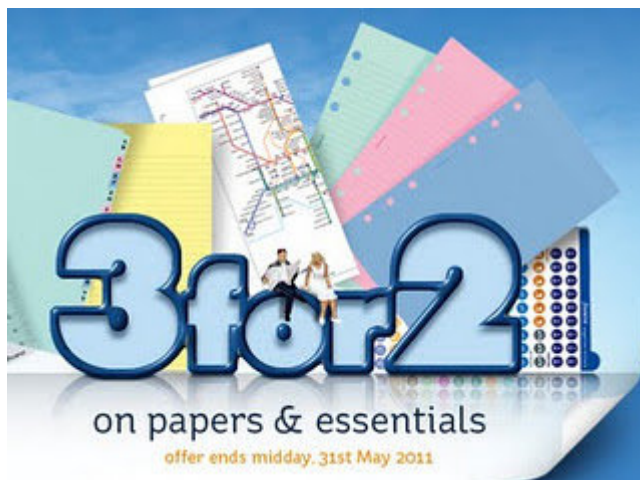
- [1]Love at First (Planner) Sight - Life Well Planned
- [2]Ultra Sexy Ultra Violet - So very.... Robin
- [3]Failure to launch (a planner) - So very....Robin
- [4]Three's a dream - Loulous Modern Musings

- [5]Hole Punch for A5 Filofax - Kathiza writes
- [6]Oh, the colors - The Crazy Life of J
- [7]My Filofax, True Love Until The End (Part 3) - Simplify to Save
- [8]Be prepared - Plannerisms

Enjoy

1. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/05/love-at-first-planner-sight.html>
2. <http://somenotesfromafar.blogspot.com/2011/05/ultra-sexy-ultraviolet.html>
3. <http://somenotesfromafar.blogspot.com/2011/05/ultra-sexy-ultraviolet.html>
4. <http://louloudorsetsmusings.blogspot.com/2011/05/threes-dreamwell-it-is-when-it-comes-to.html>
5. <http://kathiza.wordpress.com/2011/05/23/hole-punch-for-filofax-a5-from-opto/>
6. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/05/oh-colors.html>
7. <http://simplifytosave.com/2011/05/23/my-filo3/>
8. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/05/be-prepared.html>

Filofax UK 3 for 2 Offer on Paper and Essentials (2011-05-24 15:35)



[1]

[2]Filofax UK have a '3 for the price of 2' Sale Now On for Paper and Essentials. [3]Click here for full details.

This offer is only valid until mid-day on 31st May 2011.

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-Ykzp9B8o1-0/TdwIRyPSLVI/AAAAAAAAJ04/ScSsbMMbLqA/s1600/3for2_dept.jpg
2. http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?awinmid=2457&awinaffid=97790&clickref=&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.filofax.co.uk%2Fuk%2Fpaper%2Band%2Bessentials%2F%3Fcm_mmc%3DAwin_-_97790_-_DEEPLINK_-_3for2
3. http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?awinmid=2457&awinaffid=97790&clickref=&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.filofax.co.uk%2Fuk%2Fpaper%2Band%2Bessentials%2F%3Fcm_mmc%3DAwin_-_97790_-_DEEPLINK_-_3for2

kathiza (2011-05-24 16:14:36)

First: thanks for including me in your web finds. I don't know if you're familiar with the wordpress layout, but when you log into your account you can see an overview of your visitors statistic among other things at the start page. And I thought: "Wow, what happened?!?" - then I noticed that so many users were referred from your page

;-)

But, what I wanted to tell you: Filofax.fr has the same deal going on (and sometimes cheaper shipping if you order from outside the UK).

terriknits (2011-05-24 23:36:52)

for some reason FF UK won't let me complete my check out. I wanted to get a City Dweller pack, but no go!

Kate (2011-05-25 03:33:57)

Thanks for this info, Steve. I stock up when Filofax has these offers. I took advantage of Filofax France's similar offer last week and got a yellow Piazza half price as well as the current M2 diary for the binder I won on ebay for £2.50. The goods arrived in three working days which I think is pretty good.

Debby (2011-05-26 12:42:07)

www.katepaperie.com has selected Filofax items 50 % off.

Fathers Day Promotions at Neal Street (2011-05-25 05:53)



[1]

News from the Neal Street store...

Neal Street have the [2]Chameleon Compacts that have appeared on the French Filofax site...

The A5 Malden Grey also still available in the store.

Scanda, Cuban Ink, Bromley Small Leathers plus all Amazona products are 30 % off as part of the shop's Father's Day promo. Also the Slim Guildford Extra Slim is £35 instead of £50 (but not sure when that offers ends as it's been very popular)

The Fashion and Contemporary Mini Pens are £10 instead of £20

Go on treat your Dad.... or yourself.... he won't mind I'm sure!!

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-ZysJBh3RjyY/TY51ukcDjVI/AAAAAAAAI_Y/71nYP3qa148/s1600/IMG_9890.JPG

2. <http://www.filofax.fr/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=13&rangeId=148&dsizeId=13>

Kat (2011-05-25 11:55:27)

(I had already posted this comment in the Tuesday FFA, but then it seemed to be more appropriate here since this news is also about a (retail) store. I will try to edit my other comment and apologize for the "double" post!)
Hi everyone,

long time reader, first time poster. :) I do have a problem I could really need your assistance with: I want to buy a Filofax as a present and the seller does not ship outside of the UK :(That's it in a nutshell, there are some other complicating factors, but I just wanted to ask if any of you readers from the UK would be willing to help me out and "forward" an item for me. Immediate payment with PayPal is no problem, and I'll pay for any costs that will incur and of course for the shipping (it's within europe) and I'll even add something on top for your time!! :(If anyone would be willing to help me out with this - please let me know as soon as possible, I would very much

appreciate it.

I'm not sure if you can send private messages or something like this here ... so I guess just reply here please or let me know how to contact you. Thanks! :)

Kat

Steve (2011-05-25 18:22:42)

Kat

Contact me via the email address in the About Page and I will see if I can help you out with getting what ever it is you want.

Regards

Steve

What's In Your Filofax?: Forms (2011-05-25 07:00)

This week's WIYF topic is pre-printed forms.

Filofax has several forms available (although not as many as they used to have years ago). Finances and Day Planner pages seem to be the most widely available.

There are a huge variety of forms available in the Lifestyle packs. Some of my favorites are the SOS emergency and Party Planning forms in the Family Organizer lifestyle pack, and the Travel Itinerary forms in the Travel pack.

One option (that Steve is really good at) is printing off your own DIY forms and punching them to fit into your Filofax.

Do you use forms in your Filofax? Do you get pre-printed Filofax ones or do you make them yourself?

kanalt (2011-05-25 08:21:09)

I don't use any "forms" but I do have a template I use for various information. I print a lot of my notes on the template, cut down to size and punch them for my personal binders. It's not that difficult and I've done it so much that it's made both my punch and my scrapbooking cutter invaluable - worth every penny.

LaLaBella (2011-05-25 10:31:06)

I have the Shopping List form that they no longer make :(I also use a diet tracker form that I yanked from an old agenda.

Seriously considering getting the print software from Filofax but haven't decided yet

terriknits (2011-05-25 11:28:49)

I've been looking at the Filofax Print-to-File software as well. Has anyone used it? Would you also use the FF pre-punched computer paper?

Yvotchka (2011-05-25 12:03:49)

@terriknits I am seriously considering purchasing that too...just need to find out if it is Windows 7 compatible.

LaLaBella (2011-05-25 12:07:55)

@ terriknits

Yes, you would use the FF paper.

justenoughsalt (2011-05-25 12:13:55)

@awellpreservedlife oh man i used to love the shopping lists. i didnt realize they were discontinued

kathiza (2011-05-25 13:10:35)

I made a lot of forms myself (for my A5 Filofax): a shopping list, a goals form, a to-do-list, a diet + exercise form etc...

Rene Raggl (2011-05-25 13:26:38)

I myself print out the to-do list from our CRM system, which includes the phone numbers of my customers. In addition I use the finance and mileage registration forms as well as a shopping list form.

You might want to have a look at this link for a shopping list: <http://www.succes.nl/en-nl/Downloads>

Have a nice evening!

terriknits (2011-05-25 15:48:42)

@Yvotchka, can you send me an invite to your blog? Laurie said you had some good posts on filofax, etc.

Daniela (2011-07-22 04:31:56)

@kathiza: Would you mind sharing the source of your diet and exercise form?

A Date For Your Diary - 5 June (2011-05-26 00:00)

New York

London

Paris

Jakarta

We are going to run another conference round-table voice chat using Skype. The last one was a great success and possibly the longest we have run.

I'm sure we are gradually getting to know each other's voices, but I will make a point of going 'around the table' to get everyone to introduce themselves this time.

So...When, Where, What, Who and How?

When? - Sunday 5th June from 10am (US East Coast time), 3pm London time, 4 pm Paris time 9pm Jakarta etc. [1]Times here for your city/time zone. At Laurie's request we are moving forward a couple of hours so she isn't quite so late to bed! See the clocks at the top of this post to see roughly what time you should be on line.

Where? - an on-line chat using [2]Skype.

What do I need? - just a micro-phone and some head phones(in ear phones work fine) and a free Skype account. Using headphones reduces 'echo' on the call.

Who - All of you... connect up with **Philofaxy** and we will attempt to get as many of us linked in to the audio conference as possible.

How -

1. Connect to **Philofaxy** by firstly searching for **Philofaxy** in**Skype**, I will then add you as a contact.
2. Then '**Start Chat**', I will then add you in to the chat room.
3. Then if you request it, I can add you to the audio conference as well. But if you just want to chat via keyboard that's fine. That way it's slightly less hectic for me!

Come and join in the fun, even if you only pop in to say hello...

As with previous round-tables there will also be a parallel text chat room going at the same time as the voice conference.

If you need any assistance setting up Skype, please pop a comment in this post and I will try and help you get one line. Skype is free for computer to computer calls....

Hope to be chatting with you on Sunday 5th June.

1. <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/fixedtime.html?msg=Philofaxy+Skype+Round+Table&iso=20110605T16&p1=195&ah=3>
2. <http://www.skype.com/>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-26 00:49:14)

great! a date I can finally do because uni will have finished!! by the way, the date on the When? section says 1st May not 5th June!

Jess (2011-05-26 03:14:15)

this is the sunday before my week of four hellish exams... but will put it in my diary and pop in for a brief chat!

kathiza (2011-05-26 04:46:52)

I'll be at my parent's house that weekend, but maybe I can make it... I'll note the date in my newly set-up A5 Domino (yay! ;-))

Laurie (2011-05-26 07:59:22)

Thank you for the early hour for this Chat! I can't do the 11 pm but I will do everything in my power to make this 9pm chat! I miss chatting with you all and I'm really looking forward to it!

Steve, please tell me where you got/ how you set up the clocks, I want to make that a permanent feature of Plannerisms' home page!

Sandra (2011-05-26 08:05:06)

Thank you, Steve, for setting this up! My rugrats will be heading toward dreamland so I can chatty chat with Vicky...er...Kyla...and everyone. ;)

J (2011-05-26 12:54:09)

Sandra, I think it's 9 a.m. CDT, no?

A bit early on a Sunday morning for me, but totally worth it! I'll do my best to be there!

A (2011-05-26 13:47:52)

Will do my best as well. This really makes me want to make a list of all your skype/twitter/blog accounts!

Mmmm, maybe dedicate a new Filofax to you all?

Sandra (2011-05-26 15:52:23)

J and all-

Yes, 9 a.m. in Chicago. This time of year drives me crazy. ;) When I misread and post poorly, I need to sloooow doooown.

That's midmorning for my crew, sadly enough...

kanalt (2011-05-27 14:22:21)

I like the new, earlier time. I'm usually home and still sipping coffee at that point. I will be there!

Rori (2011-06-04 18:28:32)

Unrelated to post: (mostly)

Where did you get that time zone app/ clock thingie? I need one of those on my desktop.
Thanks!

Laurie (2011-06-04 20:26:33)

Me too Steve! I know you sent me the information on how/where to get it but I can't find that message now. I've been to the website you said but couldn't figure out how to do multiple clocks like you have here. Help for the hapless?

Philofaxy Edinburgh Meet Up - Announcement (2011-05-26 13:20)

Craig has been in contact today to announce the Edinburgh meet up will take place in Jenners department store on Saturday 2 July 2011

If you are interested, please email Philofaxy philofaxy at gmail dot com and put "Edinburgh Meet Up" in the subject line. Those emails will be forwarded to Craig and he will then email the interested parties myself and create a list so that we can start discussing ideas and the timing of the day.

Amanda (2011-05-18 06:05:25)

Bother!!! I will be on holiday in England then!!!

Next time...

Steve (2011-05-27 00:58:45)

I've bumped this to here to see if there is anyone who can make it.

Philofaxy Meet Up - Rotterdam - July 2011 (2011-05-26 18:00)



[1]

Calling all Dutch Filofax Fans!

Join us on the first weekend in July in Rotterdam!

We'll meet at: Cafe Restaurant FLOOR Schouwburgplein 28 3012 CL Rotterdam 010-4045288 It has plenty of space, huge tables, a great menu, lots of parking around and of course, it is conveniently located near Rotterdam Central Station.

Bring your Filofaxes, Succes planners, and join us for a long lunch.

If you are interested, please email Philofaxy philofaxy at gmail dot com and put "Dutch Meet Up" in the subject line. Those emails will be forwarded to Alice and she will then email the interested parties herself and create a list so that we can start discussing ideas and the timing of the day.

If you plan to come, please indicate which day would be best for you: Saturday July 2 or Sunday July 3, 2011.

Greetings,

Rene a.k.a. @rraggl on Twitter

Jotje a.k.a. @J_is_hier on Twitter

Alice a.k.a. as @filo_ads on Twitter

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-PvqG2ujQLec/Tc_EYLgWjJI/AAAAAAAAJMg/J1zT7kQfdH0/s1600/Happy+Buyers.jpg

A (2011-05-26 18:17:51)

Thanks, Steve!!!

girlinmaths (2011-05-27 03:52:47)

O how nice! I will see if I can make it. I was hoping I would be able to make it to one of the meetups.

Femke (2011-05-27 05:07:41)

Will be there as well, as discussed on Twitter.

Btw, my twitter is @delighted

Steve (2011-05-27 14:17:53)

I'm looking in to being able to attend this one as well. Timing of trains will be critical of course!!

I will keep in touch with A and the rest of the group.

Steve

Rene Raggl (2011-05-28 03:42:22)

Will be there as well. Of course... I have one of the shortest ways to go, the way I saw it.

If somebody wants to hitch a ride, please let me know on twitter under @rraggl!

Looking forward to it!

Cheers,

Rene

Jotje (2011-05-28 13:05:45)

I'll be there as well! (Steve, if you mail me about this, please use my Yahoo-mailaccount, thanks!)

Edwin61 (2011-05-30 19:50:12)

So sorry but I can't make it. Should be fun because I'm from Rotterdam (originally) though I live in Zeeuws Vlaanderen now.

Hope the Meet Up in Rottersam will be a great succes and there will be another that I can join.

Have a lot of fun!

nickynic (2011-06-14 11:18:47)

ooh, what a shame, I won't be able to make that. I'm in the process of moving back to NL from Singapore. But count me in for the next one. Have fun!!

Free For All Friday No. 132 (2011-05-27 00:02)

This weekend is Memorial Day weekend in the US, which traditionally kicks off the summer season (which ends on Labor Day in September, although the kids go back to school mid-August).

If you're from Indiana like I am, this weekend is also Race Weekend as the [1]Indianapolis 500 celebrates its 100th Anniversary on Sunday!

Folks in the UK also get to enjoy a long weekend as Monday is the Spring Bank Holiday.

Do you have any big plans this weekend?

And as always, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related.
Have a great weekend everyone!

1. <http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/indy500/eventinfo/42158/>

Kate (2011-05-27 04:12:49)

Well, I'm Filofaxed out this week. I was very pleased to pickup a Cross M2 in baby blue for £2.50 on eBay. This will be my handbag diary and wallet. I bought a blue Apex and this is now my tea fax. And the pretty buttercup Piazza is my health fax. Still got the book fax to sort out. My personal deco in amethyst is the mother ship and catch all device. I carry it everywhere simply so I can admire its good looks and keep stroking it!

Rene Raggl (2011-05-27 05:27:50)

I would have question for you guys:

Considering the fact that we are all paper planner lovers. I would be curious as to how do you use the digital devices that you all have (Blackberry, iPhone, iPad, etc.). Do you still enter appointments / to-do's on your device? Which apps do you use.

For my part, I own an iPhone 3GS and an iPad and I believe I partially figured out a pretty smooth way to combine paper and digital media. (Post on my site about that following soon!)

However, I do have to enter my appointments three times: my planner, our company CMS system and Google Calendar. I would just wish to find a way around that... For me, I'd prefer to have it just in my planner, but unfortunately that's not an option. Aside from the compulsory entry of appointments into the company system, I also can't take my planner everywhere, but the iPhone is always in my pocket. For the Agenda I use Pocket Informant on both iPhone and iPad.

My business to-do's (must) live in our CMS system. Each day I print out a new copy of this list, copy it down to 50 % size and put it into my planner and tick them off from there. My private to-do's live exclusively in my planner.

I keep track of my expenses (Moneybook) and my car's mileage (Google Documents) on the iPhone as it can be shared more easily. And to be honest: my handwriting is pretty much impossible to read by anyone else but me. I do keep the tabs in my planner in case I have to be really quick or if the battery dies on me again.

Amanda (2011-05-27 05:52:57)

Well, the UK might have a Spring Bank Holiday on Monday, but my Uni doesn't recognise it...

:-)

David Popely (2011-05-27 06:10:24)

Rene, I have a BlackBerry Pearl and a Filofax (currently A5). I use the phone for contact book and phone making *only*, and for keeping track of, and occasionally answering, email when I am on business trips. Otherwise, I use the FF for everything - diary, task lists, financial records and general info.

Today I removed over 300 duplicate addresses from my outlook/BlackBerry contact book - the result of 'dodgy' synchronisations between Outlook/BlackBerry/Google contacts and calendar. And people tell me the BlackBerry and outlook are the 'tools for today' while the Filofax is a relic of the 1980s! I know which *I* prefer.....sometimes new isn't always better.

Currently bidding for an A5 Graphic binder (30mm rings!) - if I am successful that will be my needs met for the foreseeable future.

David

Rene Raggl (2011-05-27 06:23:46)

@David: Actually, I hear that quite often, Steve had this too, I think. Luckily I myself have been spared of such problems until now (probably because I can do without Outlook). I do have an occasional double entry in the Google Contacts database, but that's about it.

Femke (2011-05-27 08:00:49)

I use my filofax for planning. I have an iPad and an iPhone, but I hate iCall on them (on my iMac it's different, love it on there - colour coding galore!).

I use my iPhone for everything but planning or to do lists. Occasionally when I'm out without Filo, I use my iPhone to jot down dates/to dos when they pop in my head, but that's it. Luckily, I have a job where meetings/appointments are rare. On the other hand, I have a busy personal life, so that's where I need the filofax for.

Mrs. Grievous (2011-05-27 09:45:49)

I write all my appointments in my Filofax, but I also have to put them in my phone with alarms because I'm still not quite used to being "one with the Filo". It's nice to have things laid out on paper though so I can see how busy my week or month is just at a glance.

terriknits (2011-05-27 09:56:33)

@Rene: I'm not a big "phone" person. I use my BlackBerry Curve for emails when I'm away from my laptop, and texting. I rarely actually talk on it! My BB bcc's me when I send an email from it, so I always have my 'sent' emails on my laptop.

For appointments, I usually enter them in my BlackBerry when I'm out and about (i.e. rebooking hair, dentist or physio) but I use my FF if I'm at home, then enter it again into BB. I don't often synch my BB to my Outlook calendar on my laptop. I tried using Google calendar which would also update itself on my BB. I just don't have that many appointments that it's crucial to be always synched up. And I didn't have problems with synching, just not that necessary.

My work (freelance/contracts) doesn't have many appointments and I usually confirm them via email or text, so synching my device isn't that big of a deal. I work from my home office.

I mostly use my daily pages in FF (personal Malden) to plan my work load for the day/week and to keep track of what I have done, work wise. Personally, I keep lists, notes and misc info in my FF.

Louloudorset (2011-05-27 10:56:19)

Hello

I have an iPhone and iPad as well as my trusty 3 working Filofaxes. I only put key social things in my iPhone calendar because I always have my Filofax with me. I don't use the calendar function at all on the iPad as I don't like how you can't quickly and easily change views.

For work I use the outlook calendar for key meetings where I invite people or need reminders to turn up but everything is in my A5 Filofax so that's the book I carry everywhere when I'm at work!

The dream would be to have the digital devices that also synced with the paper planner in my Filofax so things were just added remotely but I could still use it the same as I do now (if you see what I mean) until magic computer/writing paper appears though no chance of that

Have a lovely weekend all

Lx

amanda21xo (2011-05-27 14:12:40)

Hi all, first time posting here so hope this is the right place :)

Please help me, I'm having a dilemma!! After using a pocket filofax in 2007 and giving up because it was just too darn small, I am now in the market for another filofax but I can't decide between Personal or A5.

I have already purchased the Personal Finsbury in Aqua but now that I see the size of the diary pages I am thinking will they be too small? The main use for my filo will be to plan my wedding for next year. I am thinking an A5 will be great for putting notes and magazine clippings in but will it be too big for carrying round venue/stores etc?

I would appreciate any help from all you filofax veterans :)

Thanks, Amanda.

kanalt (2011-05-27 14:38:30)

Amanda - Have you tried personal size with a different kind of insert, like the page per day or 2 pages per day (depending on your need). Which personal inserts are you using now? I have used the week on two pages and

moved up to 2 pages per day for the extra space. I can't get a whole year's worth of pages in my Filo, but it has helped a great deal. I find that A5 is too big to carry around. Good luck and congratulations!

amanda21xo (2011-05-27 14:59:41)

Hi kanalt, thanks for your reply and congrats :) At the moment I'm using a week on 2 pages as I like the idea of seeing what's happening for the whole week. You now have me thinking though that if 2 days per page fits ok then I could give that a whirl. I also like the idea of it not being too heavy. I think I'll just stick with the Personal. Thanks for your help! :)

stirwise (2011-05-27 16:12:35)

@Rene: I spent years (about a decade) using electronics exclusively for agenda/planning/diary, etc. I quit that about two years ago. Now the only functions that stay electronic are my contacts and my shared calendars for work. I do still copy the calendars to my paper planner, though.

Mostly my iPhone functions as an entertainment device: music, movies, web browsing, etc.

plaiditude (2011-05-27 17:07:54)

This is planner related, but not Filofax (please don't hurt me :) Anyone know where you can get quality leather binders for A6 size with 6 rings, that takes 3 5/16" x 6 5/8" paper? I used to use Time/System and sometimes used the compact size. I love the inserts/calendar for the T/S compact, but couldn't live with 3/4" rings - much prefer the binders and 7/8" ring size of filofax though 1" would be even better, but I long for the T/S inserts. It's a sad life always only having half of the solution :)

Alison Reeves (2011-05-27 19:27:02)

@David - I was sure you had settled on a personal size Filofax, did I miss something. (I am obsessed with Filofax sizes at the moment)!

@Rene - I use a pocket for my take out diary. I am currently setting up a work one (will be either A4 or A5 page a day) for daily planning (I work from home so page size can take precedence over weight issues). I have an iPhone which I use for calls, checking emails when out, and contacts. It syncs with outlook and I don't seem to have any duplication errors (been using this set up for about 3 years). Also use phone for a small amount of entertainment when away (music, couple of games and books). Also Internet when on move as required.

I have recently bought an iPad2. Am just starting to use it. I do not plan to do planning or emails on it. So far it s purely for entertainment. Would be interested in what others use iPad for.

Laurie (2011-05-27 22:32:20)

Amanda, I'm always struggling between Personal and A5 too. Personal is the biggest size I can stand to carry in my bag everywhere with me, but the pages are too small to use as a diary. (I end up using a bound book as my diary). The A5 pages are a great size for a diary and anything else (especially printing and adding in pages) but the book is big.

That said, in my opinion I think you should get an A5. You won't be carrying it with you everywhere you go, just to your wedding planning meetings and shopping. And for wedding planning you'd be using some kind of binder or folio anyway, so it might as well be a Filofax! ;D

Rene Raggl (2011-05-28 04:00:41)

@plaiditude: I'm sure your question will be welcome here. I keep rambling about my Succes organizer and so far haven't been yelled at. ;-) Those guys made me feel right at home! Thanks again for that, by the way! Pitily enough I won't be able to help you myself. But I am confident somebody here will have an answer to your question.

@Louloudorset: Your idea sounds like sync heaven to me. Hope it becomes reality. A thing that will look like paper, feel like paper, but would be connected to the cloud and sync back and forth. As you enter an appointment into your computer, it will magically appear in your own handwriting on the planner. We will have to wait for that I while I guess...

@stirwise: same goes for me. Started out with the Newton, then a short period of Palm, then Psion, then Palm again, then a plethora of smartphones. Still am a Tech nerd, but a turn of the tide is clearly recognizeable.

@Alison: I couldn't put up with having several paper planners, I admire you for being able to do that. I would

loose all overview. The Pocket would be too small for me to use as my main planner.

About iPad use, I still have the original iPad and I use it for checking and replying to my mail, surfing the web, Twitter, Evernote, read my news, check out traffic, access our company system on the go, manage my finances, check out the weather, listen to Radio streams / music, blog, watch movies, read books and to Skype. The odd game thrown in for good measure. I also use it to store my pictures when I am out and about with my DSLR. If you'd like App recommendations, please let me know.

Copying of content from Philofaxy (2011-05-27 04:15)

I was extremely annoyed (substitute any offending swear words you know) this morning when I came across a site that had stolen the content from Philofaxy and a number of other Filofax related sites. The content in most cases was a direct copy it even has the formatting style of the original writers. Out of the 48 articles on this site I counted at least 16 of them taken from the Philofaxy site or my own blog.

The articles had been 'revised' to include a lot of Amazon adverts and some photographs had been changed.

I've sent the publisher of the site a request to remove the content, but I don't hold out much hope of it happening being that the site is registered in China. I will be in contact with the bloggers who's content I recognised on the site with the details of the site address, email me if you would like to know the address. I will not be publishing it here. As that will only give them more traffic than they deserve.

The golden rule is to ask before you pinch anything on the web. To do it for your own personal gain as in this case is criminal to say the least.

Not the best start to my day as you can imagine.....

Regards

Steve

pilgrim (2011-05-27 04:25:26)

There is only one original site & the quality of the articles reflect the quality of the contributors & their material. Hope you have a better day

Pilgrim

Amanda (2011-05-27 04:39:41)

Oh, what a rotten start! I hope you manage to get some resolution (but I guess you're right that you might not as the site is overseas).

Be cheered that we all adore this site and try to be flattered that the stuff was worth pinching (says Amanda, *trying* to see a silver lining...)

Femke (2011-05-27 05:07:00)

Gees, Steve, that sucks. I hate when that happens. I hope they will take it down.

caribbean princess (2011-05-27 05:07:25)

Oh dear! That is awful :(China is well known for plagiarism though.

Rene Raggl (2011-05-27 05:12:10)

That's pretty much anything they can do (yet): copy stuff. Cheapskates.

If you want to... I would have my own methods of (legally) making the lives of those guys miserable.

When interested, just e-mail me the link of the site at rene @ raggl .me and I'll have a look at what I can do.

Alison Reeves (2011-05-27 05:44:03)

@steve - so sorry to hear about this - it really is annoying and probably very misleading to any of their readers. I suppose we are all subject to this these days.

@rene - oh I like the idea of a little revenge!

Kate (2011-05-27 06:10:11)

Sorry to hear that all your hard work is being utilised or soon else's profit, Steve. Since discovering Philofaxy, I only read this site and others recommended here as i have discovered that the quality of articles us consistently excellent. Keep up the good work, please.

Laurie (2011-05-27 06:15:05)

Steve thank you very much for discovering this in the first place, and for contacting the person in question. It is extremely annoying that our work and creative endeavors are being copied for someone else's attempts at financial gain.

Sweetspot (2011-05-27 08:47:31)

@Rene

Steve just said the site was "registered" in China. And there are many foreigners living in China these days. Even if it IS a Chinese person who did it, it doesn't justify your generalizing such insult to a nation's people. I suppose claiming to have the ability to make people's lives "miserable" gives you a huge boost of ego. Somehow I think people who really do possess that ability don't usually self-advertise like that. Keep your racist opinion to yourself. There are many international readers of blog here.

Steve, I'm sorry to hear about this incident. If you need help translating your communications to this person into Chinese, I'd be happy to assist.

Copying of Content from Philofaxy - Part 2. UpDated (2011-05-27 09:42)

Firstly it was not my intention to create any negative comments between readers this morning. I've taken down the original post to prevent further bad feelings.

I suppose my initial anger, shock, reaction shouldn't have been shared with you all in the first place. I have a fairly short fuse at times, which I'm trying to remedy, something I inherited from my late father I suppose.

Having had an hour or so away from the internet to think this thing through. I have decided that whilst it might be worth pursuing this person or persons unknown by what ever legal means are open to us, is there any point? It can't have been any accident that over 16 posts from Philofaxy were taken partly or fully and used on their own website. It was done in such a bad way as well.

Comments on the posts on their site were taken from comments on other posts on our site. Photos were not used from our posts but were pinched (linked to) from Flickr or else where. So for instance my post about using my slimline as a wallet had got the pictures of the contents of a ladies handbag... now you know I use a man-bag.. but I draw the line at using make up!!!! Yes you have to see the funny side of their clumsy way of doing this I suppose.

So please let this be the last on this topic. Let's get back to enjoying and discussing our real love... you are such a great bunch of people and it would truly hurt my feelings if any of you thought that you couldn't comment or enjoy the site because of some fear or bias of any type.

Thank you for your offers of help and continued support.

Regards

Steve

[STOP PRESS]

There is a Happy Ending... well sort of... I have received the following email:

Hello,

I have removed all posts you list from the site. Sorry for inconvenience.

Best Regards,

???????

Well he hasn't quite removed all of the articles, I've sent him the link to a couple of others that he seems to have missed. But hopefully they too will be gone soon.

Tommes (2011-05-27 09:51:44)

I see this in my job almost every day :(And you are probably right. It's extremely hard to prevent people from doing it. Even more, when the owner is in a foreign country. Sorry, that your precious content has been stolen, but - on the other hand - be proud! The content is worth being stolen! Every single letter of it!!!

Best wishes, Thomas

pilgrim (2011-05-27 10:09:27)

Steve,

In commenting on Philofaxy I would never think that in any way there is any bias, quite the opposite, it is extremely fair & open to all points of view.

All of us I think would take any opportunity to thank you for moderating so well and aiding us in being part of such an enjoyable & obviously covetable group/blog.

Many thanks & have a great weekend

Pilgrim

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-05-27 11:15:05)

Hello! I saw the original post this morning but could not comment until now (so I do not know what the comments were that caused the posts to remove). As an academic I view this form of plagiarism as unprofessional, as a human being I see it as being really, really rude and cheeky.

The content and community spirit on here is wonderful and you are a key part of that. It is sad that you feel fed-up that some-one has stolen the sites content (and is understandable that you are angry). I have no knowledge on copyright law but know there is some-thing called ?creative commons license (not sure if that applies here). Maybe a statement about copyright could be added to the site (will e-mail off here).

Best wishes... Alison

PS Is it wrong that I chuckled at the make-up comment that you made?!

SNARLing: (2011-05-27 12:58:01)

i agree with tommes. i love this site — the forum you have provided however is un-copyable. thanks for all the love you put into daily! cin-cin to you! it is memorial day weekend here where we remember and are soooo thankful for all who fight for our freedoms. please have a wonderful beautiful long holiday weekend.

kanalt (2011-05-27 14:47:55)

I missed the earlier post and comments, but I just want to say, thank you for being on top of this. This is a great blog and community and both are invaluable to many people, myself included. It's a shame that this happened at all, so thank you for noticing and taking action in any form. This blog would not be what it is without you!

ilovepens (2011-05-27 15:28:02)

I've missed the early posts about copying of content, but was contacted by few of my readers and yourself about this issue. It's sad that some bloggers have no respect for copy writing and all efforts we put into what we do. My blog post was stolen as well as your and I appreciate all the support and help from you guys. Hope this blogger will learn his lesson.

Regards

Julia

Sandra (2011-05-27 16:13:19)

Steve,

I did not see the earlier post, but reading this one leads me to echo what others have said: thank you for moderating an outstanding blog that is filled with Filofaxes, facts, fanaticism (a little!), and fun. I regret that someone else committed plagiarism and stole your intellectual property (as Alison wrote). Stealing is unethical and makes me angry for you and others injured by this horrible behavior.

Thank you for all that you do here at Philofaxy. A thank you does to Nan and Laurie as well!

Take care,

Sandra

A (2011-05-27 18:09:32)

Hi all,

Did not see the first one either but I agree with our Globe Trotting Cacti: it is unprofessional! I ma not a IP lawyer but we have something called "fair use." Fair use is taking a quote, maybe one paragraph, giving your opinion about it and then linking to the original text. That is allowed and only serves the original author to get his/her work out to a broader audience. "Lifting" the text as in copy and past the whole thing, is not fair use unless you have the author's explicit permission and you have to mention that above or at the end of the post "reprinted by permissions of...."

That said, continue as you do, they have the heads up now that everyone is watching. We know where the originals come from!

Hope to see you in July!!!!

A (Blogger identifies me as A but my name is Alice)

J (2011-05-27 19:16:34)

I also missed the earlier conversation, but thanks for being on top of this, Steve! I admit I was a bit confused by the Twitter message this morning telling me my post had been "pinched."

I did just check again, and the link still works where my post on the Mini Midwest Meetup was stolen. I'm sure it will be resolved, but will keep you updated if I still see it up for a long period of time.

Thanks for keeping this community amazing!!!

Steve (2011-05-29 04:19:16)

Hi

The earlier post is now back on line but without the comments, it's just there as an announcement and to complete the picture as it were.

The content directly taken from Philofaxy has now been removed from the other site. Although there are still 2-3 posts from other blogs that we know that are still on there.

A request has been sent to the blogger to remove these as well. I will chase him up again tomorrow if that content still remains on his site. Steve

phillytyper.com (2011-10-06 22:41:28)

As Rudyard Kipling put it, "They copied all they could follow, but they couldn't copy my mind—and I left 'em sweatin' and stealin'—a year and a half behind."

cheers

—mcget

Web Finds 27 May 2011 (2011-05-27 12:00)

Some more great blog posts from around the web to share with you.

- [1]Type A Weighs In: For The Love of Filofax - Susie B Magazine

- [2]How I use my Filofax - Kathiza
- [3]My Own, My Love, My Precious Filofax - Aras Geylani
- [4]Filofax 2011 catalogue - Filomaniac
- [5]My Filofax - The State of Grace
- [6]To Flex or not to Flex... that is the question! - Caribbean Princess
- [7]Vintage Pink and Crimson Malden - I love the Pens's

Enjoy...

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Jotje (2011-05-27 14:18:26)

The ILOVEPENS blog (lowest link) just has a blog post up with lovely pictures of the new range. Some of them I hadn't seen yet (that's because the Dutch stores refuse to carry the NEW Filofax catalogs ... HMPF)

Flex by Filofax - Readers Questions. (2011-05-28 03:00)

Firstly, thank you for all the feedback and questions on the reviews. This final part I hope will answer all of the outstanding questions.

We won't be ignoring the [1]Flex range, but at the risk of Philofaxy becoming Philoflexy... I would like to get back to the normal Filofax style of posts. I'm sure though there will be times when we might suggest the Flex as a solution to some ones needs rather than a Filofax. Having the Flex will give us a broader range of topics to talk about and discuss I'm sure in the future.

So your questions in no particular order.....

RQ1. Which colour flex will go with my Crimson Malden?

Yes I know there are quite a few out there now, so this should apply to quite a few folks!



[2]

Magenta Flex Pocket, Crimson Malden Personal, Grey Flex A5



[3]

Crimson Malden Personal, Grey Flex A5



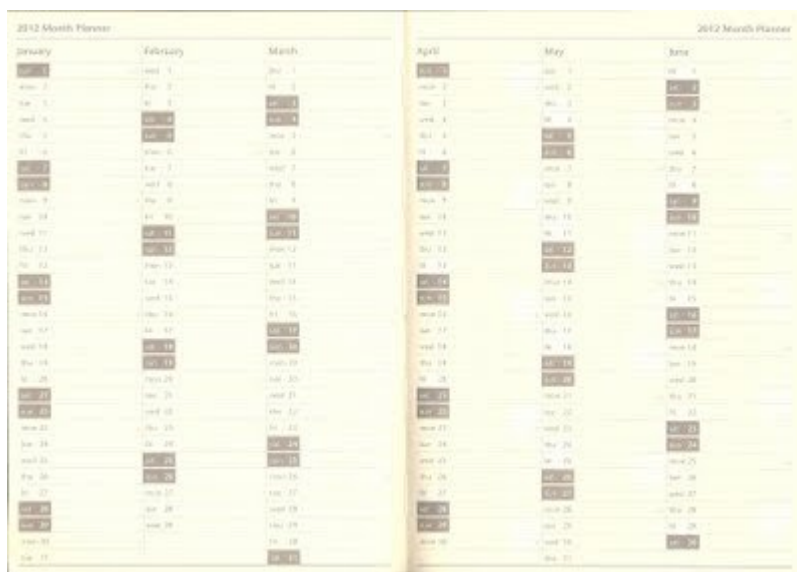
[4]

Magenta Flex Pocket, Crimson Malden Personal

Don't forget the Flex is also available in Black and also available in Personal/Slimline size too.

RQ2. What is the monthly calendar we briefly saw in the video?

There are Monthly calendars for 2012 and 2013. Here are the first 6 months of the 2012 calendar spread across 2 pages of the A5 Flex.



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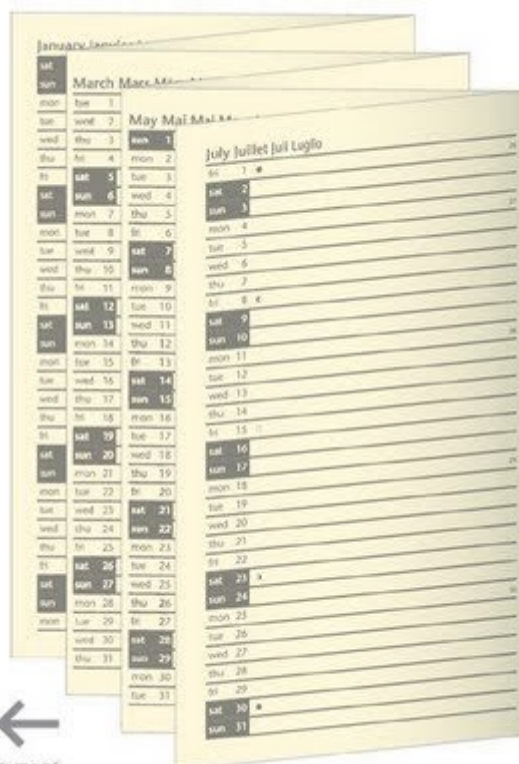
RQ3. What do the diary pages look like?

[6]



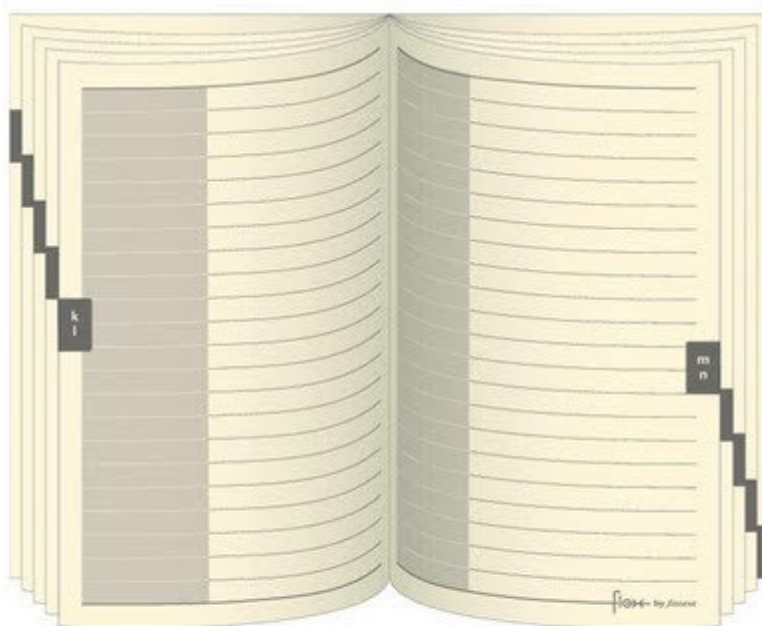
As you can see it's very very similar to the Week on Two Page Filofax Format that you can buy in Cotton Cream.

And this is the Year Planner



[7]

And the Contacts insert.



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[8]



[9]

RQ4, Do the covers of the inserts match the colours of the Flex Binders?

Sadly no in the current 'First Edition' range they are all grey. And I've seen a picture of the display in Neal Street and they were all grey too. I suspect they want to keep the cost down.

RQ5. What is the thickness of the A5 Flex with the thin notebook and diary?

22 mm, but I suppose if you put other cards etc in to the other pockets then may be a little more. It weighs 515 grams. My Malden A5 is more than 35 mm thick. But does have considerably more pages in it now. The Maldens weigh between 820 and 1020 grams

The Flex with the thick note book and diary weighs in at 775 grams which as I thought is about the same as an A5 Malden with just the standard fill in it. I'm surprised myself that I was able to tell how close they are in weight...

RQ6. When will it be on sale?

[10]Now.... Neal Street and Conduit Street have stock on display. It will be [11]on-line soon as well. In

the USA the release date is set on 15 June 2011. As soon as it is available [12]on line you will be sure that Philofaxy will tell you!



[13]
RQ7. How well protected are the pages in the inserts, it looked a little 'floppy' in the video.
I will admit I was rushing things a bit doing the video, but if you take a bit more time and care the inserts are quite tightly held in the Flex binder.

With the inserts in the inner pockets, the page edge is about 5 mm from the edge of the Flex binder. With the inserts in the outer pockets then the bound edge of the insert is more or less flush with the outer edge of the Flex binder.

True it doesn't have any form of closure on the binder, or this First Edition of the binder doesn't have one. But I also use a Slimline Filofax, which is similar, there isn't a closure on that and I've never had any problems with pages getting creased or damaged. I suppose it will depend on what else you carry in your bag that is loose.

RQ8. Can I make my own inserts?

Making your own inserts for the Flex would be very easy to do, especially the A5. Booklet print the pages fold them in half, staple on a thin card cover of your own design and bingo insert it and you are up and running... Simple!

RQ9. Is there a Today marker or ribbon on the diary?

One wasn't supplied with the ones I received and the price list contained in the [14]first part of the review doesn't mention this accessory.

RQ10. If I'm buying the Flex what measure of 'Philo' do I use?

An important issue this. You don't want your '[15]Philofaxy' count going too high now do you... As the page sizes are the same as a loose leaf Filofax it seems fair to count them in the same way, this applies to everyone. ☺

RQ11. Can the Flex hold 3 notebooks?

I have tried this with a plain notebook and ruled notebook along with the diary and here are the results.



[16]

So on the right hand side is the diary, on the left is the plain and ruled notebooks.



[17]

If we fully open the ruled notebook which is in the left inner pocket it folds out over the diary and the reveals the plain note book which is in the left outer pocket.



[18]

Opening that up gives you this sort of set up.



[19]

You can then close the ruled notebook, which would let you open the diary whilst still being able to see the plain notebook.



[20]

And finally the whole set up closed, yes it sort of works but may be not ideal.

If you have further questions ask them here or in any Free For All Tuesday.

Thank you.

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juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-28 07:03:45)

Hi Steve, I haven't read all the posts about Flex, so apologies if you have already covered this.

Would the Flex cover take any other standard sized notebooks? As we all know, Filofax Personal size is NOT the same as A6, its nearest standard equivalent. But I'm wondering if the Flex system has enough wiggle room to take an A6 notebook.

Alternatively, there is another notebook size available in France - I mean the carnet size, which Clairefontaine do and some other manufacturers too - I have bought some super-cheap ones in Casino in the past. This is quite close to the Personal paper size - similar height but a little wider - I have used pages from my carnet in my filofax, punched and with a minor trim to fit - I just fold and tear, no scissors required! - so I know the sizing is very close. Just wondering if the whole notebook would fit inside the Flex cover.

Steve (2011-05-28 07:12:14)

Hi Juliet

Take a read of part 2 of the review

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/flex-by-filofax-review-part-2.html>

I detail the size of the pockets in that one.

I'm sure other refills/notebooks will fit. And quite easy to check in a supermarket or store as well!

Our local supermarket have quite a range of note books. I've already tried their shopping list pad and that is the same size, but more pages and considerably cheaper than the Filofax one!

Steve

juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-28 08:20:55)

Thanks, Steve.

I didn't realise you hadn't been sent a Personal size - oops! - but, judging from your comments on the Pocket and the A5, it looks quite promising.

I'm thinking that it might make sense to get a Flex as an 'extra' for my filofax - sometimes it does make sense to use a notebook - but I would definitely want to be able to tear out the pages and file them if I wanted to.

Next time I'm in London, I might go into Conduit Street, armed with a couple of carnets and see if they'll fit!

Sandra (2011-05-28 08:39:02)

Hmmn. I like the possibility of having multiple calendar formats out in front of me as I plan lessons. I plan daily lessons while considering the week, month, and semester as a whole (of course). Traditional lesson books show two weeks on two pages. Still a lot of flipping back and forth.

Thank you for the thorough information. Your pictures make me want a magenta Flex AND an A5 Malden.
sigh

Imy (2011-05-28 08:49:19)

Do you know if you can order over the phone, i may need to order over the phone, i cannot wait im far tooo excited!!!! :-) thanks for the picture i asked for

and the display looked magical, even tho its all grey (but pink and grey are my fave colours)

Thank you again :-) YAY

caribbean princess (2011-05-28 10:36:53)

Imy I ordered over the phone.

Amanda (2011-05-28 13:28:34)

Just seen that some are available on eBay.

http://shop.ebay.co.uk/lbm-stationery/m.html?_nkw=flex & _sacat=0 & _odkw= & _osacat=0 & _trk-sid=p3911.c0.m270.11313

Not sure how the price compares?

Steve (2011-05-31 07:34:28)

Yes Neal Street take orders over the phone.

Steve

emile (2011-06-02 13:01:20)

Fahrneys Pens in Washington DC will have the Flex product in their store on June 10.

Time Managers Planner Wallet - Guest Post - Tim (2011-05-29 00:00)

Whilst everyone is getting very excited by Flex, they always say "nothing is really new". I've attached a couple of photos I've just taken of a Time Managers Planner Wallet.



[1]

It's easy to see where the idea really came from! The TMI planner wallet has the four pockets (so has Flex), the notepad slot top and bottom (so has Flex) and the credit card slots are identical to Flex! The big difference is that the Time Manager Planner Wallet in the photo is 25 years old!



[2]

There are a few changes. Firstly, the TMI Planner Wallet was designed to be slotted into a conventional Time Manager binder, so has a 6 hole flap for that. Secondly, Filofax have taken things a stage further by producing Flex in different sizes - in particular A5 - which may help those who struggle with the size and weight of an A5 binder. The adjustable pen arrangement is also new as are the range of inserts, but as for the binder itself...



[3]

For those who can't wait for a Flex cover in leather (which will surely come next) the Time Manager Planner Wallet is a possible stop-gap option available now, but only in the one size.

I use an A5 Kendal with Filofax Time Management Pro content, but also have a Time Manager Compact binder for travel and portability. This brings the benefit of a Flex type binder (in leather) with small rings in the middle for papers that need sorting. Again, a photo is attached of mine. The binder is a lot sturdier than Flex appears to be (something that others have spotted to). The rings are 17mm and the same hole spacing as Filofax Personal.

Longterm, maybe Filofax will produce a Flex with a fixed small ring that would combine the benefits of the slimline Flex AND a conventional ring organiser/ planner - preferably in A5!

Thank you Tim, [4]Time Management International are here and their [5]shop here

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-dl0TfapyZV4/Td5sZXh3DII/AAAAAAAAJPo/m_JSvzJHuHY/s1600/TMI2.JPG
2. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-gCXiJobE2cE/Td5sXbjrZI/AAAAAAAAJPk/srUoSE8Ua-4/s1600/TMI1.JPG>
3. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-w-xRa_jM04g/Td5sbhMi4rI/AAAAAAAAJPs/UdEn1bZgJYU/s1600/TMI4.JPG
4. <http://www.tmiworld.com/tmi/site/Home/>
5. <http://www.timemanager.com/timemanager/int/webmenu.nsf/framesets/Time+Manager+Shop>

David Popely (2011-05-29 14:37:43)

Thanks Tim - as a TM user (on and off) for the last 29 years, I agree - Filofax have completely plagiarised the idea of the TM wallet for the Flex. However, the A5 Flex isn't going to fit in my pocket, whereas the TM wallet is perfect for that, and (as usual) the leather and workmanship on the TM are faultless. I just wish I hadn't got rid of my compact TM (I still have the original size binder), as the compact might have eventually won out in the portability stakes.

I've had my TM out this afternoon, asnd am still considering whether it might make a useful halfway step size-wise between the constraints of the FF original and the weight of the FF A5.....watch this space!

Kate (2011-05-30 06:20:03)

Ooh! I used to have one of these many years ago until I finally plumper for an A5 Portobello in red. I was in the WRNS at the time and the Navy went through a TM phase for all it's secretariat officers. It didn't work for me, though, as I like tosee everythingon one page rather than subdivided.

Kate (2011-05-30 06:20:40)

And I still have a box of TM papers, if anyone wants them.

David Popely (2011-05-31 05:42:08)

Kate I'd be very interested in your TM papers if you could email me off-list

davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com

Thank you!

Reader Question - Alexandra (2011-05-30 00:00)

Alexandra asks:

Say if you have 6 personals or whatever do you change them according to your mood? i.e I'm in a tan leather mood today or a red mood or a black mood etc etc? or do you buy one...use it..it gets worn..you buy another one and start using that instead but you keep hold of all your old ones? im just asking so i can use this as evidence when i try to convince the OH I need more than one because everyone else does???

Sandra (2011-05-30 00:36:41)

Of course you keep the old, well-loved, worn Filofaxes. A Filo for storage of inserts, be it new inserts or old planner pages, makes perfect sense.

And I think swapping between Filofaxes is perfectly acceptable behavior. Tsk, tsk to your OH for just not "getting it." :)

Amanda (2011-05-30 04:44:48)

I have two filofaxes of the same 'type' (baroques) - one fuschia pink (or rose electrique in French!) and the other 'turquoise' (though rather more blue than turquoise to be honest) and my plan is to use the pink one in the summer and the blue one in the winter and change on the equinox.

That is if all the Malden-enablers don't convert me!!

And Sandra's right - you need other filofaxes for holding unused pages and also used pages...

David Popely (2011-05-30 06:27:19)

Hi Amanda

Sad but necessary answer.....you don't *need* more than one (unless you alternate sizes, in which case you need one of each preferred size). Or if you use them as static on-the-shelf binders, which IMO isn't what they were designed for.

Treat them with kindness and they don't wear out if you buy quality in the first place (old proverb - "Buy once, buy wisely"). From the second onwards it's just 'collector's disease'.

Sorry to disappoint!

David

caribbean princess (2011-05-30 06:50:59)

I definitely suffer with collector's disease! I have to agree with David here, you really only need one filofax! Just like you really only need one pair of shoes, one handbag etc etc.

But I don't live by those rules (me- one handbag! NEVER!) so do whatever makes you happy! hehe! Once you don't have to beg, borrow or steal to finance your habit/addiction!

:-)

Scoot (2011-05-30 06:52:08)

A slimline fax has to be colour co-ordinated to match a suit. I have black, dark blue, brown, chestnut and cream slimlines, but no grey! There are lots of options for women, but men lack choice in stylish or traditional themes.

Another example of a lack of joined up thinking at Filofax HQ!

Laurie (2011-05-30 08:18:25)

I have to politely disagree with the folks who say you only "need" one Filofax. There are so many possibilities for use beyond diary and contacts. For example, I use one to keep track of Medical for myself and my family. (We travel and move so often this Filofax is our only continuity for medical records.) I have a tabbed section for each person and have a list of vaccines received and when boosters are due; dates and results of medical and dental exams; medications; significant medical events. Etc. The personal size Filofax is perfect to hold lots of info yet take with me to the doctor's or while traveling.

This is just one example of the different uses for a Filofax. Many of us have a designated Travel Filofax. Some have for crafting. Some of us use one for our Fly Lady Control Journal. There are so many uses, I'm sure you'll figure out what to do with any "extra" Filofaxes!

katka (2011-05-30 09:11:06)

We have this saying...It's always about content not form. Sorry for my english :o) I agree with Laurie, that you can find different use for more than one filofax, but I can't really imagine to change them as handbag every other day. To be honest...I've tried so many styles, sizes, but I always come back to my 6 years old (first) filofax.

Jotje (2011-05-30 12:17:01)

I actually do both: change binders because of mood, plus having different binders for different purposes! Spare inserts and archives go in boxes, because I feel it's a shame to use a binder for it. If I really don't use a binder that much, I am selling it again. Just sold my Personal Kendal. Loved it very very much, but used it too rarely. It went to a good home though!

stirwise (2011-05-30 12:59:00)

I do change my binders with my mood, but also when I want to use a binder with a certain feature, like size or specific pockets, etc. I have about a dozen personal binders and they always were switched to coordinate with my handbag, or at the very least to *fit* in my bag.

I've recently switched to pocket size and have two binders. The one I'm using now is thinner and has fewer pockets. When I feel like I need the features of the bigger binder I'll switch.

I don't, however, keep multiple binders going at once.

Saffronia (2011-05-30 15:28:40)

That is a pretty great question.

I currently have 2 personal Filos with my sights set on 2 more. The intention is to have a Filo for every season.

My Godmother always said, you can't buy quality, you make quality.

She was an advocate of minimalism. She preached that taking care of what you have, will allow you to never want for more.

I put my own little twist on that to justify owning 4 personal Filos.

One for each season will allow the upkeep of each organiser.

Teal Finchley for the spring, a bright color to bring you back to life after a dismal winter.

Gooseberry Domino for the summer, as it is easy to clean and quite lightweight.

A Green Epping for the fall. A little bit collegiate and great in contrast to the amber autumn skies.

An Almond Amazona to fit the very classic fashion of the crisp winter. It just seems so fitting, no?

Saffy (2011-05-30 19:02:04)

I too suffer from 'collector's disease' and the subsequent guilt of buying another binder. I don't however subscribe to the 'one life one planner' way of thinking because like Laurie I have different binders for different uses.

Just like I have different shoes for different occasions eg; trainers for exercising, stilettos for going out, comfortable practical shoes for sightseeing and strappy sandals for summer etc, I have binders for specific purposes.

This post from last year also addresses the same question. I particularly like the response from BR..... '52 fishing rods'.

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/07/does-your-partner-also-use-filofax.html>

We all have our own 'thing' we just love and can't help ourselves over.

Cindy (2011-05-30 19:41:20)

Long time lurker here, but I had to post because I am on the cusp of going from a one-Filo to a two-Filo system. For the most part I use just one Filofax (my beloved personal Piazza in Sunflower). But because I use it for both my personal life as well as work, I find myself needing to upgrade to an A5.

I plan to use my Piazza as my weekend Filofax. The week-on-two pages format should be enough for weekend only tasks and dates, and I'll mainly use it as a notebook/wallet since it's light enough to fit in my weekend bag. Once my A5 arrives, I plan to use that pretty much strictly for work (I'll probably slip a few Personal pages into it, so I can easily transfer into my weekend Filo.)

I also have a few others that I use as archive/storage/diary/important-info-grab-in-case-of-house-fire books.

If you are a minimalist and only need one, this website seems to cure people of that. :-)

Edwin61 (2011-05-30 19:45:29)

Yeah, last week my Personal Kendall Brown arrived, while I have a black one. And I do have the Kendall A5.

So what do I do with them?

My brown personal is no my everyday tool, I can switch easily to the black one if I like to or if it fits better with my clothes (casual or "chique").

And my A5, it's on my desk and I take it to meetings.

But if I had even more FF? Lucky enough I'm a real Kendall fan. On Ebay I tried to get a pocket but someone had a higher bid. After all, what would have been the function of that one? I don't know.

BTW I also have a Time/system binder leather and a few other T/s binders. Still looking for functions for them ;-)

plaiditude (2011-05-30 23:17:58)

Edwin61, can you measure the length of the closing strap on your Kendal A5? I'm trying to find out if my Kendal has the wrong strap. Thanks!

Rori (2011-05-31 17:35:29)

OMG* *wipes eyes, grabs sides*

That was hilarious! You only need one Filofax--aahhhh! *sniff* Yeah, sure pal.

Hahahahahaha

You just haven't met the Enablers Club yet...

@Saffronia Ooohhh, Almond Amazona. BEAUTIFUL!

Collecting isn't a disease, it's a hobby! People certainly collect far odder things...

Laurie (2011-05-31 20:19:04)

I always say, there are far worse things to be addicted to than Filofax. And anyway, I can stop any time.

Edwin61 (2011-06-02 04:21:11)

@plaiditude My reaction is a little later. The strip measures 10.5 cm including the part at the backside. From the back of the binder to the front leaves 7 cm. That works for me because I don't carry around too much stuff in my A5, just what is necessary.

Free For All Tuesday No. 17 (2011-05-31 00:00)



[1]

The last day of the month, therefore your last chance in May to ask us lots and lots of questions about Filofax.... or Flex by Filofax for that matter.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TU0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

katka (2011-05-31 05:08:45)

hi, do yo know if there are any 18-months diary (2011-2012) insert available for filofax? Or at least academic diary (summer 2011-summer 2012)? WP2P/WPP mini would be great, but any other size will do also.

Laurie (2011-05-31 05:21:35)

Hi katka, the Filofax websites do have August 2011-July 2012 week on 2 pages diary inserts available now. I don't know about Mini but they definitely have them in the Personal size.

Alison Reeves (2011-05-31 06:36:08)

Here is a question: The Deskfax is an interesting size - sort of half way between an A5 and an A4. Does anyone know if this conforms to any specific page sizes (for example US sizes) and if there are any other systems which fit the deskfax (for example franklin covey or day timer?)

A.Y. Daring (2011-05-31 10:01:04)

I just bought an Adelphi filofax. The clips at the top open the rings, but they don't close them back up again. I have to manually shut it by pushing the rings together. Do all Filofaxes close like this, or is there a defect with mine?

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-31 10:04:25)

A. Y. that is exactly the same for every filofax! it's normal, the way they are designed :)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-05-31 10:05:22)

I'm thinking of buying an A5 graphic (maybe the orange), does anyone have any opinions on this filo? thanks!

A.Y. Daring (2011-05-31 10:05:47)

Thanks TPS! I was literally on the verge of panicking. :P

Steve (2011-05-31 10:06:43)

Yes AY that is how they work. Don't pull the rings apart, only use the tabs to open and then squeeze the rings back together again.

The mechanism that you can't see is a tensioned spring which flips either way. In one position it holds them open, in the other it keeps them closed.

juliet.lima1022 (2011-05-31 10:51:42)

@Alison Reeves:

I believe that the Deskfax uses B5 size paper: 176 x 250 mm. It is a standard size of paper in the ISO B range, but much less common than any of the A sizes.

More info about ISO paper sizes here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_216

I don't know if any other systems use it, but I doubt that the American manufacturers would, as they don't recognise ISO 216 to start with - they have their own paper sizing standards. But maybe the other European systems do?

Hope this helps!

Alison Reeves (2011-05-31 11:22:37)

@ juliet.lima1022 thanks for this. For some reason I figured it was originally based on an american size as it wasn't based on the usual A sizes. I didn't think of the B sizes! Oh well it was just a thought!

Rori (2011-05-31 17:26:05)

Oopsie, I've been doing it wrong..I've been pulling the rings open...

Steve (2011-06-02 06:57:47)

If you have noticed a +1 button at the foot of each post, this is like the Facebook Like button.

More details here:

http://www.wirefresh.com/google-launches-the-1-button/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=google-launches-the-1-button

Web Finds - 31 May 2011 (2011-05-31 12:00)

So a few more Filofax web finds to keep you amused.

- [1]I need a smaller bag - My Little Life
- [2]Custom Filofax paper by Maudimade - the lowlife of the party
- [3]My Old Faithful Filofax - The State of Grace
- [4]Horrendous Blogging Habits and New Filofaxes - Rori

Enjoy

1. <http://icecreambird.blogspot.com/2011/05/i-need-smaller-bag.html>
2. <http://stirwise.blogspot.com/2011/05/custom-filofax-paper-by-maudimade.html?sref=tw>
3. <http://mystateofgrace.wordpress.com/2011/05/30/my-old-faithful-filofax/>
4. <http://www.rorirants.com/2011/05/horrendous-blogging-habits-and-new.html>

katka (2011-05-31 14:19:00)

I've found very interesting item on ebay...http://cgi.ebay.com/Lefax-Collection-1960s-Rare-/150612047696?pt=Antiquarian_Collectible&hash=item23112d7750

Rori (2011-05-31 16:59:29)

Thank You!!!!

Saffronia (2011-06-02 00:22:16)

So I don't know if I missed this post, but. THERE HERE!!!!

The new Filo's are on the US website!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

YAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

1.3 June

Filofax Aston - Review (2011-06-01 00:00)



[1]

The Filofax 'Aston' is one of the new styles released in 2011. As its name implies the Aston is at the luxury end of the product range. It is made from 'Deluxe Leather', the stitching detail as you will hopefully see from the photographs is quite delicate and very well done.

So how does the 'Aston' compare to the other organisers in the range... ones you will most probably be more familiar with. My first impression when I opened the package was 'Finchley'. It has the same soft feel of the Finchley mini that I have. It is very soft to touch, but may be not as supple as say the Malden, but no were near as stiff as say a Finsbury or a Classic.

In pocket size the Aston has the following features:

- 19mm rings, yes I've measured them! This is the same as the Malden.
- On the left hand side there are four horizontal credit card slots, and a full length vertical pocket behind them.
- On the right hand side there is a leather zipped pocket. On the Finchley this is a mesh pocket, not as nice as the leather on the Aston in my opinion. There is also an elasticated leather pen loop.
- The Aston comes with cotton cream inserts: Diary(Week on Two Pages), To Do, Ruled paper, Addresses, Three letter index, Brown ruler.

What the Aston pocket doesn't have is a full width exterior rear pocket, which the Finchley doesn't have either. But what it does mean is that the pocket size does lay flat virtually from day 1. I compared it to my 'broken in' Chameleon pocket, which does have the rear pocket and the Aston does lay flatter than the Chameleon pocket. So the lack of the rear pocket or the ability to lay flat could be a decider for some people.

However, when I have tried the Aston out as a Wallet/Filofax and it holds everything that I need to carry: Passport, Drivers licence, Credit Cards. The rear pocket I only use for paper money and as I carry less and less of that these days, the lack of the rear pocket on the Aston wouldn't be a big issue for me. So some pictures, this is the pocket size in Mushroom. The leather 'panels' reminded me of the crease lines you get on a car bonnet (or hood if you are in North America)



[2]

They continue on to the back of the organiser as well, but without the centre stitching, so just like a boot or trunk of a car.



[3]

Without the stationary you can see how flat the Aston lays.



[4]

[5]



A close up of the inside front cover.



[6]

And also a close up of the base of the spine, stitching all the different panels together must be quite a task, even if it might be done by a machine these days.



[7]

And finally open with the cotton cream stationary back in place.



[8]

The Aston is available at present in the following colours: Black, Chocolate, Orchid, Mushroom. It is available in Pocket, Personal and A5 sizes. and the prices range from £72 for the Pocket, £83 for the Personal and £125 for the A5. These prices are the same as the equivalent size Finchleys. The Aston I'm told will be available on the [9]Filofax website sometime in June 2011.

[10] [Aston_Pocket_Chocolate+HIGH+RES.jpg]

Aston Chocolate

[11] [Aston_Pocket_Orchid.jpg]

Aston Orchid

I would like to thank Filofax for the opportunity to review this new model and for sending me this free sample.

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11. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iPaMa4eAUgc/TeTzrqUuxFI/AAAAAAAAJQo/Zs34Am6zcnI/s1600/Aston_Pocket_Orchid.jpg

Alison Reeves (2011-06-01 03:59:30)

This looks really nice - probably because I am a real Finchley fan - I couldn't understand why they were discontinuing it, and this may be the reason.

One thing I don't understand is why it takes so long to get these items on the website - unless they have sent you a sample and they don't have stocks yet!

Gosh it must be like giving a child a job as a chocolate taster being able to review all these lovely filofaxes!! You lucky devil!

Mrs. Grievous (2011-06-01 08:24:59)

Thank you so much for this review! I knew I wanted this one as soon as I saw it, and these pictures only solidify my love for it. :)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-06-01 08:31:33)

I can definitely see the similarities with the Finchley and I love the purple colour. In fact I think I prefer it to the Finchley! I'm looking for an A5 and maybe this is the one! But I don't think I could afford £125 for it... the good thing about the Finchley is that it's been around for so long there are cheap ones on ebay etc, but I couldn't wait for this one to get cheaper... the price is an issue

Yvotchka (2011-06-01 09:22:50)

WOW. The Aston looks really nice!! Thank you for the excellent & thorough review....or not...because now I totally want one in that mushroom color you showcased!

Finally some more interesting colors in the lineup!

Thanks again Steve :)

kathiza (2011-06-01 11:04:54)

Will the A5 size have 30mm rings?

The Orchid one looks fantastic... I'm extremely tempted.

Steve (2011-06-01 11:08:17)

No, the Aston A5 will come with 25mm rings.

The Malden A5 has 30mm rings likewise the Finsbury and the Kendal have that size too, as well as the Domino and the Metropol.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-06-01 11:41:09)

will it be available in the Neal/Conduit street shops before it is online I wonder... maybe an excuse to go to London!!

Louloudorset (2011-06-01 12:43:30)

Ooh I'm loving the Orchid colour! But not sure it is as lovely as the Malden leather. I'll have to pop in store next time I'm in London for a look (cuddle)

Still dithering here about the Malden in Rose after deciding I didn't like it at the meet up I am loving using the Malden in Crimson but the colour isn't really me (bit too serious and grown up and I miss my pink!!)

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Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-01 15:13:58)

Thanks for the review. Love the orchid.... looks like a classy Filofax. Stunning...

Saffronia (2011-06-01 18:31:34)

I am underwhelmed...

caribbean princess (2011-06-02 02:43:05)

@Saffronia. I agree with you. Don't think this is as nice as the Finchley. There will be no increase in my Philofaxy count!

Thanks for the review though Steve.

Jotje (2011-06-02 05:37:05)

Great review, Steve! However, the way you put it, it sounds like its either the wallet pocket or laying flat. The Malden has the wallet pocket and lays flat as a rat (well, after it's been run over or something)! Pity they didn't include the wallet pocket in the Aston...

M Ng (2011-06-02 09:10:58)

Thanks for the great review, Steve. I really love the mushroom color. I wish it came with a secretarial pocket, though.

Amanda (2011-06-02 15:19:11)

I'm with Saffronia and CP - I'm not increasing my filofax count with this one either... sorry.

Great review though!

Saffronia (2011-06-02 17:26:54)

Oh Steve, it just occurred to me that I sound a little snooty.

I absolutely love the your review. I am very confident your accuracy thus I am confident that it is not for me.

I appreciate you for time and the detail that you ahve provided for the review.

XOXO

mywormy (2011-10-15 00:49:28)

Thanks for this review Steve. I love the mushroom color. I know this will be my next purchase. Do you know when they will be selling them in the US? How come I have never been asked to be "under the spotlight"? LOL

What's in your Filofax?: Information (2011-06-01 09:00)

Today in our What's in your Filofax? series the topic is information.

As we all know, I love all the international information that comes in the Filofax diary inserts. ([1]Click here to see my post about it.) I like to have as much information in my Filofax as possible, so that it's right at my fingertips when I'm out and about or traveling.

In my personal Deco I keep an entire tabbed section labeled International that houses all the international information pages from my Filofax diary inserts, for easy access. I like being able to find dialing codes, lists of holidays and religious festivals easily.

Now that I'm living in Indonesia I especially use these pages, because here there are lots of holidays I'm not familiar with. Luckily the Indonesian holidays are indicated on the day spaces (as RI), there is a list of Indonesian holidays in the International Information pages, and if I don't know the significance of the date I can usually find it on the Religious Holidays list. Holidays from a variety of religions are recognized here including Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu, so it's nice to be able to reference these easily. I also use the international clothing size charts, and I especially appreciate that children's sizes are included!

I also have a page from my Franklin Covey weekly inserts that has a list of Holidays and Observances for 2010 through 2015, which is very handy.

I even have a perpetual calendar page that I cut out of a pocket size planner a couple of years ago and taped onto a Filofax page to fit on the rings. It allows you to determine what day any date falls on in any year from 1800 to 2050. For example, what day is April 25, 2020? It's a Saturday!

What types of pre-printed information pages do you like to keep in your Filofax? Or, do you feel like these pages clutter up your book and you prefer to keep them out?

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/03/international-information-in-filofax.html>

Tommes (2011-06-01 09:36:07)

Though not having children of my own, I find the table of school holidays quite useful. We have to agree in the office who will have a vacation. So there's always the parents in advantage, when the vacation should be timed during these weeks.

I have a couple of other pre-printed information sheets, as well. But I also have a section with empty pages, where I can file my own "necessary" information. Either by jotting them down or glue little pieces of paper there.

Thomas

kathiza (2011-06-01 11:13:19)

Would you post a picture of the perpetual weekday-calendar you mentioned? I'd LOVE to have one.

UNchecked other (2011-06-01 11:58:40)

I have a tab that stores all the international info plus key medical/survival phrases in the language of whichever country I'm in (ie: Turkish, Kurdish, Laz, Armenian, Georgian, Farsi and Arabic, in preparation to my move to the region). I also include the contact information of the nearest US embassies and/or US military bases in case of natural or political emergencies.

Anita (2011-06-02 08:17:00)

I've removed the information sheets that came with my filo, as I just don't use them.

Other printed sheets I do keep are for GTD: the workflow diagram & weekly review checklist. I also have a small Dalai Lama book at the back, after removing the cover & hole punching it.

Sword_Lily (2011-06-03 07:23:06)

@kathiza

Try this one:

<http://web.visualgaze.de/dauerkalender.htm>

or this:

http://web.whosting.ch/Dauerkalender/html/ewiger_kalender.html

Both are in German but of course that is right up your alley.

Monkey48 (2011-06-03 19:38:48)

I too was intrigued by the perpetual calendar so I went in search of a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. So far I've found this...

<http://www.calendarhome.com/cal100/>?

Laurie (2011-06-04 02:30:08)

Monkey that's exactly the sort of thing. I was going to post a photo of the calendar but didn't want to violate copyright laws! But there are lots of versions you can find online.

I recently added a new page of information to my Filofax: F and C equivalencies for human body temperatures and fever. My daughter had yet another fever, my thermometer reads deg F only and I had to tell the clinic the deg C equivalent. I decided to do up a quick-reference chart so I don't have to do a conversion during those stressful moments. I wish my phone had a converter like my husband's has!

Steve (2011-06-04 02:33:53)

Laurie:

$$C = 5 \times (F - 32) / 9$$

$$F = ((9 \times C) / 5) + 32$$

From the back of my Filofax solar calculator....

Laurie (2011-06-04 02:37:03)

LOL Steve I have that too. But I can't do math when I'm stressed, and picking her up from the nurse's office at school and fighting traffic to get her to the SOS clinic was a very stressful situation. Easy reference chart = problem solved.

Steve (2011-06-04 02:39:16)

Yes I guess a look up chart is simpler.

I have one for converting litres/100km to Miles Per Gallon. It's easier than doing the maths whilst driving!

Filofax Aston Competition (2011-06-02 04:40)



[1]

So you have read the [2]review about the new Filofax Aston, now you can have the chance to win the review sample kindly supplied by Filofax UK.

But being Philofaxy, we just don't get you to put your name in the comments box and we pick out the lucky winner out of a hat... nope we expect you to work a little bit for your prize.

In the review I mentioned how the design and quality of the Filofax Aston reminded me of cars. Aston Martin is a UK luxury car maker known world wide, in the same way that Filofax is known for producing luxury leather goods.

But not everyone can afford an Aston Martin, or can they?

So to enter the competition please answer all of the following questions:

1. What is the name of the new luxury city car launched by Aston Martin in the last year?
2. Which car is it based on?
3. In this years Le Mans 24 hour race, Aston Martin are entering two cars in the LMP1 category. Name the two British drivers that will be driving the cars.

To enter, answer all of the questions above and send them in an email to philofaxy at gmail dot com marking the subject of your Email '**Aston**' The closing date/time for entries is **Noon** (French time) on **Saturday 11th June**

The winner will be announced at 15:00 (French time) on Saturday 11th June, which is the start of the Le Mans 24 hour endurance race. The answers to the questions will also be made public at the same time. Good luck to everyone.

The rules:

- You must provide Philofaxy with your name and postal address if you wish to enter this competition.
- Philofaxy will only ever use your personal details for the purposes of administering this competition, and will not publish them or provide them to anyone without your permission.
- Only one entry will be accepted per person.
- The deadline for receiving entries for the competition is final. No entries received after the given date will be considered.
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winner will be contacted personally.
- The prize must be taken as stated. There will be no cash alternatives.
- Philofaxy does not accept any responsibility for late or lost entries due to the Internet. Proof of sending is not proof of receipt.
- No responsibility is accepted for ineligible entries or entries made fraudulently.
- Philofaxy reserves the right to cancel this competition at any stage, if deemed necessary in its opinion, and if circumstances arise outside of its control.
- Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and to agree to be bound by them when entering this competition.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-GuZf0sshdmU/Ten_4urvIJI/AAAAAAAAJQY/7RXfp3H0gDo/s1600/IMG_0050.JPG

2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-aston-review.html>

caribbean princess (2011-06-02 04:53:40)

Yay for a competition! But as I am not a big fan of the colour I don't want to win it. Can I still answer the questions for fun and email you my answers anyways?

Steve (2011-06-02 04:54:38)

Of course you can...

Nellie (2011-06-02 06:58:03)

ooh! First question is a bit tricky I think...

Good luck to everyone!

Sandra (2011-06-02 08:20:22)

Ooh, maybe if I win my DH might consider giving up his beloved Hello Kitty planner.

@CP You are an eternal student like me!

Off to research answers and kid wrangle...

katka (2011-06-02 09:30:38)

@Sandra...Hello Kitty planner? Really? You should definitely win :o))

Alison Reeves (2011-06-02 10:47:29)

I love a competition! I also love the look and feel and colour of this new binder. I've entered so fingers crossed ...

J (2011-06-02 13:54:24)

Wait, does this mean it's open worldwide?!?!?

Yay!!!

Steve (2011-06-02 13:56:00)

Yes it is open to everyone, more less everyone is outside of France! So postage isn't too much of an issue because it's more or less the same to anywhere else in the world from here.

Susanne (2011-06-03 19:04:29)

What a wonderful idea. I have searched for the answers just for fun. I always liked the Aston Martins. They are also becoming very popular here in California. I've seen a few older models on the roads. Everyone likes that new-leather smell. (car or planner)

I hope the winner will enjoy the new planner. I am not much into this color either.

Have fun everyone. Susanne

Philofaxy Meet Up - Rotterdam - 2 July 2011 (2011-06-02 14:58)

Calling all Dutch Filofax Fans!

Join us on 2 July at 12:00 noon in Rotterdam! The date is now **confirmed**.....

We'll meet at: Cafe Restaurant FLOOR Schouwburgplein 28 3012 CL Rotterdam 010-4045288 It has plenty of space, huge tables, a great menu, lots of parking around and of course, it is conveniently located near Rotterdam Central Station.

Bring your Filofaxes, Succes planners, and join us for a long lunch.

If you are interested, please email Philofaxy philofaxy at gmail dot com and put "Dutch Meet Up" in the subject line. Those emails will be forwarded to Alice and she will then email the interested parties herself and create a list so that we can start discussing ideas and the timing of the day.

Greetings,

Rene a.k.a. @rraggl on Twitter

Jotje a.k.a. @J_is_hier on Twitter

Alice a.k.a. as @filo_ads on Twitter

A (2011-06-02 16:39:38)

And you don't have to be Dutch to meet us! Please come and join us for a long filo-lunch!

Rene, Jotje and Alice

Rene Raggl (2011-06-03 08:57:29)

Alice is right! Everybody is welcome to drop in, the more the merrier! From London it's about one hour flight (ignoring the time difference) and approximately four hours by Eurostar / Thalys. Price for a roundtrip is between 160 GBP / 200 GBP per person.

If you need a tour around town, I'd be happy to show you some of the hotspots of the city! Pick up at Amsterdam Airport can also be arranged!

Looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Regards,

Rene

Free for All Friday No. 133 (2011-06-03 00:01)

I've probably mentioned earlier that I sometimes note the weather in my Filofax. Only when it's unusual weather, like a big snowstorm. '12" snow' helps me remember what was happening that day.

We certainly had unusual weather last night – a tornado hit Massachusetts, which almost never happens here.

Ooops, it's a cliché to talk about the weather, isn't it?

Anyway, talk amongst yourselves and have a good Friday.

terriknits (2011-06-03 00:43:06)

Now that I've had my Malden, my index tabs, my page-per-day, my tabbed months on two pages - it's working so very well for me!! I'm really happy with it. I have found out that I really dislike the colour ruled paper and I love the white quad paper. The paper quality/thickness/feel is wonderful. I just don't like the coloured pages. (I use my index tabs for sections instead of colour coded paper.)

Tonight I ordered more quad paper, some extra accessories and also the computer paper. And the Print-to-File which I'll have to play around with this weekend.

I gave the "urban dweller" and travel packs a good look. While there was much I could use, there was also just as much that won't be of use to me. With the print-to-file software and the computer paper, I should be able to tweak a similar template for those pages that would be useful to me.

Just loving my Filo!

Steve (2011-06-03 04:43:36)

Hope none of our readers or their family and friends suffered any damage in the tornado's recently.

Likewise I don't note the details of the weather every day, although recently I have noted when we have had rain, which has been quite rare recently, although we are forecast to get some in the next few days....

Yes it's very British to discuss the weather!!!

Meanwhile I'm finding my trial of the day per page in Business style in my A5 Malden is going well, I will do a post about it soon.

Don't forget we have a Skype chat on Sunday, look forward to chatting with you all

Steve

UNchecked other (2011-06-03 08:06:53)

@Nan, I hope you and yours are doing fine after the tornado. We live up in Northern Mass, closer to NH, so we were lucky to only have experienced heavy winds and rain.

The Malden has officially supplanted the buttercup Ostrich as my go-everywhere. I have it in personal-size and looks like an overstuffed crimson burrito right now. I currently have 12 main tabs (not including the sub-tabs ie "top tabs"), so maybe it's time to have a separate grad school / work Filo. So now it's a question of whether I

should get a Malden in Grey or Vintage Pink!

Mrs. Grievous (2011-06-03 09:27:00)

I like to record the temperature, and then draw a tiny picture of a raindrop or a sun to tell the weather. :)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-06-03 09:54:55)

I'm trying to set up my MA dissertation planner in my new Finsbury raspberry A5 :) I know there are a lot of academics on here, does anyone have any tips for the sections I can make in my planner?

Rori (2011-06-03 11:01:11)

I do the weather everyday. I love to look back and see; although every day lately says "sunny/windy" Blech. I hate the desert.

@terriknits Glad it's working so well for you! I love to see it when people's planners rock their world.

@Steve I second your "Hope none of our readers or their family and friends suffered any damage in the tornado's recently. "

kanalt (2011-06-03 11:22:34)

I keep general notes on the weather for each day, though I highlight big events that occur.

My best friend went to school where they had the tornadoes. Most of the campus was affected in some way, shape or form. And her family lives near there, though everyone is safe from what I understand.

J (2011-06-03 12:06:02)

I also notate the weather with little doodles and the approximate temperature for the day. It's for the same reason I write what I had for dinner each night- it's fun to go back and look at years later.

Just yesterday, I decided to add a small "what I'm grateful for" notation at the top of each page, hopefully I keep up with it!

Also echoing others on wishing those affected by the tornadoes all the best :)

UNchecked other (2011-06-03 12:14:11)

@TPS: I did Ideas, Research, Contacts (advisors, interviewees, et al), Chapters, Resources, Timeline and Diary. Good luck on your dissertation!

Saffronia (2011-06-03 14:52:16)

It is still news to me, it may not be for everyone else. I will share anyway.

American Philofaxers, the new ranges are up @filofaxusa.com!!!

Very excited, even though I can't get my Aqua Chameleon right now!

Great news!!!

John (2011-06-03 15:50:37)

To switch topics again a bit, who's ever lost a FF in their own home? I was looking through some bins of old writing last night -I've kept most everything from high school onwards, you know, for my future archivists.

To my considerable surprise I found rubber-banded Pocket pages of notes from an old screenwriting project, as well as a Pocket storage binder - Made in England, no less! These would have dated from the late 1990's. Also found a Personal storage binder of the same vintage, filled with journals from my early 20's.

I'm almost afraid to read such post-bacc musings, but one day I will. More urgently, somewhere in my apartment there is a Pocket binder that I'd completely forgotten about!

Silver Bell Girl (2011-06-03 16:17:34)

@Saffronia. So I guess this means they aren't going to get the gray malden in the US. BUMMER! Sure hope Pens and Leather gets it!

Web Finds - 4 June 2011 (2011-06-04 00:00)

Posts at this end of the week were not in abundance, but there are some interesting ones all the same.

- [1]Botanic Pocket - Strickmuse
- [2]Dream Planners - Rori
- [3]Louis Vuitton Filofax Agenda - Louis Vuiton
- [4]Filofax Blackberry App - Emma McIntyre *

* I stumbled upon this page almost by accident as one does... The app was a university student concept study about what a Filofax app might look like etc. It was never actually created as such. It was never shown to Filofax themselves as far as I understand. But an interesting idea... Emma is a Filofax user herself. I also found a similar concept study [5]here;

And here is Imy's first impressions of the Flex by Filofax, she is was very excited, but you can forgive her for that I'm sure!

[EMBED]

Enjoy and have a great weekend.

1. <http://www.strickmuse.com/2011/06/botanic-pocket.html>
2. <http://www.rorirants.com/2011/05/dream-planners.html>
3. <http://www.louvuitton.org/for-sale/louis-vuitton-mens-filofax-agenda-wallet/9627/>
4. <http://www.emmamcintyre.net/my-work/>
5. http://www.stephvanlint.com/?page_id=139#1

Scoot (2011-06-04 18:26:15)

That flex diary looked to be in cream, a colour they don't do for the A5 fax. If I can find someone who stocks them, to check, I will probably be buying one and cutting the pages/punching to fit in my A5 fax for next year.

Imy (2011-06-04 18:27:39)

Scoot - They do it in Black, Slate and Magenta, the pages are Cotton Cream sort of style if thats what you mean :-)

Steve (2011-06-04 18:35:22)

Yes, they do the A5 Flex in cotton cream. But you can't get A5 Filofax in Cotton Cream.

Only checked a couple of sites.

The other option is to go for Quo Vadis which is CC quality paper in A5, but you will need to repunch the QV Timer 21 diary insert to fit an A5 Filofax.

[http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Quo %20Vadis](http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Quo%20Vadis)

Laurie now has that insert, but I have the first four months still!

Even in white the paper quality is very good better than Filofax white

Scoot (2011-06-04 18:40:44)

Yes, cotton cream is the correct name. The colour combination of cream paper and brown text is very classy and really adds to the pleasure of owning a filofax.

Aspinals diary and pages are also cream, with a golden brown and grey text, and is also stylish. These are made by Diarpell and are, unsurprisingly, italian in design!

Aspinals A5 rings match the normal filofax exactly, though curiously their A5 page size is 5mm taller and 7mm

narrower than the A5 standard. Aspinals fax's are of a better quality than most filofax's of the modern age. I've even started writing in the fax with just brown ink in a fountain pen that has had a fine italic nib fitted, it adds another touch of style and gives me great pleasure to own.

Scoot (2011-06-04 18:46:00)

Thanks Steve, I've been using the Cotton Cream in a slimline wallet for many years...though at any time I only have space for about four months worth to view.

Being a user of fountain pens, I got really annoyed by some of the poor quality paper sold by filofax that actually resisted ink. Fortunately, a year or two ago, I bought about 80 packs of old LeFax refills on ebay and these are fine with fountain pen inks.

Estelle (2011-06-04 20:51:11)

Why do you link a spam page?

Cindy (2011-06-06 02:09:33)

Ha-I just emailed Filofax and begged them to do A5 pages in cotton cream. I got a very polite, noncommittal response. Might have to look into the Flex.

Adorable video. I have to admit, I get giddy and excited when I get anything Filofax-related in the mail.

Imy (2011-06-06 07:51:11)

Cindy- i knew i wasnt alone there had to be others as excitable!!!

I hope they make more luxurious covers in leather for it, and in more pinks hehe

I hope they dont stop it at the first edition! I love the Flex so much i hope they continue with it and make it a permanent fixture....

(sorry about all the BAD spelling) x

A5 Day Per Page Business Style Diary (2011-06-05 00:00)

I bought an A5 Day Per Page (Business Style) diary insert a couple of weeks ago at a vastly reduced price of £1.00!!! It was in clearance sale in a store in UK I was visiting the other week. OK it was five months in to the year, but I thought it would be a good opportunity to try out this format to see if it worked for me or not.

I think you will agree that you can look at a blank diary until you are 'blue in the face'... but until you try it for a few days you have no idea if it will work for you or not... or is it just me...

The other thing I should mention at this stage is that I've never used a page per day diary of any sort before now. So this trial was voyage in to the unknown.

So what is in this diary insert? So starting at the front:

- 2011 Calendar
- 2010 and 2012 Calendars
- Personal Information
- Notable Dates 2011
- Religious Festivals 2011
- European Union Members 2011 (Country, Capital, Currency, Time Zone, Dialling in and out, National Holidays)
- International Information 2011(Country, Capital, Currency, Time Zone, Dialling in and out, National Holidays)

- Weights and Measures (conversion factors)
- The World and Time
- World Temperature Guide
- Clothing Size Equivalents - It seems I'm big in any size where ever you are!
- [1]Expenses record (2 pages)
- [2]Meeting Planner (2 pages)
- Delegation Review (2 pages)
- [3]ToDo (2 pages)
- Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Occasions
- The Diary it self which is page per day Monday to Friday and a single page for Saturday and Sunday.

So most of the above content is common to most diary inserts, so I will concentrate on the diary pages themselves.

February

Today:

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	7	8	9	10	11	12
3	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24
5	25	26	27	28	29	30

	Appointment Schedule	✓	To Do/Notes	✓
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15			Phone/Correspondence	✓
16				
17			Tasks to Delegate	✓
18				
19				
			Personal Reminders	✓

[4]

Today, gives you somewhere to add general notes, birthdays and other 'all day' events.

Moving over to the right hand column it starts with To Do/Notes, then Phone/Correspondence, Tasks to Delegate and finally Personal Reminders.

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February 2011

Week 7 45-115

18 Friday

February
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Today:

Adele's Birthday (cont sat)

2A.7

Appointment Schedule	✓	To Do/Notes	✓
7		* Pen post on Philofony	
8	Blood Test	Check fence (sat) (Mon)	
9	↓	Check 1st 1st fr	
10	Website meeting	Update Podcasts	
11	↓	* Clean Swimming Pool	
12	Lunch		
13	↓		
14		Resync car ipod	
15		Phone/Correspondence	✓
16	Hair cut	Ring Mum	
17	↓	Ring Adele (skype)	
18		Tasks to Delegate	✓
19			
20	Dinner with Mum & Ing	Personal Reminders	✓
21	↓		

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[6]

1. <http://tidd.ly/8d93d2a1>
2. <http://tidd.ly/85cbad60>
3. <http://tidd.ly/20204459>
4. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-tGFErudQmx8/Ten4HJYPhqI/AAAAAAAAAJRY/hFBd4AaXLvg/s1600/BusinessA5blanklh.jpg>
5. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-ZygXloxIy5w/Ten4Jn5zg3I/AAAAAAAAAJRc/sKv0JcKpt6g/s1600/BusinessA5blankrh.jpg>
6. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-GYU0FQ0ojBo/Ten4M8zwSSI/AAAAAAAAAJRg/LIpvmCOESio/s1600/BusinessA5lh.jpg+2.jpg>
7. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-9H_sFbx8l7Y/Ten4PqZzCiI/AAAAAAAAAJRk/0FWwtBPXXC4/s1600/BusinessA5rh.jpg+2.jpg
8. <http://tidd.ly/8e5f4965>

Sandra (2011-06-05 13:55:30)

Such a deal you found! I like this layout quite a bit. Have to start mulling my 2012 insert needs. So many choices...

Amanda (2011-06-05 15:59:19)

I really like the look of the cotton cream with horizontal lines that you can get on the French site. Why don't they do it on the UK???

shepcraig (2011-06-05 17:15:10)

I use the A5 business day per page for my work filofax and I love it.

Saffy (2011-06-05 18:18:25)

@Amanda - do you mean these ones for a Personal size not the A5?

<http://www.filofax.fr/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2454>

Cindy (2011-06-06 01:59:22)

I'm thinking of going to day-per-page for 2012. Is this the standard day-per-page for the A5? I really like being able to put appointments and tasks on the same page!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-06 03:18:19)

I love the layout and set-up but I found the A5 too large for me (wanted something I could carry with me so I now use a personal). I can see how it would suit me as I love to cross things off my to do list....!

Amanda (2011-06-06 15:16:33)

@Saffy

Yep, that's the one. I can cope with the French, but would really like them to sell it on the UK site (and maybe in English).

But, is there any point us all 'wishing' for different things? Filofax don't seem to be listening.

:-)

A (2011-06-07 20:18:35)

I did the same and tried the DPP Business out when it came on sale here in the USA ... within a week I was back at my Week-on-2-pages! I truly missed the weekly overview!

Maybe it is work-related. My teaching schedule can change per week and before I pick up another teaching job, I need to see how full the week is, where the gaps are for some spare time, etc.

The DPP left me with lost of daily planning but if you must have a weekly overview to make sure you do not over-schedule yourself, you may not like it.

I may use the DPP as a diary during vacation but my guess is that I will stay with WO2P.

Multi Pens For Your Filofax (2011-06-06 00:00)

If like me you have recently tried going to just one Filofax. Or you are downsizing from an A5 to Personal or from any Filofax with two pen loops to one with only one pen loop. Then you might run in to the same problem I did. I like to enter future appointments in pencil and record past events in ink.

I'm not a big pen buff like some of you so I don't know the difference between the various makes and types etc. But at someone's suggestion I took a look at 'Multi Pens'. I had come across these before, but I didn't realise you could get some that were a combination of a pen and pencil, or multiple pens and a pencil.

My other concern was the diameter of the pen barrel, so that it would fit my Malden. So I made an enquiry with 'Cult Pens' in UK and Michael Randall of Cultpens really came up trumps with some suggestions.

The Tombow Zoom 414 is one of my favourites, and is 9.5mm at its widest point. It has a pencil and two standard 'D1' multipen refills, which can take anything here:

[1]<http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/D1-Multipen-Refills.html>

[2]http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Tombow_Zoom_414_Multipen.html

Zebra's Sharbo Diary Pen may be a bit too thin, at 7-8mm:

[3]http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Zebra_Sharbo.html

Lamy have a couple of options, too, that would be worth looking at:

[4]<http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Lamy-cp1-multipen.html>

[5]<http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Lamy-st-multipen.html>

Pelikan and Ohto both sell almost the same multipen, presumably both made by Ohto, which are 9mm diameter:

[6]<http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Pelikan-Multi-4x1.html>

[7]<http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/OHTO-Multi-Slim-4.html>

It's worth noting that the Ohto version can only take Ohto's refills - standard D1 refills are too wide at the tip.

Thank you Michael for these suggestions.

It had also been suggested to me to take a look at the Pilot FriXion series of erasable gel pens. These are a clever ink pen that using friction from the tip of the pen it erases the writing without damaging the paper and without leaving behind any eraser dust.

I bought one of their standard range a few weeks ago to try it out in my Filofax and I've been very pleased with it.

There is a FriXion Slim version, This has an 8mm diameter barrel, which does fit a Filofax pen loop. These will also take refills as well.

What pen do you use with your Filofax?

IFRAME: [8]http://rcm-uk.amazon.co.uk/e/cm?t=pemburyvillag-21&o=2&p=13&l=st1&mode=office-products-uk&search=pilot%20friXion%20slim&fc1=000000<1=_blank&lc1=3366FF&bg1=FFFFFF&f=ifr

1. <http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/D1-Multipen-Refills.html>

2. http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Tombow_Zoom_414_Multipen.html

3. http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Zebra_Sharbo.html
4. <http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Lamy-cp1-multipen.html>
5. <http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Lamy-st-multipen.html>
6. <http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Pelikan-Multi-4x1.html>
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Rene Raggl (2011-06-06 00:47:14)

I use a Multipen too and wouldn't want to switch back to anything else anymore. It's a Parker Executive Highlight in matte black. (http://www.parkerpen.com/en/discovery/product/executive_highlight)

The writing is **very** smooth and supple, the mechanics just work and it looks great. It left a good impression everywhere I went.

Two disadvantages I found: the matte effect vanishes with use and on rare occasions the ink seems to "get stuck". Which is immediately remedied by either drawing waves on the paper or by licking the tip. (I know, I shouldn't do this, but it **does** help.)

Cindy (2011-06-06 02:05:12)

I'm a bit of a pen freak, I admit. I've fallen in love with brown ink, but a fountain pen is just too grown up for me. Uniball Signo makes great pens in every color, including brown, so that's what I use in my Filofax(es).

I recently started color coding my entries (turquoise for appointments and deadlines, purple for birthdays/anniversaries/holidays/vacations, brown for everything else. I think my turquoise and purple pens are Uniball as well.

I've been hearing about the Frixion pen and am curious to try it, but is it only available in standard colors?

kathiza (2011-06-06 02:19:01)

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Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-06 03:16:24)

I feel really cheap now but I use a Bic 4 colour biro (you know the cheap one with the white top and blue bottom). I write work commitments in black and personal commitments in blue (plus use the red and green for other notes). It does NOT fit in the pen loop but I slide it in the edge and it works fine. If every-one else uses fancy pens I may feel the need to upgrade!

JuliaG (2011-06-06 03:25:16)

I currently carry around 2 pens in my Pocket Malden. In the pen loop there is a Pilot Frixion Slim pen (I looove the erasable ink) and inside the FF rings, I carry a Lamy mechanical pencil.

I think I'll definitely have to have a closer look at the multipens. Great article, thanks!

Laurie (2011-06-06 03:38:35)

I'm still using my two Bic 4-color pens, classic and fashion.

I use the Classic (black/blue/red/green) as such: black for most to-dos, blue for household and travel, red for very important and bills due, green for recording my exercise.

I use the Fashion (pink/ purple/ turquoise/ bright green) like this: pink is for my daughter, turquoise for my son, purple for myself of course, and bright green for my husband.

That way I can see at a glance if one of us has an appointment or event, if something is due, what my household cleaning for the day is, or if I haven't been exercising (lack of green!)

I use my Bics on the go, but at home I use the same colors but with Sakura Micron pens or Staedtler Triplus Fineliner pens.

Rene Raggl (2011-06-06 04:18:45)

I completely forgot to note my color coding system (Pen has black, blue, orange marker, 0,5 mm mechanical pencil):

black: used to cross out stuff I missed, did not or could not do or don't need to do anymore, wasn't on time, etc.

blue: all normal entries and to cross out / check off finished tasks

orange marker: highlight important stuff - dah or "Na, no na ned." as we say in Austria. ;-)

0,5 mm pencil: appointments which are not confirmed, sketches

@Kathiza: "being a sucker" for something might be inappropriate on more formal occasions, but in the Philofaxy setting (among friends), it should be alright.

Butanben (2011-06-06 05:06:25)

Love the Frixions!!! Light blue.... more like a turquoise and just a gorgeous shade, for appointments, birthdays etc and pink for social events. I prefer the thicker nibbed Frixions, but personal taste. Also keep both in my Quiver pen holder. Fabulous for moving appointments about, or when an event is changed

Kate (2011-06-06 05:10:16)

I use a Faber Castell mulypen bought from Cult Pens. It has purple and green ink as well as a pencil. The purple is for everything and the green is for my husband. I also add red to colour code my blood sugar readings which I record in my Filofax. The pen fits the loop in my Deco very well and is comfortable to use. It's also good looking. I also have a Lamy Accent four colour pen instead of a pencil case. At the moment it's filled with red, yellow, turquoise and blue which I use as the fancy takes me.

The Pilot Frixion pens are superb and come in a range of colours. I use them at my desk but I tend not to carry them around.

I use the Pilot M90 and the cap less fountain pens, again with purple ink. Both write beautifully, as well as being such a pleasure to use. The M90 is the best fountain pen I have ever used.

Yes, I'm a pen freak! And I wholeheartedly recommend Cult Pens for their range of pens and excellent customer service. Lovely people.

Amanda (2011-06-06 06:20:25)

I wonder if my Baroques have small pen loops. There is no way that a 9mm pen would fit in there! The mini pen from Filofax barely fits in. I carry a bic propelling pencil in the slot (7mm diameter) and it fits perfectly. Anything bigger - not a chance!

But... my A5 Finchley (work) carries a frixion easily and a pencil would fall out. Is it just a reflection that the pen loops in bigger FF are bigger, or is the one in my baroque small I wonder?

Anyone else have the same thing?

Imy (2011-06-06 07:01:53)

This is sooo interesting as i love to use really fine tip pens, i find my writing is soooo much neater with a fine tip and easier to write with!

I found this pen in tesco a yeah ago that was perfect, it was really fine at writing and was on clearance 33p pack of 6 (i bought 15 packs) I went a bit crazy, but its only in Blue, and i prefer to use blue and black, my pen stocks are running low and i need something as fine or finer!!

Even more colours like pink and purple would be good :-)

Since i got my Flex, these fine pens i have do not fit as the barrel is supprisingly thick.

I do not know the mm of the pens, but i need something slim line that is fine to write with and when i say fine i mean fine, i do have some that are close they are Bic Orange Fine but they dont seem to be fine enough at 0.7mm i compared and put them lines next to each other and the black seems about 0.2mm bigger or maybe 0.3mm any tips on where to get some that fine like 0.4mm - 0.5mm pens?

I am going to read all the comments now :-)

Imy (2011-06-06 07:08:25)

I also forgot to mention i always carry a pencil case with my filofax or flex as now the case with around 10 pens, and i have my bic four colour bic two colour and bic fine, tesco cheap pen, Santander pen, Alliance Leicester pen, parker pen, parker fountain pen, and two mechanical pencils :-)

JuliaG (2011-06-06 09:57:08)

What would be perfect in my eyes, is a multi frixion pen! I like to be able to erase, either pencil or frixion ink.

@Cindy: Frixion pens are available in several colors, including brown! ;-)

John (2011-06-06 10:42:02)

I like to pair a ballpoint pen with a fountain pen, vainly coordinating looks. I also like to live dangerously, so I choose from a burgeoning collection of not-cheap pens.

Just switched out this morning to a Waterman Carene in amber shimmer (carrying a M blue refill) and a Sailor 1911 Medium-size with a F nib in a demonstrator(filled by convertor with Pelikan black ink).

I don't even bother looking for pens that actually fit inside the pen loop of my Guildford personal - at that width, they never feel comfortable in my hand. So I clip both pens to the loop, and let the clasp strap hold them in.

So far (about six months), so good - haven't lost a pen yet.

J (2011-06-06 11:16:19)

Yay for lots of pens! Although I almost tried a multi pen I found at the NYC meet-up, I shied away (I had already spent lots of money). I actually don't even carry a pen in the Malden pen loop- instead I carry a pen case in my bag. It has:

- 4 frixions in black, pink, purple, and orange
- Lamy Safari (currently turquoise, but always changes)
- Sharpie marker and Sharpie pen (both black)
- Cheap Bic "borrowed" from the Holiday Inn Express
- One blue fine tip and one awful sparkly green Gelly Roll pen.

Yep, it's a lot, but I do find that I use most of them on a daily basis. I'm still finalizing my color coding system- there should be a post on my blog about it soon!

stirwise (2011-06-06 12:55:31)

I'm surprised nobody has mentioned the Pilot Coletto line of multipens. They come in 2-5 pen varieties, with the 2-color option being the slimmest. I use 4 and 5 color versions, and I find that the 4-color models will fit into my Malden with some work. I think the 3-color ones would fit even better.

I like the Coletto line because they take my favorite gel ink, Pilot Hi-Tec-C. Nice, rich color ink that doesn't bleed or smudge. Comes in 0.4mm point, which is a big plus, as 0.5mm can be a bit too thick for my filofax paper.

You can find them at jetpens.com

Miss Havisham (2011-06-07 08:47:19)

I love my Cross Multi-pen, more so as it has a pencil and is great for Sudoku while on the train

<http://www.cross-pens.eu/products/pens/pens-by-writing-type/multi-function/tech3-satin-black-multi-function-pen/pid-at0090-3>

Deco (2011-06-07 18:24:50)

I used to use a Pilot Hi-tecpoint V5 RT with mine but when I bought my Personal Tropic last week the pen loop is in leather and the pen won't fit :(so I bought a Tombow Zoom 414. Well worth the money!
and also, I used to use cult pens but then I found Tiger Pens. They are slightly cheaper :)

Tim (2011-06-08 10:09:46)

I had no idea there was any option other than a propelling pencil with an eraser on the end or a bottle of Tippex!
A quick visit to my local stationer and I'm a Frixion Pro!
Many thanks!

Amanda (2011-06-08 14:00:42)

ooh - maybe the Zebra Sharbo would work well in my Baroque - it's probably about the same diameter as the propelling pencil that's currently in there. Anyone any experience of it??

terriknits (2011-06-08 16:25:30)

I'm sorting out my colour coding system, but for pens I am a devoted Uni.ball Signo user. The problem with my beloved pens is that they (the 207) do not fit in the pen loop of my Malden personal. Boo. I can fit a Zebra Japanese "mildliner" pen in there for highlighting, but not for ink pens. However, the Uni.ball Signo RT -will- fit in the loop. As will the Zebra Sarasa "clip". But I don't love those as well as the Uni.ball Signo 207. Do you think the pen loop will stretch a little with time/use?

Philofaxy Skype Round-Table - Thank You... (2011-06-06 09:00)

Wow what an event that was yesterday. 13 people involved and a total length of the conference call was 3 hours 37 minutes!!!!

Thank you to everyone that took part either for the first time or this was a repeat visit to the 'table'
In a way the chats are similar to a meet up, except that instead just chatting to your immediate neighbours sat around a real table, in the Skype chat you hear everyone and everyone hears you. So you sometimes have to be a little patient to break in with your comment! But I thought it really worked well yesterday. Not all 13 people were there all the time, one or two disappeared to talk to their families and then were surprised we were still chatting away so they came back again!

Thank you for your patience as well, getting the conference set up at the start can be a little hectic whilst everyone gets connected and we do the introductions... Skype names versus Twitter names versus Comment names... Yes it can be a little confusing, but we get there in the end.

About an hour after we finished I then had my bi-weekly Skype chat with some old buddies of mine who are all retired radio engineers... quite a contrast! Although last night the discussion was mainly about CCD cameras used for astro physics, one of our group used to work at the observatories on the Canary Islands. I didn't need much rocking to get to sleep last night!!!

So once again thank you to everyone that took part in the Philofaxy Skype Round-table. I think the earlier time worked better for some people, I would be interested in your feed back on that point. It certainly meant that Laurie could join in and I know she loves taking part because then she feels less isolated in a time zone sense.

Until the next one in July..... Thank you..

Imy (2011-06-06 09:29:32)

Only problem with skype is you cannot touch all the filofaxes and be nosey hehe

It was really nice to hear voices to go with names :-)

I will try and be more talkative next time, im only shy at first i do get nosier!!!! As you can imagine from my videos!!!

Was lovely to talk to you all :-)

and meet you :-) xx

Yvotchka (2011-06-06 09:50:46)

Good point Imy!!! We need Skype to enable multiple people to be on camera so we can at least SHOW each other our Filo's!!! Not as good as touching them, but better than nothing :)

Imy (2011-06-06 10:03:57)

@ Yvotchka i think you can if you pay to use skype, i.e. for making other phone calls, then i think you can, a producer was asking me about it, i know iChat does do that but dont think could hold 13 people lol, would be crazy to see everyone wouldnt it! :-)

Sandra (2011-06-06 10:19:48)

It was nice to speak with so many fellow Philofaxers. I regret I couldn't visit longer.

I guess if we can't have a Round Table Show-n-Tell, we have to buck up an tape a video to share with Steve and all. Maybe.

And, yes, while flipping through another's Filo would be the best, I am as nosy as the rest of you and would love to simply see them!

Rori (2011-06-06 10:42:32)

Again, thanks to Steve for arranging and managing the Skype call!

The time worked perfectly, and it was awesome to put voices with names.

Now, y'all need to upload pics to your profiles so we can see who's talking, or try video!

Thanks again, really enjoyed it!

J (2011-06-06 11:21:10)

So much fun! Sorry again that I kept cutting out- I have no idea what was going on. But, at least B wasn't home making fun of me in the background this time!

Can't wait for July :)

Laurie (2011-06-06 11:25:41)

Thank you so much to everyone for participating in the earlier time so I could join in!! It was wonderful to be able to talk to you all and great to put voices with names. I'm really looking forward to the next one!

And thanks so much Steve for coordinating the whole thing, well done!!

Steve (2011-06-06 12:31:26)

Thank you everyone. So who has cameras on their PC/Mac?

I'm willing to give a group video conference call a shot next time. I will pay the €4 for the day and then up to 10 of us at any one time will be able to see each other.

Only the host (me) has to pay the Skype Premium charge not everyone. You will all need to be on Skype version 5 or higher.

People using Skype on their mobile will only get the audio not the video as well.

At any one time on Sunday I don't think there was 10 people or more. 13 was the total figure that had taken part. So shall we give it a try?

caribbean princess (2011-06-06 15:38:46)

I had a great time! I have skype on my ipad and iphone. ipad version 1 has no camera but the phone does. I usually videoskype my parents using it.

Sandra (2011-06-06 23:47:47)

I am 95 % in for a video conference-will need to plunk the children elsewhere, but with notice I can do this!

Thanks, Steve!

Jotje (2011-06-07 03:01:06)

I think we should stick to the earlier time so that Laurie is able to join, even if I wasn't able to make it until 90 minutes later ...;-)

I still can't put names to voices and don't want to yell "who's that?" every time someone speaks. I believe I could video skype with the iPod touch? Can you confirm, Steve? If we were able to show each other our Filofaxes, I think the chat will go on for HOURS and HOURS ... LOL

Laurie (2011-06-07 05:33:36)

I'd love to do a video chat!!!

kanalt (2011-06-07 10:55:45)

Thank you, Steve for putting this together every month. They are so much fun. I like the earlier time as well. I'm more likely to be able to join in.

Using A3 paper in A5 size Filofax (2011-06-06 17:30)

I did a [1]post about this last year, which you might remember. But when I showed people the map at one of the meet ups, the post suddenly made sense! The original post has all the dimensions etc So I've done a quick video of how to fold your A3 map so it can fit an A5 Filofax.

[EMBED]

I'm sure some of the owners new A5 Filofax purchased in the last few days might find this of use, I hope so...

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/07/want-to-use-bigger-pages-in-your-a5-its.html>

Imy (2011-06-06 18:11:43)

Good video, its good to see how to get A3 to A5 :-D

enjoyette (2011-06-07 11:07:27)

This is gonna come in handy. Thanks!

Free For All Tuesday No. 18 (2011-06-07 00:00)



[1]

So apart from the [2]quiz questions.... what questions do you have for us today?

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TU0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-aston-competition.html>

stirwise (2011-06-07 00:38:23)

If the Filofax US reps are still reading our comments . . . when will we see the rest of the 2011 line up on the US site? What about the gray Malden? And I vaguely remember something about the City Dweller and Travel Diary packs coming stateside this summer . . . any news on that front?

Femke (2011-06-07 02:10:44)

Was too late for the FFAF, so I'm here sharing my love for the Malden with dpp plus month tabbed system. Finally a system that works for me. I'm still tempted to use the wolp with it, so I can see the week view. We'll see. The Malden is superful already.

Also, hole punch love. Bought one for 15 euros which works for pocket, personal AND A5.

Only the philofaxy crowd will understand my happiness.

caribbean princess (2011-06-07 04:16:15)

Just wanted to say. I love my Filofaxes! :-)

katka (2011-06-07 05:51:29)

@ CP - me too :o)

I just bought Domino mini - it's soooooooo cute.

Also manage to get Domino pocket for bargain from ebay.

Very happy filofax week for me :o)

Alison Reeves (2011-06-07 06:31:25)

@ femke - I'd be interested to know which hole punch you bought - sounds ideal if it services all sizes.

I'm still an unhappy bunny as I keep swapping between A4 and A5. The personal is just too small (although portable). I still use my pocket to carry around for overview diary and notes, but I want a bigger 'planner' for daily use and managing my work and everything I like to have to hand.

This means that I will most probably now sell my personal binders - I have a Personal Panama in Pearl (very pretty as it shimmers and has gold rings etc) which I love to 'stroke' (only fellow philofaxy people will understand this). I also have a glamorous Deco in Ivory which is still in it's box (I was unsure if I would use it so I have kept it pristine in case I decided to sell). I'm just coming to realise that although it is nice to own these things, I just don't need them and I have too much 'stuff' anyway. I would still have my red classic leather A4, my snake bronze domino in A5 and my black leather Amazona in A5. (Not to mention my Special Edition pocket). Also have a pocket Amazona in cream which I am debating what to do with! So I have plenty of filofax toys to play with still! No wonder I can't make up my mind!

Femke (2011-06-07 06:43:50)

@ Allison: I bought the same one Jotje has (photo is from her flickr).
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/50053159@N02/4818068638/>

Very sturdy!

Yvotchka (2011-06-07 08:13:09)

@Femke...talk to me about your day per page with month tabbed system?? Are these Filofax inserts??

I am currently using Franklin Covey inserts in order to get the monthly tabbed feature in my Malden...

Please enlighten me ;)

Femke (2011-06-07 09:52:42)

@Yvotchka: I use these: <http://www.filofax.de/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2521> from the German Filofax site. I know they're not available everywhere, which sucks. I find them better than the month tabs Filofax UK has (which are just the names of the months).

Tim (2011-06-07 13:34:05)

Did you know that filofax.co.uk has gone live today with all the Flex by Filofax items? That is except the diaries which are all shown as "out of stock"?

J (2011-06-07 13:43:18)

@Yvotchka- Butting in- I'm not using Filo tabbed months, but I found Day Timer tabbed months that I've been using and love them! They sound a lot like your montlies: full to-do sheet before the month, full month on two pages w/ action list and notes, and notes and memos on the back.

I got them at Office Depot in store but here is the link!

<http://www.officedepot.com/a/products/494349/Day-Timer-50percent-Recycled-Simply-Styled/>

Yvotchka (2011-06-07 15:04:32)

Thank you @Femke & @J...you are right J, those are extremely similar to my FC inserts. I think next year I will try DayTimer since they are the same width as FF pages.

terriknits (2011-06-07 15:49:38)

@femke- I was going to ask about your inserts.

Yvotchka - I am using these monthly tabbed (personal size) <http://www.filofaxusa.com/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2382> I like them because it also sort of gives you a week view. I find the monthly calendars with the little squares for the days don't give me enough room. It just took a little getting used to seeing the different layout.

I am using the day per page FF inserts and have the pages bracketed between the two pages of the "month on two pages". I should get a pic of it sometime.

shepcraig (2011-06-07 15:51:27)

I think the city dwellers and travel diary and family inserts are going to be removed soon, they haven't been very successful here in the UK, and they are no longer in the catalogue

terriknits (2011-06-07 16:17:56)

@femke - I sort of derailed my train of thought in my last comment but I was going to ask: What sort of refill/insert is that with the pink ink, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/femkepemke/5342443419/in/set-72157624948785860> (I stalked your flickr set).

terriknits (2011-06-07 20:45:58)

does anyone have any posts/tips on colour coding? do you use highlighter? Different colour ink? I use both, but don't really have a system. I just like a lot of colour on my pages.

Laurie (2011-06-08 03:50:01)

@terriknits, see the comments on this post:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/06/multi-pens-for-your-filofax.html>

I and a few other people gave some details on how we use different colors of pen to code for different things.

Basically it's classification and whatever ink color catches your eye. ;)

Femke (2011-06-08 13:29:11)

@terriknits unfortunately, it's from a Dutch shop, called Hema! I bought them last year, but don't use them any longer (& threw them away, otherwise I could've sent them to you!). I don't think they're available any longer.

Julia (2011-06-09 10:02:14)

I become desperate.

I have used so long the personal size. But somehow the Filofax stayed home more often because it is simply too big/large. Finally, it only came with to university. Now I bought a pocket and I've it always with me since I've bought. But the "test" I made last year too and I was back to personal.

What size do you have always with you? Do you have several sizes? A size for "on the go", one for home?

terriknits (2011-06-09 17:22:45)

@femke - I was just curious as it was something I've never seen before! It's interesting to see different formats/styles available in different parts of the world.

@Julia - I switched from a Desk size DayTimer to a Personal Filofax and am loving the size. I do more often than not take it with me in my bag, but if I'm not taking it, I have a small notebook and always have my BlackBerry that has my calendar and contacts. But I am still looking at a mini or pocket FF to throw in my bag.

Julia (2011-06-09 17:29:24)

Thanks for your answer!

For you is personal also too big to have it everytime with you.

I have thought I'm the only one who think its to big ;)

terriknits (2011-06-10 12:39:57)

@Julia - no, actually it's the perfect size for me. I have a large bag, so usually I do take it with me. If I'm just dashing out to get some groceries or something, one or two stops, I may leave it at home and just have my small notebook with my shopping list in it.

Flex now on the Filofax UK website (2011-06-07 14:00)



[1]

Thanks to our reader Tim, the [2]Flex has gone live on the website today. Some items aren't available yet but you can now see the full range on there as well.

As I've said before this is quite an interesting/exciting development for Filofax, I hope it proves popular but of course not to the detriment of Filofax organisers!

Will you be buying a [3]Flex? Add a comment and let us know what you think.....

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-qsELCYcN3mM/TdP8v3GQ5iI/AAAAAAAAJM8/lYaXrhu8TM8/s1600/C_Shot+2a.jpg

2. <http://tidd.ly/5275c006>

3. <http://tidd.ly/5275c006>

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-07 14:22:54)

I'm thinking of buying a Flex and using it as an ideas book (maybe one pad lined and one pad plain for doodles!). Tried to watch the video on the Filofax site earlier but I could not get any sound (and my speakers were on!!!). Is that just me or has any-one else had that problem?

Jotje (2011-06-07 14:39:15)

I won't buy one. There a cheaper and above all nicer notebooks out there. For planning and flexibility I'll stick to my trusted Filofax(es)

Alannarama (2011-06-07 15:14:53)

definitely not. i really don't get the hype. it's an overpriced albeit nice notebook cover.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-07 15:25:54)

I would only be interested if it came with a really nice leather case. As others have said as it stands it is an expensive notebook - albeit a conveniently flexible one. Ha Ha!

SP (2011-06-07 16:10:26)

I am stoked! I am definitely going to scoop up a Flex and some inserts once they hit the US site (which I am impatiently waiting on). While I only discovered Filofax earlier this year, I love it but have been torn between my Domino and my large Moleskine notebook. The former appeals to my organizing side and the latter jives with my creative side. I think the Flex will provide a cohesive solution for both sides. And I have to say, there is something precious about bound books.

@Globetrotting Cacti I don't think the video has any sound.

ARIANA and Colin (2011-06-07 16:11:42)

I wont buy one , as other has mentioned -there are far more cheaper and better looking filofaxes , also i like to „ move things around” add and remove pages and create my own monthly to do/ doc/ bdays etc inserts - flex doesn't give me 100 % „flex-ibility that „traditional Filofax does”

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Polish and Powder (2011-06-07 16:24:42)

I've ordered the personal size as I want something slimmer for my handbag and don't need to lug my deco everywhere, but my main deco will still be my one true love.....

caribbean princess (2011-06-07 16:26:31)

They are expensive notebooks. But they are more portable than the euivalent size filofaxes.

Initially I was not keen but after Steve's review I got a pocket and an A5 and I love them :-)

I wish they came in leather too Alison (R) but better for my wallet so I dont start a flex collection to compete with my filofax one!

Polish and Powder (2011-06-07 16:51:35)

caribbean princess, I know what you mean, I collect filos too, bad bad habit, mind you I have not bought any since my deco, but I already want the A5 flex next, gonna wait till I see my slim one first to see what I think. Got the slim in magenta and will get the A5 in slate.

Nothing beats filo's for their versatility and ability to move stuff around, but this is a cute, smaller alternative for my bag. My deco will still be my everyday best friend

Butanben (2011-06-07 21:32:47)

May buy as Christmas gifts later in the year..... as the black one looks great for certain chaps in the family, and would fit into briefcases etc. Have all I need for now and notebooks coming out of my ears to use up for shopping lists. Prefer the flexibility of a Filofax diary, so would only use a flex as a jotter or creative pad for myself. But will take me ages to use up all I have right now in notepadland here at home.

Tim (2011-06-08 04:34:05)

I really hate to say this here, but I think Flex is the way things are going to go. Sales of all ringed binders have plummeted in recent years and fewer folk are prepared to lug big traditional Filofaxes around these days. The issue seems to be particularly acute for men. Not having a Blackberry or an iPhone as your main data base is seen by many as just old fashioned. There's still some "street cred" for Filofax woman - aided by their advertising, of course!

Even though we yearn for the good old days, when paper organisers ruled for both sexes, just look at the imbalance between men and woman on Philofaxy... gan

Imy (2011-06-08 05:03:27)

I really hope their first year with the Flex goes well and the continue with it and expand as i really like it so far

and would miss it if they decided they didn't like it :-)
Globetrotting Cacti - there is no sound! I was surprised by that, Steve did a great video on it :-)
And for the people not sure, watch my review next week I think it will change your minds!!! ;-) x

Edwin61 (2011-06-08 05:09:02)

@ Tim There is sure an unbalance between man and women when we see the contributions on this blog. Man like gadgets, I also have a smartphone and when I look around, most people do have one. I see more women with ringbinders than man.

But what does this mean? People like to write or doodle and the Iphone and other smartphones aren't just flexible enough for it. Like someone ones said: they are for juniors and monks.

So anytime I use my (very masculine) Kendall, I get compliments for it.

I guess it's a long intro to my answer: I won't buy a Flex.

michele (2011-06-08 05:36:56)

I'm going to pass as well. My A5 has become my mainstay (especially since I misplaced my pocket Eton back in April).. I've come to realize how versatile the Filo tabs are (following Laurie's recommendation of using temporary slips of paper scotch taped on the tabs themselves)...

Tim (2011-06-08 05:38:10)

I agree with the limitations of smart phones/ PDAs. I love to unfold a year planner and gaze at the months ahead - you can't do that with an iPhone! Equally, it's great to stare out of the window on a long train journey and jot down thoughts/ doodle/ plan a life dream or whatever. You need paper for that too! However, today's activities and appointments/ to do lists/ contacts/ information database etc. are done as well (if not better) on a gadget. That tends to leave more long-range and "mind mapping" type activities which Flex should cope with very well. I too have an A5 Kendall, but I would describe the comments it gets at male dominated meetings as more "retro curious" than admiring!

Watch Imy's infectious and super enthusiasm for her new Flex (and of course Steve's more solid, down-to-earth practical demo!) and I defy anyone to resist a Flex purchase!

Imy (2011-06-08 06:45:37)

@Tim - Thank you

My review will be even more interesting, I have a few cats to pull out of bags.....

Polish and Powder (2011-06-08 07:03:43)

got my Flex Slim this morning, very cute!!

Just thought I better let you know that the page size is not the same as the personal size pages. They are slightly smaller at 85x150mm, as you mention in a previous review that you thought they would be the same as the A5 and Pocket sizes are. This one is the exception to that rule. The full cover is closer to the actual size of the personal pages, but the actual pages are smaller, might be helpful to someone :)

Scoot (2011-06-08 07:12:08)

"Sales of all ringed binders have plummeted in recent years..."

Can you substantiate that? I have a client with a stationery type store and they've seen an increase in sales of Organiser products, mainly to women. Criticisms they would lump on Filofax is their poor range of papers and accessories, delivery/stocks, also the "quality" of leather which often feels plasticky.

Graham Rhind (2011-06-08 07:29:19)

A couple of things I haven't noticed yet in the reviews/discussions about Flex versus traditional Filofax.

I only use my Filofax as a diary and for notes. (My todos have to be computerised because they are mostly repeating tasks and contacts have to be protected which I can do better on a PC than on paper). With the rings, and being right-handed, I can hardly write legibly just to the left of the rings because they get in the way. Without

rings I think the Flex would prevent this problem.

Secondly, I like to be able to see my diary and notes side by side. In my A5 Filofax this isn't possible without taking one section out of the binder. Again, I think the Flex will help that.

Not sure if I'll buy one (I probably will) but I thought I'd see what people thought of those two "improvements".

Polish and Powder (2011-06-08 07:48:43)

you are right Graham, those points you mentioned are possible with the flex. it is perfect if all you need is a dairy and notes. I have in mine, the year planner, notebook, jot pad, pen loop and contacts book, it all fits in well. I am sitting here playing with it now and I do love how I can have notes and the year planner open and viewable together. it is a lot of fun to play around with. I also like that you can buy a second pen loop and put them in the outer pockets and put your pen through both loops to keep it closed. Mind you, I have the one it came with and with the loop on the outside the pen sits nice and it stays closed really well. I only need the year planner as my Deco has my main diary. I am liking it, not a filo replacement, not ever, but the best light and slim travel option I have found for me yet :)

Tim (2011-06-08 08:00:16)

@Scoot - Surely, if sales of ring binders were buoyant they wouldn't be having an extensive 50 % (and 25 %) sale on right now, including models that have only been around for a few months. Equally WH Smith and other stationers wouldn't be shedding large volumes of dormant stock at big discounts.

@Graham - traditional binders (as most things in life) were designed by a right-handed person for right-handers! It'll be less frequent that you write on the back of a form. However, for us left-handers who have spent years battling to write up against big metal rings on every page, Flex has at last got a solution!

Anita (2011-06-08 09:24:12)

I'm enjoying my Malden so much that I really don't feel the need to buy any thing like this.

kanalt (2011-06-08 11:25:36)

I agree with Anita - I love my Malden so much I don't plan on switching (unless there are new Malden colors offered). However, I am thinking of buying a Flex for work, but I'd like to see one in person first. If they made a daily insert, I might be slightly tempted to use one on a daily basis, but that seems like it would defeat the purpose of the thinner setup.

Scoot (2011-06-08 13:42:42)

Filofax, as well as many other companies, have sales for various reasons such as getting rid of excesses of certain stock or making way for a new range that overlap in the marketing strategy; it does not follow that sales have reduced over the years-though I bet with the increasingly worse economic situation there will be less spending on a luxury item like a Filofax....which leads onto another point on the thread.

If all we were interested in was a practical workman like diary and notebook then there are endless choices, some of which come through my door for free! And if we wanted a more flexible system then there would be nothing stopping us getting an A6, A5 or A4 ring binder at the local stationery store and putting in whatever. But we choose a leather Filofax/planner/organiser because it is special, we customise them and put our lives into them so that they become a part of our lives, enriching our lives through a pleasure of ownership that exceeds its intrinsic beauty or practical value/flexibility over a long period of time.

They vary between the stylish, sexy, seductive, delicious, exotic, cool, colourful and some even have a bit of oo-la-la! ... and that's before you smell them!

And at the end of the day Filofaxes are what Flex just aren't, they're truly flexible!

Nellie (2011-06-08 14:36:15)

The rings problem always makes me smile - I just take the sheet of paper out if the rings get in the way!

I am not sure about flex. At first I thought it would be great at work, but now I am not so sure if it is really any more use than my day book... I might try and go to a shop and see one for myself.

Saffy (2011-06-08 16:57:51)

@Scoot - I have been a Filofax fan/user since 1986 and have never been able to explain to others my love of the product/brand, others just 'don't get it'. However, your explanation says it all, thank you.

"we choose a leather Filofax/planner/organiser because it is special, we customise them and put our lives into them so that they become a part of our lives, enriching our lives through a pleasure of ownership that exceeds its intrinsic beauty or practical value/flexibility over a long period of time.

They vary between the stylish, sexy, seductive, delicious, exotic, cool, colourful and some even have a bit of oo-la-la! ... and that's before you smell them!"

Touché!!!

Oh, and I don't think I would buy a Flex. But never say never.

janet (2011-06-09 04:26:16)

I like ringbinder systems for work so I use ringbinder systems and won't switch to the flex. I have Mulberry, Aspinall and Ordning och Reda ones. But ALWAYS come back to filo.

I don't imagine sales of filofax are dropping any more than any other brand during the recession. Last year Smythson diaries went on sale in January and according to the salespeople, that had never happened before. AFAIK their diaries usually never go on sale.

Scoot (2011-06-09 04:41:03)

Saffy, I also caress the leather, hold them to my cheek, I think I may have even kissed a few of them. Must make me philofaxic or a phedofaxifaliest or something.

I did think about calling one fax Cassandra, my imaginary name for the ideal person, and even having it imprinted on the cover...but that is going far too far. For starters she'd have to have a silk cover, but they don't make them anymore!

bernhardS (2011-06-09 05:52:49)

Flex by Filofax is offered in a local store downtown. I had decided to snatch a Flex in Pocket format there which goes for 19 Euro.

But what I really bought was a Sketch Expandable Messenger Bag reduced from 119 Euro to 19 Euro. I really cannot believe that anybody pays this list price for a simple plastic bag.

Cindy (2011-06-09 14:59:15)

If I recall correctly the A5 Flex came with cotton cream paper and that was my main attraction to it, as I just got an A5 (two of them—yay, me!) and I am not excited by the plain white paper. (I have compensated by using ultra-super-awesome colored gel pens.)

But I am so in love with the ring binder system because it means I can customize without commitment. (I don't label my tabs because I frequently change up sections and the order of things.)

@Scoot—lovely description of why Filofax is so special and I totally agree. (I, too, caress and hug my Filofaxes—they are such a pleasure to touch and hold!)

Richard A. MacKinnon (2011-07-03 10:22:27)

I bought an A5 Flex just this weekend and was really pleased with the quality of the materials. Also, it fits my A5 softcover Moleskine notebooks perfectly, allowing me to swap them out depending on meeting/location.

So far, I love it.

What's In Your Filofax?: Carried over year to year (2011-06-08 08:41)

This week in our What's In Your Filofax series the question is, what do you keep in your Filofax year after year?

I keep addresses and contacts as long as they are relevant. If I have more than 3 addresses marked out on a page, I replace the page with an updated one.

I keep all my accessories, maps, birthday lists and reference information year to year.
I keep previous years' goals lists in my Filofax so I can see how my goals change over time.
What do you keep in your Filofax year after year?

Silver Bell Girl (2011-06-08 08:58:55)

Always in my filo are: addresses, health record, sheet of codes and passwords for various work applications and reports, 4 pages of favorite quotes/cartoons/photos I've printed, reading log, wardrobe info, and special days (birthdays/anniversaries/memorable events). Only the calendar changes (sometimes frequently since I prefer week on 2 pages but that doesn't always seem like enough room and I switch to page a day).

Polish and Powder (2011-06-08 12:42:43)

I keep addresses, and notes sections in tact, though I do check through for bits that are no longer required and file those.

But the bits that never move are my 3 clear envelopes full of photos, my zip pocket with antiseptic wipes and plasters, my inspirational quotes pages and my favourite tarot cards, a few pics my daughter drew for me, my post it notes, health record, most wanted lists (dvd's, books, etc) maps and timetables plus my calculator. The only bit that changes is my week on two page diary, my year planner and todo lists.

Phew! How do I fit it all in!?

Scoot (2011-06-08 13:47:10)

Memorable/annual dates, personal information, health information, addresses, inspirational/thought provoking thoughts, codes for all computers/bank accounts/websites/safe/briefcases etc.

terriknits (2011-06-08 16:45:19)

As a new Filo user, I have one thing that I've brought over from my DayTimer/Franklin Covey set up and it's a "Birthdays & Anniversaries" sheet. I copied/reduced it from my Desk size DT and hole-punched it for my personal FF. It shows recurring events with all 12 months on one sheet. I like having them all at a glance on one page.

Cindy (2011-06-09 14:44:05)

I pretty much keep everything except the diary pages. Those are replaced annually. Even if I switch from one planner to another, everything comes with: contact information, goals/projects (unless I've accomplished most of them—a rarity), notes that haven't been transferred to my journal, inspiration pages, health records

Except now I've switched from Personal to A5, so that transition has me a little thrown. A few pages from my Personal Filofax have been transferred to the A5. I used the method of folding the bottom corner—wonder where I picked up that tip?;-) I have yet to copy out other information—I want to make sure I have a good chunk of time, a clear tabletop and a nice cup of tea.

Web Finds - 9 June 2011 (2011-06-09 00:00)

Some more web/blog posts for your to read and enjoy.

- [1]Start 'em Young - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
- [2]Yay! I won a Filofax Botanic Pocket - Kathiza Writes[3]
- [4]Filofax sightings - Paper r u s h blog
- [5]The Daily Rind - A King in Society
- [6]Get 5 things off your To-Do list today - Day Timer

- [7]Filofax Dividers - time2craft
- [8]Filofax - Natasha's soiree
- [9]Organise my life - Sweet Vintage Kisses
- [10]How I use my Dodo Acad Pad - Kathiza Writes
- [11]Oh Siena - Cupcakes and Cadenzas

Enjoy

1. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/06/start-em-young.html>
2. <http://kathiza.wordpress.com/2011/06/05/yay-i-won-a-filofax-botanic-pocket/>
3. http://draft.blogger.com/goog_83375706
4. <http://paper-rush.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-sighting.html>
5. <http://b.aking.ca/post/5787137408/the-daily-rind>
6. <http://daytimer.wordpress.com/2011/06/06/get-5-things-off-your-to-do-list-today/>
7. <http://time2craft.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-dividers.html>
8. <http://natashassoiree.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax.html>
9. <http://sweetxvintagexkisses.blogspot.com/2011/06/organise-my-life.html>
10. <http://kathiza.wordpress.com/2011/06/08/how-i-use-my-dodo-acad-pad-in-my-a5-filofax/>
11. <http://cupcakesandcadenzas.blogspot.com/2011/06/oh-siena.html>

kathiza (2011-06-09 15:06:33)

Thanks so much for linking me. Always when you link me there's so incredibly much traffic on my blog ;-)

Filofax Blogger Style Off (2011-06-09 03:30)

Filofax UK are sponsoring a Fashion Blogger Style Off. And today they will be posting the details on their Facebook page for their followers to vote on the most impressive outfit that matches the Filofax used by the blogger.

Filofax have challenged each blogger to create outfits inspired by their new Apex Collection - which celebrates this seasons colour blocking trend.

Voting commences today 9th June and continues until 10am 24th June. Links to the blog sites will be on the [1]Filofax Facebook page.

Please give your support to this competition and support the competitors taking part.



[2]

1. <https://www.facebook.com/filofax>
2. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152865&v=2457&q=90350&r=97790>

Steve (2011-06-09 04:01:19)

Can someone in UK please let me know if Filofax post to their page about this today, I suspect they are still filtering the page so folks outside of UK won't see the announcement...

Thanks

Steve

Imy (2011-06-09 04:07:55)

Will do, there is nothing yet...

caribbean princess (2011-06-09 05:16:18)

do you win an Apex? ahahahaha! sorry ;-)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-06-09 08:14:30)

it's on there now, Steve

Steve (2011-06-09 08:16:10)

Yes thanks TPS, and I can see the pictures, so it looks like the filtering might have been taken off? Germany? Holland?

And CP, they get 10 Apex's to give away I think!! You never know you could get lucky....!!

ReallyRee (2011-06-09 19:02:29)

It's 12 we get to give away!!

xxx

Free For All Friday No. 134 (2011-06-10 00:00)

Where did this week go? It seems like only yesterday that I was on Skype talking to the everyone. But what a chat is was, I think at one point we had about 13 people taking part on voice. The chat lasted in total over three and a half hours! Good job there's no phone bill to pay on Skype calls!

Not everyone was on-line the whole time, some people disappeared and then came back later. So it all went very well and quite smoothly in fact. I think it was the best one yet, well from my point of view.

As always the atmosphere was very light hearted and congenial, so next time we have Skype Round-Table in July do come on line and join in.

But it is Friday so please feel free to discuss anything Filofax related and have a great weekend.

Steve (2011-06-10 01:27:11)

Hi All

Sam Flax have a promotion on at the moment. Details here:

<http://www.samflaxsouth.com/Content/148.htm>

Thanks to Saffronia for spotting this.

Steve

katka (2011-06-10 02:37:30)

Hi all, have a nice friday! I have quick one....how do you clean inside of your non-leather filofax? E.g. domino?

Steve (2011-06-10 02:55:44)

Katka

You need to use my Sticky Tape trick...

Take a length of sticky tape and press it down on the surface sticky side down. Then lift it off, it should remove all the dust and dirt without leaving anything behind.

You might have to do this a couple of times with different bits of tape to clean it all. But it does work on non-leather interiors.

Also good for getting dust and out of the turn ups of your trousers when you don't have a clothes brush handy!

katka (2011-06-10 03:18:41)

Steve, thank you. That's very clever :o) any tricks for pen marks?

Alison Reeves (2011-06-10 05:21:37)

Nice tip Steve!

Graham Rhind (2011-06-10 07:43:17)

Placeholders ... what do people use to mark their place on the page/calendar with a Filofax? Not talking about the plastic page marker here, but one to highlight the relevant date (for example) in a diary.

I looked around for one for ages and eventually butchered a plastic squash bookmark which is the same width as the day column on my A5 week on two pages Filofax diary. I've posted a photograph here:

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/450542/DSCF2473.JPG>

It doesn't grip as tightly as I would like, though. What (if anything) do other people use?

Butanben (2011-06-10 08:04:02)

Hi @Graham,

I have just bought some little plastic arrow shaped bookmarkers which point to the day today and are handy for keeping today in view in the Filofax, ie when you're on the phone, or just glancing at your diary. Bought them in Waterstones, very cheap, and don't fall off, as they grip well. Hope this helps? If you like, let me know your address via je.mccourt@virgin.net, and I can post you a couple to try out.

Steve (2011-06-10 08:09:02)

@katka

What ever you try do it gently and with a cotton bud.

If it's on the suede type material, try something like vanish carpet cleaner on a cotton bud, but do it gently. Then use a cotton bud soaked in water to finish off, dab with a bit of paper towel and let it dry naturally.

Graham Rhind (2011-06-10 08:13:01)

Thanks @Butanben for your kind offer! Good idea. We have a Waterstones here in Amsterdam - I'll check them out first, and get back to you if they don't have them.

Bridgett (2011-06-10 08:38:03)

Filofax USA only seems to have Week on 2 Pages in Cotton Cream. Is there anywhere that sells better paper inserts? I use a fountain pen mostly but even my other pens often bleed through. Also, if anyone knows, is the Cotton Cream paper better?

Scoot (2011-06-10 09:58:00)

Bridgett,

Planner diary paper is too thin to prevent bleed through from many fountain pens and inks, so as far as I'm aware you have 3 options.

1. Run the diary through a copier onto good paper of your choice, but unless you have a colour copier you will have grey/black print instead of brown.
2. Fiddle/change the feed, or tines on your nib to adjust the flow.
3. Change your ink to something dryer, such as Pelikan.

Fortunately my main pen's ink flow is ok, and while you can just see the writing from the other side, it doesn't bleed.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-10 10:04:32)

@Katya I got a ball point pen stain from a suede gilet using a little hair spray on a cotton bud. I read about it online and it really worked a treat. However I would advise caution as Steve says - just do a tiny bit to see if it works first, then if it does gradually do more but don't soak it, just dab with a cotton bud. Good luck!

John (2011-06-10 10:54:35)

Bridget, your experience with bleed-through and ghosting can depend on which type of fountain pen. Though I can't speak to calendar paper, I use cream ruled paper as a journal - there's no bleed through and very little ghosting for me when I use fine-point "dry-writing" fountain pens. For me that includes gold-nibbed pens like the Lamy 2000, Sailor 1911, Parker 100. Among steel nibs, I've had good experience with the Lamy Safari and Pelikan 200. I find I can even use these pens on the "regular" white or colored Filofax paper. I use Pelikan 4001 black ink.

By contrast, I find Pilots (I use a Vanishing Point and Falcon with F point, as well as the Varsity disposables) write too "wet," or too richly. They deserve a heavier paper than Filofax makes - I find they'll even ghost on 90gsm Clairefontaine paper.

Hope this helps

Filofreak (2011-06-10 11:45:48)

I am very excited to see who wins the Aston contest tomorrow. Even if it's not me, I'll be happy for someone to receive that sweet little binder!

Alison Reeves (2011-06-10 11:50:08)

@ Erin - she me too - I totally fell in love with the colour! I was moving away from Personal but would move straight back into it with that binder. Brilliant of Steve to arrange the competition! Whoever wins I am sure it will go to a good home.

Tonya (2011-06-10 14:48:19)

I just had to share my excitement with others who understand my planner obsession. My first Filofax is being delivered today! It's a pocket Finsbury in Raspberry.

caribbean princess (2011-06-10 15:01:24)

@tonya welcome to the dark side. You will see the numbers of filofaxes you own multiply exponentially ;-)
Be strong!

Tonya (2011-06-10 16:15:22)

@caribbean princess - yep, finally make the transition to the dark side. I just couldn't resist the leather and that color... so gorgeous. I'm sure I'll find another one to drool over sooner or later :)

katka (2011-06-10 16:51:52)

Alison, Steve...thanks a lot. I will try it for sure.

Bridgett (2011-06-10 21:24:03)

Thanks a lot for everyone's suggestions. I'll fiddle with it some and see if anything helps.

Daximillian (2011-06-11 02:08:57)

Bridget, try using Noodler's Bulletproof Black. It's designed to write well even on newspaper, so it'll work on any kind of planner paper you use. I use it on my pocket and personal Urban, and it works just fine in practically any pen I use. It's also cheap, and waterproof.

Philofaxy New York Meet Up - August 2011 (2011-06-11 00:00)



[1]
Our intrepid New York Organiser, Kanalt has decided it is time to organise another Philofaxy meet up....

With the success of the first [2]Philofaxy New York City meet up, there was some talk about doing a second one, possibly in August.

I know that this might be somewhat difficult between last minute vacations and back to school preparations, so I'd like to know how many people are interested.

I'm thinking that the beginning of August (possibly the 6th) would be best so that we avoid the back to school craziness. To make it easy, we can shop at [3]Sam Flax on Third Avenue and dine at [4]La Pain Quotiden, as we did in May.

Once we have a list of those interested, we can discuss further details. To keep the meet up at a manageable level, there is a limit of 10 people.

Please email **philofaxy at gmail dot com** and put **NYC Meet Up** in the subject line. The emails will then be forwarded to me.

Kanalt

And for those of you wondering when the next UK meet up will be. I hope to be able to announce this in the next few weeks, I need to check up with the people we normally stay with in the South East first.

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-PvqG2ujQLec/Tc_EYLgWjJI/AAAAAAAAJMG/J1zT7kQfdH0/s1600/Happy+Buyers.jpg

2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/new-york-meet-up-michele.html>

3. <http://www.samflaxny.com/>

4. http://www.lepainquotidien.us/#/en_US/menu

Filofax Aston Competition Answers (2011-06-11 09:00)



[1]

There's more car buffs out there than I thought there was... thank you to everyone that took part. So we asked you three questions....

Q1. What is the name of the new luxury city car launched by Aston Martin in the last year?

A1. The [2]Aston Martin Cygnet

Q2. Which car is it based on?

A2. The Aston Martin Cygnet is based on the Toyota IQ - The answer from [3]Wikipedia

Q3. In this years Le Mans 24 hour race, Aston Martin are entering two cars in the LMP1 category. Name the two British drivers that will be driving the cars.

A3. The two British Drivers racing for Aston Martin in the LMP1 Class in the 2011 Le Mans 24 hour race are Darren Turner and Andy Meyrick. The answer was in the [4]official entry list

Sadly I only have the one Filofax Aston to give-away and the lucky person is..... Saffy who's lucky number came out of the hat at 12 noon....

Again thank you to every one who took part, over 30 correct entries were received, and only a few incorrect entries.



[5]

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-KSy9JDTrAsA/TcT881pjhJI/AAAAAAAAAJQs/SHwjg2T4uBc/s1600/IMG_00461.JPG

2. <http://www.astonmartin.com/cars/cygnet>

3. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Toyota_IQ

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[http:](http://www.lemans.org/wpphpFichiers/1/1/ressources/Pdf/2011/24heures_du_mans/2011-liste-equipages-invites.pdf)

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5. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152853&v=2457&q=90346&r=97790>

Saffy (2011-06-11 09:21:31)

Oh WOW!!! I have never won a thing in my life, perhaps I should buy a lotto ticket too.

A big thank you Steve for being so generous and putting the Aston up for the competition.

And thanks to Filofax for sending the Aston to Steve for such a great review.

I can't believe it, OMG!!!

Thank you so very much!

:-)

Rori (2011-06-11 09:48:44)

Congratulations Saffy!

Alison Reeves (2011-06-11 10:27:17)

Congratulations Saffy! I'm sure you will treasure your Aston!

Khane (2011-06-11 11:18:33)

I thought the second Brit driver was MEYRICK...

Imy (2011-06-11 12:53:21)

CONGRATTS!!!! :-) xxx

Saffy (2011-06-11 13:20:43)

Thank you Rori, Alison and Imy, I still can't believe it.

caribbean princess (2011-06-11 17:32:33)

Congratulations Saffy I am so pleased for you. Can't wait to see you with it at the next London meetup ;-)

Saffy (2011-06-11 18:09:01)

Thanks CP, will definitely bring along to the next meet up.

Butanben (2011-06-11 20:21:21)

Well done Saffy!!! You'll be all glammed up for a Le Mans holiday now! So thrilled you won.

Laurie (2011-06-11 22:19:59)

Congratulations Saffy! Enjoy your beautiful new Aston! :)

Sandra (2011-06-12 08:05:18)

Congratulations! Love to see your setup in the new Aston. :)

Anita (2011-06-12 12:09:53)

Congratulations, Saffy :)

Saffy (2011-06-12 18:25:07)

Thank you Butanben, Laurie, Sandra and Anita for your congratulatory posts.

J (2011-06-13 12:03:37)

I'm a little late, but congrats Saffy!

Saffy (2011-06-13 16:39:07)

Thanks J, I am always late or last to post normally, I have to fight my daughter for the computer or wait until she has gone to bed.

Philofaxy Chicago Meet Up - July 2011 (2011-06-12 16:09)



[1]

Following the success of a [2]Mini Meet-up back in April, and the recent New York meet up. J and Sandra are looking for indications of interest for a Philofaxy meet up in Chicago in July.

No precise date has been decided yet, but once a number of people have shown interest a date can be set, along with location possibilities.

Please email **philofaxy at gmail dot com** and put **Mid-West Meet Up** in the subject line. The emails will then be forwarded to the organisers.

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-o2A0Buy4_mM/TbyV-eE6j7I/AAAAAAAAAAco/VpSN3fG08jM/s1600/Malden%2521.jpg
2. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/04/mini-midwest-meet-up-filofax-style.html>

kanalt (2011-06-12 16:52:42)

I wish I could join you all. =(Maybe some day soon! Enjoy!

J (2011-06-13 12:05:00)

Wow Steve, it really had to be this photo? Haha, I'm kidding (and embracing my dorkiness).

And Kanalt- start looking for plane tickets!!!

Web Finds & News - 13 June 2011 (2011-06-13 00:00)

Not much to report on blogs about Filofax over the weekend, I've been busy with some paid work for a change! But here are some news items of interest to you all I would think.

- [1]The 5 Minutes of Planning That Will Save Your Day - Day Timer
- [2]<http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/> is the new web address for Caribbean Princess, although I noticed that my RSS feed still works, so you shouldn't need to adjust anything.
- Don't forget to vote for the [3]Filofax Style Blogger Competition on Facebook.

And a big thank you to Imy for the big 'plug' for Philofaxy in her latest video, which is a 'must watch', I think I might know now where all our new visitors to Philofaxy are coming from!

[EMBED]

Imy is certainly putting a lot of effort in to her video tutorials, and there's lots of hints and tips in them.

1. http://daytimer.wordpress.com/2011/06/10/5_minutes_of_planning/
2. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/>
3. <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150212107698357.334517.97875648356>

Imy (2011-06-13 05:24:09)

Thank you, I like to plug Philofaxy, it is one of the best blogs ;-)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-06-13 12:05:38)

love the ears, Imy!!

caribbean princess (2011-06-13 14:58:55)

Imy does great videos! Thanks for linking my new domain name Steve.

Saffy (2011-06-13 16:35:06)

Imy, I love watching your videos. ;-)

Silver Bell Girl (2011-06-13 17:03:02)

Imy, your videos are great. Even though I'm a long-time user, I appreciate all your tips and the personalizations you make. Looking forward to the next installment!

LaLaBella (2011-06-13 18:41:35)

Yep. Exactly how I found this place. Actually, the path looked more like this. Millmollmac did a YT video gushing about the Aqua A5 Finsbury she received as a gift. You have it linked here: <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/filofax-finsbury-a5-video-review.html>

I then searched YT for other Filofax vids, found Imy & landed here about a month ago.

Imy (2011-06-14 05:16:23)

Thank you for the ear complement TPS

Thank you CP, Saffy, Silver Bell Girl!

Nice to know people enjoy them, but if anyone wants me to do anything special LET ME KNOW im happy to do requests ;-) x

Cindy (2011-06-16 23:28:11)

The ears are adorable! Imy, you have such a great series of Filofax videos. I'm still configuring mine, so it's fun to pick up new tips!

Free For All Tuesday No. 19 (2011-06-14 00:00)



[1]

We get some great questions posed in this now regular feature on the blog. Don't stop asking the questions, I think we all learn from them.

So what questions do you have for us this week.....

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvskUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

usexpat (2011-06-14 04:45:54)

OK, I don't know what I just did but I'm re-posting.

Hello everyone. I have a question and can't seem to find the answer on the Filofax websites. I love the gold rings in my Siena cannelle filofaxes (I have an A5 and pocket). I'm wondering if there are any other binders with gold rings. Thanks in advance.

kpreddie (2011-06-14 05:38:10)

Hello,

I have just recently discovered the Filofax and am getting my first one this week. I have read many posts on this and other sites and have seen a lot of reviews, however, I have yet to see something about the Cuban, which is the one I've chosen (Personal, in chestnut). Does anyone out there have one that would care to share their thoughts? I was really amazed to find this entire Filofax community out there. I am totally hooked, obsessed and possessed!

Saffy (2011-06-14 05:52:37)

<http://www.filofax.fr/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=3 &rangeId=113 &dsizeId=3>

The Panama which is available from France has gold rings.

Saffy (2011-06-14 05:59:25)

@kpreddie - a regular reader, Rori, has a zip Cuban and did a post on it here

<http://www.rorirants.com/2011/04/my-filofax-my-love.html>

Rori also did some great videos too.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-14 06:07:59)

@usexpat - I have an Ivory Panama which comes with gold coloured fittings. I'm not using at the moment, but am loath to part with it as I really love the gold fittings also! I wish we could choose when ordering! Some filofaxes really lend themselves to the silver coloured fittings (like the deco) but others would, I think, look great with either.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-14 06:18:22)

I can't believe this but I am still playing around with filofax binders and sizes. I'd really like to have just one binder for work and home (which the A5 is perfect for), but it really is too large to carry around when not working (fine for a briefcase but I think too large for handbag). What do others do? Do you have separate binders for work and home, and what about the size issue? Should I just buy bigger bags?

Saffy (2011-06-14 06:45:22)

@Alison - I also have the Pearl Panama (amazing effect isn't it?) such a lovely binder it is my stay at home 'master copy'. Wouldn't it have looked nice if they carried the pearl through into the inner part of the binder? Perhaps not practical though.

I have a work only binder because when I am not working I don't want to have constant reminders of work tasks. When I zip it up my days work is done and I won't refer back to it until work starts again. I work from home so think it is important to define/separate work and home life.

I am never going to be a one life one binder kind of girl.

Ocs (2011-06-14 09:39:49)

@Alison Reeves. I have an A5 and find it is the best Filofax for me. I have recently purchased a briefcase which looks like an oversized handbag, and takes the A5 and big enough for school marking and paperwork. Perfect solution for me. I have a philofaxy question..... my graphics have worn very badly on the top of the spine and leather started to tear. Have now invested in A5 Finsbury. Does the Finsbury wear well????

terriknits (2011-06-14 10:02:09)

I hate to say that I'm teetering on the brink of Planner FAIL, but it's close. My personal Malden is awesome for, well, personal stuff, but it's not giving me enough room per day for my work items. I had thought that I could combine the two, but the past week or so has shown that it's not working out.

I had the daily pages and they weren't big enough for all my work crap. I've since swapped them out for the WO2P that came with my Malden and have been using a separate notebook for work info. I don't know if I'll get a separate FF for work. I don't need to have tabbed sections, more like I need a chronological log book set up.

usexpat (2011-06-14 10:08:13)

Thanks Saffy, I'm not sure how I missed that one.

I agree Alison, it's a small detail but for me, I love to open up my binder and see the gold - it's a warm color.

Lisa

Sandra (2011-06-14 10:37:36)

I keep a work A5 for my work (teacher) as I don't want to lug those around with me everywhere. I take it home occasionally, but not daily.

My personal crimson Malden is my appt keeper, personal to dos, personal goals, etc. I keep my work goals and plans in that A5 as combining these worlds is too much for me. I tried that but quickly realized I did not need to tote home to do lists that can only be completed at school. Likewise why brainstorm a shopping list over my lunch and keep in my work binder—list needs to travel with me easily.

My latest plan is to use:

- pocket Malden as wallet/shopping lists/personal appointments
- personal Malden as Everything personal/family to dos
- bronze snake A5 Domino for work

I have more Filos with different purposes. Guess I need to get blogging!

UNchecked other (2011-06-14 10:41:01)

Which would be good matching momma-daughter organizers? Deco in ruby or Osterley in plum (when it comes out)?

My momma's going back to finish her Ed.M—something she didn't finish because I was born—and I want to give her something special. Since we're both going to be grad students, perhaps having matching organizers would be a nice way to say that I'm so proud and happy we're doing this journey together.

What do y'all think? Any suggestions?

Butanben (2011-06-14 10:51:27)

How lovely, matching organisers for College!! Love that idea!

Imy (2011-06-14 12:01:48)

Kpreddie - I have a Cuban in Chilli Red, A5 Zipped, the feel of the leather is SO soft and lovely to touch, but it can scratch as its very soft leather :-). Beautiful tho and lovely to use!

Alison Reeves (2011-06-14 12:40:01)

@Saffy - Yes the pearl effect has to be seen - I doubt it photographs well. I rather like the way they have matched the inside - its a sort of toffee/caramel colour leather - looks really fab with the gold! Another plus is that the pen loop has a tiny bit of elastic at the back making it easier to use your choice of pen. The only thing I'm not keen on is the fastener and the fact that a second pen loop would be useful. If anything I sort of prefer this to the Ivory Deco (my Ivory Deco is still boxed so I think I may sell that one).

I work from home also and it is an interesting comment you made about keeping work and home separate - this is something I have a problem with so will ponder that one!

@Ocs - I tend to carry a handbag and a briefcase or laptop bag with me when I am out on business, which is not that often so I have not problem carrying it then, it's really when on personal business it seems too large to carry.

@terriknits - I have always had what I call a 'day book' This is an A4 notebook (I make sure it's one I really like) and I put all my notes, meeting notes, phone messages etc in there for work. I only use the one so it's easier to find something I am looking for. Sometimes I have been known to colour code - I met someone who told me that they alternated about three coloured pens and mentally when they were looking for a note they had made, they could usually remember what colour pen it was written in which made it easier to find!

@Sandra - I like your plan - I have a pocket I use for an everyday/personal diary to carry around, but I guess that and a shopping list is probably all I need when out and about and I could use a personal for my personal lists.

@Uncheckedother - what a fab idea! Your Mom would treasure that. I am a big fan of the Amazona which have been on offer here in the UK - lovely binders at a good price. I haven't seen the Osterly yet, but I gather it is very like the Amazona - this would probably be my choice. I like the Deco to look at but the large rear pocket annoys me as it takes up too much space in the binder and I don't have much of a use for the pocket so it remains empty! Hope I haven't missed anyone out - thanks for all your comments.

UNchecked other (2011-06-14 12:50:50)

@AlisonReeves: From the looks of things, I believe my mom would like the Amazona over both the Deco and Osterley. I just e-mailed her pics of both, and she said she preferred the Osterley design...even more so if it came in red! So alas, the matching thing is not to be, since I've got my heart set on the Deco ;o)

@Butanben: My late da gave my momma a Filofax and a fountain pen when she graduated from uni, so it's just fair to continue the Filofax lovin' in our family!

stirwise (2011-06-14 13:04:50)

@usexpat

If you're not totally married to the Filofax brand, Kate Spade binders have 14k-plated gold hardware. They come in sizes that are equivalent to Filofax Personal and Pocket sizes. You obviously don't get the Filofax cachet with KS, nor do you get the wide selection of styles, but it's something to look at if you're seeking more golden varieties. :)

Sandra (2011-06-14 13:49:42)

@Uncheckedother I am sorry to hear of your loss. I think matching Filos is so sweet. The Malden style is my fav and comes in a lovely shade of red (crimson). I love that plum Osterley's color—the purple Finchley is also a lovely color and the leather is very, very nice. :)

@alisonreeves I struggle with carrying too much info in duplicate and/or right information, wrong place. I hope this system will meet my needs, and maybe yours! I separate work, home, and dissertation work physically and mentally to maintain some semblance of sanity. ;)

Nice to see all of you on the blog today! Off to enjoy this ridiculously beautiful weather.

Take care.

Scoot (2011-06-14 15:52:46)

Usexpat,

Aspinals have gold rings in some of their binders, depends upon colour. Executive size uses a5 paper and the holes match filofax's.

Diarpell, under "create your own", sell gold ring mechanisms.

http://www.diarpell.it/hobby-e-cartonaggio_en.asp?h=1

UNchecked other (2011-06-14 16:46:46)

@Sandra: I've actually joined the Cult o' Malden ;o) The leather is so buttery soft and the smell is so intoxicating. Who knew buffalo could be so luxe and tender? The Malden's like The One Ring to my Gollum! It began as my personal organizer, but since I'm teaching this summer, it has slowly morphed into the teaching organizer.

@AlisonReeves: Theoretically the personal is the ideal size, but in application...dude. My Malden has an over-stuffed burrito aesthetic and easily weighs as much as my A5 Domino (the stay at home Filo), so sometimes I take it instead.

I'm vertically-challenged, so messenger and cross-body bags tend to have awkward lengths no matter the adjustment. I normally carry hobos and a structured tote. Both have thick straps that don't dig into my shoulder painfully.

Butanben (2011-06-14 17:20:18)

I need to make sure that work and home Filofaxes don't clash, ie that I don't double book. So find one filo the best solution. It's so hard to find THE BEST solution isn't it??

Susanne (2011-06-14 18:35:37)

@Alison that is exactly the question that I have been trying to answer for myself. I have a Personal Domino which is now too heavy for me to carry around as I have some issues with my hands and arms. So I bought a Pocket and a Mini to check out which one will work best. So far I am using the Finsbury Mini as a wallet. Still working on the others.

greyskysaturday (2011-06-14 21:07:01)

I'm still dabbling with getting a filofax, but everyday I'm on this site makes me want one more and more. Also did you see this (blog planner printables on My Girl Thursday from Draw Pilgrim —> <http://www.mygirlthursday.com/2011/06/getting-blog-organized-with-printables.html>)

Kelliejo (2011-06-14 22:26:21)

I have the A5 Cuban in chestnut. It is beautiful!! I love it.

holyyboyroad (2011-06-14 23:42:47)

As a lover of all things Union Jack, I MUST own the new Union Jack London 2012 Filofax. Does anyone know whether/when they'll be for sale on the Filofax UK website?

usexpat (2011-06-15 04:18:40)

Thank you Stirwise and Scoot, I'm going to look into these.

Lisa

Laurie (2011-06-15 04:27:37)

pokes head up from out of hole in ground*

WHAT?!?! Union Jack Filofax???? I MUST HAVE ONE!!!

Where would one procure such a thing??

Steve (2011-06-15 04:30:44)

Laurie,

I don't think they have been released yet. They are shown in the paper catalogue, I will scan in the pages and email them to you.

Steve

Laurie (2011-06-15 04:32:21)

OH my gosh. Thank you Steve!

I'm gonna be elbowing people out of the way to get my hands on one of these!!

LJ (2011-06-15 12:24:07)

Aargh!!! Seen 4 more that I may no be able to live without and now they're doing a Union Jack one-must...have...it... Woohoo!!!

Robin (2011-06-19 01:37:31)

@Steve - Can you give us a peek at those new models in the paper catalog that are making people gasp?

Diaryguy (2011-06-21 01:17:49)

Hi all, good to see the excitement for the new Union Jack filofax about to be released. I am a filofax fan from way back and have a 2005 Limited Edition United Kingdom organiser sporting the Union Jack on its cover. It was presented to me as I used to run a store dedicated to selling Filofax here in Australia. Its absolutely stunning. They only made 250 of them and this is number 102. Pretty swish and very exclusive. It has never been used sadly as I am aware of it's rarity. I was wondering if anyone has seen these before or anywhere else? Will do my best to get some images together to show it off. Cheers from downunder.

Diaryguy (2011-06-21 01:32:18)

Have added a pic of the United Kingdom model as my profile pic. Hope this doesn't make too many of you envious. Go the Union Jack.

Laurie (2011-06-21 08:17:30)

Now that is exactly what I had in mind!

What's NOT in your Filofax? (2011-06-15 04:05)

This week in our What's in your Filofax? series, the topic is what's NOT in your Filofax.

As I mentioned in a previous WIYF, some people prefer to keep their contacts on their phone or computer so this information is not in their Filofax.

I keep a separate planner, so I don't always use weekly diary pages in my Filofax.

Other people use their Filofax as their diary only, and don't keep lists in their Filofax.

What is commonly held in a Filofax but is not in yours?

Anita (2011-06-15 04:24:02)

There are no diary or contact pages in my Malden, as I use Gmail on my iPod touch instead. I don't use the supplied to-do sheets & use ruled paper instead, as I find the filofax sheets messier once I start doing stuff. No A-Z index, but I am considering using them for reference at the back.

A happy Wednesday to you all :)

Eva (2011-06-15 04:43:09)

At the moment, I have the diary section and extremely vital information and that's it. I don't have any addresses or to do lists or other lists of any other kind (except for these handful of vital data). I like the idea of having a spartan filofax...

Timeless Expressions (2011-06-15 04:45:36)

I don't have To Do sheets, address A to Z's (although I do have them on seperate sheets under a single tab)

Nice to know I'm not on my own with this.. lol.

caribbean princess (2011-06-15 05:18:15)

I tend not to use the proper To Do sheets and I never use the A-Z contacts. I keep phone numbers on my iPhone.

katka (2011-06-15 05:28:50)

I don't use A-Z contacts. But I do have some emergency numbers on one sheet...just in case my mobile dies.

Silver Bell Girl (2011-06-15 05:53:08)

Like some of you have already mentioned, I also don't use the A-Z tabs...just have my contacts printed out on 3-4 sheets and put under one tab. Also (I know this probably wasn't too standard, but it is a change) I just received my new pocket filo over the weekend and joyfully downsized. I LOVE IT!!! But this means I decided not to keep my bank balance register in my planner anymore.

jjhitt (2011-06-15 06:03:44)

Specialized forms. I use lined paper for about 90 percent of my pages (contacts, to-dos, lists).

I do use the finance/checkbook form, but could switch to grid paper without too much pain.

(Bucking the trend though, I do keep contacts in my Filo. Too many bad experiences with dupes, data-loss and unavailability to totally commit this information to an electronic solution.)

Scoot (2011-06-15 08:12:06)

I'm another who doesn't use the A-Z address, though I have a list of phone numbers. It would be interesting to see if a few polls could be run to find out which fax sections are actually used because most planners appear to be designed for general management; not for specific jobs of which these days there are many.

ARIANA and Colin (2011-06-15 10:41:53)

In my A5 (home filo) i dont use tabs/dividers - as i have to many things in it , i use post it „tabs” and made my own . i don't use to do sheets - as don't need them

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Lynne (2011-06-15 10:45:51)

In my A5 Lyndhurst (used for work) I have my contacts printed from OUTLOOK, but do not use the AZ index - this filo is totally packed. In my personal Finsbury, I do not use the finance pages (preferring to reconcile using an EXCEL spreadsheet), but like the to do's and the lined/blank cotton cream (am also trying a holiday journal for the first time using the diary pages).

John (2011-06-15 10:58:01)

I don't have contacts or address info - kept instead in Google Contacts. No To-Do, as I tend to squeeze that into calendar pages.

terriknits (2011-06-15 14:56:59)

I do not have the AZ tabs or any contacts in my FF. I have those on my BlackBerry and laptop. I may be somewhere without my FF but I am never without my BlackBerry. I have it synched with Google so I can access it from either BB or laptop (or indeed any computer).

I do not have ToDo pages or any of the other formatted pages (i.e. financial), just ruled and quad-ruled pages, along with my diary pages, monthly tabs.

When I get my FF printer paper, I do plan on making some templates of my own. As we're having a postal strike right now here in Canada, I hope my order doesn't go astray in the mail and non-delivery mess.

The Crazy Suburban Mom (2011-06-15 14:57:34)

I've been using my Midori Travelers for a few months and there are things I miss about my filo - This post got me thinking about what WAS not in my filo and the answer was pretty much a lot of things I wanted. A lot of people have multiple filoes and I had one, granted it was a great leather personal one but here's the thing. I would have loved an a5 - but I couldn't afford the refills I would have needed to make the personal complete. When push came to shove I needed something bigger, I suppose. I know there are some pretty cheap filoes but they feel cheap. I liked the feel of the good leather I had. Most filoes I see in stores aren't the same as they were 15 years ago, they used to have a richer feel. More quality is all I can say. They were another breed of planner.

I shopped around for different inserts and hole punches, etc. to see if I could make it work But in the end another type of planner - with leather that feels wonderful - just ended up being better.

But like I said, there are things I miss very much. Tracy

Deirdre (2011-06-15 19:20:27)

I don't have a diary in any of my filofaxes, the one I usually use doesn't have contact details but I do have my contact details on paper. I don't trust that electronics won't fail.

J (2011-06-15 23:48:16)

I have to join the no contacts group. I used to have them when I used my domino, but never used them enough - they stayed put when I switched to my Malden!

I guess the other odd thing I don't keep in my Filo is a pen! Again, I used to have one, but now I just keep them all in a pen case in my handbag. I feel like this route gives me more space and prevents all my tabs from being smooshed. But we'll see - I'm always changing something around!

Susanne (2011-06-17 14:56:42)

I do not have contacts in my Pocket Filofax which I have just started setting up and this will be my "always carry with me" filo. But I have kept the A-Z tabs for vocabulary English-German, Spanish-English. I also do not use the Info sheets that come with the Filoes.

Cindy (2011-06-17 16:23:32)

I never use financial forms in my Filofaxes (but sometimes I keep them as scratch paper for notes.) I also pull out the A-Z tabs but sometimes keep a few as templates for when I make dividers out of pretty paper.

I do keep contacts in my Chameleon, which is my main Filofax, but they are written out on colored notepaper and grouped by category (important numbers like husband's cell, daughter's school, doctor; then work contacts;

then local friends; then family & friends back home)

9481e31c-9a5e-11e0-b411-000bcdca4d7a (2011-06-19 06:26:24)

I moved to filofax a few weeks ago as my computer kept losing my recent contacts when synchronising with my phone. Plus occasional power problems meant I couldn't access the data. So I have my most important contacts in all three filofaxes (yes I became hooked) LOL A5 for work Personal for home and mini as a purse/wallet Jill

Web Finds - 16 June 2011 (2011-06-16 00:00)

I've found some I forgot to include last time!

- [1]Some good lookin Filo paper - So Robin
- [2]I love a good rubber stamp - So Robin
- [3]Worrying Filofax Dreams - Imysworld - *Does anyone else dream about Filofax?*
- [4]Should have known - No Fun At All. *Filofax in the lyrics of a song... see/hear it on [5]You Tube*
- [6]The Fledgling Blogger - If you are thinking of setting up your own blog, then Celestria's posts are a great starting point, easy to read and understand... and she is a Philofaxy reader too...

And Imy has been busy again....so sit back and enjoy...

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terriknits (2011-06-16 15:26:28)

I love Imy's tip to only keep three months or so of diary pages and use the monthly pages to make note of appointments or commitments further off than that! It's revolutionary!

ARIANA and Colin (2011-06-17 15:29:14)

girl from the video is so funny :)

i dont usually comment on blogs but i must admit i always enjoy looking at „web finds”

Philofaxy Style Off (2011-06-16 03:00)

You will I'm sure have seen the [1]Filofax style off blogger competition on [2]Facebook, and you might have even voted.

During an idle moment Thomas and Steve were discussing it and Thomas commented... 'but they are all attractive young ladies... even if we had entered we wouldn't stand a chance... '

"I know, mate, not right is it.....but we could do something similar if you are up for it?"

He looked up and he smiled. 'We could do this and we could do this'. He was putting himself in to some fairly provocative poses.

"Steady on, mate, you will be playing them at their own game.... No, we have to do this our way, and our rules, OK?"

'Sure,' said Thomas and we both went to decide on what the 'Philofaxy blokes style' really was.

A couple of days later Steve sent Thomas a couple of pictures he had just taken. "What do you think mate?"

[3]



[4]



'Oh my goodness, is that the best you can do?' said Thomas

"Well, I thought we could go for quantity and quality being that this is Philofaxy."

'Yes, OK, but the outfit? It looks like what you had on at the time.'

"Yes, and what's wrong with that?"

'We have to try harder Steve, go away and think a bit about it and you could have had a shave, Steve'

"Oh, OK, mate, I will do a bit more tomorrow, but did you notice the carefully groomed hairy arms?"

He just walked away, muttering and shaking his head!

So a couple of days later our two partners in crime got back together again to see if they could improve on 'the look'. First up, Steve said,

"Well, mate, I've gone for the Jeremy Clarkson/Bud Fox look... the jeans and jacket look along with the red Malden which is the equivalent of Bud's red braces... a real 1980's look. Oh, and the original working

[5]Nokia 7110 phone, although that is 1990's, I suppose”



[6]

When can I breathe out again?



[7]



[8]

'Gosh!' said Thomas, 'I didn't realise you had a suit?'

"Thanks, mate, yes, but don't worry it's back in the wardrobe already."

'I'm not sure about the Jeremy Clarkson look though... more like Del Boy out of Fools and Horses...'

"Cheeky b****r," cursed Steve. "Anyway for that you can buy the beers, then we will have a look at your photos."

Thomas shuffled off to buy another round of drinks. On returning he put down the drinks on the table, then carefully looking around before he produced a plain brown envelope.

'Take a look, Steve, tell me what you think.'

Steve pulled the envelope across the table and opened the flap and pulled out three large photographs. The smile on Steve's face said it all.....



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[11]

"My word, what a pair of Bobby Dazzlers we are"

'Careful, Steve, you are sounding like DelBoy Trotter more and more!'

Steve just looked up and smiled... "Right, we will show them what 'Style Blogging is all about"

He carefully put the photos back in the envelope and tucked it in to his inside pocket for later....

"Cheers, Thomas.... now, about this third goal in the 1966 World Cup..... "

Thanks to Thomas for taking part in this light hearted banter and idea. Don't forget to vote in the [12]real competition.

Of course, Steve and Thomas are available for any future Filofax Photo Shoots you might be planning... competitive rates will apply.

Disclaimer: Philofaxy will not accept the cost of you embarrassing yourself after reading this....

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2. <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150212107698357.334517.97875648356>

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Saffy (2011-06-16 03:15:39)

Forget the real competition, I vote for you two.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-16 03:28:11)

Brilliant! Well done boys!

Timeless Expressions (2011-06-16 03:44:39)

Ooooh Steve... I never knew you were such a stud! lol... love the suit look!

Loving the post - I vote for you two too! lol

Denise (2011-06-16 03:47:09)

That was very funny! Filofax would be mad not sign you both up as the 'Faces of Filofax'

Femke (2011-06-16 04:23:38)

Love, love, love it!! Made my day,

ARIANA and Colin (2011-06-16 04:53:36)

im sorry guys have to read it twice! , in fact im gonna print it and put it in my filofax -so every time i open it i will laugh :)

katka (2011-06-16 04:53:44)

Agree...you made my day :o) Love it.

@ Thomas ... please please, pretty please, can you do review of your Mini Malden?

Laurie (2011-06-16 05:08:02)

This is hilarious! You guys absolutely win the style competition!

Tommes (2011-06-16 06:22:53)

@Katka

I will ask Philofaxy if it's o.k. to place a guest post on my Mini Malden, which works as my 'account Filofax'.

Actually 'he' is going on a little trip again in two weeks, so there will be some pictures on 'Filofax on location', as well. I could combine this...

Thomas

Silver Bell Girl (2011-06-16 08:53:43)

You guys are the best. Real men that look like they really use their filofaxes (in the real world) beat dressed the girls hands down. Of course, I'm a girl and would much rather look at pictures of men. :)

terriknits (2011-06-16 11:31:41)

ha! that's awesome!

Sandra (2011-06-16 11:55:19)

Didn't appreciate your expression in the first photo, Steve, until after I reread the post on my desktop. Ha!

Not sure what I like more--the action shots, or the clever writing? Seriously! ;)

Butanben (2011-06-16 13:13:09)

Steve, you are so Hollywood A- List here with the dark glasses! I'd vote for you and Tommes.... his outfit is really an aqua Chameleon matchpot! Actually.... really and truly, I think you look a bit like the tennis ace Roger Federer here Steve. Wonder if Alison agrees????

J (2011-06-16 14:22:28)

Love it!!! I'd vote for you two any day!
I'd also love to see how the Mini Malden is set up!

Rori (2011-06-16 14:44:53)

I totally vote for you sexy lot! Much better than pics of girls, no matter how well dressed they were.
Well done!!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-16 14:46:05)

LOVED this post - thanks for sharing and making me chuckle.

~AspireToBe~ (2011-06-16 14:46:15)

You two have my vote! Nicely done!!!!

caribbean princess (2011-06-16 15:40:36)

I LOVE THIS POST!!! I saw it first thing this morning after just getting the announcement that my train had been cancelled and it was just the thing to give me another reason to smile today (well actually I laughed out loud and looked like if I was celebrating the train being cancelled so got odd looks).

Brilliant and as I tweeted you both look dashing and debonair so I really cannot choose between you.

Thanks for making us all smile today.

Filofreak (2011-06-16 16:20:26)

HILARIOUS and very well done. You go boys!

Steve (2011-06-16 18:28:11)

Hi Everyone...

Thank you for all of your comments and nice comments, I've had a big smile on my face all day, and I think some of you have too!

Humour is quite difficult to get right without offending someone.. but I think we got this one about right!!

And thanks to Thomas for being such a good sport when I suggested this mad idea in an email to him last weekend. Quite a few people commented via Twitter and Facebook and in personal emails, it's been a brilliant response. Thank you. I hope we managed to brighten up your week.

For those of you that like our more 'traditional' posts, these will be back again tomorrow.... but we will be coming up with some light hearted ones again sometime in the future!

Yes I think some of you were surprised to see me in a suit... I only wore the jacket, but it was a bit like a uniform for me a few years ago... suit, white shirt, I didn't have to think too much about it in the mornings!!

Again thank you all, you are a great bunch of people to write for and be in touch with....

Cindy (2011-06-16 23:24:53)

This post must have been great fun to do! I'd vote for you guys! Keep the humorous posts coming, please!

juliet.lima1022 (2011-06-17 08:46:24)

Brilliant! The funniest thing I have seen in ages.

And you both look totally gorgeous, with or without your filofaxes!

juliet lima xx

Susanne (2011-06-17 14:24:53)

Both of you look very professional and can certainly score high votes. Well done.

Yvotchka (2011-06-17 14:56:56)

OMG how did I miss this??

You guys totally have to do a "Men of Philofaxy" calendar or something!

...Please??!!

SNARLing: (2011-06-17 16:17:53)

heh heh oh my!!! who are these hotties and what are those beautiful books they're carrying/ writing in???
i love the filo funnies throughout the filo blogworld. keep it up please! one day i may even post my own

angela (2011-06-18 04:19:02)

Hahaha, this is brilliant!

Tommes (2011-06-18 11:21:44)

Hi everybody,

thanks a lot for all the positive feedback. It was great fun indeed, and I'm glad you all enjoyed it!

@SNARLing

Mine are a Personal Hamilton, which has been discontinued a long time ago, and a Mini Malden in ochre, which I bought in March. Love both of them!

Kind regards, Thomas

The Barefoot Pilgrim (2011-06-18 19:38:13)

Eeeeeek! What's that Filo Thomas has open on his desk? Not the pocket Malden, but the other one that's laying open on the desk. Looks like a personal size, but what is it? I think that's the one I want!

The Barefoot Pilgrim (2011-06-18 19:42:41)

Oooops... guess I shoulda looked at the comment just above mine, huh?

Sorry(;

Anita (2011-06-20 03:56:26)

Well done, guys! Loved this post & sooo much better than the real competition entries :)

abby (2011-06-23 07:27:23)

haha very nice! I have actually entered so thank you for the lovely comments :P

You should of got late admission entries! ;) Would of been good to have some men in the competition! xx

Steve (2011-07-04 07:06:44)

Thank you Abby and congratulations to you for winning the real competition.

I know you all worked hard on your entries and I hope our little sketch didn't take anything away from that.

Well done and thank you everyone.

Steve aka Del Boy!

Free For All Friday No. 135 (2011-06-17 02:06)

Happy Friday!

This Sunday is Father's Day, what are you getting your Dad this year? Any Filofax-related gifts?

And as always on Fridays, the floor is yours to discuss anything Filofax-related.

Have a great weekend everybody, and to all you dads out there, enjoy your day!

zephyr (2011-06-17 03:54:06)

Well, far from presents coming to me on Father's Day, my eldest daughter has laid eyes on a Winchester calf leather Filofax, with 1/2" rings, that I have been renovating, and would like to relieve me of it!

Saffy (2011-06-17 04:04:03)

I would very much like to buy my husband a personal sized Filofax (Kendal) for father's day but he is adamant that he doesn't want or need one so I am stuck as usual with what to get him.

On another note, I just collected the Aston Filofax from the post office that I won in the Philofaxy/Steve's competition. It is just lovely. Thank you again Steve.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-17 04:29:08)

This is a request for printer recommendations. I have an HP colour laserjet 2600dn which was working fine with my vista setup (although reading about not sure vista is supported properly). Up until I had a new router for my 50mg broadband (router supplied by company who supply broadband) I could print fine, over the network and double sided. Since I had the new router I can only print when physically connected to the printer and I can no longer print double sided. Have tried to usual delete and reload drivers etc and nothing works.

This relates because I want to generate some inserts for my filofax which I want to print double sided! Just wondered if anyone has any ideas or could recommend a bullet proof printer that has duplex built in.

For the ladies I found this site which sells a planner with lots of interesting ideas - I don't want to use all of them (else it would be better to buy the planner!) but I thought they had some good ideas I'd like to build into my own designed sheets. Hope someone else finds it useful.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-17 04:30:01)

Whoops forget to link to site - here it is: <http://www.womansplanner.com/>

Imy (2011-06-17 04:48:39)

I know this is REALLY random, but my dad has a old filofax (well its not by filofax, but its similar) i will do a blog post on it for Fathers day :-) xxx

Scoot (2011-06-17 05:19:56)

Alison,

Have you moved the network plug from one computer slot to another?

Can you print normally with any computer in the network or are all effected in same way?

Have you changed operating systems from Vista to say windows 7?

KJ (2011-06-17 05:57:05)

Does anybody know whether the Knightsbridge model came in any sizes besides pocket?

Alison Reeves (2011-06-17 07:08:16)

@scoot: Have you moved the network plug from one computer slot to another?

Not sure what you mean by this - all out computers are networked and were wireless.

Can you print normally with any computer in the network or are all effected in same way?

Just testing to find out, but I'm pretty sure my OH could still print remotely.

Have you changed operating systems from Vista to say windows 7?

Nope - everything remained the same except for the new modem.

Steve (2011-06-17 08:01:50)

I think the problem that Alison has is down to a change in the default IP gateway address of the router, which will mean her printer will need resetting or the port address on the printer driver adjusting to the new ip address of the printer.

I'm trying to hook up with Alison on Skype as I type this... so carry on with normal Filofax chat folks, I will deal with this one 'off comment' !

Versatile bloke me.... model, Philofaxologist, IT guru

Steve (2011-06-17 08:05:43)

@KJ I would be very surprised if the Knightsbridge only came in pocket size.

Of course it's impossible to Google, because it just throws up lots of Filofax stockists in the Knightsbridge area of London!

Saffy (2011-06-17 08:15:11)

Steve, as you are 'Mr Fix it' at the moment, can you help fix my memory. Could you please tell me from your Filofax book what size rings they offered back in the 80's for the personal size? If I recall there was a larger one than the standard 23mm we have today and a slightly smaller size as well and of course the slimline.

Thanks

Butanben (2011-06-17 09:38:37)

Well, my dad is getting a personal sized Filofax map on Father's Day, plus some magnetic bookmarks... he's always losing bookmarks..... and I am getting him some of his favourite dark chocolate. Only we'll be celebrating my birthday and Father's Day late this year, on 26th June, with our usual Sunday Lunch.... to avoid the Father's Day crowds.... his choice of date and venue. Whatever you are doing, to all dads out there Happy Father's Day on Sunday.

Steve (2011-06-17 09:51:40)

@Saffy

Sizes as follows:

¼" for the Slimline

½", 7/8" and 1¼" in Personal

The 7/8" was a fairly common size, my own Winchester is that size

C (2011-06-17 10:10:55)

Following my mother's death I am house clearing and have come across my late father's 1947 Filofax. As have only recently started following you here I must go and find it again and have a real look at it not just a cursory glance through.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-17 11:15:57)

Steve is my hero. Not only has he fixed my problem so that my printer prints over the network he also fixed it so it now prints duplex again! Thanks a lot Steve - I owe you a drink when I can get to a meet-up!

Sandra (2011-06-17 11:16:35)

@Saffy-your dh, too? Mine snubbed a pocket Fins I bought him. Grrrr.

My dh has a getaway with friends that equals at least three holidays and a birthday to boot.

My father has everything. Really. I will send a card and that will please him greatly.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-17 11:18:10)

@C - what a great find! Does it have any entries or writing by your father? My father died last Autumn (sadly my first fathers day without him) and my Mom has found a speech he wrote and some music he wrote (he was a musician) which she has given to me - somehow something written down seems so precious!

Alison Reeves (2011-06-17 11:26:11)

Here is a new question. When is a project not a to-do?

Whilst biting my nails with various computer problems today I was pondering my planning and organising problems and it suddenly occurred to me that I was probably mistaking projects for to-dos. This could explain a lot. My definition (now) is that a project is an activity with an end goal and several steps, whereas a to-do item usually has one step (e.g take books back to library). This could mean a much shorter to-do list for me, and the need to devise 'project' sheets to manage my projects.

How do others see this issue?

terriknits (2011-06-17 13:02:35)

Does anyone have any tips about using the Filofax Print-to-File software? I got this a few weeks ago and tried printing out a couple pages of personal size monthly calendars, but the duplexing was all messed up. It would print side one okay, but side two I only had a narrow band of the bottom.

I haven't had a chance to explore it fully (work has been crazy), but was curious if anyone had any significant problems setting it up?

Filofreak (2011-06-17 14:23:13)

C-

That is truly a wonderful find! Would love to hear more about it and see pictures. Did you ever know him to use it?

Sadly, my dear Papa passed away in February and I miss him so much. He didn't use Filofaxes but always enjoyed me enjoying the ones I got. He always called them "Filo Vance(s)", I believe after an old time detective character. I did keep his big Day Runner calendar that he had as I agree with enjoying seeing his handwriting and what he was doing on a particular day. I'm sure they have a BIG Filofax store up in Heaven. Happy Father's Day Papa!

ARIANA and Colin (2011-06-17 15:26:58)

as my DH doesnt need or want a Filofax i want another one ... i have run out of excuses / and occasions - but i really want a5 Cuban chilli zipped . got one i saddle brown (not zipped) - but DH said enough is enough :((so i need to find one cheap - any suggestions ?(tried ebay)

Cindy (2011-06-17 16:07:01)

I totally agree that finding a loved one's handwritten notes, diaries, lists is the best.

My dad is very ill, so as a belated Father's Day, my daughter and I will be flying down to LA to see him.

I would love to get my husband a Filofax for Father's Day, but he would use it for a week, then lose interest. (There is a member here whose husband uses a notebook with a cute cartoon character on the cover? My husband's go-to notebook has big-eyed robots all over his.)

@C-what a treasure your father's Filofax must be! Can you post pictures?

@Imy-looking forward to your Father's Day post.

Cra2yGuava (2011-06-17 16:12:36)

Hi guys, I was in Selfridge today and noticed that they've got a very good selection of Filofaxes on sale there. As an example, Personal Finchley are selling for £42 while the Scanda is going for £50

I couldn't resist the offer and bought myself an A4 zipped Guildford for £62

Sandra (2011-06-17 17:18:00)

@Cindy Would be my dh with the Hello Kitty notebook aka planner.

Big-eyed robots trump HK, yes? Wht the resistance, I wonder. Wait, I remember-then one has to be responsible for remembering things and for keeping information organized. No, I'm not bitter. :)

Saffy (2011-06-17 18:33:52)

Thanks Steve, the 7/8" was what I was going to buy but was given the standard size before I had the chance. I really wish they would make that size again.

Sandra - yes, my husband too. He is not a fan however he does drive up to London with me on the meet up weekends, and then does his own thing for the day, of course.

As a kind of consolation I have managed to convert my brother who likes them though he is not obsessed like I am. In fact he soon will have three, all of which I bought for him. One for work, one for home/master copy and one for storage of old info etc. Ha, ha. He just lets me get on with it and humours me.

C - My mother died several years ago but I found a recipe and an old letter that was in her hand writing which brings back so many memories of her. She had such beautiful hand writing. Sadly she never used a diary. But what a treasure you have stumbled across to find your fathers Filofax.

Cindy (2011-06-17 19:39:06)

@Sandra—Ha! I remembered it was you—I just didn't want to "out" you. I don't know—I think robot vs. kitty is a toss up. But I think your reasoning for their resisting the call of the Filo is spot on!

cgarsnrealest8 (2011-06-17 20:08:50)

I'm a father, And although I treated myself to an A5 hole punch, I still have the dilemma over which size is best - A5 or Personal. Happy Father's Day to all the Filofax dads!!!

SNARLing: (2011-06-17 21:12:10)

happy father's day all!

so, if johnny depp carried a filofax, what do you reckon he'd carry?

Laurie (2011-06-17 23:17:10)

Allison, you have hit on a topic that people have written books about, created systems about (GTD as an example) and created entire websites to address. If you google, you'll find endless info on breaking down projects into actionable steps.

To summarize, you are correct: a project needs to be broken down into steps, preferable "next-action" tasks. It's very common for people to have a barrier to accomplishing a task because they haven't framed it correctly.

Here's a good example: Last year for weeks I had on my to-do list to move my photos from my old desktop computer to my external hard drive. I didn't understand why I was procrastinating something that seemed so simple.

Then I sat down and wrote out all the "next action" items and realized it wasn't straightforward at all. It looked like this:

- 1) Set up old desktop computer
- 2) Locate voltage converter (because my desktop is US I was living in Europe at the time) and plug in.
- 3) Start up
- 4) Locate photo files on computer (not so easy because I didn't organize my computer files very well).
- 5) Transfer photos to external hard drive.

So what seemed like it should take about 5 minutes actually took 45! And without clear steps I couldn't visualize what exactly needed to be done. No wonder I kept putting it off! Once I figured out what I needed to do, and set aside the 45 minutes to do it, I actually got it done.

Sometimes people mistake a goal for a task. Or, like me, write the last action item on their to-do list when in reality they first need to do research, acquire something, or do other steps before they can complete the job.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-18 03:11:04)

@Laurie - thanks for the response - I can see now why I have had problems with some tasks! It goes towards the way I set up my filofax because I will keep my to-dos separate from my projects (which will each have their own sheets) and just transfer the next action to my list.

I 'acquired' a really old book this week about 'keeping your desk clear'. This book clearly states in several pages that one should keep an organiser and provides advice on how to do so. It is an old book (pre everyone having a computer on their desk really) but it has some really useful tips and ideas! For example it says to have a daily to-do list, a weekly one and a monthly one so you can put tasks on the right list. The daily one could of course be a day to page diary.

I am currently revising my filofaxes and what I use them for, so will post more when I am sorted!

Robin (2011-06-19 01:33:50)

@SNARLing - I reckon Johnny Depp would carry my phone number. LOL.

Oh - wait - my number would be in his phone. LOL X 2.

KJ (2011-06-19 03:54:15)

@ Steve

Yeah, the city named models always turn up lots of store, and Knightsbridge is more obscure as a model than others. I couldn't think of many models in pocket only (that curvy special edition?), and usually everything is

made in at least personal. Pocket Knightsbridge is the only one I can still find reference to online, and that's what I have now. I couldn't remember whether years ago I had seen a picture of a personal one. I also assumed that the flaps faced the pockets, like the old Winchesters, but they're just flaps to take the ring dents, and possible keep them from showing on the outside. The pockets have the openings facing out. And somehow, these are the biggest pen loops I've ever seen.

mycaffeinefix (2011-06-19 08:47:45)

Thought it was about time I popped my head in and said hello! I found Philofaxy a few months ago while I was looking to start using a filofax again (I got an Aqua pocket Finsbury)

And now that I've had time to grow into it, and I'm getting busier with work, I'm ashamed to say I have ordered myself a slimline Filofax Flex (I could not see the point of these until I found that I needed a proper portable notebook and a tear-off pad for work!) and a Personal Domino in Chocolate, to see how I find that size - Pocket is just a bit to small and awkward for me now.

So, I might as well come out as a filofax addict right now!

A5 Week to View Diary Format (2011-06-18 00:00)

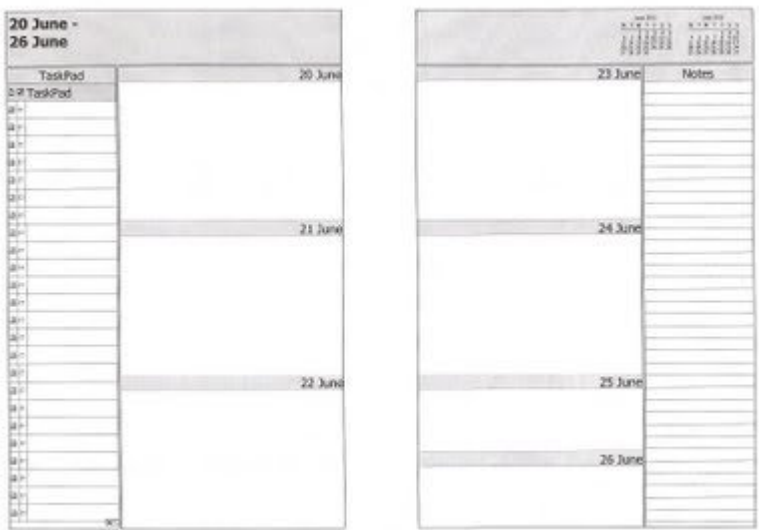
I've been tinkering with Outlook 2003 again to try and find a format that would meet the needs of a lot of Philofaxy followers, who like me like to see a full week, but also need some space for To-Do's and Notes.

If you have been reading the blog for any length of time this is a bit of a reoccurring topic for me! I've tried the Quo Vadis Planner series which are a vertical format, whilst that works for me. However, the QV inserts loose Sundays on the page. So may be not that useful for most people.

I've previously looked at Outlook and there at least a couple of posts on using it to print out blank diary inserts. Although if you wished you could create your new calendar with your birthdays and anniversaries already on the calendar in Outlook. I'm currently only using Outlook 2003, but I suspect later versions offer similar layouts?

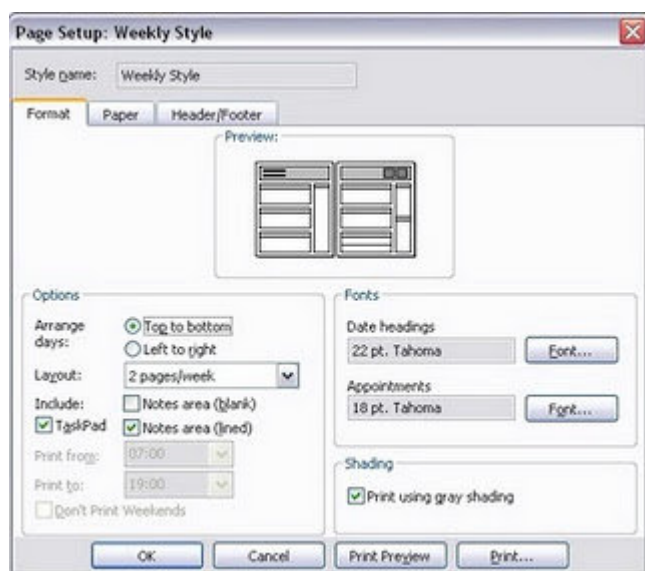
So this time I looked again at the Weekly style and by adding the Task Pad and Notepad. Remembering to add some 'blank' tasks as I mentioned in my [1]previous post to get it to put in the blank tasks. This time I played with the font sizes to give you more space in to which to write in to.

So this is what it looks like:



[2]

And here are the settings I used to create the page above, which I booklet [3]printed on A4 size paper to give you A5 size pages.



[4]

This I think is quite close to a nearly ideal lay out the only downside I suppose is the half size spaces for Saturday and Sunday. I can't see a way of swapping the Notes and Task Pad around, Outlook is fixed in where it locates them as shown above, and if you don't have Notes the space for each day on the right hand page is increased.

I've previously used a similar layout to this for my A5 diary back in 2005 when I started using my A5. I might print out enough pages for say a couple of months and give it a try again in one of my A5 organisers.

Here are previous posts on this topic:

- [5]Microsoft Outlook Calendar > Filofax
- [6]Creating your own calendar using MS Outlook
- [7]Printing A5 pages

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/creating-your-own-diary-using-ms.html>
2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-2bUAiIk1rCk/TfeeNUJHMjI/AAAAAAAAAJSA/N6diPGOVAE8/s1600/A5WeekPerView.jpg>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/printing-a5-pages.html>
4. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-NFZRyu0AtZk/TfeeOHGn5fI/AAAAAAAAJSE/ajh4oC-phUc/s1600/weektoview.jpg>
5. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/microsoft-outlook-calendar-filofax.html>
6. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/creating-your-own-diary-using-ms.html>
7. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/printing-a5-pages.html>

Kate (2011-06-18 02:37:38)

I spent ages trying to come up with a workable Outlook for

Emsg for my A5 Filofax. I really need to see the week at a time otherwise, well, out of sight doesn't get done. In the end I printed my weekly aglendar A5 size on an A4 sheet which I folded and punched - I had to cut off a smallstrip to avoid the rings - so that he week view was on my left. I printed daily sheets for the week and turned each one under the week view as I changed the day. worked well.

Kate (2011-06-18 02:38:23)

Typos! Sorry!

Robin (2011-06-18 22:24:35)

Hi Steve - Check out this cool calendar format that David Seah has come up with!

<http://davidseah.com/compact-calendar/>

Also, check out this planner format (click on the embedded link):

<http://davidseah.com/2011/05/nifty-hard-bound-mini-etp/>

Steve (2011-06-21 16:55:42)

Well I gave it a try for a week, it works ok, but may be not as good as I like the page per day format that I'm currently using.

But then I tried a different print out... this time full size on A4.. wow.. that does look good, but obviously it's going to take up more desk space.. but no harm in trying it for a few days!

Philofaxy London Meet-up - 24 September 2011 (2011-06-18 04:37)

I'm planning another [1]Philofaxy Meet Up in London on Saturday 24th September. I will be flying back in UK for just that weekend and I'm looking forward to meeting up with people again.

Numbers are likely to be limited again, so please only apply for a place if you are sure you can attend on the 24th September.

The actual arrangements for the day are in their very early stages but it is likely that we will meet up at a convenient meeting place, have lunch at Tate Modern, discuss our organisers a lot! Then to finish off the day visit to the Neal Street Filofax store more or less as we did back in [2]March.

So if you are interested can you please email **philofaxy at gmail dot com** and make the subject of the message '**London Meet Up**' I will make sure you are kept informed of the arrangements.



[3]



[4]

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Meet-Up>
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/03/philofaxy-london-meet-up-march-2011.html>
3. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-g5UMjmrlvZg/TR4eprgtUGI/AAAAAAAAI1w/X3f9XWpT5LI/s1600/PhilofaxyLondon.jpg>
4. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-R4Cxwv9ASlw/TY5p-E4JYeI/AAAAAAAAI_U/DNndC8sKDUs/s1600/2011_03_26.jpg

caribbean princess (2011-06-18 04:53:33)
I will be there! :-)

Steve (2011-06-18 06:28:48)
Me too!!

ohlittlecloud (2011-06-18 07:22:50)
Me, also!

Katie (2011-06-19 03:14:52)
Sounds fun, but I'll be enjoying Fresher's Week at university then ;) Hehe!

Imy (2011-06-19 08:28:57)
nothing is stopping me, im coming, unless the train broke down half way, that might, wouldn't be the first time its happened to me tho, bout the 3rd or 4th!
BUT IM 100 % COMING AND IM SO EXCITED!!!

Steve (2011-06-19 09:48:22)
As I'm flying back with only carry on baggage (1 small case) I've started to plan what I can bring with me. And I'm looking to shave grams in weight off everything. For instance not bringing a full tube of toothpaste just a partially used one. The lightest clothes etc...
It's so I can bring my camera rather than use my little compact one.
I've got a list growing in my Malden. No harm in starting early!

Steve (2011-06-19 11:18:09)
Also... don't forget to start making your shopping.. sorry I mean wish lists, because once you get in to the shop, strange forces start acting on your normal sense of spending judgement.
No, I make a list so I do come back with the essential things I need be it inserts or accessories.. I tend to purchase those first. Then it's eyes down for a full look around the store!

Steve (2011-06-21 16:59:52)

All the places are taken for this event now. We have a couple of reserves already in case someone drops out..

Anita (2011-07-09 18:42:21)

Would have definitely come if I wasn't booked on a course :)

Filofax London Olympics 2012 (2011-06-19 03:00)

You can be forgiven for the vision that came in to your head just now when you read the title of a Filofax dressed up in shorts and a running vest... no not quite.. Filofax is an official London 2012 merchandise company, this means they can manufacture and sell products with the London 2012 logo on them.

In the 2011 paper catalogue there are three new organisers, which have been designed with the 2012 games in mind. I've not actually seen any of these products myself yet, so the following information is based solely on the catalogue information.



[1]

So from left to right in the above picture we have firstly the 'Lime Burst' this model is available in Pink and Blue in both Pocket (£32) and Personal (£37) and to me it looks similar to say the Domino.

In the middle is the 'Sporting Icons' this is only available in black as show in the picture above. This model also comes in Pocket (£27) and Personal (£32) sizes. It looks like it has a large band closure with the London 2012 lettering on it.

And then on the right is the Union Flag organiser. This model comes in chocolate 'nappa' leather and it is priced at £90 for the Personal size.

All three according to the catalogue come with 'fun and informative sporting information, a unique diary, games facts and figures, maps, stickers and key London 2012 information'

I would have loved them to have produced a Union flag model in the traditional red white and blue... I suspect producing one that is durable is the main problem.

I'm not sure when these new models will go on sale, possibly within the next few months I will make some discrete enquiries.

1. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-HJFv21vmTZg/Tf2X6CqRghI/AAAAAAAAJSc/LXMTm8kJmzE/s1600/2012a.jpg>

rhea jill (2011-06-19 03:04:02)

wow, so exciting! I think I would like the union jack with the colors as well. . .

Katie (2011-06-19 03:11:59)

If the Union Jack was in ANY colour other than brown I'd start saving for it right now!

caribbean princess (2011-06-19 03:12:08)

@Rhea jill Yup I would have loved a proper union jack one too.

Nellie (2011-06-19 03:14:33)

The union jack on is cool, and I agree it would be fantastic in red, white and blue!

Scoot (2011-06-19 06:34:48)

Dreadfully disappointing. Lack of colour and imagination. At least they weren't designed by the same people who "did" the 2012 logo.

A missed opportunity to promote the brand and Britain by producing a really useful/practical "file of facts" that proves the value of a personal organiser, Olympic Itinerary, places to see/things to do in and around London (also away from London for a break), restaurants, travel info; also to do, three month diary etc.

Even if they'd come up with an a very inexpensive Olympic "file of facts" in a Union Jack, or otherwise colourful Filofax cover made from PVC (upgradable to leather at a Filofax outlet), then at least it could be used to promote the brand for incoming travellers from around the world.

Colourful doesn't mean you necessarily lose class or style, and it is easy to produce leather fax's in the Olympic colours of either black, red, blue, yellow and green.

Come on Filofax, how about a limited edition in even just personal size? Fill it with every conceivable piece of useful information and sell them for a limited period next summer! Such items would be a memento of a great event and fondly treasured for years.

Scoot (2011-06-19 06:41:55)

Another thought. Kids love little things to play with, especially if there is some game or collecting involved, so why not specifically target kids (and therefore a new generation) with an inexpensive fax? The contents could simply be the exact same things that kids crave everywhere in stationery stores, but themed for the Olympics!

Steve (2011-06-19 07:11:41)

Here's an idea for a Union Flag Filofax.

Buy the red Domino, then get some sticky back vinyl sheet in blue and white and then cut it out to form the flag, the base colour would be the red cross and use the vinyl sheet for the blue and white parts of the design.

An England George Cross would also be very easy to do with a red domino.

Just an idea.. I'm not a 'creative hobby person' but I don't think this would be too difficult to execute and would look quite stylish as well.

Has anyone else customised a Domino in a similar way?

Butanben (2011-06-19 08:51:02)

Ooh Steve.... fabby idea about customising a red Domino for the Olympics..... now where in the attic is my old personal Domino????? Heee Heee!! Only until next summer to find it.....

Steve (2011-06-19 09:44:53)

Jane

I look forward to seeing pictures of it...

Steve

Web Finds - 20th June 2011 (2011-06-20 00:00)

Finds this weekend including a Malden post!

- [1]Woman's Planner
- [2]A first look at my new A5 Malden - Planet Millie
- [3]Releasing My Inner 'Geek': Finsbury Filofax - Beauty comes from within
- [4]Compact calendar - David Seah
- [5]What's in My Bag, and Biological Photoshopping for Filofaxes - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
- [6]Things I just like a lot - Cecilia Frid
- [7]My little red one - Strickmuse
- [8]Filofax Experiment Update - Imysworld

And what do you get if you mix a Filofax Flex with a Moleskine planner....

[EMBED]

Enjoy

1. <http://www.womansplanner.com/>
2. <http://mslogica.com/2011/06/a-first-look-at-my-new-a5-malden/>
3. <http://www.beautycfw.com/2011/06/releasing-my-inner-geek.html>
4. <http://davidseah.com/compact-calendar/>
5. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/06/whats-in-my-bag-and-summer-filofax.html>
6. <http://ceciliafrid.com/?p=886>
7. <http://www.strickmuse.com/2011/06/my-little-red-one.html>
8. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-experiment-update-pocket-love.html>

Jotje (2011-06-20 01:41:23)

OMG love that moleskine Flex! It once and for all solves the problem of the missing pen loop on the large mole!

Millie (2011-06-20 08:12:56)

Thanks for the mention, Steve. Still trying to get it set up though!!

Amanda (2011-06-22 14:40:03)

Would this Moleskine/Flex chimera not be **the** perfect solution for Laurie???

Laurie (2011-06-22 21:13:41)

pokes head out from burrow* What?

Filofax News Update (2011-06-20 13:00)

Monday seems to be website change and news announcement day at Filofax around the world..

Today the [1]Flex range went live on the Filofax USA site. And seems to have captured the hearts of quite a few people on Twitter including Gala Darling...

Also Filofax Sweden has launched their [2]on-line catalogue, which apart from things we have already seen, it does feature some new models (Dakota, Pennybridge and Journey) and possibly some colours, we haven't seen to date... so at the risk of some serious *enabling*.... you should go and have a little peek at their catalogue.

I've made some enquiries as to when the UK catalogue will be in on-line.

Also don't forget this is the last week for votes in the [3]Filofax Style Off competition on Facebook, please vote if you haven't already.

Enjoy....

1. <http://www.filofaxusa.com/us/flex/>

2. <http://www.filofax.se/katalog/>

3. <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150212107698357.334517.97875648356>

shepcraig (2011-06-20 13:16:16)

I get my filofax flex stand and stock delivered to the shop tomorrow, so excited

Jotje (2011-06-20 14:08:26)

The journey is actually an old model for Sweden, they already had it online last year. Apparently it's only produced for the Swedish market ...

Saffy (2011-06-20 15:12:04)

It has often been mentioned that an A5 slim line would be appreciated. I was up in London for the weekend and of course popped into the Neal Street shop. They had an A5 Luxe in black which had 20mm rings and the pen loop was at the top of the note pad. It seemed streamlined and a true slim line A5, finally.

Also, the Osterely is every bit as lovely as the photo's in the catalogue suggest. The Plum is just divine.

A big surprise to me was the Enigma which appeared to lay flat 'out of the box' so to speak. The leather is so silky soft and the Brindle colour option had more white than appears in the catalogue. The catalogue photo's just don't do this binder justice. It was so lovely that I would definitely put it on my 'wish list' for next year.

The Regency was very classy, professional and masculine looking.

That is all I can remember due to me drooling over the Osterely and the Enigma. They also had a few items on sale including the Amethyst Deco if anyone is interested, Lou Lou?

Laurie (2011-06-20 21:18:54)

Um, do you happen to remember the sale price on the Amethyst Deco? Just curious...

Laurie (2011-06-20 21:28:02)

And I meant to add, HOORAY for the A5 slimline!! It's too bad they didn't do it in a more neutral pattern (or preferably no pattern) for wider appeal, but I'm glad they've done it at all.

I looked and the A5 Luxe isn't on the UK website but is on the US website. It says the rings are 1 inch, which is only 1/4 inch smaller than Finsbury. And wow, the price tag! I won't be getting one for awhile, if at all.

Slimline A5 Finsbury please, Filofax!

Laurie (2011-06-20 21:38:18)

I just had a look through the catalog: Malden accessories!!!!

Saffy (2011-06-21 03:36:58)

@Laurie - I am not 100 % sure but I think the price for the Personal Amethyst Deco was £136.00 and the Pocket about £123.00, which would be 30 % off.

Enough of a discount for me to consider buying one myself while I still can.

The France Filofax website has the Luxe too.

Imy (2011-06-21 04:13:17)

Just wanted to mention Jon at Filofax on facebook seems to of started to talk again

Imy (2011-06-21 04:28:31)

The flex diary seems to be different for them? Its the colums rather than the rectangles :-s

I really prefer their catalogue to ours, its just got more detailed pictures I think, just seems a lot more prettier and nicer!

bernhardS (2011-06-21 06:55:01)

BTW: The Flex is now online on the German Filofax website, too.

shepcraig (2011-06-21 11:27:11)

We have the Pocket Deco in Amethyst reduced to £125 just now

Amanda (2011-06-21 16:46:38)

ooh... the Pennybridge and the Journey look VERY interesting!

Hmmm.....

Saffy (2011-06-21 18:40:44)

The Osterely is now on the U.K. website. YAY.

Free For All Tuesday No. 20. (2011-06-21 00:00)



[1]

So what devilish questions can you pose for us this week??

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

Alison Reeves (2011-06-21 04:20:27)

I have three questions (I am greedy):

1. Does anyone use a filofax as a Flylady control journal?
2. Does anyone use a filofax for garden inspiration / planning / maintenance? How does this work?
3. I know some of you have a me / inspiration/ goals filofax or section. What sort of things do you include? I tend to get so caught up in the daily grind I often forget the 'bigger picture'.

As you can tell I'm looking for inspiration in these areas!

Imy (2011-06-21 04:31:08)

Alison - Whats a Flylady Controll Journal? Sounds interesting....

x

bernhardS (2011-06-21 06:26:54)

Hi, Alison!

I have a "Garten" section in the A-Z index where I list things to do. For items to buy I use sticky notes in the calendar section.

I have some 1800 qm with two garages on it and plenty of trees, esp cherry, apple, pear. The part visible from the street has short cut lawn, but behind the garages begins a natural zone with flower islands and trees.

In the Filofax I plan the layout of this natural part with pathes and flower beds. My most useful tool is a Stihl FS 350 which can be equipped with several tools and needs tons of fuel.

The next project might be the installation of solar cells. I will need my Filo for notes about the building licence, selecting the solar cells and implementing them as well as planning the security concept for this installation.

As a paper planner, the Filo is way better than an electronic device, especially when outside in bright sunlight and writing longer notes.

best,

bs

Alison Reeves (2011-06-21 06:58:11)

@ Imy - Flylady is a website designed to help you manage your home better and keep it cleaner! They recommend you create a 'control' journal which is basically a place where you keep everything like routines and everything else you need to run a home. Lots of people have found it has brought them out of chaos! You can find the website here: <http://www.flylady.net/>

Alison Reeves (2011-06-21 07:00:33)

@BernhardS - thanks for your input - it's given me some food for thought. My garden is a bit different to yours, but of course the todos and making notes and planning would be common. I'm also thinking of storing some inspirational pictures that I have seen in magazines and books to keep everything together and remind me what I want to achieve. I don't get much time for gardening at the moment so this would be very useful.

Sandra (2011-06-21 07:42:56)

@Alison and @Imy-I have a Filo as Flylady journal. Sharon started a FB group as a forum to share ideas and such regarding the Flylady's concepts. My A5 Chocolate has been filling the bill at the moment. Will add that to my blogging to do list... :)

I also have a Filo for purpose #2-newly created, I might add. I note plants I have planted, ones I want to use, plants that failed, veg garden notes, etc. This is still in progress.

As for a "me" section, I include quotes to inspire and motivate. I also made a list of goals in my primary planner with activities on the reverse of each area (family, work, dissertation, etc.) that aid me in accomplishing my goals. I got this idea from Jotje's guest post.

Off to day camp with the Scouts-will aim to share what I can when time allows. Take care.

Scoot (2011-06-21 08:14:56)

I have garden pages within a "private" section, which contains a record of:

The dates I cut each of 5 pieces of lawn (I once counted the quantity of buckets of cuttings taken from each lawn).

Tree pruning and hedge cutting, lawn watering and fertilising, PH tests.

Quantities of fruit from each tree.

Recipes for fertilisers and lawn top dressings.

The reason for the above is that each lawn, or part thereof, is different and requires different fertilisers/management.

At any point in the year I can see what is happening with a lawn, whether it is clover or moss appearing, look at the history of fertilisers and give the correct treatment.

I also have an annual jobs to do section, but rarely look at it.

Mrs. Grievous (2011-06-21 08:38:50)

I did a post about my CJ in my blog.

<http://lelepa.blogspot.com/2011/03/control-journal.html>

However, since I "sneak moved in" with my boyfriend, I'm going to move it into my aqua pocket domino. I think he will be more apt to use it with me if he doesn't have to touch a pink or purple binder. ;)

Learning Catalyst (2011-06-21 09:04:46)

I'm thinking of getting my first Filofax. I ordered a flex today but I am wondering if I should just go for the rings. What do you think? Are there any slim versions of rings or are they all the same time. I would want the A5 size. Can't imagine anything smaller. What do you suggest? I like having what I need in my planner. Currently using Levenger Circa. Abandoned Moleskine because at this point 3/4 of the planner has been used and it seems like a waste carrying it around. So - Flex or Rings? What do you suggest?

Imy (2011-06-21 09:25:13)

Sanday - If you want an A5 Filofax that is slimmer you could always go for the Adelphi Personal Organiser, its on sale at the moment too??

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=5 &rangeId=129 &dsId=5>

have a look :-)

Hope its helped xx

Alison Reeves (2011-06-21 10:24:12)

@Sandy The Adelphi is lovely - I have the slimline one in red (currently unused). The only reason it's not used is the size and capacity - the binder itself is very luxe - reminds me of chanel!

Learning Catalyst (2011-06-21 12:14:01)

Thanks for the tip - the Adelphi is lovely. They are a little pricey so I'll hold off (I'm ordering from Canada)but I think I'll go that route.

stirwise (2011-06-21 19:23:44)

For all those in the US:

The grey Malden is now in stock and ready to ship from pensandleather.com.

I'm buying mine right now!

Scoot (2011-06-22 06:59:31)

It's now Wednesday, but

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/rowanpelling/8590499/I-fits-a-fetish-youre-after-try-putting-pen-to-paper.html>

... an article about the seductive qualities of stationery, but specifically;

"John Lewis has just reported that its year-on-year sales of writing paper are up by 79 per cent, with other retailers reporting sharp rises in purchases of the relevant paraphernalia. DebreTT's, meanwhile, reports that proper thank-you letters are on the resurgence."

UNchecked other (2011-06-23 10:10:10)

@AlisonReeves:

1. Not "Flylady Control" per se, but I keep a tab called "Hausfrau Minus the Herr" that serves the same purpose.
2. I keep photos of nice gardens (parks and private) in a zip-lock envelope for inspiration. Being a nerd, inspiration comes in the form of words or concepts. For instance, my friends and I had a little picnic at the Common. So that translated as Turkish food + Tulips= Ottoman Empire. One section of my garden has tulips, and I painted the wooden boxes in stylized Arabic script and also Iznik-style.
3. Under "Alis Volat Propriis," I keep my Bucket List, 101 in 1001, Inspirational Words, Gratitude, sudden inspiration, and things that remind me of my loved ones. This is actually my favourite tab. Whereas the other tabs are pragmatic and help keep my life more efficient, Alis Volat Propriis helps me live a life of fulfillment and discovery.

It's important to carve out a place for bliss, passion, and placidity for your soul even when sailing on the sea of ambition and drive. Having a purpose in life is great, of course, but purpose is nothing when it's not meaningful ;o)

lydhold (2011-06-24 17:19:37)

Sorry that this is a bit late - I've only just discovered this site - AMAZING!!

Anyway - my question - I have an old 'Dukes' symthson organiser - does anyone know if the filofax inserts will fit?

I can't afford to resurrect it with symthson ones, and prefer the filofax ones anyway!

Many thanks!

Steve (2011-06-25 01:53:33)

@lynhold: Welcome to Philofaxy.

I've taken a quick look at the Symthson site. The page sizes and more importantly the ring spaces look the same as Filofax, Pocket, Personal and A5 sizes.

The key things to measure on your organiser is the hole centre spacings on the 3 rings and the spacing between rings 3 and 4.

Filofax personal is 19 mm (3/4") between holes and 50 mm (2") between the two groups of 3 holes.

Pocket is just 6 holes all spaced by 19 mm.

A5 is 19mm again, but 70 mm between holes 3 and 4

Hope that helps

Regards

Steve

lydhold (2011-06-25 06:35:24)

Thank you so much, that is really helpful, I will have a measure up and then get started on buying if they fit... I love the excuse to 'start again' with my organisation!!

Filofax Pocket or Slimline as a wallet? (2011-06-22 00:00)



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[2]

Some of you might have been following my tooting and froing between the pocket and slimline as my wallet over the last few months. Both of them do the job, but in slightly different ways.

Aside of my 'wallet' I've settled in to using my Personal Crimson Malden as my main central focus for information, diary etc that I carry around with me. Then at home I'm using my A5 Grey Malden with the [3]page per day diary in it. This is working great and I love this layout. The A5, has a few other things in it, but not a full fill as yet. The personal tends to also be open on my desk when I'm there, so with both of them I have the week per view in the personal and my day view in the A5 which is sort of the best of both worlds if you like.

So my 'wallet' Filofax, is relieved of it's diary duties, because I normally carry my personal Malden around with me as well. So as a wallet it only has to hold cards, cash, medial cards and certificates, passport, drivers licence, coins.

So in the Chameleon Pocket this all fits in ok, but the coins in the zip pocket do tend to make it bulge a little bit, which I suppose is why I keep going back to the slimline because being bigger it's also slimmer. I also have my 'vintage' Filofax [4]coin/change holder, this works really well.

I suppose in a way it's also nice to have a change every so often as well, I feel less guilty about owning all of these things and not always using them! I suppose I fell in to the trap of my own enabling! Also swapping from one to the other only takes a few minutes if that!

So for anyone else is thinking about using a pocket as a 'wallet/purse' as well a planner, my recommendations would be go for a pocket model that includes the full width back pocket, such as the Malden, Finsbury etc. But go for one that has the larger rings 19mm which the Malden and Finsbury both have. My Chameleon only has the 15mm rings in it, which works for me, because my page count is reduced.

If you are going to include a diary insert in your pocket then your choice is a little limited and physics can not be cheated. The pocket page size is only 81x120 mm compared to the personal size of 95x171 mm. Draw yourself a mock up page on ordinary paper, so see the reality of the difference in size **before** you go out and buy an new pocket Filofax (that was a negative enable...)

If you already have a pocket size, give it a try for a week or so and see how you get on.

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3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/06/a5-day-per-page-business-style-diary.html>
4. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/04/filofax-change-holder.html>

katka (2011-06-22 02:30:19)

Beautiful day to everyone.

I'm solving similar issue. I'm trying to find out the best Mini as my wallet. I really love Domino, but I have problems with coins. Any idea how to carry coins in Domino?

katka (2011-06-22 03:09:27)

There is new Osterley A5 on UK website. Looks nice, but it's quite pricy.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-22 04:00:17)

I just can't use filofax as a purse/wallet so have given up. I just carry my pocket special edition as a week to view diary.

I do like a large purse format at the moment which filofax make, although my current one is not that brand and a touch more 'girly'!

Alison Reeves (2011-06-22 04:03:41)

@Katka - the Osterly looks lovely - shame no black though. I hope they put a picture of the interior on the website as well. I love the plum colour - it looks like it could have gold coloured rings to match the clasp? A worthy successor to the Amazona which has been a great favourite of mine.

Iris (2011-06-22 07:53:23)

@Alison

The Osterley interior is shown in the Swedish Filofax [1]catalogue, on page 9.

1. <http://www.filofax.se/katalog/>

Imy (2011-06-22 08:40:46)

Thank you steve, im struggling between pocket and personal as well :-)

But what is a Medial Card??

:-D

Steve (2011-06-22 09:02:42)

Ah my medical card over here is called a carte vitale, it's a smart card and it carries all my health details and medical records on the card. I have to present the card every time I go to the doctors and he updates the card. Every time I get a prescription they update the details on the card too. It carries my photo on the card and my French social security number.

I also have to carry a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which gives me health cover in any European country including UK when I visit there because I'm no longer covered by the NHS being non-UK resident...

Complicated life really!

Amanda (2011-06-22 09:05:46)

@katka

I solved the coins problem by putting eyelets in a little zipped purse I had and putting the purse on the rings:

<http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/02/mini-baroque-filo-purse.htm> l

Don't know if that helps?

Amanda (2011-06-22 09:07:13)

@Alison

Have you seen the purse-filo combos in the Swedish catalogue - the Pennybridge and the Journey? They look like a good mix.

katka (2011-06-22 09:21:26)

@Amanda...thanks a lot. That's great idea. I was thinking about cutting and adjustig the personal or pocket plastic zip envelope. But this seems better :o)

Alison Reeves (2011-06-22 14:38:18)

@Amanda - Filofax certainly seem to be pulling out all the stops to bring people what they want - certainly seems they have been listening! I'm not sure I'd want to have the wallet and diary combined - I'd have to see it first to see how it felt!

Imy (2011-06-23 04:08:38)

@Steve, so does it have a chip or something with all that stored on it, sounds like such a clever idea, im always having problems with doctors not knowing my medical history, why is everywhere out of england so advanced lol

Anita (2011-06-23 12:10:54)

I was considering using a pocket as my wallet, but think I have the best of both worlds with my current setup. Won a filofax purse on eBay for £8 - small enough to fit in my back pocket & I don't mind sitting on it! And I have my personal Malden which has much more space for writing & notes.

Cindy (2011-06-24 12:05:01)

Being something of a packrat (and a mama of a three-year-old) my handbags are always enormous, so I've found that the Personal size works well as a diary/wallet combination. However, even with a traditional wallet, I've never kept change in it (I'm always in a rush to get out when I do my shopping, so change just gets thrown into the void that is my enormous bag and is sorted out later at home.)

I've finally broken through to my husband who has asked me to donate my Personal Domino to him to use as a garden journal. (This is a triumph!) Now I'm interested in getting him a wallet for everyday use, but he keeps his

wallet in his back pocket—is the bulge factor of a wallet-sized Filofax an issue? Particularly when sitting on one's backside all day at a desk?

Smoothest, softest leather Filofax? (2011-06-22 21:34)

I love smooth, soft leather. The smoother and softer, the better.

Filofax likes to jazz up binders with textures, which is fine, as long as they don't exclude at least one line of binders with smooth leather.

My [1]Buckingham has completely smooth leather that is soft to touch but not flimsy or floppy at all. It has had a rough life and has proven to be resistant to gouges and scratches. I wonder if there is any equivalent in the current lineup? I know the Maldens have that soft buffalo leather, but it is "floppy" compared to the leather of my Buckingham.

Do any of the new binders, or any others currently available, have smooth, soft, sturdy leather?

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/plannerisms/3784531610/in/set-72157623430927643>

Laurie (2011-06-22 21:56:21)

Okay, so I found two that fit the bill: Cuban and Guildford. They both have those awesome secretarial pockets!!

But I have two questions:

I've heard the Guildford scratches easily, what have been people's experiences with its durability?

Is the Cuban's cover puffy?

(Why am I even asking about these things?? Now I want a new Filofax!!)

Imy (2011-06-23 04:10:20)

The cuban is very soft leather, and VERY SOFT, yes the it is puffy but in a nice way, feels like a cushion, but it scratches easily, like with your nails, mine doesnt look all that bad but then i havent used it in a while.....

jjhitt (2011-06-23 09:55:20)

I love my Personal Cuban, enough so that I ended up getting a matching Pocket Cuban.

BUT the leather is so thick I wonder if it isn't mule hide.

Savannah (2011-06-23 11:21:23)

The Guildford scratches quite easily. It does not seem like it will hold up to the test of time, at least not in appearance.

Laurie (2011-06-23 11:41:08)

Hmm, thanks for the info everyone. Seems like the Guildford is definitely out. I'll keep thinking about the Cuban though.

Happy 2nd Birthday!! (2011-06-23 00:00)



[1]

Second birthday? What's that all about? Well it's two years since I became a [2]contributor on Philofaxy... doesn't time fly when you are having fun... and I've enjoyed every minute of the last two years on here.

I will be honest that at first it represented quite a challenge for me to think of things to write about. I spent many hours composing and editing my first posts trying to get them absolutely perfect in terms of the wording and grammar. I still care about those things (I might not get it right every time!), but practice makes an improvement (not perfect!). English and writing has never been a strong point even at school. I'm a lot happier moving numbers and formulas around on Excel, than I am composing lots of text in Word!

I had set myself some goals to achieve when I joined the 'team', who made me very welcome. I have not completed all of the things I set myself to do, when I got the email asking me to join Nan and Laurie, but some things do take longer than you originally thought they would! So some 'landmarks/highlights' of the last two years....

- [3]My first post was about buying Filofax goods on Ebay
- My original post about [4]Filofax Templates, which for some reason still gets read many times each week!
- My few minutes of [5]fame on [6]BBC Radio 5 explaining about how the Filofax is still very much an organisation tool for a lot of people. I still have a copy of the recording, which I will try to edit down and make it available here;
- [7]Meeting Laurie in London;
- [8]The first Skype Round Table chat;
- [9]Pocket it's where it is happening - It caused a bit of a [10]gasp when I also followed the 'trend';
- The [11]Readers under the spotlight series, was a lot of fun to do, we got to know people a lot more;
- [12]The first London Meet up - I chuckle to myself now when I look back, it was nearly 5 weeks later before we had any confirmed attendee's apart from me!!! Compare that to recently, all places taken in less than 48 hours! But the [13]event was a big success;
- The [14]New York Meet up, I sat adding to that post as the pictures appeared on Twitter that night, it was great to see the smiling faces. The Philofaxy Magic had travelled to the other side of the world and it was working. It was quite emotionally touching to read the follow up postings, particularly [15]Nan's post about the event.
- The many guest posts we have had in my time, although there were many before as well. And we always welcome guest posts. But [16]this one by Jotje stands out from the many, mainly because it was so popular and again still read by quite a few people.
- And of course recently the [17]Philofaxy Style Off. Thanks Thomas for making it so much fun to put together a very light hearted post. We both I'm sure you know enjoyed the comments on the post and on Twitter!
- And so many other things, I could list, it was difficult to know what to leave out!

I also have to thank Nan and Laurie for putting up with my crazy sense of humour at times! They have been great supporters of things I've done and introduced in the last two years. And especially to Nan for inviting me to join back in 2009.

And I can't finish without of course thanking you the readers, who have been fantastic, friends and loyal throughout this whole time. It's been great getting to know you all, thank you for all of your support either in the comments, in Tweets on Twitter, in those nice personal emails, and the odd Skype chats

too and of course for travelling considerable distances to take part in meet ups.

So what next.... well I have a few ideas up my sleeve that I'm working on to share with you once a few technical bugs are sorted out. I'm trying to bring you the latest Filofax news much quicker than I do at the moment. My focus of course will be on continuing to write posts on the blog, with the odd video review once in a while!

Thank you...

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16. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/12/guest-post-task-and-time-management.html>
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caribbean princess (2011-06-23 01:24:39)

Happy 2nd birthday Steve. I only discovered the wonders of Philofaxy last year but since then it has been a daily fixture! Thank you for your wonderful contribution to the blog. You, Laurie and Nan really make this blog special :-)

katka (2011-06-23 01:43:35)

Happy Birthday :o) and thank you for wonderful job.

David Popely (2011-06-23 01:53:54)

Happy birthday Steve. I'd be really interested to hear the BBC recording, duly edited, when you have the time.....

Rori (2011-06-23 02:05:22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! And many more...

I'm so grateful that you are with Philofaxy, and that I found the site; it has brought many new friendships and loads of blessings!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-23 02:49:00)

Happy 2nd birthday Steve - love reading your posts. Looking forward to hearing the Radio 5 clip. Go celebrate!

pilgrim (2011-06-23 04:12:23)

Happy Birthday Steve & thanks for all your contributions and inspirations

Imy (2011-06-23 04:15:23)

Happy 2 year birthday!!!! :-D

Have you received any nice presents?? :-)

Just want to say that i enjoy your post very much! But at the moment i think my favorite has to be your Style

off!! :-) I dont think i have laughed that much at something in ages!!!

(I love everyones post tho not just Steves) I dont think i would be as obsessed with filofaxes if i didnt find this amazing community!! :-D

Femke (2011-06-23 05:13:04)

Happy 2nd Birthday, Steve!

I've been relatively new to the community, but I love reading the blog! The community is fab, but it wouldnt be without this blog!

SNARLing: (2011-06-23 08:08:57)

yay! congrats on making it to 2! may you have many more!

like the rest, i'm so happy to have found this blog and meet all you fellow filofax geeks! this blog has helped me edit myself and see what i need and what i don't in terms of managing my day/week/month/year which in turn gets me closer to my goals...it can (and still does) get pretty overwhelming sometimes so it's comforting to come here and find solutions or empathize. so thanks again for helping to provide this forum - i'm not sure what my planning situation would have been without this (pretty sure i'd still have a couple of filofaxes tho. heh heh. so glad to have found you all)

Saffy (2011-06-23 09:33:41)

Happy 2nd Birthday Steve. This site is the only one I read on a daily basis and the meet ups have been the highlights of my year. Thank you for putting so much effort into making them happen.

I wonder if any other blog has the sense of friendship and community that this one does?

A credit to you, Nan and Laurie.

Can't wait for the BBC recording.

Laurie (2011-06-23 09:53:47)

Happy Philofaxy Birthday Steve!! Many thanks to you for everything you do for this blog and our wonderful community!

Here's to many many more wonderful years of Steve's Philofaxing! :)

terriknits (2011-06-23 10:34:15)

happy Philo birthday! Thanks for all the work you (and Laurie and Nan) do for this site. It's been a real inspiration to me to read how others use their FiloFaxes and how I can make mine more useful!

Tommes (2011-06-23 10:36:10)

Happy birthday, Steve! And I can only agree with Laurie, thank you so much for contributing to this blog in the finest way!!!

Thomas

Lynne (2011-06-23 11:01:17)

From a new reader (filofax obsessed), many happy returns.

Anita (2011-06-23 12:00:19)

Happy 2nd Birthday, & thank you for all your articles & contribution to the site :)

Alison Reeves (2011-06-23 15:33:50)

Happy birthday Steve! This blog is a must for me to read every day. Thank you so much for making it so special, useful and interesting! I feel like I have made new friends here.

J (2011-06-23 16:47:29)

Happy Philofaxyday Steve!

Thank you so much for your dedication and creativity. And coming from a fellow smart a \$ %, your sense of

humor too!

I look forward to many more posts!!!

Butanben (2011-06-23 17:32:49)

Happy second Philofaxy Birthday Steve!! Just love the site, the friends I've made online and in person, and all the news you bring us Filofax 'adorees.' Especially like the web finds..... my favourite bit of the week, along with Free for Alls. Thanks for everything. CP is right... it's truly something special.

kanalt (2011-06-24 11:32:11)

Yay! Happy birthday, Steve. This blog is great and I honestly don't know where I'd be without it - I have met so many wonderful people here! I'm looking forward to many more years of Philofaxy fun!

Sandra (2011-06-24 11:32:59)

Happy Philofaxy birthday! Thank you for creating and maintaining this fantastic blog with your partners in crime, Laurie and Nan. I was fortunate to stumble upon the blog and to meet you and other wonderful Philofaxers. Thank you for all that you do!

Cindy (2011-06-24 11:47:02)

Happy 2nd Filo-birthday, Steve! I can only comment now and again, but I've been a long time lurker and can't tell you how I've enjoyed reading through the archives. Thanks for your contributions to this amazing blog. It's one of the friendliest communities out there and I've picked up so many tips about time management and organization. Where would I be without my Filofax enablers?

New York Meet Up - 6 August 2011 (2011-06-23 04:30)



[1]

Our intrepid New York Organiser, Kanalt has decided it is time to organise another Philofaxy meet up....

With the success of the first [2]Philofaxy New York City meet up, there was some talk about doing a second one, possibly on 6th August.

I know that this might be somewhat difficult between last minute vacations and back to school preparations, so I'd like to know how many people are interested.

I'm thinking that the beginning of August (possibly the 6th) would be best so that we avoid the back to school craziness. To make it easy, we can shop at [3]Sam Flax on Third

Avenue and dine at [4]La Pain Quotiden, as we did in May.

Once we have a list of those interested, we can discuss further details. To keep the meet up at a manageable level, there is a limit of 10 people.

Please email **philofaxy at gmail dot com** and put **NYC Meet Up** in the subject line. The emails will then be forwarded to me.

Kanalt

Places are still available for this meet up....

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2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/new-york-meet-up-michele.html>
3. <http://www.samflaxny.com/>
4. http://www.lepainquotidien.us/#/en_US/menu

The Rev'd Blair (2011-06-23 16:08:29)

Hi, I'm looking at this picture, and I'm considering all the recent posts. And I think I don't belong to this group anymore. It is WAY too feminine - not that that's wrong. It's just that I'm a male, and I like the older filofaxes. I do not particularly like the way the company is going and well, I think this may be my last peek in this blog. I have enjoyed it. but, there it is.

Scoot (2011-06-23 16:46:25)

I'm not sure that I would agree with it being too feminine, nothing wrong in that though as most Filofax users are women, though I would say it can be a bit anal with regard to delicious new Filofaxes. Unfortunately Filofax brand do produce nice looking faxes, despite their often plasticky or unsubstantial leather and often poor inserts/accessories, but there is nothing stopping anyone mentioning other brands or such quality type products/systems; and you don't have to contribute in order to keep enjoying.

In my view Filofax should reduce their range substantially, 6 styles at most, and just produce high quality products that are practical; emphasising that a person should design their own fax according to their own circumstances/for their own benefit rather than use their very general and often irrelevant standard/example system.

Free For All Friday No. 136 (2011-06-24 00:00)

So we have just gone past the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere, I expect the children will soon be breaking up for their long summer holidays.

So are you decided on your plans for a summer holiday yet? What part does your Filofax play in planning your holiday?

However, as it's also Friday you are of course free to discuss anything else that is Filofax related.

Laurie (2011-06-24 02:51:51)

Kids in the US have already been out of school for a couple of weeks, those poor children in the UK still have until July yet!

We are enjoying our "summer," it's summer weather all the time here so for us it's just a change in schedule. It's nice to have the kids at home but difficult to come up with fun things to do. Most of the expat kids are spending the summer in their home countries so there's not many playmates around.

I'm very curious to know how parents are using their Filofaxes to schedule summertime activities!

Alison Reeves (2011-06-24 06:59:09)

Hi Everyone. I don't have kids so don't have to plan for them. However I do have some lists for holidays in my filofax - things to take and things to remember to do before I go.

Also we have recently bought a cheap and cheerful little touring caravan (for some weekends away and short breaks) I am now starting to create lists for that purpose also.

My big dilemma continues to be what to keep where. I have a 'household' A5 binder which I use for menu planning, shopping lists for food etc, flylady (a recent addition which I am playing with) etc. I plan to have a 'happiness/goals/me' binder aka Caribbean Princess. Now I have to decide if I have a work and personal binder or pull these two elements together. I'm leaning towards keeping these together as there is no way I am going to carry around more than one binder. I work from home so don't leave one 'at work'. My thinking is still a bit muddled around this.

Saffy (2011-06-24 07:41:54)

@Alison - I completely understand your dilemma, it is hard to get across the problems of working from home. The down side is the feeling like you are 'on call' 24/7 so for me I have two separate binders, for sanity if nothing else. I try and stick to my work days and not look at my work binder unless I am actually working. The Zip feature helps for me, once zipped up my work is finished for the day. I found if I have work items in my personal Filofax then my mind gets drawn back to work and I am not properly focused on family/personal time or properly focused on work either for that matter. The draw backs to working from home, you don't 'leave' the office/work for the day or weekend which is why I separated the two.

I too have been looking at the Flylady site I just wish they would simplify it, there is too much waffle to read through. I like easy 'to do' dot points not paragraph after paragraph to wade through. Would love to hear how yours is going.

I have also toyed with the happiness binder (need to justify some of my purchases ha, ha) but don't know where to start, any suggestions?

How are your silver dividers in you Swarovski pocket? Would love to see them.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-24 08:28:52)

@Saffy - I take your points on working from home - I have workaholic tendencies so perhaps I really need this through a bit more!

I so agree with the flylady thing - I really want a simple list as well! I've had to work away quite a bit this week, so I have shelved this until next week.

I'm going to model my happiness binder on the one CB showed us - although mine won't be an aqua finsbury as I really have to use one I already have! I have downloaded the book into Kindle so the plan is the skim read the book to get a real feel for it, then I'll go back and cherry pick the bits I want to focus on. This is partly to make me concentrate on what I want out of life and stick to some goals - I tend to get bogged down with work and chores and forget to look at the long game.

My black and silver tabs are lovely - I'll see if I can do some pictures next week and link to them.

Sandra (2011-06-24 08:36:22)

The first 3 weeks were half scheduled, half free time. With Scout day camp ending today, I now realize that I need to structure their summer in a similar fashion. Flylady has Camp Wanna Fly which is a kid-scaled version of "cleaning and routines are FUN." And necessary!

Lists are my lifesaver in the summer. I create master lists on the computer to scale down and print for the A5 Domino. I have camping checklists by kid, menus, shopping lists, lists for mess kit, etc. We camp, and many don't, but lists for any length holiday help me to not recreate the same list over and over.

Multiple binders only work for me when I clearly label the contents within each. I separate work, grad school, and home things as one binder simply can't do it all for me. I tried that route, failed miserably, and gave up on Filofax for a short time.

Flylady printables are handy if the site is bogging you down. DIYplanner.com has some templates others have made with her ideas.

Han (2011-06-24 09:49:49)

I had to rewrite my diary. I had a week to a view in pocket size but I filled up four weekends in a row with bits and pieces and then had no space! I invested in a page a day for 2011 it was a shame that I had to pay for half a year when I'm not going to be using those pages - at the same the 2011/2012 academic diary starts in August :(Holiday wise it's now got space to write in the route and places to visit when my OH does Land's End to John OGroats in September

kanalt (2011-06-24 11:45:37)

Today is the last day of school for kids in the Northeastern US. But that doesn't apply to me since I'm no longer in school nor do I have children. I do have a few projects planned for the summer and my Malden has been a great help in keeping everything organized and up-to-date. Now, if only his pages will remain blank and allow me some much-needed R &R. =)

Butanben (2011-06-24 11:55:16)

Ooooh, I SO wish I could have and afford a holiday this year!! Does the odd strawberry Mivi ice lolly in the Park count I wonder????

Re:The Happiness Project.I have reached a decision to take one step and one resolution at a time before introducing the next. Was going to do a binder,but not sure I've got the time for new stuff....my happiness big time would rest right now in securing a job!!!!!!!

Cindy (2011-06-24 11:55:31)

My daughter is in a preschool that also runs a year-round daycare, so no true summer break for her, poor kid. But lots of mini-breaks scheduled for the summer. I'm still testing out my 2-Filofax system (an A5 Chameleon for the workweek and a Personal Piazza for the weekend, which only holds weekend dates/appointments as well as notes/lists/etc.) so I'll have to see if I can maintain the upkeep.

For those of you also maintaining 2 or more binders in which you keep work and home separate, what do you do about personal appointments (like doctor appointments)that crop up during the wor week? Do you record that in your work binder so you don't forget, or do you keep both binders on view simultaneously?

stirwise (2011-06-24 13:19:46)

No summer vacation for me this year, but that's because we're taking a vacation in the fall, to Korea. Mr. Stirwise has a couple of crunch times at work during the summer, and October is supposed to be a really lovely time of year to visit Korea. We'll be spending 16 days there, I'm so excited. My Filo is doing double-duty as both a trip planner and a language tool, while I try to acquire some elementary Korean to help us get by. :)

baggirl (2011-06-24 13:59:26)

I'm based in the UK with a 5 year old, so it's our first proper "summer holiday" this year. (6 weeks is long enough!) I usually use a week to view (vertical columns) in mini size diary, but for holidays I add in extra diary pages. In particular I've added a 4 week summary page (big grid of weekdays) so i can just keep an idea of how the weeks are shaping up with child-based things, and see where I need to concentrate on adding more. As I put my extra page in (maybe more to come), I felt so glad I use a filofax and can add it in so simply!

terriknits (2011-06-24 14:13:04)

No summer vacay for us here. We have always gone in September/October when it's cooler and the pace is a little slower.

Last week I booked one part of our vacation and printed/punched and stored the confirmation into my FF in the appropriate month's space. Love it!

Nellie (2011-06-25 02:16:51)

I see the new Osterley is up on the UK Filofax site. Has anyone seen it in real life?

terriknits (2011-06-26 22:18:20)

I have a question on the "two days per page" Filo format. does anyone have this and can you tell me if the Saturday/Sunday spaces are the same size as the rest of the weekdays? Thx.

Laurie (2011-06-26 22:25:04)

Terri the answer is yes, because Sunday shares a page with an equal-size space for Notes. (In my opinion I'd rather have the Notes space above Monday, but they didn't ask me did they? ;D)

So the pages are set up thus:

Monday and Tuesday on left page

Wednesday and Thursday on right page

Friday and Saturday on left page

Sunday and Notes on right page

terriknits (2011-06-26 23:21:15)

@Laurie: thanks! Enabling me yet again!! ;-) I'll get this all figured out some day! (Again I ran out of space for today and had to extend my Sunday with a Post-it.)

Reader Under the Spotlight - Thomas (2011-06-25 00:00)

Yes the series is back for another run of readers going under the Philofaxy Spotlight. The first willing volunteer is Thomas from Germany, being my fellow 'co-star' recently, he hardly needs any introduction does he.....!



[1]

My name is Thomas, for those following me (or not) on Twitter @Tommes _S. I'm a true Filofax user and into everything internet as well since the mid-nineties. I have a blog of my own at [2]<http://tommes-s.net>. Most entries are in German, because my addressed readers are mostly German friends and family. Lately, there have been some English entries as well. You are welcome to read and comment, but I have to admit that most topics aren't Filofax-related.

And I would like to say thank you to Philofaxy for the honour of being a 'Reader under the Spotlight'!

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

My first Filofax was a Personal Richmond, which I bought in 1998. Unfortunately, I bought it via internet, because I wanted a genuine Filofax very badly. It looked alright on the photos. But, when it was sent too me, I was pretty disappointed. The colour was so much different, and the 'touch' was just not right. I still use it as an archive for note paper to refill my everyday Filofax. And guess what? It still does not lay flat after 13 years...

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

My very first planner was a no name brand. I bought it 1992 just because I didn't have the money for a Filofax. It was at a reasonable price, but didn't last too long, because it showed traces of use very soon, and - I do have to admit I was a pioneer of cream inside a planner - I poured yoghurt in it...

I have never thought of using anything else after buying my first Filofax. I tend to be true to a brand, once I'm decided.

Besides my Filofax, I use a lot of Moleskine notebooks. I have a couple of plain ones, which I generally use in my job. Lately I have bought a Moleskine Passion notebook 'Gardening' to keep track of my bonsai developments.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

My everyday Filofax has been the Personal Hamilton right from the start. It's similar to the Kendal, oiled leather, almost no 'plastic', and it has two pen loops. Actually, this was the very reason why I was so enthusiastic about it. But the sections are very comfortable for me as well. It's got a card section in the front, plus a big pocket over the whole front with an opening from the right. Lots of space! It has a zipper pocket in the back and another 'full size' pocket on the outer back side. After 12 years, it still has a great 'touch', and I haven't been tempted to replace it, so far. There are some pictures of it at [3]http://twitpic.com/photos/Tommess_S

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Right now I have three Filofax organisers: the Personal Richmond, the Personal Hamilton, and a newly acquired Malden Mini. I'm not sure if any may follow...

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

As mentioned above, the Richmond contains a lot of note papers to refill my Hamilton. The Hamilton is my everyday planner, and it contains almost everything I need: diary, notes, addresses and contacts, lots of 'useful' information sheets and notes, some passwords, a collection of loose sheets, quotes, tons of Post-it's, a fountain pen and a pencil, some money cards, a 10 and a 5 euro note for emergency, to-do lists and things to remember. It's very 80ies style - if I lose it, my life would be ruined ;-)

Lately, I have given up the idea of 'One life - one planner'.

Inspired by Steve using a Mini as a wallet/purse, I bought a Mini Malden at the London meet up in March 2011. It now serves as my accounting Filofax. When travelling, it's the holiday purse, which is sometimes most useful when I have to use foreign currencies. Now I don't have to mix them with the money in my regular purse. Being at home, I use it to keep track of my expenses. So it's definitely a one-trick-pony, but it's doing a great job! And it might become more involved in the 'happiness project'...

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

When I started using a planner, Filofax was THE brand, probably also driven by the movie. Although my first planner was no genuine Filofax, all my inserts were 'originals'! It's just the variety and versatility you get from them. I still believe that they create the broadest range of things you can put into and use. They even set a standard with the ring sizes, you can buy a lot of different accessories from other brands, that still fit in a Filofax. And yes, I have accessories from other brands.

Over all, I think it's the flexibility it provides you, by giving you the chance to create a planner as individual as possible, with a wide range of styles and sizes. And of course, the individuality can be best experienced at a Philofaxy meet up!

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

Well, I'm male and practically oriented, so it would most likely be an 'all-in-one device for every purpose' - an 'egg laying, wool and milk producing pig', as we say in German;) It must contain the best of every model Filofax has ever produced. And so it will remain a dream forever...

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Well, this has been a major topic at the London meet up in March 2011. For the Mini Malden I don't have any special way of carrying it around. It's just put in my pocket or the backpack. Since it's a Mini, there's no problem at all, it fits anywhere.

With the Personal Hamilton it's quite different. The oiled leather tends to catch any possible scratch and even more;) But, on the other hand, since it is oiled, every scratch can be easily removed with a slightly moistured cloth/finger or anything else.

But as picky as I am, I'm in constant fear some severe damage could harm my beloved Filofax. So usually it's in my office bag, which has a cloth coated interior. Nothing can happen. When travelling, it's normally in a backpack, being tossed around and colliding with other items. This has been a true horror for me!



[4]

So I was looking around for some sort of 'protective case', but couldn't find any. In the end, I decided to make one of my own. There is a '[5]how to do' on my website, as well - if anyone else should care...

9. *Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?*

I think it is definitely the Malden! It's the look, the touch, the scent, and the colours - just gorgeous! I have bought a Mini Malden recently, so there are no plans to buy another one...

10. *What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?*

That must have been around 90 Euros for the Personal Hamilton. Filofax planners used to be more expensive in the past, but when I bought it, it was a reduced, because discontinued one.

11. *Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?*

In fact, Philofaxy is a great example for an on line community! We share a common interest, and are highly engaged in the topic. The website itself is so packed with information, and still the authors are doing a great job in rising new(s) issues.

I love the various series, and I am always amazed how many users take part in the discussions. It's most amazing how many people post a comment for the first time. It clearly shows the great acceptance of the website, its idea of a community, and 'the love of everything Filofax'! And I definitely agree with Steve, who recently said that it would be great to transform this Philofaxy community into one's real life situation.

Last but not least, the meet ups are definitely a point I love about Philofaxy!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

The website, the editors, the contributors, and the readers - everything is perfect! If I had one wish for free, it would be an annual worldwide Philofaxy convention with all of you ;-)

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

My last CD was 'I find you very attractive' by 'Touch and go', a CD I was long looking for, because it wasn't available as a (legal) download. It's electronic and dance oriented pop music from the nineties. I'm really a 80ies and 90ies guy!

My last download was a concert from the German punk band 'Die Toten Hosen' (the dead trousers), recorded unplugged in Vienna. A great piece of music!

Thank you Thomas (my old mate!), I look forward meeting up again in September in London Town.

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-yHwMA68jFZw/TgOpqOd10bI/AAAAAAAAJS0/EDJauwX6znc/s1600/Tommes_S.jpg

2. <http://tommes-s.net/>

3. http://twitpic.com/photos/Tommes_S

4. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-8ZRHPB4-XDw/TgOpqaHEvXI/AAAAAAAAJSw/1BFzHRhlgZw/s1600/261163632.jpg>

5. <http://tommes-s.net/?p=801>

kanalt (2011-06-25 09:38:44)

Great interview, Thomas! It's always great to hear about the readers, but in my opinion, the Philofaxy men especially, since it seems the female population heavily outweighs the male. Male usage and collection of the Filofax seems to be a bit different from the ladies' (generally speaking), and so I always enjoy reading about it. But I love reading about anyone's Filofax experiences. =)

Saffy (2011-06-25 10:26:41)

Thomas - it was great meeting you at the Philofaxy meet up in London and seeing your fabulous Hamilton. You should do a post on how you use it and in particular those gorgeous printed tabs/dividers.

I would love a comparison of the Kendal vs. the Hamilton. After seeing your Hamilton I bought my brother the next best thing, a Kendal.

I am looking forward to catching up again in September at the next Philofaxy meet up.

caribbean princess (2011-06-25 13:26:09)

Great interview Thomas! I really enjoyed reading all about you. It was so much fun meeting you at the last meet up and I am looking forward to the one in September :-)

Butanben (2011-06-25 14:44:19)

Hi Thomas,

A great interview. Would love to see a photo post about your Hamilton too. I looked at your cover for it, and the sewing plan to make it, but didn't look for very long at your Filofax at the London meet up.

It was great to meet you and to read a spotlight post from a Philofaxy chap.

dapv (2011-06-25 17:53:09)

An excellent an interview. I'm new to FF and Philofaxy, and have a basic newbie question. I'm trying to decide between a black Finsbury Slimline and a black Finsbury Personal [although, I have my eye on the Malden Ochre]. Unfortunately, I do not live in an area where I can go and look and feel the FF. While I'm confident you could spin me a story to get both and have me convinced, my question is does anyone find the larger rings in the Personal intrusive when writing? My dilemma is the Slimline's rings are a bit small, but I don't want to be bothered while writing by the larger rings of the Personal. My use will basically be appointments, notes, journalling. Again, what an excellent Web site. Thank you.

Sari (2011-06-26 04:42:11)

Hi, Thomas - great interview! I am new to Philofaxy - but not to Filofax ;-). Especially thank you for sharing the pattern for the "Filofax Travel Pack"! I'll go and buy the material tomorrow and will try to do something similar for my Belmont. I can understand your fears about severe damage to a treasured Filo quite well, and so I am happy - with your permission - to copy your idea!

juliet.lima1022 (2011-06-26 06:23:43)

Excellent interview - amazing the variety of ways we all use our filofaxes!

@dapv:

This is one of those fundamental questions when choosing a filofax. It's very hard to know for sure before you start using one, exactly which size will suit you best. That's probably why most of us end up with more than one filofax - we had to try a few before we found the perfect match.

I am right handed and find it quite annoying to write on the left hand page of my personal filofax, because of the rings getting in the way. My solution to this is to use blank paper as much as possible, rather than pre-printed, write only on the right hand side and turn pages over when finished. This is quite economical too. But it only works for some uses - projects, notes, to dos, etc. Diary pages and addresses won't work this way. So then I just have to put up with it. I still think it is worth it, because of the flexibility that the rings give. But most of my writing is done on the blank paper.

The slimline filofaxes are lovely but they hold far fewer pages, so it depends whether that would be enough for you. I do have a slimline, but it just isn't big enough - I need my filofax to be an 'everything' book. I imagine it could work if you don't mind removing your notes and journalling pages quite regularly, so it doesn't get too full. Sorry there is no easy answer - this is one of those filofax dilemmas that we all struggle with!

juliet.lima xx

Saffy (2011-06-26 08:06:08)

@dapv - I am a huge fan of the slimlines as I don't mind carrying around 2 months of diary at a time although it can be limiting when I need to carry extra information.

I have recently received a Compact size with the slightly larger rings (15mm) and it is amazing how much extra room those 2mm make. It is an alternative albeit an expensive one but worth considering if it is going to be your everyday filo.

dapv (2011-06-26 13:13:39)

juliet.lima & Saffy: Thank you both for the quick responses.

Juliet: I like you idea to "write only on the right hand side and turn pages over when finished". I'm right handed as well.

Saffy: I was sort of thinking like you re: the Slimline, and I am also considering the Compact, albeit, limited here in USA.

Unfortunately, I live in an area where looking at and holding FF's up close is not possible. Hence, I'm at the mercy of the internet, but do have kind folks like both of you to help me along the way.

Thank you, both, again. I will let you know how it turns out for me.

David Popely (2011-06-27 02:28:53)

Hi Thomas

Great post - thank you!

I also have an oiled leather Filofax, mine is a Hampstead, which I bought in around 1998. It still look as good as it did when I bought it, and is the main reason why I've resisted various temptations to 'upgrade'! It was replaced, I think, by the Kendal, but it's perfect for me.

I can carry a personal size Filo, but the A5 would be really too much. Also, the Personal fits perfectly into both my weekend bag and the front pocket of my (also brown leather) laptop bag and briefcase. I don't need to go smaller than the Personal, and anything larger is too bulky to carry, which is why I'm still a personal size user after all these years!

Loved the track by Die Toten Hosen....where can I find that unplugged concert to download?!

Thanks again for the post, and for your regular comments on Twitter, and I look forward to continuing our dialogue!

Best wishes as ever

David

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-27 11:33:49)

Great interview - enjoyed reading it. Look forward to meeting up in September.

Millie (2011-06-27 13:43:16)

Thanks for your interview, Thomas!

Tommes (2011-06-27 15:24:02)

Hi everybody,

and thank you all so much for your very kind comments! It was very much fun writing the answers. I have to admit, that I thought it would be easier, when I read the other RutS... ;) But I really enjoyed it!

It's a great pleasure that you like my travel case, it's actually easy to make. @Sari: you're welcome to use the plan, I hope it works out fine for you!

@dapv: I totally understand you! As my Filofax starts with the diary section, I find the rings annoying especially at the beginning of the calendar year. The left stack is veeeery small then ;)

@David, and all the others who might like 'Die Toten Hosen' or want to listen: a download is available from Amazon UK (£ 7.49, <http://amzn.to/1LRWS0>) and iTunes UK (£ 8.99, <http://bit.ly/jZ45hl>). The album is called 'Unplugged im Wiener Burgtheater'.

I'm pretty much looking forward to seeing some of again in September, and keeping in touch with all of you over this website and/or Twitter.

One more thing: I'll do a post over the set up of my Filofaxes with photos of the details. Maybe Steve can put it on the list of the webfinds...

Once again thank you and enjoy the next entries about 'readers under the spotlight'!

Thomas

~AspireToBe~ (2011-06-27 23:52:49)

Hi, Thomas! Great interview! And I learned something new: I didn't realize that the hamiltons were oiled leather! Thanks for info!

You didn't mention your 'semper phi' tats per our twitter discussions! Weren't we all getting some ink to show our filo love/enabling? :)

Sari (2011-06-29 14:12:48)

Hi, Thomas: I made my "Filofax Travel Pack" today!! I had to modify it a bit because I did not find any suitable felt and had to try something different (it worked out fine although I had to add a lining) and I wanted something for additional pens too..... anyway, it is basically still your pattern and the measurements worked fine for the Belmont, too. Thank you again for the great post!!

Tommes (2011-07-20 08:02:29)

Hi Sari,

I'm very proud and delighted that it worked for you! Have fun with it...

Regards, Thomas

Philofaxy on the wireless... (2011-06-26 00:00)



[1]

I mentioned about the [2]radio interview I did back in November 2009. The link to the show still works, but I couldn't see the show available on line. So I've extracted the interview out of the recording I still had and you can take a [3]listen for yourself.

At the time, I was 'exploiting' every opportunity to get Philofaxy some publicity, I didn't think for one minute that I would be contacted as quickly as I was on the Saturday afternoon only a couple of days after I sent in the email.

The phone call lasted about 30 minutes and we chatted quite a bit about the site and how it came about etc. But obviously they didn't want my interview to take over the whole show! But 5 minutes or so wasn't too bad and I got to plug the site address.

I still keep in touch with Jamilliah, she still works for BBC, the show Pods and Blogs has been renamed 'Outriders' since the interview took place.

Enjoy.

1. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-Gsqa8EZ8QRE/TR-sDJwyf1I/AAAAAAAAI2s/gdVwEw5J8rY/s1600/filofaxfacts.jpg>

2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/11/philiofaxy-on-bbc-radio-5.html>

3. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/PhilofaxyRadio5Nov2009.mp3>

caribbean princess (2011-06-26 02:31:52)

Great interview! Very well done. I wish it had gone on for longer! I love my electronic devices but when it comes to organising my life the Filofax rules!

Saffy (2011-06-26 07:55:26)

Fab interview Steve. I agree with CP, it would have been nice to go on for longer. A follow up interview now that writing paper sales have increased recently at the major retailers would be interesting. It would also be nice to hear from Filofax about their sales over the last two years, have they increased too?

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-27 11:32:34)

Looking forward to listening to this..... thanks for adding the link.

gdigesu (2011-06-28 06:49:46)

Well done, Steve!

Date For Your Diary - 3 July 2011 (2011-06-26 12:00)

New York

London

Paris

Jakarta

We are going to run another conference round-table voice chat using Skype. The last one was a great succes.

I'm sure we are gradually getting to know each other's voices, but I will make a point of going 'around the table' to get everyone to introduce themselves this time.

So...When, Where, What, Who and How?

When? - Sunday 3rd July from 10am (US East Coast time), 3pm London time, 4 pm Paris time 9pm Jakarta etc. See the clocks at the top of this post to see roughly what time you should be on line.

Where? - an on-line chat using [1]Skype.

What do I need? - just a micro-phone and some head phones(in ear phones work fine) and a free Skype account. Using headphones reduces 'echo' on the call.

Who - All of you... connect up with **Philofaxy** and we will attempt to get as many of us linked in to the audio conference as possible.

How -

1. Connect to **Philofaxy** by firstly searching for **Philofaxy** in**Skype**, I will then add you as a contact.
2. Then '**Start Chat**', I will then add you in to the chat room.
3. Then if you request it, I can add you to the audio conference as well. But if you just want to chat via keyboard that's fine. That way it's slightly less hectic for me!

Come and join in the fun, even if you only pop in to say hello...

As with previous round-tables there will also be a parallel text chat room going at the same time as the

voice conference.

If you need any assistance setting up Skype, please pop a comment in this post and I will try and help you get one line. Skype is free for computer to computer calls....

Hope to be chatting with you on Sunday 3rd July.

1. <http://www.skype.com/>

Sharon (2011-06-26 13:44:43)

Man, don't I just hate that family things get in the way! LOL! Not really honest!

I am at a family bbq that day, but fingers crossed I will be on Skype Type at some point during the chat!

Can't believe I may miss another one!

Imy (2011-06-26 17:54:21)

Will try to come along but its my Birthday that day so may be a lil busy! ;-)

Not with Alcohol tho so you dont have to worry :-)

But will try and make it! :-D yay

kanalt (2011-06-26 21:03:27)

Sadly, i'm unable to attend this chat session. I hope you all have a great time. Happy Birthday, Imy!

Laurie (2011-06-26 21:33:47)

Thank you so much for the early hour! I loved speaking with everyone so much last time, I'm really looking forward to it again!

Saffy (2011-06-27 04:21:49)

I will try and prise my teenager away from the computer long enough to join in.

No promises, it is harder than it sounds.

J (2011-06-27 15:29:35)

I'm not sure if I can make this one since it's a holiday weekend, but I'll do my best!

Rori (2011-06-28 13:29:22)

Yess!!! count me in :-)

Nan (2011-06-28 14:49:05)

I love the clock idea, Steve. Some of us have a little trouble with time zones!

Philofaxy Meet Up - Edinburgh (2011-06-27 00:00)



[1]

Craig has been in contact to ask if anyone would be interested in attending a meet up in Edinburgh at Jenners department store, where there is a wide range of Filofax products.

The previous date was to have been 2 July, but no one was able to make that date. So now Craig has asked us to announce this meet up again, but leaving it to those that can make the journey to Edinburgh to suggest a suitable date.

If you are interested, please email Philofaxy philofaxy at gmail dot com and put “Edinburgh Meet Up” in the subject line. Those emails will be forwarded to Craig and he will then email the interested parties and create a list so that we can start discussing ideas and the date and timing.

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-nIVl0DH1Fu8/S9z1CorpydI/AAAAAAAAIA8/Mip90b0605Y/s1600/FF2.JPG>

Web Finds - 27 June 2011 (2011-06-27 09:30)



[1]

So what have we found this weekend:

- [2]Current State of Grace - The State of Grace
- [3]Pocket Malden as My Wallet - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic

- [4]Six weeks with my Filofax: A recap - Kathiza Writes
- [5]My MA Dissertation planner and Microsoft OneNote :) - The Life of the Perpetual Student
- [6]The Organiser Me - The Ruby Shoes Thoughts
- [7]Filofax Dividers - Time 2 Craft
- [8]Filofax - Emilia Lives Life
- [9]Sunday Ramble - Ditzzy Glamour
- [10]The Long and Winding Road to Filofax - Terri's Knit Blog
- [11]My Happiness Project Filofax - Musings of a Caribbean Princess

Enjoy

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-ktr_oKcZPAw/SuIEHMScB2I/AAAAAAAAAH1s/IkG2k8KS4ak/s1600/IMG_8317.JPG
2. <http://mystateofgrace.wordpress.com/2011/06/25/current-state-of-grace/>
3. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/06/pocket-malden-as-my-wallet.html>
4. <http://kathiza.wordpress.com/2011/06/26/six-weeks-with-my-filofax-a-recap/>
5. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/06/my-ma-dissertation-planner-and.html>
6. <http://therubyschoesthoughts.blogspot.com/2011/06/organizer-me.html>
7. http://time2craft.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-dividers_27.html
8. <http://emilialiveslife.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax.html>
9. <http://ditzzyglamour.blogspot.com/2011/06/sunday-ramble-006.html>
10. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/06/27/the-long-and-winding-road-to-filofax/>
11. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/06/my-happiness-project-filofax.html>

terriknits (2011-06-27 09:33:56)

Can I add mine to the list? <http://terriknits.wordpress.com/organization/the-long-and-winding-road-to-filofax/>

Steve (2011-06-27 09:44:54)

Done, I'm surprised your post didn't come up in my Google search?

Steve

terriknits (2011-06-27 09:59:04)

Thanks, Steve! I had to put it in a sub-page of my blog (I wanted to keep it separate from the knitting and greyhounds). I wonder if that makes it less accessible for Google?

Steve (2011-06-27 10:09:31)

Possibly, I've just run my search routine again and looked through the finds and yours isn't mentioned. Yet a Google search on your blog finds the blog but not that page.

caribbean princess (2011-06-27 10:55:06)

Steve you forgot my happiness project Filofax as well :-)

Steve (2011-06-27 11:02:09)

I'm getting it in the neck today!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-06-27 12:26:10)
yay! I'm on Web Finds! I feel famous :)

terriknits (2011-06-27 12:38:18)

Steve, I've moved my Filofax content to a new little blog that should show up in your google searches now.
<http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/>
Thx!

Free For All Tuesday No. 21 (2011-06-28 00:00)



[1]

Think of a question.... any question... as long as it is about Filofax, we are hear to try and answer it.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG

Steve (2011-06-28 00:10:54)

A question from one of our readers...

Does anyone use the 'Digital Note Paper' sold by Filofax:

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId=1243>

I've seen digital pens for sale here in France. But I've never tried one.

I've seen this Staedtler one for sale, but I notice from the product description that it's only Windows compatible not Mac

Laurie (2011-06-28 02:22:31)

It's Tuesday?

Ok that wasn't Filofax-related. But THIS is: I am psyched by two awesome Filofax purchases I made yesterday: an Aqua Finsbury personal size, and an expandable Finchely tote that I've been wanting ever since I saw it in London last April!!

I ordered the Aqua Fins from I Love Pens in the UK: <http://www.ilovepens.co.uk/>

And I ordered the Finchely tote from Pens and Leather. They are having a huge closeout sale on Filofax bags and accessories. I got the tote for \$100 off!

<http://www.pensandleather.com/Filofax-Leather-Close-Out-Sale.aspx>

My in-laws are coming next month so they will bring these to me, because these are things I can't get through the mail here due to customs regulations. I'm so excited! I've been wanting these for a long time, but until now was either too broke or couldn't get them in the mail. I'm so happy I was able to get them while they are still available!!

Mary (2011-06-28 03:20:40)

Hello! Has anyone already used the new compact size?

Saffy (2011-06-28 04:14:12)

@Mary - I was given a compact Osterley last week and it is lovely. Very vintage looking, it reminds me of the 80's Filofaxes.

Catherine (2011-06-28 05:01:20)

A colleague of mine uses a digital pen and was incredibly taken with it for the first couple of months or so. He still uses it (a year later) but thinks it is about 70 % accurate, which is not quite as reliable as he had hoped.

Mary (2011-06-28 05:13:22)

@Saffy. Thank you and lucky you! How does it go with the 15- ring? Is it enough for an everyday use? I hope to find a solution to the dilemma between personal and pocket.

katka (2011-06-28 05:38:48)

The 2012 London Olympic files are now available from UK filofax site.

Sari (2011-06-28 06:08:23)

@Saffy : I absolutely agree with you! I have the Osterley Compact in Plum and think it is gorgeous, the leather is really nice and it definitely has an 80's touch.....

Saffy (2011-06-28 06:19:33)

@ Mary - I know your dilemma well and have been using a slimline in my handbag which I love but it can be restrictive. If you put too many pages in it can make turning the page difficult as it gets stuck on the opposite page.

The compact came with 12 months cotton cream diary week to view and cotton cream slimline indexes which had plenty of room for page turning.

I took 6 months of the diary out, and replaced the index tabs with blank tabs. I have managed to fit quite a bit more in than the slimline bearing in mind the cotton cream paper is thicker than the standard white.

Although it is early days yet I would say it was a good compromise and what I have been looking/waiting for. I find if the rings are bigger then I just cram more pages in much like a large handbag, you carry more to fill it up. If like me you don't feel the need to carry the whole 12 months diary or archival information around with you then it should be fine.

I only carry essential information, spare pages and 3 months (slimline) and 6 months (compact) diary pages. If I need more room then it would be easy to accommodate simply by reducing the diary down to 4 or 5 months.

Hope this helps.

My only complaint would be that the slimlines and compact don't come with divider tabs or a ruler so I have had to use what I already had.

Hope this helps.

@Sari - I also have the Plum, isn't it lovely? Much nicer than the pics in the catalogue and online.

Steve (2011-06-28 06:22:04)

And the Purple Songbird is in too....

Laurie (2011-06-28 06:22:40)

I noticed the purple songbird is in! Very tempting.

Mary (2011-06-28 06:23:47)

@Saffy. Thank you. You were most helpful.

Steve (2011-06-28 06:25:00)

We can now also see the detail in the 2012 organisers. The fill looks very different, one specifically for the 2012 Games. Quite colourful.

Why can't we therefore have some of the other FF site Diary inserts on the UK sites...

Saffy (2011-06-28 06:28:14)

The Union Flag file info says 6x 19mm rings is that correct?

Sari (2011-06-28 06:54:28)

Seems I pressed the wrong button ;-)

@ Mary: I can fit 7 months of W2P, one week of D2P, ToDo list, year planner, some note pages, some information pages and some adress pages in the 15 mm rings, with 2 rulers and blank tabs. I can understand your dilemma VERY good, I changed a couple of times between Pocket and Personal..... I find it a bit easier to write on the left side of the rings in the Personal - in the Pocket size the rings always seem to be in my way and I find the Compact/slimline more handbag-friendly than the Pocket.

@ Saffy: Yes, the pictures in the catalog make it seem a lot less pretty. I was lucky to discover it in the Neal Street Shop at a visit to London- just from the picture I would never ever have bought it.

SNARLing: (2011-06-28 09:56:01)

i have been using the chameleon compact for about 2 weeks now. i love it. i had previously been using a pocket slimline topaz, a pocket malden, and the personal malden. the pockets were just too small in terms of reading and writing (i take a lot of notes) i generally write somewhat small, but i get kinda claustrophobic sometimes - even on paper. and the personal was just too bulky.

in the compact i carry 3 months of daytimer tabbed mo2p. i'm going to switch to ff mo2p since it's on thinner paper and the months start on mondays. plus since it's not tabbed with the extra to do section/diary section on the front and back of the individual months, 12 sheets gives me the whole year as opposed to 24 thicker sheets that are tabbed. tabs are nice but i really only need a tab for the current month so i use a flyleaf for that. i do like to carry the whole year for reference purposes. currently, i have the horizontal year pullout. i also have 2 months of wolp.

i have 81 sheets in there total + 1 clear ruler and 1 daytimer picture ruler. this includes the 1-6 tabs, the top ff transparent envelopes i have at either end, 2 daytimer transparent envelopes i have for my todo / zones section, and 2 transparent flyleaves. if i remember correctly, its 23 pps until tab 1. (i carry more notes than calendar.) i want a dense but thin filo. the compact is perfect for that. some of the stuff you put in the transparent envelopes does add bulk - so ff paper-wise i would say you could probably fit about 125pps comfortably. ff paper only (white not cream), however, and probably more if you don't mind that stick you get when it's overfilled. i will blog about this in in a week or so. LOVE the compact.

Filofreak (2011-06-28 11:56:57)

I don't know if I missed it, but I never saw who won the Filo competition for designing a new Filofax. The deadline was back in January, and I never saw anything come out about it. Does anyone know?

girlinmaths (2011-06-28 12:40:26)

Oh I have seen the purple songbird too! I love it. I have a green one, maybe I should transfer my contents over for a change of colour... Should at least keep myself from buying it I think.

Rori (2011-06-28 13:28:01)

Congrats Laurie!!

I'd love to have the purple Songbird...but don't know what I'd use it for :-)

Anita (2011-06-28 18:36:50)

I'm going to sell 2 filas on eBay soon.

Do you think it would be useful to have Philofaxy folks' auctions listed in the Adspot area? I'd quite like that, but am aware it would be more admin.

Just a thought...

terriknits (2011-06-28 19:31:03)

Has anyone had ANY success printing personal size papers (on the 8.5 x 11" size) using Filo Print-to-File software/print driver? I am ready to pull my hair out.

I can print A5 size fine, but when I change it to personal size, it gets all weird, reduces the text/page image and offsets it. I'm somewhat annoyed as the reason I bought the software was to be able to print my own Personal size pages. Anyone? Ideas? Thx!

terriknits (2011-06-29 01:02:04)

one more question for you Filofax aficionados: in looking at the Personal "two days per page" refills, they all seem to have the multi-language on them. I've looked at the UK and USA sites. Are there any 2dpp refills that are English only? My w02p is English only and I like having the extra space to write on.

lydhold (2011-06-29 07:23:50)

After last week's question about smythson organisers fitting filofax inserts (thank you for the very helpful information, its personal size), i'm about to 'start again' with my organiser and buy all new refills (bliss!), I've got a diary insert on its way (got a smythson one reduced, the lady there has been beyond helpful after I ordered the wrong size accidentally).

Soooo.... I'm getting a nice little basket together on the filofax website, but can't find any personal cream dividers with blank tabs - do such things exist? Or are there any other makes that you guys might suggest?

Laurie (2011-06-29 07:33:48)

terriknits, I ordered my 2011 2 days per pg in the UK and it's English-only, but you're right only the 3 language is listed on the UK site now. I'm sure it was listed as English-only when I bought mine because I don't like multi-language, so I guess they have now switched to 3 language? Too bad.

Lydhold the cream blank tabbed dividers in personal size are usually available on the Filofax USA site but not UK for some reason.

New Poll - When do you read new posts? (2011-06-28 06:00)

If you didn't know already, we tend to schedule most posts on the site for a future date and time. That way we try to keep an even flow of posts throughout the week without us having to write something every day.

I quite often have a few ideas to write about and these can then be slotted in when there's a gap etc. But I'm interested to know when people read the new posts. I can see from the stats that the number of visitors tends to drop on Saturdays and Sundays. Mainly because you will be busy with other things I guess.

I wonder how many posts get missed when they are posted at weekends....

Anyway, I would appreciate it if you added your vote to the poll in the side bar.

Thanks.

gdigesu (2011-06-28 06:17:30)

Steve, hi. Twitter is also a source of post reads, I guess.

Sharon (2011-06-28 06:25:33)

I read them as they are published as I subscribe to the site via Google Reader!

But I also pick up via FB and Twitter as well.

Generally I don't get to read as many during the weekend as I am always doing something else, and during the week I tend to be at my PC more so seem as soon as they come out almost!

If you subscribe to the site then you shouldn't miss any, no matter when they are posted!

Get subscribing people!

Imy (2011-06-28 07:20:25)

As soon as i see something pop up on Twitter or Facebook im here like a bull in a china shop, and i even check throughout the day incase any other post appear without me knowing :-)) I like to be up to date with Philofaxy hehe

David Popely (2011-06-28 07:37:16)

I have the blog listed in with my other subscriptions on Google Reader (highly recommended), so most days I check to see what's new. I then make quick judgements about whether a post is worth reading beyond the header and first few lines which reader gives me, and click through to the post as a whole if I think it's a good use of time. I'm pretty brutal about what I read and what I delete (from Reader) without bothering.

I do this check most days, but not at weekends...although I'll obviously catch up on anything that *has* been posted over the weekend when I get to reader on Monday morning. Generally I try to stay offline in the evenings and at weekends, because I have better things to do than to stare at a screen which I've already been staring at all day! Otherwise I'm pretty consistent.

I'm not very good at keeping track of comments as I haven't found a way to subscribe the comments to reader in such a way as to alert me to *all* the comments rather than just those on specific posts!

Hope that helps

David

Rene Raggl (2011-06-28 07:50:17)

I also have it listed in my Google Reader, so I get to read new posts as soon as they come out.

Often I will mark them to read in the weekend or on those rainy afternoons.

Alison Reeves (2011-06-28 07:53:04)

Well, I am not so internet savvy as some of you others - I just make a point of visiting this blog each day I can and reading what is there. If I miss a day or days, then I just read the ones I missed when I next visit - I don't actually miss any, although if I have several to read I might scan more the ones I am less interested in. I also have the bad habit of coming back during the day and evening to be updated on the comments - sometimes they are as interesting or more interesting than the post - but many posts are designed to provoke some discussion so this is to be expected!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-06-28 08:24:33)

I get very bored during the day, either because I'm supposed to be doing uni work (hence procrastination) or I'm at home with nothing to do, so I check Philofaxy all the time! OK maybe I'm a bit obsessed! I check it as soon as I turn my computer on in the morning because it's nice to read something interesting in the morning :) I also have a look throughout the day to read comments on posts and see if you have posted any extra posts!

Mrs. Grievous (2011-06-28 09:03:56)

I am a google reader subscriber as well, so I check every time it alerts me. I also get after work on Tuesday and Friday to check out the comments on the free for all posts.

I might check less once I'm not waiting on the announcement of the Aston in the US. ;)

Ah who am I kidding?

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-28 10:01:23)

I also subscribe via Google Reader which syncs to my Mobile RSS feed on my iPhone. I catch up on there when I get a moment but try and stay off line at the week-end as much as possible...

shepcraig (2011-06-28 10:24:31)

I check it a couple of times a day, except at weekends, where maybe I would only check once over the two days.

terriknits (2011-06-28 10:30:03)

I check at least once a day for new posts. I also will see the feed on Facebook and can check if I see something pop up there.

kanalt (2011-06-28 11:06:10)

I too use Google reader of all of my subscriptions. I check that several times a day, save the posts I want to read, read them when I can (usually on my lunch break), email myself anything I want to look into further or comment

on.

Ideally, I'd like to read everything as soon as it appears and comment right away. But I cannot, so sometimes it takes me a day or two (or three) to read and/or respond.

M Ng (2011-06-28 12:21:43)

I subscribe to Philofaxy via Bloglovin'; I read a lot of blogs, but I check on my favorite blogs first, so even when there are +200 posts in my queue, if there's a new Philofaxy post, I head straight for it! If I want to check back in on a post (e.g., there's lively commenting activity) , I mark it as "unread" after I've read it, so it stays in my feed. While I don't always read blogs on the weekend, I never miss a post because of my subscription.

BTW, I really appreciate how bloglovin' sort of shuttles you from one blog to the next instead of presenting the content of the blog posts in a uniform reader environment. I recommend it for those that like to read posts in the environment that the bloggers designed for their readers. (I subscribe to a lot of design-y blogs.) Since most Philofaxy readers are picky about calendar layouts, pocket configurations, and other design-ish details, I thought this may be a salient rec.

Rori (2011-06-28 13:24:55)

I subscribe via Google also, but I usually read the posts when they come out. I also get the tweets and FB notifications.

I read more on the weekends as I'm bored out of my skull; ESP on Sundays!!

bristolbookworm (2011-06-28 14:22:44)

I read them as they come out through my email program's RSS reader. I now wonder whether these views are counted though: certainly they would be counted at the time of download to my PC, not time of reading if they are. RSS feed checks happen frequently through the day, every day and certainly whilst I have my first cup of tea and before bed.

If it looks like an interesting discussion may be taking place in comments, I'll then load up the website (like this one), this is partly dependent on how busy I am that day.

I like the pattern of postings as they are.

Steve (2011-06-28 16:09:33)

Hi Everyone.

Thank you for all your comments, and votes, this is valuable feedback, when it comes to scheduling posts and deciding what to release at weekends etc. I wouldn't want you to miss something good... like a give-away or a review.

Lots of you seem to be using Google Reader. Personally I have been using a site called Protopage.com for many years now. It is set as my home page on all of my machines and you can set it up with RSS feeds, Bookmarks, Flickr Feeds, Mail feeds etc.

You can have additional tabs for different topics. But I mainly use it for holding all my bookmarks and RSS feeds. That way which ever machine I'm on, I always have my bookmarks in any browser and all of my feeds are there too.

<http://www.protopage.com/> take a look or ask me if you need more info.

Rori (2011-06-28 23:22:37)

@Steve

I tried protopage, it looks SO much better than iGoogle! When I click on the blog name, it won't take me directly to the blog though

PLUS, you can't add the comments subscription?

Any way, thanks for the link!

Cindy (2011-06-28 23:51:16)

I tend to check in about every other day. I follow Philofaxy on Blogger, but while I'm at work during the day I just Google "Philofaxy" and it takes me to right to the site so I can do my reading then. (Oops-I just outed myself as a slack at work. No-it's professional development-really!)

Steve (2011-06-29 06:05:26)

Further to my earlier comment here is some more details about Protopage:

<http://steve-morton.com/2011/06/29/protopage/>

Steve

J (2011-06-29 12:12:45)

I check in every day, although I might miss a day here and there if work/life is too hectic. But I use Google Reader and always go back and read any posts I've missed!

kanalt (2011-06-29 19:16:04)

Both Bloglovin' and Protopage look and sound great. I thought about using one or the other. But it's one more website I need to create a log in for and remember to go to. Google reader might not be the best reader choice, but it's attached to an account I already use. Either way, I definitely need to pare down the blogs I subscribe to! But never would I unsubscribe from any Philofaxy related blog. =)

Schollert (2011-06-30 09:01:38)

I use Google Reader synced with my Android phone. I read "in batches" and primarily those that seem to be of direct interest e.g. new products, use of templates and general setup of productivity flows/FFs. I skim a lot of the posts but I highly appreciate Web Finds and other links that are posted. It often leads to great inspirational sources.

Time Mapping (2011-06-29 00:00)

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
0000	Get Up	Get Up	Get Up	Get Up	Get Up	Get Up	Get Up
0100	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel		Chores
0200							
0300							
0400						Gym	Gym
0500	Work	Work	Work	Work	Work		
0600						Chores	
0700							
0800							
0900	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
1000							
1100							
1200	Work	Work	Work	Work	Work	Blog	
1300							
1400	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel	Travel		
1500	Gym	Gym			Gym		
1600			Gym				
1700							
1800	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read	Read
1900	Zip	Zip	Zip	Zip	Zip	Zip	Zip
2000							

[1]

Have you ever tried mapping your time, either in advance or in the past so you can see what you have been doing or what you will be doing?

One of our readers (Helen or 'Nellie') wrote in an email:

I have been very short on time recently, so thought I would time map my day to give it a bit more structure and to make sure that I don't neglect important things like exercise. I thought other Philofaxers might like the [2]template. The [3]template is in MS Word. You could either print out a blank one and fill it in, or, as I did, fill it in using Word. I merged cells to create the timeslots I wanted and then colour coded the cells. Grey for work, green

for health, blue for well being... It gave me quite a nice overview of how I spend my time. I put it as the first page of my diary section, so I can find it easily.

Also attached is an example. The only problem is that being personal sized it is quite small, so doing it on the computer is probably easier. Once printed out, it's fine to read. You can print it out using the [4]instructions I sent through a while ago.

The [5]file is available in the [6]files area and linked to in the above.

Thank you Helen for send in your idea.

1. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-4hAJ9-XRqNQ/TgiZDRBn7mI/AAAAAAAAJTM/S8iB3hYbaA8/s1600/example.jpg>
2. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/scheduletemplate.doc>
3. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/scheduletemplate.doc>
4. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/printing.pdf>
5. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/scheduletemplate.doc>
6. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/files.html>

~AspireToBe~ (2011-06-29 01:59:12)

Thank you for sharing your time mapping strategy & files! That's a great way to get a sense of how your time is used in any given week :)

When I feel a need to do something like that, it's usually because the day is getting away from me or because I just need to see graphically/visually what I am concentrating on in my day in relation to other tasks - a reality check of time vs. tasks. I've been using a slightly modified version of this method found here:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/davegray/145761460/>

i.e., <http://tinyurl.com/6m22dl>

(sometimes blogger does not show long links so the second link provided is a tinyurl version).

I hope davegray does not mind me referencing his flickr photo. I learned a lot from it.

David Popely (2011-06-29 02:23:55)

Time mapping was very popular in the 1980s (yes really), and was almost 'de rigeur' as a starting point for 'time management consultants when working with a new client. It then fell out of fashion, as, if you think about it, did the whole 'time management' issue. Somehow people managed to get the idea that if they just bought the new and incoming electronic gizmos, that their time would automatically be managed *for* them. Which is why, now that most people are almost *entirely* gadget-driven in their diary and contact book, most people feel they have less time than ever. it's not the gizmos, it's that we stopped consciously managing our time. Which in turn is why I'm always banging on about it not being the style/colour/etc of your Filo that counts, but how you make what's in between the covers work for you in terms of a coherent system.

Interesting link, and although a 'throwback', well worth looking into. Thank you!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-06-29 03:46:51)

Thanks for sharing. We have to do this exercise at work around 3 times a year but I have never tried to do it for my personal life. Could be interesting...

Alison Reeves (2011-06-29 06:31:30)

@ David Popely - I echo your sentiments - the trick is figuring out how to manage oneself!

I usually have to invoice on an hourly basis and it can be useful to record what I am working on as I go along. I've never thought of putting this in my filofax, so food for thought. Does anyone have a time recording sheet they use?

Sandra (2011-06-29 07:42:33)

Alison and all-

I have used this colorful sheet from the smart women over at [getbuttonedup.com](http://www.getbuttonedup.com):

http://www.getbuttonedup.com/tools/free_printable_time_management_sheet_template.pdf

I might create a simple chart on word as time spent on an activity, especially at home, is in 10 minute increments (at times!).

David-agreed 100 % with your thoughts.

I am reading Time Management from the Inside Out as recommended by Jotje-her time map is within her previously published guest post.

Arlecchino Fluorescente (2011-06-29 08:16:49)

I wish I could manage my time that well >.<

David Popely (2011-06-29 09:31:54)

@Alison if only!

I think the template from the files are is pretty good (left margin needs widening though), but 15 minute segments would be better. But then it wouldn't fit on a Personal size page (unless it was two-sided.

I could see what I can come up with if you like? :)

Alison Reeves (2011-06-29 11:03:30)

@David Popely - thanks for the offer - I'm afraid I am an A5 girl so will probably design something which has the best bits of all I've seen here. If I am successful I will ask Steve to post it on the templates page.

Nellie (2011-06-29 15:10:12)

Glad you liked it.

You can of course adjust the template to suit your needs. The limitation is really space if you want it on one side of a personal sheet of paper.

Rori (2011-06-29 16:07:39)

I used to have a boss that made me do this @ work. Yeah, she was a real peach.

I'm not EVEN busy enough to do this, but I really like the idea, esp. if you include how much time you spend "researching" on the internet or watching tv.

kanalt (2011-06-29 19:10:44)

I do my own version of this using colored pens on my 2PPD inserts. However, it's more like a map for my intentions, since some of it never happens. I should try something like this for what I actually do and see if it makes a difference. Thanks for sharing!

Schollert (2011-06-30 05:12:10)

The time mapping looks interesting. I want to try that for analysis purposes.

@Alison; I too have to invoice on an hourly basis. I am a very big fan of the Emergen Time Tracker as it is simple, efficient and flexible.

I have designed my own in Excel to make them fit into my A5 FF.

Take a look at: <http://davidseah.com/2006/04/the-printable-ceo-iii-emergent-task-timing/>

Alison Reeves (2011-06-30 13:40:58)

@schollert - what a brilliant form! Would you be willing to share your excel template with me as I use an A5 for work also?

Alison Reeves (2011-06-30 13:42:59)

@schollert - forgot to say you can get me on ali at alisonreeves dot co dot uk

Miss.Blogger (2011-07-08 09:14:27)

I definitely will use this! My day gets busy and I need something like this. I will tell all Filofax holders. :)

Laurie's 2nd Philofaxy Birthday (2011-06-29 11:54)

Many thanks to Steve, Rori, Tommes and Sandra for Tweeting me that today is [1]my Philofaxy birthday! For some reason I was thinking it was in July, but that was when I posted [2]my first post on Philofaxy (which was about my two favorite topics, Scotland and Filofaxes!)

Many thanks to Nan for inviting me to be a contributor to Philofaxy! I had been a guest poster and long-time commenter, so to have the opportunity to be a regular contributor was (and continues to be) very exciting!!

Huge thanks to Steve for all you have done in the past two years for this blog and our community. Your technical genius is surpassed only by your warmth and friendship. Thank you!

And, thank all of you Philofaxy friends who have read my Filofax musings, angst, frustration and joy over the past two years through multiple moves and life events. You all have been a rare continuity for me throughout all the changes and upheavals in my life over the past two years, and I thank you all for your unfailing support and positive vibes through it all!

Here's to many many more years of Philofaxy, for the love of Filofax!

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/06/welcome-laurie.html>

2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/07/filo-adventures-in-scotland.html>

J (2011-06-29 12:16:39)

Happy Philofaxy Birthday Laurie!!! May there be many, many more!

Steve (2011-06-29 13:20:40)

Laurie, I bow my head in thanks.

Not only are you a long standing contributor to Philofaxy, from well before I came on the scene in fact... but you also run Plannerisms, which is another brilliant blog.

There's a lot of cross fertilisation of ideas and co-operation between the two blogs and long may it continue.

Thank you for your help and support in the last two years and before. And we both owe a lot to Nan as well, we mustn't forget her.

Steve

Rori (2011-06-29 13:26:02)

Blog On! Happy Birthday :O)

terriknits (2011-06-29 14:39:44)

Happy Philo B'day, Laurie! I always enjoy your posts.

Anita (2011-06-29 16:18:53)

Happy 2nd birthday, Laurie.

Thanks for your contribution to this great site & community :)

Cindy (2011-06-29 16:20:03)

Happy 2nd Philfaxy Birthday, Laurie! Congratulations on 2 amazing years. I'm a fan of your Plannerisms blog as well and always look forward to your posts.

SNARLing: (2011-06-29 18:34:08)

happy birthday laurie! i totally appreciate all the info you share with us both here and in your plannerisms blog - from all over the world no less! cin cin to you - may you not find the perfect planner for you for a long long time!

kanalt (2011-06-29 19:08:56)

Happy birthday Laurie! Thank you for helping to make Philofaxy what it has become. It's the greatest community online! =D

Bridgett (2011-06-29 20:22:41)

And you're getting an Aqua Fins for your Blogiversary!

Laurie (2011-06-29 20:58:46)

That's it! I can say my new Aqua Fins is my Philofaxy birthday present to myself! Great idea. :)

Thank you so much everyone! The combination of folks from Philofaxy and Plannerisms is the best online community, so upbeat and supportive of each other in our quest for Filofax/ Planner Nirvana!

Nan (2011-06-29 21:30:41)

Happy Birthday! I'm so glad you joined us!

Steve (2011-06-30 04:00:49)

I've just looked back to June 2006... five years ago... this week when Nan joined Philofaxy.

Another excuse to pop open a bottle of Champagne... if you ever need an excuse that is!!!!

Congratulations to Nan as well... .

Laurie (2011-06-30 04:02:09)

Congratulations Nan! Can you believe you've been Philofaxing for 5 years??

Let's bust out the bubbly for everyone!! :D

Reader Under the Spotlight - Iris (2011-06-30 00:00)



[1] *This weeks Reader Under the Spotlight is Iris, I tend to think of Iris as one of our 'neighbours', as she along with Julia run a Filofax Blog called [2]Filomaniac in Germany, written in German but English speakers and commenters are always made very welcome over there. I can remember helping Iris and Julia decide on the name for their blog!*

About me: I am 41 yrs old **today** and live in Bavaria with my husband, my cat (Mikesch)... and my Filos.

In March 2010, Julia and I have started a German blog for Filofax lovers:
[3]<http://filomaniac.blogspot.com>

1. *When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?*

I have been obsessed with ringbound planners since 1997. After discovering Philofaxy in April 2009, I decided that I wanted "the real thing" - so in October 2009, I bought my first Filofax, a Personal Guildford.

2. **What other brands have you used or considered using?**

Before Filofax, I've used these German brands: tempus, org-rat, bsb-obpacher.

3. **Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?**

All my Filos are Personal size (except for the A5 Adelphi which I bought for 4,90 Euro but haven't used as yet)

I do love all of them, but right now, I like the Domino Snake best: it's lightweight, durable, wipes clean easily, lays flat right out of the box. I like the Snake's black interior even better than the "standard" Domino's "suede-style".

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

18. There, I said it! 16 of which are Personal Size:



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- Guildford
- Urban Slate
- Domino Red/Snake/Slate
- Indie
- Metropolis Raspberry
- Mode Mint/Pink
- Malden Ochre
- Fresco
- Classic Chocolate
- Finchley Red
- Sketch Oyster
- Sketch Zip Black
- Chameleon Spring Green
- Bond Red
- Metropolis Slimline Black
- A5 Adelphi Black

5. *What do you use your Filofax for?*

Apart from my “everyday” Filofax, I have “special” Filos for

- Addresses
- Maps
- Travel
- my Blog
- Household/Reference Some others are used as archives/to hold diary pages.

6. *What was the feature about Filofax you like most?*

The flexibility of the loose-leaf system; the variety of colours and styles.

7. *If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?*

Not sure about the colour, but the Filofax of my dreams would definitely be a Personal that lays flat, with an elastic pen loop and a full width back pocket (like some of the Pockets have).

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Handbags are another passion of mine – whenever I’m out and about, I’m carrying my Filo in my handbag. At home, he sits next to me on a table as I keep taking notes & checking off todos all the time.

When I go to sleep, I put him on the shelf (next to the other Filos) to keep my cat from messing with it.

9. *Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?*

Next on my wishlist is the Journey (only available in Sweden). We’ll be travelling to Gothenburg in July and I’m hoping to get one there.

I’m also planning to add a Finsbury to my collection as soon as I find one on sale.

10. *What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?*

The Guildford, which I bought for 68 Euro. (Retail price in Germany is 95 Euro.)

11. *Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?*

Neither DH nor my family & friends will ever understand my passion for stationary and planners, so it’s nice to “meet” other Filofax fans. Everybody is so kind and friendly; and I love to read how others use their Filos. And of course, I find lots of inspiration for my own blog!

12. *And what do you not like about Philofaxy?*

What’s not to like? Honestly, I can’t think of anything.

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

Melody Gardot, “My One And Only Thrill”.

Thank you Iris for stepping under the spotlight... and happy birthday for today from everyone at Philofaxy.

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Sari (2011-06-30 02:16:29)

Hi, Iris, happy birthday and thank you for the great interview. What an impressive collection of Filos!! It makes one feel less guilty about the ‘addiction’ to see that there are others with the same passion ;-). Have a great day today!

Alison Reeves (2011-06-30 03:42:48)

Happy Birthday Iris. What an impressive collection! A great cross section and they looked well loved and cared for. It was a tantalising glimpse into how you use them as well - more details please!

Laurie (2011-06-30 03:57:25)

Happy birthday Iris!! It's so great to learn more about you.

Rori (2011-06-30 15:48:55)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Enjoyed learning about you!

I love these posts...:D

Tommes (2011-06-30 16:52:29)

Hi Iris,

I have always admired your collection's photo on your blog, but it's even more impressing in a big picture. Just great!

Thank you for the great interview, and of course, once again happy birthday...

Thomas

Iris (2011-07-01 02:30:11)

Thanks everybody for your nice comments (here and on Facebook) - and thanks again Steve for picking me as a "Reader Under the Spotlight".

You've made this birthday a very special one!

kanalt (2011-07-01 23:03:46)

It's great to "meet" the person behind the name. Great interview, Iris! I always admire your collection when you post new pictures on Flickr.

