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Chapter 1

2011

1.1 July

Free for All Friday No. 137 (2011-07-01 00:01)

At the New York meet up in May, I was struck by all the different ways that people are using their Filofaxes. Most of the time, I find that I try to use a paper form the way it was meant to be used. Lately, I've been allowing myself more freedom.

Are you a conformist in your Filo, or a free-former?

Of course, since it's Friday, all forms of Filofax conversation are welcome.

Kate (2011-07-01 03:00:41)

Well, I'm a mix of both but since reading Philofaxy I have learnt to print on Filofax paper and am becoming more and more of a free former. I like the ability to make my Filofax do exactly what I want. iWork like the ability to have collision my Filofax. Although I print on the ordinary White paper, I use watermarks and borders to brighten up the pages and to classify entries. For instance, the categories in my book Filofax have different coloured borders for different genres. I'm trying out the Dodofax at the moment but iplan to print my own diary sheets for next year - just a simple table , two weeks perpage as I don't really like writing on the reverse.I really love the freedom of this.

Kate (2011-07-01 03:01:40)

Sorry about the typos. Collision should be colour.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-01 06:01:29)

My Mom is taking on a new project making a scrap book of my late father (it's really my suggestion as it is theraputic!). I've suggested she uses a filofax to plan this and have got her some scrapbook specific inserts from a website to help her do this. All we need now is an A5 filofax to put them in! I've been scouring the internet for something attractive at a cheap price (she is on a budget and has insisted I don't buy it for her). Therefore if anyone sees anything that fits the bill, please can you let me know? You can email on ali @ alisonreeves dot co dot uk I suppose a pretty coloured domino would fit the bill well, but anything else would be considered. I'll continue to look as well! I'm also looking for one for my happiness project, but want to get her sorted first.

Michele (2011-07-01 07:34:40)

I'm definately a conformist! I do write my appts and meetings down on my business one day-per-page but then the sheet gets all messed up with my free-for-all...

Today is my first day of new job promotion at work so cleaning up the filo is on my list!

Jill V. (2011-07-01 10:04:50)

I am using my Filo as a master-planner right now. I have tabs for This Week, To Do NOW, My Stuff, Family, House and Craft Beer. It's an A5 Domino, and I am using the week per page with notes and LOVE it. Hopefully they will still have them for next year. I would really like to get an A5 punch to put more custom stuff in easier (right now I do the trace/hand punch method). I also am using some top tabs in the busier sections to make finding things easier. I would really like to get a personal Filo to use as a Craft Beer Journal.

Cra2yGuava (2011-07-01 10:49:13)

@ Alison, Not sure where you live but I was in Selfridges again today (London) and noticed they had further reductions on the Filofaxes. They were going for silly money and this is what I came away with today -

Brown Scanda Personal - £20.00

Black Finchley Personal - £15.00

Brown Finchley Pocket - £10.00

I know it's not an A5 but you can't really argue with those prices.

Rori (2011-07-01 10:51:44)

@JillV Craft Beer? Do you brew? Lord I miss a well-crafted brew...:O(

I'm a total free-former, and the more colorful the better :D

Alison Reeves (2011-07-01 11:43:00)

Thanks guys - I live in the Midlands (Wolverhampton) so a bit challenged when it comes to filofax outlets! I've called my local Rymans, house of fraser etc and nothing available so I seem to be stuck with online stores only. They seem to think noone in my area would want an A5 binder!

I think with these things you just need to be in the right place at the right time (if anyone sees an A5 aqua at the right price please let me know asap!).

I've had a very, very kind offer from Kate who has offered to donate a no longer used A5 to my Mom for her scrapbook project - so my heartfelt thanks to her for that. I have called my Mom and told her about that and the inserts I have got for and she is really excited! She things I need to help her to use the filofax, but I think she'll have it sorted pretty quickly!

It seems to have gone a but quiet in here - is everyone off on holiday?

Nellie (2011-07-01 15:21:09)

@ Alison

Rymans have filofas at half price at the moment. They had a good selection and my local shop.

Alice. (2011-07-01 16:13:11)

Random thought. A friend gave me her old mini executive and I've no idea what to do it. It's very pretty, gorgeous red leather and super slim but really tiny, can't even use it as a wallet. Any ideas, please?

Steve (2011-07-01 16:15:30)

Alice

How about an Address Book and say birthday list

Steve

Alice. (2011-07-01 16:58:57)

Thanks Steve, not a bad idea. At the moment I'm just carrying it in my handbag with note paper but I just never use it and it's bothering me. It's gorgeous so I don't really want to get rid of it but not too practical.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-01 17:50:30)

@ Nellie - thanks - I called my local branch of Rymans and they had no A5 binders at all! Also there are none reduced online.

Steve (2011-07-01 18:19:49)
Alison
Try WH Smiths:
<http://tinyurl.com/5tb63j8>
Steve

Saffy (2011-07-01 18:30:30)
@Alison - Here is a Domino
http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Filofax-Domino-Snake-Dark-Brown-A5-Personal-Organizer-/190548010978?pt=UK_BOI_Office_Office_Supplies_Stationery_ET&hash=item2c5d8be7e2

terriknits (2011-07-01 19:06:43)
I'm a mix, but probably lean more towards the freeformer. I may start out using the pages/refills as they are but might tweak them or redo them to suit my purposes. I find that by having subject tabs behind my diary pages, I can go wild with my free-form content and not mess up the diary pages as much.
@ Kate - I sometimes have a collision in my Filofax with all the scribbling going on!

Jess (2011-07-02 05:42:52)
alison, maybe try the rymans store on ebay - i got an a5 aqua finsbury for £20, and sharon got one too. we got them a couple of weeks apart so maybe they will repeat it.
x

Cindy (2011-07-05 12:11:34)
I'm fairly traditionalist on the diary pages, but the rest of my Filofax is pretty free form. I get rid of the subject tabs (well, I use them as templates) and use pretty paper for my tabs. I never use the pre-printed forms for their intended use—usually they are simply used as notepaper for whatever I need. I like to use the to-do pages as shopping lists because of the check boxes, but my actual to-do's go on the diary page itself. That's the beauty of the Filofax, right?
(And all this talk about the A5 Aqua is killing me...I'm on a shopping ban, but must...find...one...soon...)

Old versus New (2011-07-02 00:00)

We hear a lot about the 'vintage' Filofax organisers and the Winchester is a prime example of Filofax organisers in the 1980's.

I use my Winchester as my 'French Language' reference book, it has some pre-printed inserts in it and plenty of note paper, for when I go to my French classes. It's not had a very hard life since I got it back in 1985/86. In those 25 years or so I would say it's been in regular use for about 10 years of that time.

So comparing the Winchester to the Malden, you will see that the Malden is slightly bigger in overall height and width.



[1]

However, as you can see the binder is fully 'broken in' !



[2]

But they are the same ring size!



[3]

OK the Malden does have more pages in it and a very different internal design, but it's quite striking how different they are in thickness. As you might expect the Winchester lays perfectly flat, although I can't remember if it did when it was the same age as the Malden (3 months old).

We have a long wait to see what the Malden is like in 25 years time! I hope I'm still around to see it...

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-emyOKWswukk/TgmgSCuvY0I/AAAAAAAAJTQ/f2fYJkHvhTg/s1600/IMG_0271.JPG

2. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-0UndPYaMgug/TgmgViTTr6I/AAAAAAAAJTU/f6xY9edmXnY/s1600/IMG_0274.jpg

3. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-T420dNE6SZc/TgmgZqoVMsI/AAAAAAAAJTY/_GP-zI--yfM/s1600/IMG_0275.jpg

Eva (2011-07-02 04:34:49)

Thank you so much for this post. I'm always smitten when I see a Winchester but I keep forgetting that the newer range has got a good vintage feel. The Malden is surely growing on me...

Jess (2011-07-02 05:33:02)

the leather on the winchester looks so beautiful and worn. i bet it smells amazing!

Adamski (2011-07-02 19:01:27)

Your idea of using a filofax for language learning is brilliant! I'm teaching myself Russian, and I have a pocket Cavendish filo which will be without purpose after my holiday in Cornwall next week. It shall be my Russian

filofax! For £8-ish from eBay it was amazing value :) Adamski.

Philofaxy Meet Up - Rotterdam - 2 July (2011-07-02 11:08)

So today our friends met up in Rotterdam. From the short messages on Twitter it seems everyone enjoyed themselves.



[1]

From Left to Right: Rene (@raggl), Femke (@delighted) Judith (@J_is_hier) and Alice (@AdS) along with her DD Isabel.



[2]

And what seems to become a tradition... the Filofax Pile... 12 Filos... 4 people... good average!! Thank you guys for sending in the photos and I'm sure everyone will look forward to hearing more about your meet up once you have fully recovered!

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-IeG1Dvy-oCQ/Tg8zTlzS_fI/AAAAAAAAJWM/JNjZwcfbKJo/s1600/336060135.jpg

2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/--8nD7b-w4lk/Tg8zWLni8CI/AAAAAAAAJWQ/iDwaCRnUyDA/s1600/336071409.jpg>

caribbean princess (2011-07-02 11:19:35)

Oh yay! looked like so much fun. I can't wait to read more posts about it!

Kelliejo (2011-07-02 12:01:06)

Love it!

Nellie (2011-07-02 14:20:51)

Fantastic! What is the yellow one at the bottom of the pile? It looks very sunny!

terriknits (2011-07-02 18:46:13)

That yellow one drew my eye instantly, too!

A (2011-07-03 04:03:54)

That huge one at the bottom is mine. Actually not a Filofax but an A \$ Succes compatible with Filofax.

We had a great time. More will be posted soon with details about odd calendar habits, what we use the books for, wishes, and more!

By the way, the pile is only a selection ... neither Femke, Alice nor Judith brought all their books!

We will definitely do this again!!!

Alice

Sandra (2011-07-03 07:03:30)

I love that 12 Filos for 4 people is only the tip of this crew's Filofax iceberg! Cannot wait to hear more about this meetup. :)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-03 11:29:30)

Wow - great - sounds like you guys had fun! My eye was drawn to the yellow one as well - perhaps this is telling Filofax something?

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-05 03:02:45)

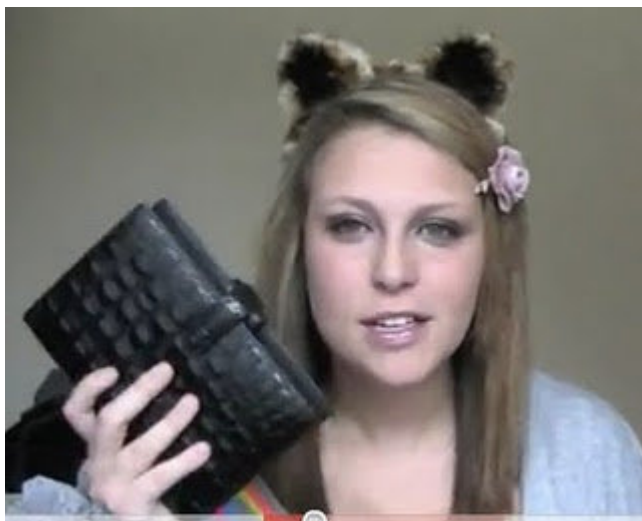
Looks like a fun meet-up! Also spotted the yellow one.... drawn to yellow in the summer - stunning x

Cindy (2011-07-05 12:04:09)

Haha-I, too, looked at the big, yellow one with yearning. Filofax needs more yellow covers!

Glad you all had such a great time.

Reader Under The Spotlight - Imy (2011-07-03 00:00)



[1]

So today we placed Imy under the spot light...

Bonjourno!

I'm sure most of you know me from such places as [2]Imysworld and [3]Youtube and Twitter @imysworld,

for those of you who don't check it out, but I'm here today to tell you all about my Filofax obsession! And I'm not only obsessed with Filofaxes, I'm also obsessed with Roller Skating and Apple! I am a Secretary and have a PSD (Private Secretaries Diploma), I can put those letters after my name, but it sounds a bit silly!

I love the community of Philofaxy it makes me feel very welcome and at home! I'm a bit hyper and excitable like a puppy dog and I hope you enjoy this! And also today is my birthday so Happy Birthday to me! I'm 21 today!!! YAY

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

The first Filofaxish ever product I bought was a Funfax around the age of 7, I bought so many (well saying I bought them may not be true, my parents bought them for me) , I had a Finding Nemo, Horse Care, Ratatouille, I cant remember all but that was a few of them, the first was the Horse Care. The first Filofax I bought was a pocket Demin one, I don't even remember the name or where it is now, but I was around the age of 10, then throughout the years I have bought other ones, throughout college I used my Ratatouille FunFax and put Filofax pages in, as I thought that rat was so cute, yes an 18 year old carrying a Ratatouille Fun Fax! It was very practical as well as it was completely clear front back so you could slot any pictures you wanted to make it really personal! Oh I loved that Funfax!

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I once tried the Collins Executive diary, its kind of like the flex, as it has a slot in diary, I really liked the paper as it was yellow, but I liked having the rings in the Filofax too much, and it was not pink! Oh and at the moment I'm test driving a Dodo Pad hehe!

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

At the moment it is between my Personal Black Amazona, Pink A5 Finsbury and Chilli Red A5 Cuban Zipped, if only Filofax made something along those lines but squashed it all together and then I am not sure what it would come out with, but I'm sure it would be BEAUTIFUL!

I have also got a Special Edition Pocket Filofax in the post I believe....I'm not 100 % sure at this moment in time! But I may have it by the time this is posted if I do, will tell you in the comments hehe!

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I think I have 8, (well I counted 8 tonight so im just going to go with that, but when I list them it doesn't work out, so we shall just leave it at that) I'm not 100 % sure as I thought I had one or two more.... I have four A5's, Pink A5 Finsbury, Chilli Red A5 Cuban Zipped, Black A5 Strata, Black Metrapol Zipped (my boyfriend uses it, but I paid for it so I count it as one of mine) 2 Personal, Juicy Grape Personal Domino, Black Amazona Personal, 1 Slimline, Scarlet Adelphi, (Maybe - 1 pocket, Black Filofax Special Edition). And I have a Flex by Filofax A5 in Magenta.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

Well at the moment I am using my Personal Amazona as a vault to save all the stuff I want to put in the Malden when I get it (but I really need to set it all up, I did a post about it and havent finished sorting it all). I am going to use the Special Edition one as my everyday diary (when I get it, if not just the Malden), and as soon as the Flex is in date I'm going to use it as a journal and write what I have done every day just for memory! (Which the Flex came in date on Monday last week YAY).

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

You can personalise it so much and make it your own, they just have no boundaries other than you cannot make phone calls on them but then that's what public phone boxes and mobiles are for! I just love the fact you can have EVERYTHING in one place and also it makes you look completely organised even if your 100 % unorganised at least you can look it on the outside!

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

Well I reckon Filofax just need to make more Pink Filofaxes, I'm a very pink person and there are not enough pinks, also I believe all Filofaxes should have the notebook slot, I'm slave to the notebook at the back! And also different diary layouts would be ace, but there isn't too much I would change about the actual Filofax! I love Filofaxes, and I think if there was a smart phones slot or something it would just get too bulky, but maybe have one so I can have a strap so you don't have to carry it and you can put it over your shoulder....ooooo Filofaxbag! It would be the best of both worlds! I also LOVE big rings and leather, so pink big ringed leather Filofaxes with note pad pockets are what Imy wants!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Depending on the Filofax I carry it in my hand or in my bag, the majority of the time in my bag, but if I'm spending a day away I will use one of those shopper bags to carry my beauty as I would have to carry lots of paperwork too, so that makes it all a lot better! But by golly cant a Filofax get heavy!

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

MALDEN MALDEN MALDEN MALDEN MALDEN MALDEN, I don't know if you quite got an idea of which one I like there, and yes I am going to buy it! ASAP either next week for my birthday or in September at the meet up! Oh such hard decisions. But there are a few I like in the new Filofax catalogue which I might consider too, I want a room full of Filofaxes!

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

It was the A5 Cuban Zipped, which I believe was £90-£100 I just went to check the price and it seemed to of disappeared off the website??

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

I LOVE THE COMMUNITY!! Its nice to feel at home with such nice people who are just as in love with Filofaxes as me and (cuddle them in bed) all the really lovely posts, there always so enlightening and helpful, and always seem to be relevant to what ever struggles I'm having!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

That's like asking someone what do they not like about a Apple computer! ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!!!! I would not change one bit about Philofaxy! I love it all and I love you all! :-D

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

I pre-ordered Dj Fresh – Louder, that roller skating commercial song, as it makes me want to roller skate! But the last song I actually downloaded was P.I.M.P by 50 Cent, rather old now I know but sometimes you just get that feeling you want to listen to something to remind you of Childhood :-D It was the first place I had ever seen the original Apple iPod, before they were all big and popular and I had to have one, so I saved like crazy and was the first person in school to have one! Oh yeah, I'm a hard core Apple Nerd as well!

Thank you Imy for that great insight to 'Imysworld' I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing you a Happy 21st birthday, have a great day. We hope you have a very special day today.

1. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-zDz7DNrtnksU/TgeyNK1IVtI/AAAAAAAAJTI/9kwe5MkiyTM/s1600/Imy.jpg>

2. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/>

3. <http://www.youtube.com/user/imysworld>

caribbean princess (2011-07-03 03:23:27)

Yay! I enjoyed this. Imy is great! I can't wait to meet in September. Happy birthday Imy.

Sandra (2011-07-03 07:19:40)

Imy! Your sweet personality bubbled right through each and every response. Have the most lovely birthday ever!

Imy (2011-07-03 07:48:59)

Think im buying the Malden tomrrow :-D hehe the Special STILL has not arrived lol xxx

Anita (2011-07-03 11:04:04)

Happy Birthday, Imy :)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-03 11:34:49)

Have a wonderful birthday Imy! I love the Amazona - I have an A5 one and it has really grown on me! I also have a lovely Mont Blanc pen which looks very classy in my Black Amazona. This is now my official work filo! The pink Finsbury is the household and menu filo, and I have a snake bronze which will probably be my personal one. Except I found a A5 Aqua at an unrepeatable price so have snatched that - it is on the way - this will probably be my personal/happiness binder for the summer at least!

I also have the pocket special edition which I use as my diary (week to view) - I use a day to a page in my work one for planning. It's great to have such a pretty filo to carry around and get out when checking dates! It is always admired when it emerges from my bag! I also keep one or two lists in there - especially anything I may want when I go shopping (non food). Loved reading all about you and filofaxes!

Tara (2011-07-03 12:54:42)

Happy Birthday Imy! I just discovered your videos and have watched every one that you have about Filofaxes! You make me smile when I see how excited you get about them. I just ordered my first filofax, and I am impatiently waiting for it to arrive... I hope you have a GREAT day!!

terriknits (2011-07-03 13:24:13)

Happy 21st Imy! I hope you get yourself a Malden to celebrate. Love your videos!

caribbean princess (2011-07-03 18:04:03)

@Alison! Glad you got the aqua! :-)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-04 09:05:43)

@CP - thanks - it's odd thought as I didn't like the Aqua when it first came out, now I love it! I wonder if the time of year has anything to do with it? I tend to use Turquoise ink a lot in my fountain pens in the summer, whereas in the winter I use a very dark Violet or Green.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-05 03:03:38)

Loved reading this.... (and can not wait to hear about your new Malden). Looking forward to meet in September.

Imy (2011-07-05 09:34:04)

Just wanted to say THANK YOU to everyone!!! :-D

I have bought my Malden in Crimson and then a hour or less later i got a text that my Special Filofax turned up at home :-D hehe FILOFAX OVERLOAD!!! Reveal video TONIGHT ;-) xxx

Cindy (2011-07-05 12:02:20)

Happy Birthday, Imy!

I love your videos and can't wait to see the Malden review. (Still going to resist, though....)

@Alison-Lucky you! I've been pining for an A5 Aqua (not that I NEED it-this is purely an Id response). Congrats on getting such a good deal.

ohlittlecloud (2011-07-12 10:13:51)

Imy is my favourite :)

SNARLing: (2011-07-12 11:56:35)

oh man - happy BELATED birthday! hope it was a good one and that you have a great year!

Imy (2011-07-14 06:40:47)

Cindy - How long for tho! :-) hehe Im going to do a whats in my malden today if i have time blog post hehe
Thank you

Ohlittlecloud - Thank you so much, thats so sweet :-)

SNARLing - Thank you :-) I had a very good one thank you :-) xxx

kanalt (2011-07-15 15:01:17)

I am a little late on this - great interview Imy! I hope your birthday was wonderful.

Imy (2011-07-21 06:15:06)

Kanalt - My birthday was the best 21st a girl could wish for thank you :-D

I always get so excited every time i see my little face come up under a post hehe :-D

Web Finds - 4th July 2011 (2011-07-04 00:00)



[1]

So our friends will be celebrating independence day in the USA today... have a great holiday. But as usual here are some Filofax posts from the past week for you to enjoy:

- [2]Filofax saves the day...Again! - Lauren Barnard
- [3]Filofax Dreams About Jon - Imysworld.
- [4]Flex by Filofax - Sharon's Blog
- [5]Which Filofax should I use.... - Caribbean Princess
- [6]Between the covers - Filofax Fixation
- [7]Filofax Collection - We're gonna need a bigger boat
- [8]Color Update - What's going on in my Malden - The Crazy Life of J
- [9]Pocket Malden and A5 Domino go to Day Camp - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic

Enjoy

1. <http://www.taggedcomments.net/happy-4th-july.html>
2. <http://lbarnard.wordpress.com/2011/06/29/filofax-saves-the-day-again/>
3. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-dreams-about-jon-not-as-it.html>
4. <http://shazzastitching.wordpress.com/2011/07/01/flex-by-filofax/>
5. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/06/which-filofax-should-i-use-for-my.html>
6. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/06/29/between-the-covers/>
7. <http://clairejoannehuxham.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-cough-collection-cough.html>

8. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/07/color-update-whats-going-on-in-my.html>
 9. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/07/pocket-malden-and-a5-domino-go-to-day.html>
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Free for All Tuesday No. 22 (2011-07-05 00:00)



[1]

So after an exceptional Skype chat on Sunday, I'm sat here thinking... what questions you might have for us this week?

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-iWM2EGJg8j8/TUh0H0Lo4aI/AAAAAAAAI6E/2WfvsKUfHgc/s1600/IMG_9777a.JPG
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Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-05 03:06:50)

Morning all! Does any-one have an A4 Filofax portfolio? Looking for a professional folder for my academic writing clips. Like the Holborn but the portfolio with rings is only available in black and brown (according to the catalogue)... wondered if any-one could think of a product more feminine (like the wine colour) but still professional. Not keen on black really...

Alison Reeves (2011-07-05 04:51:05)

@globetrotting Cacti Not sure if it is appropriate but I have the A4 classic binder in Cherry Red (a very dark red) which is lovely and could possibly be used for this purpose. They are expensive, but do come up on Ebay from time to time. It is frustrating that there is so little colour choice in the A4 size. Even the A5 has a limited range really.

Laurie (2011-07-05 04:58:56)

I have a question: is the Malden in Ochre discontinued in the personal size? It's available on the Filofax US website but no longer on the UK one. I'm wondering if I need to panic-buy this or if it will still be around at Christmas?

Also, the A5 Malden on the US website is listed as having 1 inch rings, can anyone confirm? This would be smaller than the Finsbury rings which are listed as 1 1/4 inch. A slimmed-down A5, in the Malden buffalo leather? Can I resist??

Steve (2011-07-05 05:20:30)

Laurie,

I think they have got their ring sizes confused for the A5. Although I have an early Malden A5 in 25 mm (1 inch in old money) the 30 mm (1 1/4) is the correct size. The 25mm just feels like the cover is too big for the ring size which I suppose is what made me question it when I got mine.

Check with Neal Street regarding the Ochre Personal though... better shipping rates too....

Steve

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-05 05:23:01)

@Alison Thanks. Will check out the cherry red classic (is this like the cross?). Always like a bargain so will keep my eyes on Ebay. Noticed after I posted that the catalogue has the Holborn A4 with handles in the picture (in wine) but it is not listed in that colour. Wondering now if it is a typo in the catalogue.

@LaurieJust checked the current Filofax catalogue (2011- 2012) and the Ochre Malden is listed in personal size. Perhaps they have run out of stock. I have that model and it is looking better with age... loving the worn in look.

Laurie (2011-07-05 05:33:39)

@Steve thanks for the info, the A5 ring size issue made me think of yours and I wonder what their ring size actually is. I'd be sending it to my in-laws to bring to me later this month so I'd want to order from a US shipper so I don't have to pay international postage.

@GC I'm pretty sure the Classic is the Cross, just re-named. Thank you for checking the catalog, I'm glad the Ochre is still listed. Maybe I won't have to panic-buy this one after all! If I decide I really want it, I can have my mom bring it to me in Scotland when we meet her there for Christmas.

Steve (2011-07-05 09:01:36)

Has anyone got any recommendations for storage boxes for A5 paper. Nothing too fancy.

terriknits (2011-07-05 09:52:14)

@laurie - "panic buy" LOL!

I picked up a pocket Finsbury on eBay over the weekend. I'd been haunting eBay for a few weeks looking at pockets and minis and this was a new listing at a reasonable price, so I scooped it up. I think it's a 2009 version; it's sort of a light sky blue? It's hard to tell from the photos but it doesn't look aqua, it looks more blue. Probably take a couple weeks to get it, so I'm in suspense until then.

Also got my order from FF USA with the personal computer paper. I messed around with it a bit and the FF print-to-file software which I still cannot get to work for the personal size. So I just made a Word document and that worked fine.

J (2011-07-05 11:24:51)

Awe, I'm bummed to have missed the Skype chat Sunday- it was the first day that the bf and I had off of work (at the same time) in quite a while! Needless to say, he banned me from social media so we could spend time together.

Glad to hear it was yet another successful chat!

shepcraig (2011-07-05 11:49:02)

Hi Laurie, I contacted Filofax about the Malden Ochre a couple of weeks ago and was told it will be available again by mid July, apparently they were waiting on them arriving into their stock from where they are made.

Cindy (2011-07-05 11:58:29)

@Steve-if any of your Filofaxes came in those nice, sturdy boxes (instead of the sleeve) and you held on to them, they are perfect for holding loose A5 paper. I keep mine in my bookcase as a bookend to my Filofaxes.

Laurie (2011-07-05 22:23:50)

Thank you Craig! That's great news.

Cancer Charity Donation - 2011 (2011-07-05 06:00)

In [1]the past we have successfully collected for Breast Cancer Campaign, and this was done via your purchases from Filofax UK through the links on Philofaxy.

Well we are going to start collecting again. So from 1 July - 31 December 2011, anything you buy from [2]Filofax UK via the links on Philofaxy, I will donate the commission earned to charity.

Now I need your help to do this, not only by buying through the Philofaxy [3]Filofax UK links, but also in deciding which of the Cancer Charities to donate to. So I need your suggestions and why... include a comment here or email me direct your thoughts on which cancer charity we should donate to this time.

All of the cancer charities I'm sure do an equally good job. What ever type of cancer you are unfortunate enough to get, it is always nasty, there's no pecking order is there, although I suppose there are some

that are easier to cure than others. But it would be something we could all do without going through. We all know someone who has suffered or has died from cancer, it has no age boundaries it can strike at any age as far as I'm aware.

It is not just people that smoke that suffer from cancer.

I realise some of you are on a '[4]no spend regime' and I totally support that cause too, but any purchase made, no matter how small will earn a few pence commission and it will be included in the final total.

Watch the total grow in the side bar, because every penny helps.

[5]



Thank you for your support.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Cancer>
2. <http://tidd.ly/baf58310>
3. <http://tidd.ly/baf58310>
4. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/p/fabulously-frugal.html>
5. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152857&v=2457&q=90347&r=97790>

Alison Reeves (2011-07-05 13:31:21)

Great idea to do this again Steve. I'm very happy to support this and will use the link whenever I buy any supplies. I don't have a preference regarding the different charities - although my father did have prostate trouble which I guess may have been cancer a while ago and was successfully treated (my understanding is that this cancer is more treatable than some others). I'll be happy to support whichever charity the majority suggests. Hopefully doing it for so many months will yield a decent figure to donate.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-05 13:32:13)

PS It was Parkinsons that got my Dad in the end - another worthy charity!

Femke (2011-07-06 06:24:34)

I don't have a preference for the charity, just the fact that you're doing this, is fabulous. But I'd go with Alison if you need a vote. If there's anything I need, I will make sure to use the link.

Nellie (2011-07-06 14:55:52)

Same here as far as charities go. My Dad died of cancer three years ago, and was wonderfully looked after by MacMillan nurses, so that could be one for your list.

As an MS sufferer I understand the importance of these types of charities, so I am always happy to support if I can.

Millie (2011-07-12 16:10:33)

Can I be another vote for MacMillan please. A very close family friend of mine had cancer of the oesophagus, and the MacMillan nurses were wonderful. The NHS don't really offer counselling for rare cancers, but MacMillan support as much as they can.

Steve (2011-08-17 15:24:38)

Thanks for all your suggestions. Rather than deciding which charity we donate to now. I think it might be a better idea to wait until we see what the final total is.

We may then decide to donate to more than one charity depending on the total size of the pot.

As we get closer to the end of the year I will ask for your thoughts again.

Thank you to everyone who has bought via the site links to Filofax.

I'm in the process of trying to get similar affiliation schemes with Rymans and WH Smiths who as you know offer

good discounts on Filofax goods.

Reader Under the Spotlight - Sandra (2011-07-06 00:00)



[1]

This week's reader under the spotlight is Sandra (skhen), who was pushed and prodded into the blogging world by various Philofaxy fans. She is a secondary school English (literature) teacher, a doctoral student in Curriculum and Instructions (Ed.D in 2012), a mother of four Filofax-loving rugrats, and a spouse of a doggedly anti-planner man. She adores reading, writing, planning, mothering, and blogging as often as her ridiculously packed schedule allows at [2]Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic.

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I bought a bonded leather, black personal Filofax on Ebay in 2002. I believe it was called "City" model, but it vanished long ago in a mad decluttering session. I wasn't using it, so off to Goodwill it went. I can't believe it either! :(

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I have used Dayrunner, Day-Timer, and Franklin Covey 365 line on and off through and since college. I really like the look of some Succes binders, though! Laurie has sold me on the WeekDate for 2012 for a home organizational tool, and both she and Rori's enthusiasm for the Women's Success Journal make me take second (and third) looks at that particular format.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

Gee, let's pick a favorite child, shall we? Don't tell the others, but my personal crimson/pocket black Maldens are my buddies for daily use. I love each Filofax equally, just differently. ;)

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

14?! 15 if you count the brown pocket Finsbury my dear, stubborn husband refuses to use.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

- My daily calendar is the personal crimson Malden.
- My wallet is pocket black Malden.
- A5's: pink Finsbury is Happiness Project and personal, non work-related goals and progress, bronze snake Domino for work (teaching), chocolate Cross for home chores/projects/crafts, and red Domino for Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.
- Personals: gooseberry Domino is 100 things in 1001 days and book-o-fax, raspberry Finsbury is blogging/inspiration, purple Finsbury is Fab Frugal binder
- Pockets: grape Domino is in need of an assignment (an "extra" from the children's Filofax Day), red Finchley is fitness log (poor thing is so neglected), Urban was a wallet but not posh enough for me-storage

- Mini raspberry is lovely, yet lonely—she got bumped from use as wallet by Malden. May use as a daily 6 word memoir diary.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

I love the rings, the inserts, and the ability to remove what isn't needed and to add what is essential. And, while other brands may have rings, they just don't make me as happy as my Filofaxes do.

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

I want a plum Malden with a front secretarial pocket, more card slots, and still have that cute, and useful, zippered pocket. Oh, and it has to be A5 sized when writing and shrink to a pocket for toting. If you're going to dream, dream big!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

The Malden cousins are in my handbag. The others are parked on my desk and desperately need a loving, empty bookshelf to reside upon more nicely. Oh, the infighting when they are stacked vertically!

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

I think that plum Osterley will be mine once I finish my Education doctorate next year (fingers crossed and God-willing). An A5 would be splendid, but we shall see. Filofax better not pull that one from the stocks early!

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

My A5 chocolate Cross was \$80 USD, so that is the winner. Gosh, did I ever hmn and haw over buying that one! I bought most of mine off of Ebay with some at ridiculously low prices. The ones I acquired brand new were the crimson Malden, chocolate Cross, mini raspberry Finsbury, and grape Domino.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

The camaraderie and the support for my obvious Filofax "problem." The amount of detailed information regarding these binders, inserts, uses, etc. The humor, intelligence, and wit of the blog's creators and readers. The encouragement of others to blog about my Filos—I truly never imagined others could be as *excited* about Filofax, and paper planners in general, as myself. Silly me! I also appreciate the general tolerance for the anthropomorphizing of my Filofax family.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

Is this a trick question?

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

Seconds of Pleasure by Rockpile, and From Small Things: the Best of Dave Edmunds last year sometime. One led to the other that downloading day, so I listed both.

Thank you Sandra for taking your turn under the spotlight. Dave Edmunds fan myself!

1. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-P2g25cEQh1U/ThC5LBtickI/AAAAAAAAJWU/6f-yyZXChjc/s1600/libbyandmom.jpg>
2. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/>

caribbean princess (2011-07-06 02:07:10)

Yay! It was lovely reading about you today Sandra. Is 15 the true number though? Hehe!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-06 02:56:53)

Great reading about you Sandra..... off to check out your music choice.

Rori (2011-07-06 10:44:27)

I LOVE these Reader in the Spotlight segments!!

Funny how the Malden ends up on top almost all the time. I MUST gets me one!

Great post, enjoyed learning more about you Sandra :O)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-06 12:13:01)

Enjoyed this thanks Sandra - it's fun learning about our fellow readers and how they got started with filofaxes!

Therése (2011-07-06 13:57:59)

I found Philofaxy this spring and I must say I love it.

Thank you Sandra for learning more about you. Since I´m a teacher myself I´m really curious to find out how you use your A5 Domino for work. And I have to say that put the Malden on top on my list of future filofaxes.

Tommes (2011-07-06 14:04:44)

Hi Sandra,

thank you so much for the interview. It was great to have a closer look at your Filofax life.

It seems there are so many people like you, having more than (my) three binders - and still use them sensibly! I will have to think it over...

Still, I would really love to have an international meet up to see others in person, and how the set up / use their Filofaxes!

Best wishes and kind regards,

Thomas

Saffy (2011-07-06 17:02:22)

Hi Sandra, It was lovely to talk to you on Sunday's round table skype chat and follow up with reading about you. 15 Filofaxes, nothing wrong with that I say, it justifies my own collection. he, he.

terriknits (2011-07-06 20:35:05)

"Is this a trick question?" LOL!

Cindy (2011-07-11 18:59:30)

I enjoyed reading about you, Sandra! How on earth do you juggle your family, your job, and your academic studies? Oh. Right. I guess that's what all the Filofaxes are for! :-)

kanalt (2011-07-15 15:14:28)

Yay for the Sandra spotlight! Great interview.

SNARLing: (2011-07-16 19:20:14)

osterly osterly osterly! get the osterly! i'm thinking PLUM (yes plum) compact. maybe for my birthday tho. it's kinda priced for a self-birthday gift

Free For All Friday No. 138 (2011-07-08 00:19)

Now that we are just past the halfway point in the year, it's time to review those New Year's Resolutions you made back in January. How are they coming along? Are they still relevant, or has your situation changed? Now is the time to adjust your goals and note your progress, then gear up and get on track to complete them by the end of the year.

Do you write goals in your Filofax? How are your annual goals coming along?

And as always on Fridays, please feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related!

LJ (2011-07-08 02:15:48)

Hi - not related to goals and new years resolutions as I only started out in the Filofax ways of getting organised earlier this year, thanks to one of your followers - she knows who she is - showing me her beautiful raspberry Chameleon at her boyfriends band practice!!! I am now addicted, but need some advice. I have decided that I need a new wallet, but am not sure whether a mini Filofax would really be big enough for this or whether I would be better off with a pocket one. And which model is most practical? Suggestions please :o)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-08 03:02:20)

I need help with goals - setting and managing - how do you do it?

Alison Reeves (2011-07-08 03:03:21)

I'm hoping to get to London in August - which Filofax shop is the best to visit and why? Thanks!

zephyr (2011-07-08 04:08:07)

I find the Mini to be too small to be practical, but the Pocket does the job - it does what it says, and fits in the pocket nicely.

David Popely (2011-07-08 05:10:30)

@Alison Neal Street and Conduit Street are the two main FF stockists and are both excellent in my experience. I don't think I'd want to express a preference - I'm in London Tuesday and will probably go to Conduit St, but that's just logistics really, not because I have a preference for one over the other.

katka (2011-07-08 05:38:06)

I have same dilemma. Mini or pocket. Right now I use mini as my wallet/ID holder and I find it quite ok. I have WP2P insert and some papers for notes. It's small enough to fit even my clutch. I sort of adjusted my mini Finsbury. I like the leather but it was too bulky and it didn't lay flat. So I cut off the inside pocket and stitched/glued it back according to my needs. I bought it for few pounds on ebay, so I wasn't sorry to use scissors on my filo. Hope you won't hate me for that :o)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-08 07:07:35)

@LJ I think it depends on what you carry your wallet in. I found the mini fit into even smallish bags very well, but I found the coin bit really hard to deal with (have since gone back to a regular purse/wallet).

The pocket is larger, therefore takes up more room, but is probably a bit more friendly to use.

Why not get a cheap version of the one you think may be best (or one of each) from ebay, try them for a week or two, then you can resell them if you haven't fallen in love with them and/or get a more expensive one.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-08 07:09:34)

I've literally just taken delivery of an A5 Amazona in Red - this is second hand - very cheap on ebay - but it is showing signs of wear around the edges and is a bit 'mucky' in places. I have some leather 'cleaner' which I'll use on it, but has anyone used coloured creams to bring them back, or should I just stick with colourless ones? In other words can I feed to red, or just feed the leather and live with some wear and fading? (Which is not a problem, I just want it to look the best it can!)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-08 07:19:03)

Sorry - I'm not trying to take over Philofaxy, but I have more to say!

I've made the decision to sell my personal binders as I just don't get on with them. I much prefer the A5 size. I'll put them on ebay this weekend (Sunday night), but in the mean time I wanted to see if anyone here was interested as I would like them to go to a good home.

1. Brand new Ivory Deco in box with 2011 diary never opened. This comes with the standard set of inserts. This needs little description as you all know this model!

2. Ivory Panama - has been used but you wouldn't know it. It's immaculate. The leather has a really lovely pearl effect and the inside is a pale tan leather - the rings are gold coloured. I so wish this was A5 as I love it! Officially no inserts, but if I find anything around I'll pop it in.

If you are interested in making a reasonable offer please get in touch at ali at alisonreeves dot co dot uk. I'll be taking some picture over the weekend so can send them over if you want.

Steve (2011-07-08 07:33:32)

Alison

Send me the pictures and the descriptions etc and I will put them on the Adspot page... it's free.. no commission...

Steve

Alison Reeves (2011-07-08 07:47:32)

OK will do Steve - just as soon as I've sorted the pictures.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-08 07:51:10)

@LJ - Filofax UK has some very nice mini and pocket filox on half price - really nice leather ones. Might be worth a look - you can use the link on the main Philofaxy page.

LJ (2011-07-08 07:54:01)

Thanks for all the advice guys - think I will have another trawl on E-bay (saw a few bargains on there last night) and get a couple to try. Sure my DB won't be too annoyed if I get 2 more as I have just lost 2 pocket ones to my children :-)

Nia (2011-07-08 09:03:28)

I've been wondering the exact same thing about the mini filox, I'd love to see if one could work well as a wallet and have been very tempted by the mini brown Finchley and mini brown Amazona, both half price at the moment! I'm watching a few on ebay to see if i can trial one for a while, but I'm also thinking that at £32-£35 I'd be crazy not to get one of the ones on sale!

I could always re-sell it as you say, Alison.

My main issue is the coin pocket though, I tend to have a fair bit of change sometimes..

Sandra (2011-07-08 10:24:21)

Goal setting sounds worse than it is. I found these sheets to be helpful in breaking a goal into action steps:

<http://getbuttonedup.com/2009/12/tool-free-printable-goal-list-form/>

That site also has a master goal tracker sheet that you may find helpful.

Here is a tutorial of sorts on goal setting. Off to revisit mine and take inventory. Ugh.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-08 10:41:26)

@Sandra - thanks for the link - it looks like a really interesting site so I'll have a poke around it!

terriknits (2011-07-08 14:29:58)

Adspot page? Well, I never saw that before ... it's awesome!!

Justin (2011-07-08 16:20:34)

Are there really no cotton cream page-per-day diaries?! In any country's store?

Sorry if this is old news.

Gail (2011-07-09 11:02:47)

Just been to The Pen Shop and hubby treat me to a Pink A5 Filofax Flex and £30 worth of inserts for it. I've been after it for ages, I've properley got more inserts than needed but then I've got the excuse to go and buy another Flex to fit them into.

jjhitt (2011-07-11 12:08:54)

It took me a while to warm up to the Mini. But I can no longer leave the house without. I do not use it as a planner (I use a Personal for that), but rather as a note book.

I use it the way others would use a Moleskine, but I have the advantages of (many) extra pockets and the ability to refill and even reorganize pages.

Best yet, it's the only size that actually fits in a shirt pocket or pair of jeans.

Monthly Pages (2011-07-08 06:00)



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I've just added some new monthly personal page templates. They are:

- Monthly 3 column page - [2].doc [3].pdf
- Monthly 4 column page - [4].doc [5].pdf
- Monthly 5 column page - [6].doc [7].pdf

And they are to be found in the [8]files page. These are in addition to the [9]13 column monthly page which is in A5 format only.

The main idea behind these new ones is that I know people like recording different data parameters every day. At the moment you might do that in your diary insert. But if you are using the personal week per page or a week on two pages, then the space available is possibly compromised by recording extra data there.

So I came up with the idea of a monthly page in 3, 4, 5 column formats each one already numbered 1 to 31 so it can be used for any month.

The headers are blank so you can use them for anything you record, for example, the weather, temperatures. Your daily calorie intake, exercise, mileage etc etc.

I also think that if you are looking for trends over a month seeing the data just on a single page like this will be easier to spot trends too.

As you can see the files are available in .doc and .pdf so you can download them print them or modify them with your own headings or what ever.

Use the [10]printing personal pages guide to print these on personal size paper. If you are double siding them, wait for the paper to cool before doing the other side.

I hope they prove useful.

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2. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/Personal3ColMonth.doc>
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9. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/13column.pdf>
10. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/printing.pdf>

M Ng (2011-07-08 12:10:47)

Steve, these forms are great, thank you. I make my own with graph paper, but they lack the "serious" and "official" feeling that a real form offers.

terriknits (2011-07-08 19:14:10)

@M Ng, how do you make your own graph paper? Just make an excel sheet and print it off or ?? I'm a big fan of quad ruled/graph paper and would love to print my own!

M Ng (2011-07-08 19:44:41)

Terriknits,

I don't make my own graph paper, I make my own monthly pages using store-bought graph paper. I suspect you could, however, print off your own quad-ruled paper using excel or word.

(If I were to print my own, I would print 2-sided letter-sized pages with minimum printer margins, trim two personal-sized sheets and punch to fit. I've done this before, but I no longer have a good guillotine/paper trimmer, and I only have a tiny single-hole paper punch, so it's a pain to do this!)

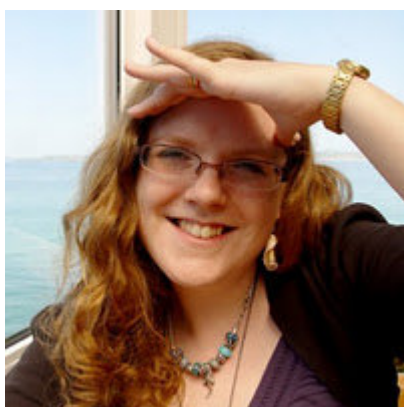
[1]Here is a website that offers various graph paper/note paper templates for printing. You can even print [2]asymmetric graph paper that's supposed to be handy for knitting patterns!

1. <http://incompetech.com/graphpaper/>
2. <http://incompetech.com/graphpaper/asymmetricspecialty.html>

terriknits (2011-07-08 23:39:52)

@M Ng - OOhhhhh! That's what you meant! Thanks for the links - I've got some of the filo computer paper, so I might mess around with that. The knitting graph paper is awesome, as well!

Reader Under the Spotlight - Cat (2011-07-09 00:00)



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This time around it is the turn of Cathryn or Cat as she signs herself to go 'under the spotlight.

By profession I work in Marketing, but in real life I write the blog '[2]Cat's Corner,' where I like to talk about my favourite things, including (of course) Filofax!

Read all my [3]Filofax blog posts here, follow my updates on [4]Twitter or see pictures of my Filofaxes on [5]Flickr

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

In the 80s, as a small girl, I was given a Mickey Mouse Fun Fax! I've no idea what I wrote in it, but I

loved it and took it everywhere with me. I always hankered after getting a great big A5 leather Filofax, like the fabulous 80s businesswomen in the movies at the time!

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

At University I had a pink translucent WHSmith mini organiser and then later, a Collins organiser/diary, but neither compared to the genuine Filofax experience! I also recently picked up a second hand leather Cross organiser, which is the same size as Filofax Pocket, but I'll probably use it as a notepad.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

Well, I finally got that big leather Filofax I always wanted, in the form of an A5 black Balmoral, which is my pride and joy. I have a busy job in Marketing and it keeps me organised as a desk diary, I just love it! I've had it since 2003 when I bought it in the Paperchase mid-year sale at a bargain half-price discount – woop!

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I didn't realise I had so many, but I just counted a total of nine...

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I have:

- Two Minis - purple Finsbury, which I recently picked up brand new in a charity shop and a red Balmoral, which is sadly broken, but I can't bear to part with – neither currently in use.
- Three Pockets - Eden, my travel journal, Fresco, yet to be used and a zipped black Durham, which I currently use to archive older pages.
- A black Slimline Personal Finsbury - currently using as my everyday organiser.
- A vintage black leather Personal - used last year as an everyday organiser, currently used as an archive.
- Two A5s - the aforementioned black Balmoral and most recently, hubby's old tan Finsbury, which I plan to turn into a sketchbook!

Phew!

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

Making it totally mine, exactly customised for each and every purpose I desire!

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

Ooh, my dream come true! I think it would have to have a durable suede covering (while we're dreaming, why not make it my fave colour, purple?!), lots of pockets inside and an expandable pocket on the outside, so that I could use it as a clutch when I don't need to carry a big bag. This would be great, for example, when I meet the girls for dinner after work and we flick through our diaries together, working out our next dinner date!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

My A5 Balmoral stays on my desk during the week and in my laptop bag if I'm offsite – it's too heavy to carry in my handbag! Of course, I also bring it around the office to every meeting, for which I get a lot of stick, but I don't care (iPad, shmypad, give me paper any day!).

My Slimline Finsbury comes everywhere with me in my handbag to track my social calendar, finances, to-do list, notes, etc.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

Good question – now you've made me look at the Filofax website, darn you! The new Osterley looks amazing... and having watched Imy and Steve's fabulous Flex videos, I kinda want one of those too! Hubby just read I have 9 already – he says that doesn't mean I can buy number 10 haha! We'll see...

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

The A5 Balmoral... but it was half price (at around £60) and it's eight years strong, so I think it was justified!

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

Everyone's enthusiasm for Filofax, I love reading the diversity of posts and keeping up to date on all the

latest Filo trends!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

N/A ;o)

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

Alter Bridge: AB III - yup, I'm a rock chick!

Thank you Cat for telling us a bit more about yourself and how you use your Filofax Organisers.

1. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-m40Mv1Gotgc/ThI8XRJQZTI/AAAAAAAAJWc/DGb2HmN-sR8/s1600/cat.jpg>

2. <http://www.cathryncook.co.uk/>

3. <http://www.cathryncook.co.uk/blog/category/filofax/>

4. <http://twitter.com/cathryncook>

5. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/catcook/sets/72157623720706580/>

caribbean princess (2011-07-09 04:43:47)

Great post! I would never use my iPad in meetings! Looks way less professional than a Filofax! But then of course I would totally get you! ;-)

Sandra (2011-07-09 08:16:16)

So nice to learn more about you! Your fashionable bargain hunting finds make me a tinge green with envy, by the way. ;)

Paper rules-agreed!

Cat Cook (2011-07-12 04:18:20)

Thanks for the comments and sorry Sandra for my bargain hunting, I loves a good charity shop!

P.S. Yay, I've finally figured out how to comment on Philofaxy - look out world!

kanalt (2011-07-17 18:40:37)

Great post! The Osterly is getting a lot of buzz lately. I'm intrigued. It's not available in the US as of right now...

Estelle (2011-08-24 21:25:14)

Where did you get these dividers? It looks as if they are transparent and you can slip in the little bits of paper with the description. What brand are they? Can you also slip in a bigger piece of paper in the body or only a small one in the tabs?

As you can see, I am very curious.

Philofaxy Meet Up - Mid West Meet Up - 16 July 2011 (2011-07-09 17:59)



[1]

Sandra (@skhen) has been in touch.. the itinerary for next weekends Mid-West Philofaxy meet up is as follows:

10 a.m. Meet at Caribou Coffee, 811 W. Maxwell St, Chicago, IL at 10 am-beverages and Filofax sharing

10:45 a.m. (or so) Barbara's Bookstore, 1218 S. Halsted St., Chicago-lovely bookstore! J and I met near one for the mini Midwest Meet up in April

11:30 a.m. (or so) Kawaii Japanese Outlet, 1338 S. Halsted St., Chicago-stationery and whatnot shop
And on a [2]map it looks as easy as ABC too....

It is not too late to join in on this meet up. If you would like to join in the fun next Saturday please email philofaxy at gmail dot com with 'Mid West Meet Up' in the subject to the email.

We hope the meet up goes well... lots of pictures please folks.... and we look forward to hearing about it soon after.

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/_5sdy4r4K2c/ThC5Np8UBxI/AAAAAAAAJWY/HC1oKP1W-Bk/s1600/libbyandmom.jpg

2. <http://tinyurl.com/687q3dz>

mywormy (2011-09-17 22:03:36)

I live in Santa Fe, NM - I am wondering if there are any Filo lovers around here that would like to have our own Phlofaxy Meet Up??

Web Finds - 10 July 2011 (2011-07-10 00:00)

So what have we found for you this week:

- [1]London Baby! Part 2 - The Life of The Perpetual Student (TPS)
- [2]Filofax Flex - The Pen Boutique
- [3]Just Enough Space - Filofax Fixation
- [4]Filofax College Week 2 - Organising Your Planner - Imysworld
- [5]Using your Filofax to monitor your budget - Caribbean Princess
- [6]Scarlet - Goodbye Mrs Nice Guy
- [7]Two Are Better Than One - Goodbye Mrs Nice Guy
- [8]Filophile - Filofax Part 2 - Goodbye Mrs Nice Guy
- [9]Plannerd: Filofax Part 1 - Goodbye Mrs Nice Guy

1. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/07/london-baby-part-2.html>

2. <http://penboutique.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-flexnotesfun-and-more.html>

3. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/07/05/just-enough-space/>

4. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-college-week-2-organising-your.html>

5. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/07/frugal-is-fabulous-challenge-day-2.html>

6. <http://goodbyemrsniceguy.blogspot.com/2011/06/scarlet.html>

7. <http://goodbyemrsniceguy.blogspot.com/2011/06/two-are-better-than-one.html>

8. <http://goodbyemrsniceguy.blogspot.com/2011/06/filophile-filofax-part-2.html>

9. <http://goodbyemrsniceguy.blogspot.com/2011/05/plannerd-filofax-part-1.html>

Scoot (2011-07-10 05:58:41)

Having looked at a couple of those sites I see the common self-scrutiny of whether to use a Filofax or moleskin type bound journal. Other than the big kids who like playing with filofax's and stationery etc (cough, cough, I have a friend who's a bit like that!), invariably the writer knows the answer but doesn't want to accept it.

The moleskin takes up less space, is often slimmer, but has the disadvantage that many people feel disinclined to write up their true thoughts as they arise and therefore lose their concentration, train of thought, or even lose good ideas forever! A crime!

My notes section is at the front of my general Filofax because of the importance of recording my actual and natural flowing thoughts and ideas. Such pages often contain odd words, lists of words, arrows, question marks merged into some kind of doodled picture/mind map type page which itself forms a journal of my thought processes and thoughts.

Because a loose-leaf system provides the option to tear it up and throw away any such page, reorganise them in whatever fashion, I don't worry about writing neatly, I don't worry about someone later seeing it and thinking I am disorganised, chaotic, or even mad, and therefore there is no pressure to interrupt and therefore corrupt my natural thought processes.

Anita (2011-07-11 15:22:59)

Scoot, I definitely agree with you! I've considered (but never bought) moleskine before, but love the fact I can easily start over in my filofax. I love the flexibility my filo gives me. I hole-punch all sorts of notes, magazine articles & don't need to keep them there unless I want to. I've even carefully pulled apart a small Dalai Lama book & have that in the misc section.

Cindy (2011-07-11 18:55:53)

Steve—thanks so much for linking to my blog posts!

@Scoot and Anita—that was exactly my problem with Moleskine! Though I loved how sleek and arty it looked on the outside, I found myself only recording appointments in it (which was handy, given that I had a newborn at the time and lots of doctors appointments.) But I felt a bit stilted—as if only important appointments or arty thoughts should be recorded in it.

I absolutely love the flexibility of the Filofax system! If I want a section dedicated to "Names I would give to my band, if I had a band or any musical talent outside of drunken karaoke" all I have to do is create a tab for said section. As gorgeous as my Filofaxes are on the outside, I can fill it with anything I want, and in any order, on the inside.

Scoot (2011-07-12 09:48:09)

I don't believe in any god, but the mention of extracts from a Dalai Lama book makes me wonder why there isn't a mini-bible or other such spiritual guidance as inserts for planners. The nearest I use is a list of inspirational and thought provoking quotes, sadly all based upon efficiency, discipline, hard work, concentration and metaphysics etc. Perhaps because so many people have a computer, printer, paper trimmer, hole punch and are therefore free to produce any insert required at minimal cost, the Filofax company etc shy away from producing such inserts; but I would have thought there is still a market for certain inserts.

I have an amazing 30 page facts and figures book that includes everything from the weights and measures to morse code, trigonometry and the density of metals, but is sadly not the correct size for any planner and I can't scale it with a photocopier. I would gladly pay for such a properly produced insert, also for a number of financial or language guides.

SNARLing: (2011-07-12 11:02:28)

scoot - you can scan each page of your book and save them as pdf files, place them in quark or indesign to layout, print, cut down to size, and 6-hole drill it. or have someone do it for you. it's a fairly simple job for a printshop - and if they're not too busy it shouldn't take any less than a day - about 2 hours worth of work really from start to finish. i wish i still had access to a print shop or else i'd offer to hook you up (if you live in the states) but laid off like 9 % of my other fellow americans. too bad as i have a ton of graph paper i'd love to have cut down and 6 hole drilled—it wouldn't take that long...waaay shorter than ruler, exacto and single hole puncher - that's for sure

Philofaxy Meeting - Rotterdam - 2 July 2011 (2011-07-11 00:00)

So last weekend a group of our friends met up in Rotterdam to get together and share their Filofax experiences. Thank you to Alice for organising the event and to everyone for sending in this rather detailed account of their meet up and additional thanks to Alice for all the photos.

Meeting Philofaxy Rotterdam

Date: 02.07.2011

Location: Cafe Floor, Schouwburgplein, Rotterdam

Present: Alice, Femke, Judith, Isabel, Eric, Rene

Also present: 12 Filofaxes and Succes organizers, along with a very good looking no-name

Formats present ranged from Pocket up to the A5

In total, another 12 were left at home to “guard the fort”



[1]

Rene's impressions (long version):

I arrived a bit early and hence was first, since I was one of the participants with the shortest routes (about one hour of driving). However, about five minutes later, Alice came in as she had been admiring the Soul group that was playing on a podium just outside the Cafe. (I had so too, these guys were really good!) There was some kind of city festival going on with several locations in the city where musicians were entertaining passers-by. Did I mention there is always something going on in Rotterdam?



[2]

Not too long after Alice coming in we were joined by her husband Eric and daughter Isabel. Next to arrive was Femke, followed shortly after by Judith. Paulien unfortunately was unable to make it and so was Steve. We really missed you guys!

Eric observed that actually complete strangers are meeting here and yet I couldn't say that it felt that way. We shared a common "hobby" and had chatted extensively on Twitter. But that's definitely proof that we live in the 21st century. The new way of social interaction. But I am straying off topic.

So we settled down, ordered our drinks and out came the organizers. I had only brought my Hunter, as the only other organizer I have (a plastic Samsonite) was nothing to shout about. In my parents place in Austria there are two more, but both are no-names (one of them being my first ever paper organizer, which I bought at Aldi when I got to College).

But the ladies more than made up for what I lacked and their collections were really astonishing. I was impressed by the quality of the red Malden that Femke used as a daily planner, but I especially liked a cocoa brown Finchley that Judith brought along. That would be exactly my taste.

For example I was thrilled to learn that Judith uses a pocket Malden as her purse and main organizer. I am still wondering how she can fit all of her busy life (Running a household is no small feat, I can assure you!) into this small organizer. But she found a way. Amazing...

Lunch was ordered and I have to say the food there is really great. If you're in Rotterdam, make sure to drop in. Prices are affordable too. Again Cudos for Alice who proposed the place!



[3]

Fantastic discussions ensued about accessories, organization methods, color coding, the choice of pens and last but not least the question if you should use one or several planners for your live. But we soon realized that we had way too much to talk about to do any shopping at all, as the first of us would have to leave around 15:30 for other appointments. So came “piling time” and even Isabel was so kind to chip in with her Domino in ultra violet. Thanks again for that!

I had a great time with you folks and I am looking forward to the next meeting, which we intend to have around the same time next year.



[4]

Femke's impressions:

I don't have much to add to Rene's write up, because he has written most of it! The one thing that stood out for me was that we all were comfortable with each other, like we did this daily. Like Rene said, we have a common hobby, we felt comfortable with each other from the second we met and the chatter never stopped!

I was impressed by Judith's ability to fit her whole life in a pocket Malden and that got me thinking of how I should try it again some day, I also loved the A5 Dodo pad that Alice had in her A5 Success and I may buy that to use for my Control Journal. It was great to see how everyone had different ways of organising. I did however decide that next year I will be using Cotton Cream paper, oh the luxury of it! I certainly had some "AHA" moments. I was impressed by Rene's 4 colour pen and the slim Pilot Frixion Judith carried in her pocket Malden (the only thing that annoys me with the Malden, my normal Pilot Frixion doesn't fit in the pen loop!).

Time flew by and we certainly had enough to talk about to last us a few days, but it was time to say goodbye (for now!). I was kinda glad that we didn't go shopping so I could stick to my shopping ban (I don't know if I would've lasted if we did!), but I'm quite excited to go shopping next time we meet up. Because there will definitely be a next time, I had a blast!



[5]

Alice's impressions:

Thanks to Rene for starting this summary!

We had a great time and this proves that meeting strangers can sometimes lead to many laughs!

Thanks to Judith, I finally got to see a Deco in real life. I have been toying with the idea to buy one but since I never saw one, held one, the price was too high to “gamble.” Now I know what it looks like and yes, the odds are in the Deco’s favour!

I loved the plastic index cards that Femke uses to make sub-tabs behind her standard tabs. The plastic tabs she uses allow her to split up a general section such as “notes” into categories. Isabelle and I loved them. Generous as Femke is, she gave her spare tabs to Isabelle and I thank her for that. Judith gave everyone a small notepad she had gotten online. It is a small pad that allows for scribbles but it does not block the whole page.

Rene’s use of his senior Succes “Hunter” is basically according to the philosophy “one life one organizer” and his is well organized! He makes copious notes and lists but has the discipline to check off his to-do lists and remove passed calendar months from his organizer to keep it neat.

Femke and Judith have organizers dedicated to a specific theme or need. That made me think about the way I use my four books. I have one A5 “one life in almost one organizer” but need three other books for different purposes. My A5 Filofax Sketch serves to store supplies and older pages removed from my A5 Succes “Dolce Vita.” However, it also serves as the book in which I write notes when I study a law book. My leather “no name” personal Filofax from the 80s serves to help me organize the cases I work on. It now has two sections with cases to research and those I just need to update. Both have ABC-tabs with different sheets being it to make notes. Since it serves as a reminder to me I use up all different kinds of (personal size) paper in this book. My “store brand” personal organizer will become the family address book. We have a not-updated one next to the phone and of course, address lists on smart phones, laptops, etc. I intend to collect all addresses, compare them, update and make one big book of addresses! We will most definitely do this meet-up again and now that we have met, a shopping spree will be easier to organize. We most definitely will stay in touch via Twitter and of course, Philofaxy. I think some of us are on LinkedIn as well. I hope that when we have the next get-together, I will be in the Netherlands (I live in the USA) so I can come too.

Thanks Judith, Femke and Rene for a great Saturday!



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Judith's impressions:

Originally my train journey would have taken me 2 hours, but since there was some maintenance going on, I had to take a bus for the first part of the journey, so the total time amounted to 2.5 hours. Not that I minded! I had my Happiness Project book to keep me company, and on the train there's free Wifi. Glad I didn't forget to bring my iPod! ;-)

I didn't find the Cafe at once, but as long as I have my mouth, I will get everywhere (LOL). When I entered, there were some people at a table waving at me. With Filofax binders! Phew, I arrived at the right place thus!

It was most peculiar that I sat down at a table with people I had never met before, and we all started chatting as if we met at this place at least once a week for the past several years. Amazing! I had a great time, and time really flew by. Lunch was very nice (I had a very yummy salad!), the cappuchino was perfect as well.



[7]

I loved how serious Isabelle was about her own Electric Blue Domino. She made a list of the shops and brands we mentioned, where she could buy coloured Personal sized note paper. I think this 10 year old will look into a very bright and successful future!

Obviously, the comparison and browsing through the various Filofaxes was so much fun. Something a non-organisational freak would never be able to truly understand. My DH for one thinks this is the weirdest thing since the invention of Blood Icecream (which - believe it or not - was actually produced

last year! Yikes!).

Although Alice's husband took off to the book store at some point, he did share and contribute to many discussions about the virtues of planners vs phones. And we all learned so much about life in the USA along the lines! Especially, about lack of postal services LOL.

I already promised Steve, that there was a Guest Post on my Pocket Malden in the making. Tomorrow is the kids' last school day, and I plan to reserve some time to write this post. *[Steve: Yes please!]*

Anyway, at 15.30 h everybody had to go someplace else, and Femke and I walked to the Railway Station together, before I started my 2.5 hour journey back. Again, time flew by, and I felt really elevated by this meeting. I am so looking forward to the London meetup in September! And I would love to meet my Dutch fellow-Philofaxers in July 2012 again!



[8]

It looks like you had a great time in Rotterdam. Thank you once again for your detailed account of the event and all the pictures.

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Scoot (2011-07-11 16:36:46)

I found some interesting things at the site of the referenced "success" planner website.

Look at these two colourful faxes....

<http://www.succes.com/en-uk/502/Organizers,Executive-A5/V1.F30,-14>

Other faxes have great designs in the leather. Only downside appears to be the rings, though it looks to be fixed onto a plate which means it can probably be easily exchanged with a set of Filofax rings.

Here is a section where they have some free downloads.

<http://www.succes.com/en-uk/Downloads>

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-12 03:03:00)

Thanks for the meet-up reports. Looks like you had a great time (& I adore the selection of Filofaxes on the table!).

Sandra (2011-07-12 08:07:30)

Loved reading the meeting notes! Pictures of the traveling Filofaxes were fantastic. :)

SNARLing: (2011-07-12 11:58:18)

thanks for sharing - sounds like a great time! looking forward to the mid-west one...

kanalt (2011-07-17 18:42:46)

Sounds like everyone had a great time! I'm looking forward to the next NYC meet up, taking place in August or September. Thanks for sharing!

Free For All Tuesday No. 23 (2011-07-12 00:00)



[1]

So as we enter the last six months of the year do you start to question or wonder what diary should I think about using next year?

But whatever your choice might be, fire away with any Filofax questions you have for us this week.

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

Sirpa-Kaarina (2011-07-12 03:18:40)

I thought I was the only one to start this early :)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-12 03:35:01)

Does anyone use their filofax for managing goals and projects plus any progress? If so how do you do this?

Sharon (2011-07-12 04:05:28)

I have been trialing this week the 2 page per day layout as I have realised I am writing more and more things down each day, and my cream week on 2 pages is getting rather full! I am enjoying the 2ppd layout alot, however I was shocked to hear yesterday the 2012 refill is £20.50! So suggestions please, no how I could replicate a similar layout at a cheaper cost?

Steve (2011-07-12 04:48:07)

@sharon. How about creating your own using Outlook?

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/06/a5-week-to-view-diary-format.html>

You can do a Day on Two Page format in that.

Size could be a problem I realise, but A4/A5 would be easy to create.

katka (2011-07-12 04:48:07)

@sharon...20 is really a lot. What about to use day per page and add blank page between?

I was thinking about horizontal WP2P. Has anybody used it? Any con?

Sharon (2011-07-12 05:13:54)

Katka - I have in the past used horizontal wp2p view and I found it really annoying having to turn my Filfoax each time to see what I had on!

I may try DPP with a lined sheet in between and see how that works, may be a solution, but I REALLY like the 2ppd layout! LOL!

Steve, many thanks for the line off to check it out! Yes size could be an issue as I use personal especially when out, won't be carrying an A5 out the house any time soon! Except maybe in Sept! LOL!

Thanks!

mystateofgrace (2011-07-12 08:33:04)

Can anyone tell me if the Malden leather is similar (or as soft) as the Finchley leather? I don't have a retailer near me that stocks a Malden for me to handle.

I'm pretty rough on my planners so I'm trying to decide between the Finsbury and the Malden.

Steve (2011-07-12 08:43:33)

I'm confused Finsbury or Finchley compared to Malden?

Sandra (2011-07-12 09:54:12)

I have one of each style-Malden, Finsbury, and Finchley. I love my crimson Malden best, but Finchley is a close second. No comparison to the Finsbury (sorry, Fins Filos! Just not as soft and supple).

@AlisonReeves I am working on this in my home and work Filofaxes. And while I don't want a bunch of tabs bulking things up, I think I may need to separate things more cleanly. Have you seen the printables at getbuttonedup.com? It is colorful and allows space for a goal and action steps.

<http://getbuttonedup.com/2009/12/tool-free-printable-goal-list-form/>

I printed some for my A5-without the visual, I get sidetracked. :)

mystateofgrace (2011-07-12 10:14:53)

Sorry for the confusion, Steve. I'm trying to decide between a Finsbury and a Malden.

I have a couple of Finchleys that I don't use because I am scared to scratch and since I can't feel a Malden to decide between the Malden and the Finsbury, I needed to know if the leather was as soft as the Finchleys. I don't want to have a Malden to add to my Finchley collection that are just sitting in their boxes unused.

Butanben (2011-07-12 10:34:04)

Yay, I've just started filling in my academic year diary, which begins in August. Cut down on the stickers a bit this year, but still using some!! Feel a bit of a traitor, as Filofax do not do an academic year diary in A5.... ie mid year, with a week on two pages and the vertical hours format..... so WH Smith diary it is. Actually prefer the layout, as it has a space for notes and evening appointments. But the quality of the paper is a bit thin. Made me feel positive....if I'm filling in the diary, then I've got to get a job for September!!

Anita (2011-07-12 11:00:40)

@mystateofgrace - I have a (magic) Malden & it's pretty hard-wearing. It's been in my bag with all sorts of things & never got scratched.

@Alison Reeves - yes, I manage goals/projects in my filo using the paper planner layout from Getting Things Done.

I've been using a Dodo pad for organising my MITs (most important tasks from Zen Habits), but I'm not too sure as the boxes are quite small in personal size.

Becca (2011-07-12 11:34:53)

Does anyone know where I can find an A5 Domino Snake filofax in bronze? They're all sold out on the Filofax website.

SNARLing: (2011-07-12 12:06:56)

alison - i'm working on my book being more goals and projects oriented. i started a post about the first part of my book: <http://thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com/> and am working on the 2nd part. i had something all ready but then i of course i just had to do more fine tuning and it changed a bit so now i have to re-do part 2 post... arrghh. it's good tho. i'll get it eventually so it's all good

SNARLing: (2011-07-12 12:09:11)

shoot - forgot - becca i think filofax germany still has it. not sure what their shiiping policy is,(not sure where you live either) tho but i think steve wrote up a real nice detailed file about international shipping somewhere in here

Steve (2011-07-12 12:11:38)

Some one called!!!??

It's here: <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofax-delivery-options.html>

Also linked to from the suppliers page...

Regards

Steve

Jess (2011-07-12 13:27:35)

sharon - why not a day per page with a to do page between them? that replicates the 2ppd quite well, with the check boxes etc. i also love the 2ppd layout but it is EXTORTIONATELY priced...!

Mare Biddle (2011-07-12 13:40:39)

Hi all I'm new to posting on this site. Love Philofaxy! I just received the Personal Vintage Pink Malden. LOVE the color. It's a true Magenta - not pink and not purple. And it's definitely not the color of pepto bismol! I'm also happy that it lays completely flat at first opening.

Having said that, I'm not impressed with the texture or ring and binder closures. I had the impression that this particular style has "wonderful leather", but in fact, it's bumpy and course. My Finchley is much softer.

The rings don't close smoothly either. I suspect that this is more of a manufacturing problem and not specific to the Malden. Nonetheless, it's a problem. Unfortunately I didn't find out about this problem until I started labeling the dividers and moving into the Malden. Can't return it now.

Also the closure is not smooth. When I close my Finchley, the strap easily finds its way to the snap whereas with the Malden I have to fiddle and fuss with the strap to find the snap let alone secure it.

I'm disappointed because I expected more given the rave reviews that seem to be universal among the FF community.

Thoughts? Snorts? Comments?

Sally (2011-07-12 14:43:32)

I am a lurker...this is my first post so be gentle ;)

My system is working FAB for me. I have a Domino in personal size. I use the week on 2 pages diary but have a DoDo page inbetween so I can use it for recording work hours on the diary grid and to do lists on the other side leaving my diary pages free for my appts and other stuff. I also cut some index cards and punched them which I store at the back of my Filo which I add when I need them.

Not sure how much sense I am making here...perhaps I should photograph them if anyone is interested?

Btw LOVE the blog!

Sallyx

Savannah (2011-07-12 14:54:15)

Alison- I recommend the Franklin Covey starter pack as a succinct and meaningful format for setting goals in your

planner. You don't need to use their pages, just use them as a reference. You may try using different color pages for different projects or subdivide sections with post it durable tabs within your project tab.

Mary- Although I love my pocket ochre Malden (the ochre leather is unique in the range and is a design well suited for the pocket) I have mixed feelings about the Malden also. I have a crimson personal Malden that is now sitting on the shelf. I also would like to add that I was not happy with the ring mechanism, nor the way the pages tilted when writing on them. The colors other than ochre also have a "painted" look and feel, yet the thickness and pliability of the the leather is very good. I think the ochre personal lies flat better and looks and feels more stained rather than coated (natural). The Finchley has a better quality ring mechanism and the leather is softer and more sophisticated. I think if people want a durable, cool, stuffable, flexible, casual leather with a notepad pocket that can take a little beating it works well. Filofax got a lot of things right with this planner but it needs some modifications.

Katie (2011-07-12 15:01:49)

I have not so much a question as a request: Could anyone that used/is using a filofax to organise their university stuff give me any tips? I'm going to uni this September and have no idea how to go about organising it! I imagine I'll pick it up as I go along but would love some ideas to get me started.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-12 17:34:28)

Just wanted to say thanks to everyone who commented on my question. I am busy investigating the ideas you have suggested so it should keep me quiet for a while!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-07-12 17:37:08)

@Katie, that is right up my street, I've just finished my BA and starting my MA, give me a couple of days and I'll respond. What size filofax are you using? And what is your course?

Does anyone know where I could find a personal and/or A5 aqua finsbury now? I know they've been discontinued but I wonder if there are any cheap ones floating about? I've finally converted my friend to filofaxes and this is the one she wants, although she can't decide on size (mwahahaha!!! my plan to take over the world and turn them all into filofaxers commences!!)

Tara (2011-07-12 18:27:46)

@Sally - I would be very interested in seeing your setup! I struggle with work and to-dos clogging up my small week on two pages space (I use a pocket). I could possibly make something like you describe work for me. Could you take pictures? I'm a visual learner :)

Laurie (2011-07-12 20:29:11)

TPS I bought my personal Aqua Finsbury on ilovepens.co.uk a couple of weeks ago. It wasn't all that cheap, but I was desperate to get one and they are completely gone from all the US websites!

Here it is: <http://www.ilovepens.co.uk/filofax-finsbury-aqua-personal-organiser-p514431.html>

And they have the A5:

<http://www.ilovepens.co.uk/filofax-finsbury-aqua-a5-personal-organis er-p514436.html>

kpreddie (2011-07-12 20:40:01)

Hello,

I posted for the first time a few weeks ago about getting my very first filofax. I read it not long ago and I LOVE IT! It's a personal Cuban in chestnut and it couldn't be more "perfecter." It looks, feels, and smells good and I love pulling it out of my bag (especially when there is a real need to). I was in a meeting Saturday and noticed a woman about to break her neck to get a peak. I wanted to turn around and smile proudly, like a mom when someone is goo-gooing at your baby. I also bought a slimline Adelphi in damson (never heard that color before) that I have synchronized to the Cuban but on a small scale specifically for when I'm carrying a smaller handbag. This system is working out perfectly. I'm still setting them up to get them just like I want them. When they're configured just right, I'll feature them on my new blog (only 2 posts old) "The Right to Write." There, you will also see how I went from using a bound-book to the Filofax system.

Thanks so much to Filofaxy for creating this wonderful, wacky world, and to Caribbean Princess. Your blog was

the first I saw that featured a filofax and was the catalyst that started it all for me. (It's also especially interesting because my husband is from Trinidad!).

Looking to more from Filofax and Philofaxy.

terriknits (2011-07-12 22:56:00)

I'm still all aglow with my crimson Malden personal - sooo fab! I'm waiting for some "two days per page" inserts to come, and hopefully that's going to be the best format for me. If so, I will use them for next year!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-07-13 05:22:18)

@Laurie- thanks for your help! I just followed your link and unfortunately they are both not in stock! I wish my friend had told me a few weeks ago, I bought my A5 aqua Finsbury for only £20, I could have got her one too!!

Laurie (2011-07-13 06:31:31)

Yikes they are already sold out?!? I'm so glad I ordered mine when I did!!

And let me just say, WHY in the WORLD did Filofax discontinue such a beautiful, classic color??? I'm not even sure it was available for an entire year. It seemed like it went so quickly.

Reader Under the Spotlight - Rori (2011-07-13 00:00)



[1]

So this time Rori has stepped forward to go under the spotlight.

She is relatively new to Philofaxy, having discovered us 'last fall' (Autumn). She is a busy lady being a mom of twins, planner addict, a lover of pens, paper, pencils, planners and film photography. But she still finds time to [2]blog and be very active on [3]Twitter.

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I bought my first Filofax last fall sometime, shortly after I started my first blog. The blog was called "redforrori", so I bought a personal size red Domino to match. I intended to use it only for the blog, but I liked it so much, it wasn't long before I was using it for everything. Soon after that I bought a pocket size Gooseberry green Domino and I used that as a wallet for a while. Addiction ensued.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I've used so many things! Franklin Covey for years (it was no bueno for me), Planner Pad (in several iterations, which worked ok), various and sundry box store generic planners (boring), and then after I found Philofaxy, a FILOFAX (or five)!!

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

My favorite is probably still my personal size Cuban Zip, and that is primarily because the leather is so marvelous. Also, I used it for long enough for it to become a bit of a "lovey blankie" for me. A5 is my preferred size though, and I was blessed enough to be gifted with an A5 Finsbury in raspberry recently. I loveses it.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

blushes* Five. The red Domino, a personal blue Topaz that I bought for my birthday this year, the personal size Cuban Zip in saddle brown, a Baroque in black I bought from eBay because I love the style, and the A5 Finsbury. (I gave the pocket Domino to my son)

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

Until very recently, I used the Cuban and then the Topaz for my main planner. However, I have since decided that the personal size just does not have enough space for me, and so I'm still debating the virtues of moving completely into the A5. Mid-year is not the best time to purchase Filofax inserts.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

The beauty, variety and function of the leather binders. I love the fact that you can carry all sorts of "stuff" around with you. My favorite blog posts about Filofaxes are the ones where people show their Filofax all "stuffy and fluffy".

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

Better inserts! Nicer paper, different layouts (like the months WITH the weekly pages), and I would make the personal size inserts wider to be more useful. There's plenty of space in all my personal binders for wider pages!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

In one of my Vera Bradley totes. I carry a large bag, so portability is not a big issue for me. I had the Cuban out all the time though, because the leather invites petting ;)

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

I adore the personal Ochre Malden. I probably won't be buying it soon, unless I find that I can work with the personal size again.

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

The most I've spent was \$99 on the Cuban Zip. Worth. Every. Penny.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

What's not to like? I've made the most wonderful friends within this community! People are kind, funny, interesting, and wonderfully accepting and encouraging. Philofaxy is also one of only 2 blogs I read every single day, despite being subscribed to many more.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

This is a trick question, right?

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

I don't generally download whole albums, but individual songs that I like. I love classic country, and some of the new country. The last 2 songs I downloaded were "Knee Deep" by the Zac Brown Band and Jimmy Buffet; and "Overnight Male" by George Strait (who is my babe ;o) , but I also really love Larry Gatlin, Marty Robbins, and Chris LeDoux.

Thank you Rori for agreeing to go under the spotlight.

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-8zFoiS04SUK/ThOC9ClbBMI/AAAAAAAAJWg/1EkF-hjPGZ8/s1600/IMG_0658.JPG

2. <http://www.rorirants.com/>

3. <https://twitter.com/%21RoriRants>

Laurie (2011-07-13 00:32:07)

Rori! It's about time you went under the spotlight, lady! ;D

I loved reading more about you and your Filofax addiction, I mean adoration!

Alison Reeves (2011-07-13 03:11:47)

I loved this too, thanks!

caribbean princess (2011-07-13 03:15:00)
Yay I really enjoyed this :-)

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-13 03:24:48)
Really loved reading this.... x

girlingmaths (2011-07-13 04:00:13)
This is really a great series, hope there are many more to come.

Anita (2011-07-13 05:44:19)
Lovely to hear more about you, Rori :) I agree, I'm really enjoying these & hope there are more to come!

Sandra (2011-07-13 06:14:15)
Excellent post, Rori! Your sense of humor is just lovely. Thanks! :) x

Steve (2011-07-13 06:17:21)
Hi
Should anyone else wish to 'go under the spotlight' or go back under the spotlight. Then please get in touch...
philofaxy at gmail dot com
Regards
Steve

Yvotchka (2011-07-13 08:09:17)
RORI!!! Yay :) I loved reading your story and I too adore your sense of humor.

SNARLing: (2011-07-13 08:35:18)
yay! love this. it's nice to "formerly" meet you (although i feel like i know you already). i like how you blush with the amount of filox you own. there's no blushing over here in philofaxy

Butanben (2011-07-13 08:42:19)
Rori, I just loved this post. Comforting to know that other folks carry large tote bags and love the A5's. Loved the 'stuffy and fluffy'comment..... made me giggle.... I like those kind of posts too!!

Rori (2011-07-13 10:18:26)
Thank you Philofaxy for the gracious opportunity to be a "Reader Under the Spotlight"
And thank you all for your kind comments!
Y'all are so awesome!!
Love ya xx :D

terriknits (2011-07-13 20:29:12)
Yay Rori! I am in love with your Cuban Zip but that not-lying-flat thing would annoy me to no end.

mystateofgrace (2011-07-13 21:30:52)
Loved reading about you, Rori! I enjoy the "stuffy and fluffy" as well. It would be awesome to have a daily peak inside the stuffy and fluffy!

Imy (2011-07-15 07:38:22)
It was nice to read more about your obsession! :-D Hehe the Cuban is so beautiful so i see why its your favorite :-D I love the picture of you! You look so happy with your Filofaxes hehe :-D xxx

kanalt (2011-07-17 18:45:24)
Yay Rori! Great post. I especially love your latest music downloads. I too just downloaded Zac Brown and Jimmy Buffett. And George! Who doesn't love him? ;)

Cindy (2011-07-20 00:25:11)

Ahhhh!!!! That blue Topaz is GORGEOUS! Do they make it in A5?

I really enjoyed reading your interview!

Filofax Storage (2011-07-14 00:00)



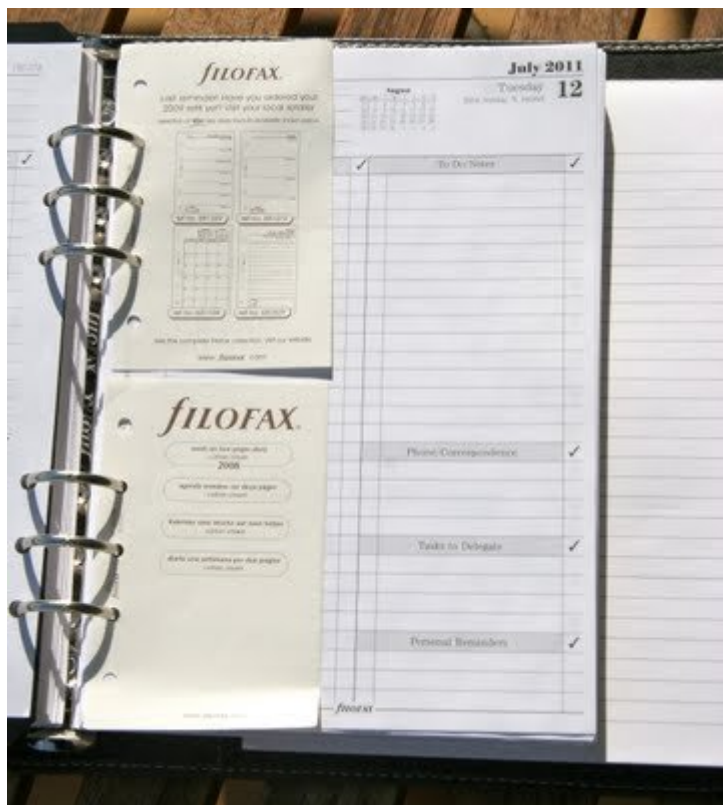
[1] What do you do with used diary pages or other inserts that you want to keep? I think some people use other organisers to store used pages.

For Filofax A5, Personal and Pocket sizes Filofax sell Filofax [2]storage binders.

However one of our readers asked me a question about storing Filofax Mini pages. Sure she could use another Mini organiser, but they are quite small to start with and therefore they don't hold that many pages.

The hole spacing on the Filofax Mini pages is the same as Filofax Pocket pages, but only 5 holes rather than 6 holes.

This means that you can slot Mini pages in to Pocket size including the Pocket Storage binders as shown in the photograph above. But did you know that Mini pages also fit Filofax A5 binders too and you can fit them in two rows as it were, without overlapping and they only overlap the upper and lower edges of the A5 page by a couple of mm so this is another possibly viable solution for the bulk storage of Filofax Mini pages.



[3]

I'm not sure if this was a deliberate design thing by Filofax or it is just a 'by chance' thing, but I think it's quite a neat solution!

My own solution to storing A5 pages was quite a simple one. Picture if you will, me walking around a French supermarket clutching a tape measure. Going from department to department looking for suitable size box. Nothing in the stationary area, nothing in household. I found one in the laundry department, and it's perfect and only cost €3 with a lid too. But it means I can store my previous years diary pages in the bottom and my unused inserts in the top, sorted!

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/--cbB5EjrcqA/ThimVRbhCLI/AAAAAAAAJYU/MXbONmEizWY/s1600/IMG_0302.jpg
2. <http://tidd.ly/44fa546a>
3. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-etKXOf9XR98/ThimSrdyqxI/AAAAAAAAJYQ/kfrRxpAGm60/s1600/IMG_0301.jpg

terriknits (2011-07-14 00:25:41)

Steve, I always have a little tape measure in my (not so) little bag. So handy!

right now I have all my old planner books and pages in ugly old cardboard boxes in the bottom of my office calendar. I'll have to tink of something nicer for my beautiful Filo refills, though.

My captcha code was "chips". Now I want some ...

Alison Reeves (2011-07-14 03:55:40)

Oh this is interesting. I have made some thin (i.e. trimmed to sho date at top and only half the width) inserts to put between my day per page A5 pages to put some reminders, but if these fit so nicely they could be used for similar.

Imy (2011-07-14 04:29:04)

Ive been wanting to get a box for ages but i have lots of old (well not old) filofaxes or that purpose :-)

Sirpa-Kaarina (2011-07-14 04:53:31)

An old shuebox will do.

Imy (2011-07-14 06:28:53)

I dont have any shoe boxes :-(I never buy shoes :-(

Butanben (2011-07-14 12:01:14)

How many years' worth of diaries will the Filofax binder take I wonder...?? Thank you so much for the mini storage info.... REALLY good tip that!!

Also, I use the Filofax stickers for Doctor appts, dentist and birthday reminders, but..... am left with a lot of travel stickers, gym etc I don't use. Does anybody use these and want my left over ones ie minus birthdays GP and dentist!!!! I'll post on. Or , any bright ideas for using them?? Seems such a waste to throw out half the little stickies!!

Imy (2011-07-15 07:36:51)

I just have to share this, i ordered some Raybans a week or so ago maybe more, i only just took them out the box the box was in and guess what! Its about 1inch wider than Filofax inserts so now i have a box for keeping spare pages and other bits :-D YAY

Lynne (2011-07-15 14:58:25)

Love that the mini fits so well in the A5 - will be using that for sure.

gmax (2011-07-17 08:43:49)

For those who enjoy vintage Filofaxes, I've uploaded photos of my [1]old storage boxes in the Philofaxy Flickr group.

1. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/30775101@N04/5945686609/in/pool-philofaxy/>

Free for All Friday No. 139 (2011-07-15 00:01)

It's the middle of summer here in the Northern Hemisphere. We live our lives more outdoors...in swimming pools, parks, and gardens. For my mother's birthday last Saturday, I brought her some daisies to plant in the little garden under her windows. Friends are passing plants around..."Take this pot; it'll get more sun by your front door"...I have too many lilies; dig some up and take them."

Do you use your Filofax to keep track of your garden?

(Of course, this being Friday, comments from non-gardeners are welcome, too.)

David Popely (2011-07-15 02:08:53)

On the gardening question - we are in the process of setting ourselves up for as much self-sufficiency as we can realistically achieve, and a key part of that is our 22m x 4 m plot of garden - more allotment-sized really. So yes, my A5 FF is definitely rapidly becoming not just the hub of my business, but also the hub of garden plans, lists, etc. This is why I use my 'decision base' in the 'Key Areas' manner, and don't really go so much for GTD - there would be too many disparate lists - or they would all be mixed into one list, which, if I interpret GTD correctly, is the suggested method. I need more structure than that, and to have discrete subject-related lists of projects, which I can then split into lists of actions needed to complete, and then date sequentially and transfer to my diary in due course.

All of this leads me to my rant-of-the-week, which concerns diary formats - not the usual question of size and layout specifically, but of the range of time which most diaries allow for meetings.

I'm an early riser, and when I rise early, I like to get started straight away. So I'm not interested in sitting for hours before I start work drinking coffee. I subscribe to the view that in productivity terms, every hour before 10 a.m. is worth two afterwards.

Why oh why, then, isn't there a diary (Filofax or otherwise) which has structured appointments starting from, say, 6.00 a.m. (I could go earlier but I'm tempering my rant to avoid frightening people). I *frequently* want to schedule some work on one client or another's accounts, or some garden admin (or practical), for 5.30 a.m., and

I can't find a diary which will allow for this within a structured 'with-appointments' format. Yes, I *know* I can use a no-appointments diary, but I *like* to look at the week (and the day) in terms of a grid of available time, since then I can see, usually at a glance, how busy or otherwise any given time period is looking. I also like to keep my task lists on the diary page (thanks Steve for the brilliant A5 DPP Professional 'lookalike' template!) So come on, Filofax, as ever, let's have more choice for those of us who choose *not* to work from 9 until 5 (or book appointments from 8 until 8, as is the format of most of your diaries).

And does anyone know of any other suppliers who recognise that people need to do stuff early in the morning or late in the evening?

Alison Reeves (2011-07-15 03:33:40)

Regarding the garden - I have a large garden and would like to make much more of it - I'm excited by the prospect of growing veg and being more self sufficient - but I need to plan it all yet. All comments and ideas around this will be most welcome, so great post!

@David Popely - I have frustrations around the design of the filofax diary inserts also (although mine are a bit different to yours). I wonder if there is a business opportunity here (like Moonpig who do individual customised celebration cards)? It would be wonderful to enter some customisable options and have your diary printed and delivered to you exactly how you want it laid out! Most other inserts I am happy to design and print (I also use an A5 so it is pretty easy) but the diary with discrete pages is a challenge! I wonder if there is any software about that allows you to print a customised diary?

David Popely (2011-07-15 03:40:38)

@Alison The redoubtable Steve has pointed me to a site which does exactly that!

<http://www.rwsdriving.co.uk/>

It's designed for driving instructors, and if you click through the 'Diary' link on the top menu and create an account (free), you can design and print your own diary by the month. I now have my July A5 5.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. diary sitting in front of me - simples!

You're right though....Filofax don't seem very interested in the whole issue of insert design, being, as they are (IMO) currently infatuated with the fashion icon status of their binders (and presumably with the margin they get from binder sales). I still think this is a *very* short-sighted view...how long did it take for the wheel of fashion to turn last time they went out? I count approximately 20 years. Yes, there's scope for a design-and-print site for someone with the technical nous to implement it.

I design and print most of my own stuff as well now. But how I need a FF punch! That pre-punched paper they sell is way overpriced....

Alison Reeves (2011-07-15 03:55:46)

@David Popely - thanks for the link - I'll be investigating that one shortly. I know we are the hard core users, but there are a lot of people buying filofax now who will have fallen by the wayside in a year or two when they go onto the next thing. I really think there is a market for well designed inserts on decent paper! I'd love to use my fountain pen in mine but the bleed through is just too much.

Are you still using the professional styled inserts for planning etc?

Alison Reeves (2011-07-15 03:57:33)

Oh and yes a really good quality punch for the A5 would be very useful ...

David Popely (2011-07-15 04:04:04)

Mostly I'm moving towards designing and printing my own. So far as I can ascertain, the professional inserts are either being discontinued by degrees, or Filofax themselves don't appear to know what's going on (or don't want to say). I'm trying to replicate the old Time Manager system I used for years, within the context of an A5 Filofax binder and professional index (the plastic one), which I highly recommend.

Your comments about paper quality are bang on as well - I'm also a would-be fountain pen user, but the bleed-through is ridiculous. memo - it's no good making fantastic binders (if that's what you think they are) if you fill them with cheap, nasty paper. Sends a mixed message. Filofax please note (although I won't be holding my breath).

With self-designed inserts I can get a degree of control over paper quality as a side issue.
We should get together and talk about this! Where in the Uk are you?

Alison Reeves (2011-07-15 06:00:09)

@david popely I'm in sunny Wolverhampton drop me a line on alison at writetowin dot co dot uk and we can see if we have any common ground with our travelling!

bristolbookworm (2011-07-15 09:01:55)

I've used outlook to print blank diaries in the past, you can change the time frame to be printed to whatever you want and set the paper size to most filofax sizes. I did invest in a good filofax holepunch though, so I am now committed to the pocket size...

Amanda (2011-07-15 09:14:49)

@ David and Alison

The whole diary/paper quality is what has driven me back and forth between a personal size and an A5. The personal size is more likely to be with me *every* day, whereas the A5 can be a bit heavy to lug around (especially as I have done my shoulder in. Again.)

But... I have some fabulous cream A4 paper and love to print my own inserts for the A5 (printing for the personal is just too hit and miss!) and be able to use a fountain pen.

As for the 'start early', as well as the site Steve has suggested, there is also this one:

http://www.benignchaos.com/?page_id=318

where you can print off whatever you need and the days start early (4 am!) and have goal lists etc too. They may be a bit cluttered though...

As for the garden aspect - I have used my FF (admittedly in the past) with monthly 'to-do' relating to when to plant things, when to pot-on, when various seed companies tend to have sales etc. It worked pretty well (assuming I looked at it!). It wasn't quite as organised as David's goals and actions but it kept me reasonably on track.

Re: A5 holepunch. I vae a FF one and I have to say, essential as it is since I make a lot of my own inserts, it is an absolute rip off! Even before I wrecked my shoulder I'd be struggling to punch more than 2 (3 max) sheets at once (when you need to do a whole diary, this then becomes very tedious); home-made dividers require you to practically take your whole weight on the punch for it to cut the card. And at £30+ that's a disgrace.

Okay. That's my rant for the day over!

:-)

Amanda (2011-07-15 09:17:12)

And to my question...

Has anyone any knowledge of the personal Portland? When they were made? When they ceased being made?

I bought one recently on eBay (see my blog: <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/06/absence-makes-heart-grow-fonder.html> for pictures) and it's gorgeously soft and much better quality than most of the FF around at the moment.

Any info anyone?

Alison Reeves (2011-07-15 09:38:00)

@Amanda - that Portland looks really tasty! I can't help with the history of it though. I agree about the hole punch - I bought a really nice one for the pocket/personal (you can move the set of three 'holes' to suit) - not sure if I could find a way to use it for the A5 - I'll have to experiment - might have to do one half of the paper then the other - we'll see. The Filofax one is as you say a bit of a challenge and a complete rip off! I'm amazed there is not a better punch for the A5 - I'm sure loads of people would buy one.

Oh well - I'd better get back to work - as it's Friday I seem to spend most of my time hanging around here!

Sandra (2011-07-15 12:33:22)

Thank you for posting the links to the vertical-style inserts. I do much better budgeting my time with such a calendar.

As for gardening, I do some notetaking on the garden yet need to be more efficient in that area. Back to work,

now!

Amanda (2011-07-15 12:49:12)

Oh and a propos nothing...

my local Tesco's had Pilot Frixion pens (both 0.7mm and 0.5 mm tips) in various packs of 3 colours (black, blue, red; black, pink, purple, etc) at half price, along with lots of other 'back to school' stuff. Go snap up a bargain!!!

David Popely (2011-07-15 12:54:50)

@Amanda not familiar with Frixion pens but am going to Tesco tomorrow morning, so I'll have a look. I used Pilot v5 0.5mm for ages, and have a whole range of colours, but right now, believe it or not, I can't imagine a pen that suits my handwriting better than the good old Bic medium (not fine) biro - £3.49 for ten (of the same colour), also in Tesco last time I bought any.

My fountain pen is ready for deployment as and when Filofax come out with a decent insert paper, or when I get the whole matter of printing and punching my own sorted (in other words, when I get a punch).

Gerard (2011-07-15 15:10:18)

@Amanda, the Portland looks great. It could be lambskin, like the Eton. That would account for the soft touch and light grain. Can't shed any light on it's vintage though...

Rori (2011-07-15 16:10:41)

@David More to think about! And I love the "I subscribe to the view that in productivity terms, every hour before 10 a.m. is worth two afterwards." SO true!!

I get started earlier too (altho not before 5:30!) and I think that would be SO smart!

I've long been an advocate for NICER PAPER!! I'd LOVE to be able to use a fountain pen or my LePens in my Filofax. One of my biggest beefs...

Thanks!

gmax (2011-07-16 18:36:47)

I see in an old catalogue that Portland was on sale in 1996/7, and described as soft, luxurious leather. The retail price then was £57.70 for the personal size.

Amanda (2011-07-17 07:25:46)

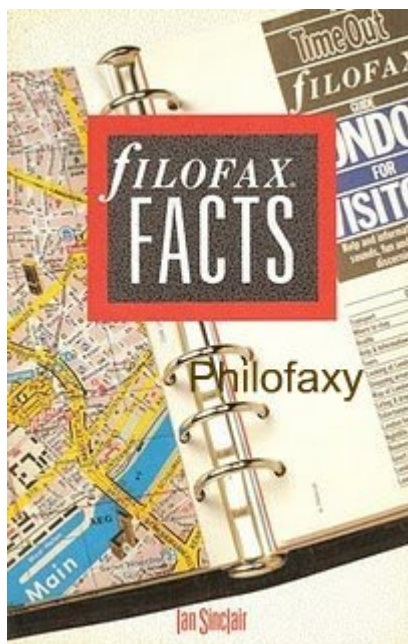
Ooh - 96/97! I wondered if that was the vintage as there were some inserts included and they were (c) that sort of era.

£57.70? Well, I did get a bargain then! :-) I got it from eBay and including P+P it was <£15 and in superb condition.

Thanks for all the info everyone!

kanalt (2011-07-17 18:50:10)

It's funny you should post about this topic. I was just discussing this with my husband the other day. We live in a condo and so our "yard" is very small - we own four small strips of soil (two in the front, two in the back, both on either side of the house). We have yet (after 5 years) to do anything with these spaces. He did plant some small items last year but we have no idea what they are. I suggested making a map of what we have planted and keeping it in the A5 family planner. This way, we know what's there and what we need to do as far as upkeep and when to plant, etc. We could also keep notes in there about what needs shade and sun and whatnot. The only thing we need to do is set up that section in the planner. That, and learn how to garden. ;)



[1]

After a few years experimenting with different systems, I've recently "come home" to Filofax and it's amazing to find such a lively online scene among Filofax fanatics – with Philofaxy leading the charge, of course.

I bought my first Filofax in London in the eighties heyday, and I'm currently alternating between a black Sandhurst and a brown Crocodile Dundee, both in Personal size. I have fond memories of the huge number of forms available then, so my second surprise after resurrecting the Filofax was to discover how few forms are now available.

Recently I found Steve's review of "Filofax Facts" on Philofaxy and since getting my own copy I've re-created some of the discontinued forms – and some newer additions – for printing on [2]Filofax Computer Paper (Ref. 130806) to produce Personal size pages.

The list of templates uploaded today is as follows:

- [3]Angler's Catch Record
- [4]Annual Leave Record
- [5]Birthdays + Anniversaries
- [6]Book Review
- [7]Cellar Notes
- [8]Daily Work Planner
- [9]Delegation Brief
- [10]Dilemmas + Notes
- [11]Flexible Time Log
- [12]Month Planner
- [13]Photo Exposure Record
- [14]Photographers Record

- [15]Project Planner
- [16]Reading List
- [17]Restaurant
- [18]Shopping List
- [19]Tasting Notes
- [20]Timetable
- [21]To Be List
- [22]Travellers Checklist (for printing on plain A4 paper)

Steve has very kindly uploaded these to the Files section, where you'll find that each form is set up to produce three double-sided Filofax Personal pages per A4 sheet. The templates are in PDF format, and it's important to manually set up the print output, i.e. select A4 paper size with landscape orientation, and de-select page scaling, centring and rotation which Acrobat and similar programmes often enable by default. The Filofax paper is quite light, so I also suggest manually duplexing the sheets, allowing some time for them to cool down and flatten out between print runs in order to prevent jamming (thank you Imy for that great tip).

Hopefully some readers will find these useful, and hopefully they'll print out properly for everyone and generally behave themselves. If you try them out, please leave some feedback in the comments below. I'm also open to suggestions for new or improved templates of any sort, so again do please leave a comment. Gerard

Thank you Gerard for your time and patience for creating these new templates.

1. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-GsqA8EZ8QRE/TR-sDJwyf1I/AAAAAAAAI2s/gdVwEw5J8rY/s1600/filofaxfacts.jpg>
2. <http://tidd.ly/89326635>
3. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4AnglersCatchRecord.pdf>
4. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4AnnualLeaveRecord.pdf>
5. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4BirthdaysAnniversaries.pdf>
6. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4BookReview.pdf>
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21. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4ToBeList.pdf>
22. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4TravellersChecklist.pdf>

Butanben (2011-07-16 08:31:23)

Wow!! What an interesting post. It must have taken you ages to do these. I shall certainly use the shopping and To Be List. Both very handy. The packing list too is fabulous. Thank you!!

cgarsnrealest8 (2011-07-16 08:53:06)

Very nice! This almost makes me want to go back to personal from A5.

Sari (2011-07-16 09:37:22)

@Gerard: Thank you very much!! I already tried some of the templates and they work just fine!

Recently I had to downsize from Personal to Pocket to reduce the weight I am carrying (good reason to buy a new Filofax;-)) and I am experimenting with creating my own templates for this format. I especially like the option of printing on the perforated Filofax A4 paper - but I still have to find out how to create templates for printing on both sides of the paper correctly.....

Saffy (2011-07-16 16:08:42)

Thank you Gerard, these templates are fantastic.

Anita (2011-07-16 17:50:45)

Thank you so much, Gerard. I can't wait to try them out!

gmax (2011-07-16 17:59:17)

I love these and admire your patience in recreating them.

I had a pack of the paper and the annual leave sheet I tried printed out well, once I remembered to set the duplexing option to flip on the short edge of the paper.

Gerard (2011-07-22 05:40:34)

Thanks for all your comments - more templates to follow soon. By the way, it's fairly straightforward to reproduce these to print on single plain Personal sheets, if anyone is interested.

@Sari, I produced these on a Mac using iWork, which has fairly decent page layout capabilities.

gdigesu (2011-07-23 16:26:54)

Gerard,

Would you reproduce these to print on single plain personal sheets?

That would be great.

Giovani

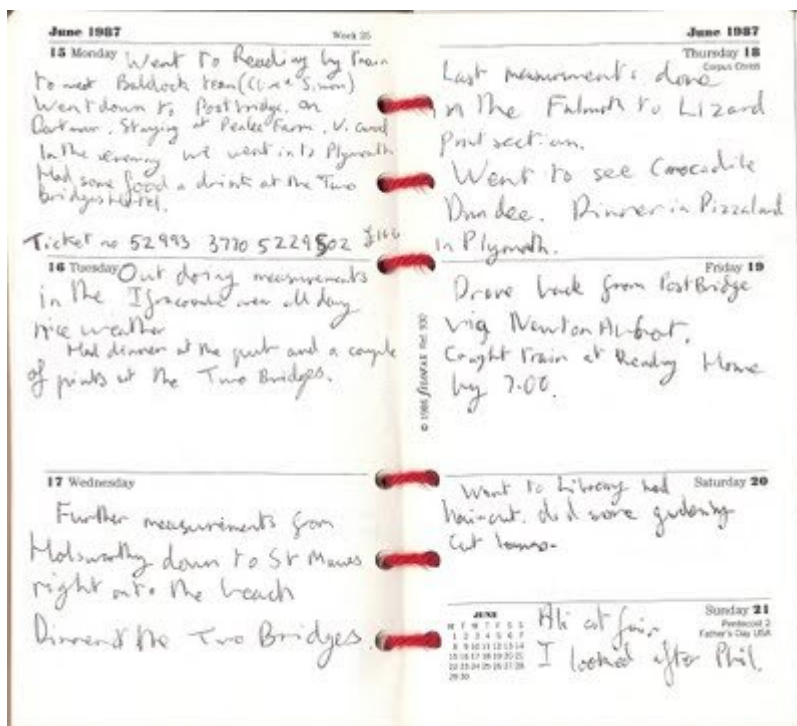
Looking Back In Time (2011-07-17 00:00)

Do you ever look back in time to see what you were doing a year ago, five years ago, ten years ago etc? I used to be quite a prolific diary writer(for me) a few years ago, but less so these days. I'm sure it's a factor of getting older, the weeks go by quicker, when you look back trying to remember what year something was, it's always longer ago than you first thought.

When ever I mention Filofax and my son is around, he always as a little chuckle to himself, but to be fair he does use a Moleskine notebook and uses it [1]quite extensively.

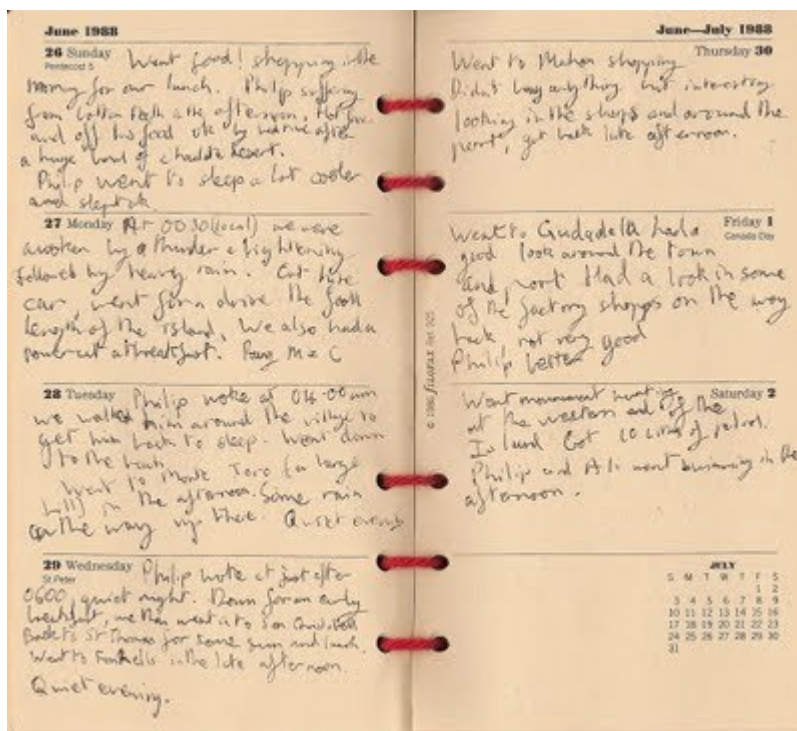
I silenced him one day though when I was able to produce my diary pages for the year of his birth (1987). He sat and quietly read them for a good hour... and with a gracious 'Thank you' he passed them back to me.

So here is an extract from 'that diary' It's not the week Philip was born, I will save his blushes! It's a week I was working away from home down in the West Country with a radio measurement team. We were taking radio field strength measurements of an MF radio transmitter in Barnstaple, Devon to help prove a computer prediction model. I had sent this team of guys all around the country on this project, so it seemed only fair to join them for one of the trips!



[2]

Nothing terribly exciting, but it I didn't realise until I read it again that I had been to see Crocodile Dundee in Plymouth! Some of you might recognise some of the place names! Here's another from 1988, notice how dark cotton cream paper turns with age!



[3]

We were having a holiday in Spain. I was between jobs, just finished working in London and when we got back to UK I went to work in Surrey... there until 2004! Again nothing terribly exciting in my writing I will admit, but enough to stir a few memories of that holiday some 23 years ago! Philip was about 18 months old at the time. Just found in an entry after Christmas 1988 that 'Alison organised her [4]Filofax' ah so now we know.... I went over to a week per page in 1989, but my diary notes faded out, which is a shame, but that's life I suppose.

1. <http://www.thunderboltgames.com/blog/article/designing-the-new-site-it-all-starts-with-sketching-blog-for-all-none.html>
2. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-PFjQOfGFdUc/ThxYc_21qII/AAAAAAAAJZM/EfAe5jdpFsM/s1600/1987diary.jpeg
3. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-FIWeH1bkLPQ/ThxdhV05RSI/AAAAAAAAJZQ/3XKHGIhxtJA/s1600/1988diary.jpeg>
4. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/09/restoring-leather-filofax.html>

Robin (2011-07-17 03:20:14)

That was a very sweet post, Steve. Thank you for sharing it!

Gerard (2011-07-17 03:32:38)

Thanks for your very interesting post Steve - it's good of you to share this. I find it fascinating to look back over my fathers diaries. These range from holidays in Rome in May 1939 - just months before the outbreak of World War II - to my own early years in the 1960s.

I got my first Filofax in 1986, and I was ahead of you in seeing Crocodile Dundee in December 1986, so it seems to have had a long run. While you were in Dartmoor on 15th June 1987, I was on holiday in Kerry, after graduating from architecture school on 12th June.

By July 1987 I was working in London and drooling over the stock in "Just Facts" on Broadwick St., Soho - reputedly the only shop in the world to stock the entire Filofax range. Does anyone else remember that shop?

Alison Reeves (2011-07-17 04:03:33)

What a great post! I really wish I had kept a journal or diary years ago, but I never did. I wonder now if it's worth it - although as you point out it can be interesting to look back on!

One thing I did up until digital photography was to keep a small photo album for each holiday. I wish now I'd completed a journal to marry it to, or even just written and files in the album. These holidays were our more 'special' ones abroad, but I also have a binder full of our holidays we took with friends when we water ski'd - we generally went in this country and had so much fun! Oh such good memories!

Saffy (2011-07-17 05:23:35)

Excellent post Steve. I love the link to your son's site.

I too keep all my old year's diary with much the same information as you keep in yours. If I ever read back it immediately triggers the memory to the day's events.

I am surprised at how dark the cotton cream is but the white only shows yellowing around the edges.

Sandra (2011-07-17 07:50:08)

Lovely post, Steve. Thanks for sharing with us here. I regret not writing more of the mundane down when my kids were smaller. In the moment you truly think, "I won't forget this stuff. I do it everyday." But you do. I have a childcare template I typed up (!) when I left #1, 2, and 3 with someone for a long weekend. Very sweet reminder for me!

I do log my kids' funny things they say. I know if I don't, those sweet tidbits will be gone forever.

I do have some journal pages from the summer before university that I stumbled upon in a box my mother gave me. What times!

Alison-picture organizing is on my future projects list. You are smart to do a small album per holiday with 35MM pics . Digital is another story! I bet I have 7,000 (maybe more?!) pictures on the external hard drive that I need to sift through little by little.

SNARLing: (2011-07-17 08:44:17)

oh man that's awesome. i wish i was able to write (or draw) when i was pregnant. i had high hopes but i was too freaked out (the WHOLE time) and couldn't do ANYTHING not even read. i was able to flip through magazines tho. cooking light was my favourite.

i also wish my writings were in a neat consistent size and shape like this. they are all over the place. i LOVE how the cotton cream ages. beautiful. it's great how even if you do one line loggings, you remember exactly what you felt at the time so cin-cin to the diary!

jjhitt (2011-07-17 17:09:13)

HORRORS!

For some reason I assumed that Cotton Cream was acid free archival quality paper.

HORRORS!

Steve (2011-07-17 17:35:10)

It might be now, my pages are quite old, so it's highly likely that they have changed since then. May be ask Filofax this question on their website.

Steve

Laurie (2011-07-17 22:10:30)

From what I understand, none of the Filofax paper is acid free or archival quality. Unless that has changed very recently.

Steve thank you for this glimpse into your diary pages! My old diaries and planners are some of my most precious possessions. What a wonderful record of my life.

Tara (2011-07-17 22:51:17)

I have been inspired to journal again... Thank you for sharing this! Now I'm just wondering which Filofax I should buy to be my daily journal :)

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-18 03:48:54)

Wonderful to see these. Thanks for sharing. I have saved my diary pages from when I had IVF (clinic appointments, drug regimes etc) and added them to their baby boxes.... so many memories on those Filofax pages.

Didn't think how the paper would deteriorate over the passage of time. Think I may scan copies of the more important pages as a permanent electronic record.

Schollert (2011-07-18 06:19:35)

I find it very interesting to be able to "go back in time". I recently found a box of my old planners. They are mostly from my teen period and provided quite an interesting read.

Man, I am glad I am not a teenager again and I must say that "getting more mature" has its benefits. ;-)

Cindy (2011-07-20 00:21:29)

This was a great read!

I've been journaling since junior high and keep all my old journals in a steamer trunk. I don't know how many books I've got in there (I don't go back and read them very often—too cringe-inducing. And one reading prompted me to destroy all journals from ages 12 - 23. A move I regret now.) But I kept a separate pregnancy journal (separate from the whine and angst, that is my personal journal) and after my daughter was born in 2008, kept a journal for her—just a record of things we did as a family or things she said. I used a bunch of different notebooks for her journals: Moleskines, spiral notebooks, fancy bound journals—anything I could get my sleep-deprived hands on. I do love to go back and read those old journals. She's three and I'm already nostalgic!

Web Finds - 17 July 2011 (2011-07-17 09:00)

So from around the interwebs this week we have found these wonderful posts for you to read:

- [1]A Peek in to My Calendar - HotchPotch Ehhh??
- [2]Diary Hack - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [3]SNARLing in a Filofax Compact Chameleon - part 1
- [4]SNARLing in a Filofax Compact Chameleon - part 2

- [5]The Great Wallet Experiment - Zoe
- [6]12 reasons why a Filofax is better than a significant other - Typecast
- [7]7 Reasons Why I'm Grateful My DH Detests Filofax - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
- [8]Filofax for Students - The Life of The Perpetual Student

Enjoy

1. <http://hotchypotch.blogspot.com/2011/07/peek-into-my-calendar.html>
2. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/07/diary-hack.html>
3. <http://thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com/2011/07/snarling-in-filofax-compact-chameleon.html>
4. <http://thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-compact-chameleon-part-2-adds.html>
5. <http://thezeitgeistofzoe.wordpress.com/2011/07/13/the-great-wallet-experiment/>
6. <http://www.iamtypecast.com/2011/07/guest-twelve-reasons-why-filofax-is.html>
7. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/07/7-reasons-why-i-am-grateful-my-dh.html>
8. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-for-students.html>

Steve (2011-07-17 10:59:17)

Sorry if this list is incomplete this week. I've not been 100 % these last 48 hours, but recovering now thank goodness.

Regards

Steve

Amanda (2011-07-17 11:19:54)

Hey, hope you feel better soon Steve!

caribbean princess (2011-07-17 12:12:49)

Hope you feel better soon Steve!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-07-17 12:19:47)

Get well soon Steve! And a double thanks from me, I got a two-fer!! :D

Alison Reeves (2011-07-17 16:22:19)

Get well soon Steve!

Steve (2011-07-17 16:24:36)

Thanks everyone, feeling lots better this evening, not looking to hug a hot water bottle to try to get to sleep.... ok too much information! Normal service will be resumed this week!

SNARLing: (2011-07-17 17:30:09)

thanks for the links. hope you feel better in the morning!

Andaje (2011-07-18 19:11:49)

Hi Steve,

Thanks for including my blogpost in your list... surprised to even learn that there is blogs dedicated to Filofax, suddenly I feel less geeky still sticking to my little best friend :o)

Rori (2011-07-18 21:59:47)

Glad you are feeling better!! xx



[1]

Hi all! I'm J, maybe better known as [2]thecrazylifeofj and sometimes just plain old Jordan. I work for a small non-profit in Chicago, try to be outside as much as I can, and do my best to keep up with my crazy boys: Brian (the human aka boyfriend) and Frankie (the dog). When I'm not working/reading/sleeping, I try to write as much as I can about anything and everything over at my [3]blog. *1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?*

I was a late Filofax bloomer, so to speak. While I remember seeing some Filos in a retailer years ago (and being shocked by the price), I didn't buy my first Filo until November 2010. It was a personal gray Domino.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I've used most of them: Franklin Covey, whose inserts I love but binders I hate, other generics, and one called Blue Sky, which I used up until Filofax came into my life. I loved that it was a bound book, but just couldn't get the flexibility I needed from it.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

Sorr[4]y to the Domino, but there is no competition here. My Crimson Malden (personal) is without a doubt my favorite. I actually haven't even lusted after another binder since he arrived!!!

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Sadly, just two. Although I am so happy with the Malden I really don't need anything else. Maybe a wedding Filofax someday (I hope!)

Oh, and I did just get my best friend her first Filo (a personal Pink Finsbury) for dirt cheap as her graduation present! Not that she isn't worth the money of a full priced one. I'll have given her the binder by the time you all are reading this- I'll update you on the reaction!

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

EVERYTHING! It is seriously my lifeline. I use it for daily planning, notes, gratitude list, weather tracking, work and personal to-dos, bill reminders, blog planning, to read and watch lists, I could go on and on and on and on!!!

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

I can't narrow it down to the feature, but a few of my favorites have to be: the beauty and quality of the covers, the rings!, the flexibility they offer, and the opportunity for me to be creative with my planning.

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

Ooooo. It would have the Malden leather and ability to lie flat out of the box, HUGE rings (duh), a small button to change the color anytime I want, notepad pocket, and a secretarial pocket. Oh, and a leather smell that would never fade!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Most of the time my Filo is in my handbag, which changes constantly. At work or home, it's always open on my desk. Since I keep my ID and credit cards in it as well, I've carried as a sort of "clutch" from time to time as well if I don't feel like carrying my handbag.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

I love a lot of them. I think the Osterley in Plum is divine. I'd also not mind having a mini or pocket Malden as a wallet- I'm still kicking myself for passing up a \$30 pocket Amazona I saw in New York.

And something has always drawn me to the regal look of the Finchley. But since I am saving for a few other things, mainly paying off my credit card and then a Kindle to celebrate, I don't see myself getting anything new anytime soon.

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

That would be the Malden. But even then, I got it for \$79 and had an additional 10 % off on top of that! Even when I splurge I'm cheap!

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

I'd have to say the fact that this is the only place where people don't find my obsession with my planner crazy! I honestly can't make people understand how awesome this community is. So thank you guys for the friendship. I wrote a while ago how I was amazed that something as simple as a Filofax has sparked a worldwide connection. A connection between the genders. Between races. Between religions. A connection between strangers who have become friends. Even though I haven't met the majority of you all, I feel like I have been a part of this community forever. Now, one of us just needs to win the lottery so we can have a worldwide meet up!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

The one and only thing I don't like about Philofaxy is this question! Because how could anyone find something to NOT like?!?!

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

That would be Zac Brown Band, You Get What You Give. They are a country band (a genre I usually don't care for) but they are amazing!

Thank you Jordan for agreeing to go 'under the spotlight'. Great picture, taken through the viewfinder of your new camera by the look of it.

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Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-18 03:45:42)

Love reading the Reader under the Spotlight sections. Thanks for posting (love the photo too!!!).

Rori (2011-07-18 10:13:46)

Excellent! Glad to see you on here Jordan!!

Spectacular photo :D

Sandra (2011-07-18 11:51:50)

Yay, Jordan! Loved your post (and photo) as well, and I feel fortunate to have had an enabling hand in your Malden color decision. Never knew one could be a Filofax matchmaker. ;) We should have a coffee and stationery shopping spree soon! Well, less spree and more selective purchasing...

SNARLing: (2011-07-18 16:27:46)

yay j! so glad to read about you. sorry we missed each other sat - next time for sure maybe i'll crash yours and skhen's coffee and stationary shopping heh heh

terriknits (2011-07-18 18:50:33)

oh, that crimson Malden. Such a saucy, seductive little thing. (I'm so in love with mine!)

J (2011-07-18 22:30:11)

Thanks for the post! And you all can thank B for the picture- he is the photographic mastermind behind all the pictures of me!

@skhen- Yes, we must do another meet up, even if we've already met!

@SNARLing- You are more than welcome to crash any meet up that I am involved in!!!

@terriknits- aren't they just lovely?!? I am still in love with mine!

Anita (2011-07-19 02:55:14)

Lovely to find out more about you! And I agree about the crimson Malden, I'm in love with mine too :)

kanalt (2011-07-19 20:50:42)

Yay Jordan! Great spotlight post.

Cindy (2011-07-19 23:33:11)

Great interview! Love the photo, too. So nice to "meet" you!

Free For All Tuesday - No 24 (2011-07-19 00:00)



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So what intriguing questions do you have for us this week?

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Mrs. Grievous (2011-07-19 09:49:26)

Has anyone seen Aston yet? :(

I will be staying near Court St. Stationers next month for my NY vacation (and Dark Shadows convention, ooooooh), does anyone know if the store has a good selection of Filofax?

Steve (2011-07-19 10:22:18)

Mrs G, we have reviewed the Aston here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-aston-review.html>

Steve

Alison Reeves (2011-07-19 10:40:42)

Has anyone found a supplier for extra wide A5 dividers? Preferably in a plastic rather than card. I've found loads of A4 ones, but never A5, so may have to cut down some larger ones. My idea is the have tabs within tabs like other systems, but the outside set need to be wider to make it work visually.

Amanda (2011-07-19 11:10:04)

Not so much a question as a smug moment today!!

I was meeting someone to get some info about a project I have become involved in (long story) and I took along my trusty filofax to jot notes on some paper in a new tab, labelled for the project. I had also had some preliminary information from someone else and I had printed it onto plain FF paper and put it in my FF ready for the meeting...

Anyway, the meeting started, I fished out my FF and started jotting notes and the guy just looked amazed, then said I was super-organised...

Anyone else getting praise for their FF this week?

gdigesu (2011-07-19 11:43:14)

Amanda, everytime I happen to be in a meeting, I also fish out my personal balack Finsbury to make notes.

This Finsbury has a GTD setup. You know, the usual @Notes/In, @Calendar, @Action Lists, @Agendas, @Projects/Goals, @Project Plans & Notes.

"That is nice !! Where did you get it ?" is the automatic reaction, followed by a nice conversation regarding the Filo, personal "ERP's", etc.

enjoyette (2011-07-19 15:54:54)

Was wondering if anyone knows the actual release date for the Aston Filofax?

Tara (2011-07-19 22:14:43)

Has anyone ever seen an index card holder for a filofax? I write random notes on colored index cards and would like to have a way to flip through them in my binder. I'm thinking something along the lines of a business card/credit card holder but big enough for my 3x5 inch cards.

Steve (2011-07-20 03:39:02)

Can anyone identify this particular Filofax?

<http://everydaythingsetc.files.wordpress.com/2011/07/filofax.png>

craftsmad (2011-07-20 04:15:05)

Steve,

That model is an Eton. (I could make out the first three letters on the picture and took a punt on the last one!). It does look lovely.

I googled the name to make sure I had it correct - one sold on ebay this week for over £240, so it looks like I may not be picking one up after all....

M

Steve (2011-07-20 06:25:22)

Ah thank you, Yes the Eton. I've never seen one before, but looking at it from that angle, I like the pockets back and front on it, it looks like it could hold a lot of stuff.

Yes the prices on Ebay are silly to extremes.

I wonder if Filofax will replace it with a similar design in the future.

SNARLing: (2011-07-20 09:17:32)

tara - if you're talking personal size daytimer makes these transparent envelopes that are the perfect size for 3x5 cards:

<http://day-planner.daytimer.com/accessories/covers/portable/Portable>

-Top-Loading-Vinyl-Sheet-Protectors/C417D3DF9084449FAB80C8431AAC95 2B/False/11861

they also do this navigatable photo holder for 3.5x5 size:

<http://day-planner.daytimer.com/accessories/pages/Portable/Day-Timer>

-Portable-Navigator-Photo-Holder/C417D3DF9084449FAB80C8431AAC952B/ False/14064

Tara (2011-07-20 21:10:47)

SNARLing - Thank you very much! I think the photo holder is going to be exactly what I wanted!

stirwise (2011-07-21 00:10:09)

@Steve Definitely an Eton, mine happens to be on sale on ebay right now:

<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem &item=250858656013>

I currently have it set to US shipping only, but if someone overseas is interested I can change that.

David Popely (2011-07-21 01:23:41)

@gdigesu Do you operate a full GTD system from within a Personal sized Filofax? How do you find that works

for you? Just asking, as I'm trying out various concepts for making the system work at the moment.....
I have the David Allen paper on setup, but I find the page size is just too small for proper list-making

Amanda (2011-07-21 12:57:22)

@David

Have you moved back to personal then? I thought you were switching to A5? Or was it just too heavy?
Sorry - being nosey!

The Filofax Ring Mechanism (2011-07-19 06:00)

Have you ever got curious about how the ring mechanism on your Filofax organiser works?

On 'modern' Filofax organisers the cover over the mechanism is riveted on, so it isn't possible to see how it works, but on my old Winchester the cover just clips on. Being a curious engineering type of person, I couldn't resist having a look under the cover!

Sorry for the quality of the photos, but taking close-up pictures of 'shiny' things isn't easy!

So here are the rings closed, with the tabs 'up' so when you press down on the tab it presses the two strips of metal you can see running the length of the mechanism.



[1]

These two strips you might notice are now hinged up slightly, so the rings open. The strips interlock at intervals along their length on alternative sides (the small half moons on the upper surface). These two strips are contained in a springy U channel, which is allowed to flex a very small amount for the rings to go from closed to open. But it is this channel that is the 'spring' and therefore it is this that keeps the rings closed.



[2]

So to ensure you don't damage the mechanism, always use the tabs to open rings and use gentle pressure on both sets of rings to close them.

Now I have seen inside I think I can see what could go wrong with the mechanism with the strips becoming out of their interlock condition and so they would just fall open or at worse come out completely.

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2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-ebGXU0BGbVI/TiP1-NgybCI/AAAAAAAAAJag/17dAFVfCSx4/s1600/DSCF0572.JPG>

Sandra (2011-07-19 09:20:26)

Interesting! Thanks for posting. Now I understand why Filofax construction is better than plain old binder rings.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-19 10:38:48)

That is interesting. I've always just opened the rings manually as I didn't know there was another way of doing it!

Laurie (2011-07-19 11:36:47)

Wow that is really great to know, thanks for this Steve!

M Ng (2011-07-19 11:40:10)

Wow, as a kid that always took things apart to see how they worked (then left the various pieces all over the apartment for someone else to deal with), I really appreciated this post!

LJ (2011-07-19 15:07:10)

@ Alison. I'm glad I'm not the only one - I have just got very excited and shown my other half the magic of the opening rings and he just looked at me as if I was completely mad for not knowing that before :-)) Very cool!!!

Butanben (2011-07-19 17:35:13)

Interesting, but.... my metal binder tabs are so very stiff, that I have to force them down hard, and almost do myself an injury, to open the binder that way!!! Sigh!!!

Petra (2011-07-19 23:55:14)

The A5 Finchley can also be taken apart this way to see how it works - I did that a few months ago to see if there was any way to replace the ring mechanism with a DayTimer version (heresy I know, but I love my Flavia inserts, and I love Filofax binders, what can I say). As you can see from these pics, the sad answer I found is "no."

Steve (2011-07-20 04:00:44)

Just finished off a post on 'Press Studs' for next week... yes I realise I need to get out more!

Gerard (2011-07-21 15:14:21)

Steve, thanks for the post. I have a Filofax with slightly strained rings that don't fully meet and cause pages to snag. It's one of the older non-rivettted spines, so I expect that the cover plate can be removed. Do you think it might be possible to massage the mechanism back into shape to make the rings meet fully?

Gerard (2011-07-22 17:56:10)

Update* This evening I swapped out the ring mechanism of my Eton which had become a bit strained and no longer closed fully. The entire mechanism just slides out, once the cover plate has been removed. Thanks for the inspiration, Steve.

Steve (2011-07-22 18:01:26)

Did you manage to sort out the problem? What was the reason for them not closing?

Regards

Steve

Gerard (2011-07-23 06:39:17)

Steve, the wonky rings in the Eton were driving me nuts, so for now I've just stripped out the entire mechanism and replaced it with one from a current Amazona model. The Eton is now back in order, but I've yet to sort out the Amazona - hoping to find a sacrificial cheap binder in the office. I could see no obvious problem with the Eton spring mechanism, but they're specifically designed not to align in a flat plane, so it's very tricky to judge.

Steve (2011-07-23 06:56:24)

Gerard

Did you notice any mis-alignment or bending of the U shape trough that the rings fit in to?

Also check that the flat part of the ring mechanism isn't twisted over it's length. Check it by sighting it from end to end. Put a couple of pencils at each end across the flats to exaggerate any small twist.

As you have seen the amount of movement in the mechanism is only very small so any slight twist gets magnified by the time you get to where the rings join.

I'm sure you should be able to pick up a cheap binder (Check Ad Spot on here) that could be a donor for a new set of rings.

Steve

Gerard (2011-07-23 08:18:45)

Steve,

Thanks for those pointers. The donor rings from the Amazona fit the fixed trough of the Eton very well, whereas the Eton rings slide into the Amazona trough too easily and as a result the rings don't fully meet. I'll try your suggestions.

Gerard

Steve (2011-07-23 08:29:06)

Gerard,

May be you could try 'adjusting' the fixed trough by very gently squeezing both sides together slightly in a vice. But be careful of course.

This is assuming that all of the rings aren't meeting. My previous suggestion was assuming that some rings were closing ok whilst at the other end they weren't.

OK?

Gerard (2011-07-23 11:00:29)

Steve,

Sounds good - now all I need do is find the vice, or maybe some g-clamps.

Gareth Buxton (2011-07-29 10:42:18)

It is possible to realign the rings with a pair of pliers (taking care to put something between pliers and rings to stop the pliers damaging the surface of the rings). Although I ****don't recommend**** this unless you are 100 % prepared to sacrifice your filo. Its also possible to bend one ring too far and put all the other rings out of alignment! There is also the risk of the rings become "oval" and the teeth not meeting, I've just spent an hour sucessfully realigning mine. Thanks for the tip about the removable cover, its clips on and off really easily

Gerard (2011-07-30 05:54:36)

@Gareth - thanks for the tip. I agree that it's a nerve-racking business to attempt these modifications.

In the spirit of FFAF, I hit the workbench on Friday (ok the kitchen table) and transplanted the A5 ring mechanism from a Succes binder into a Mulberry Planner.

I now have an A5 "Filoberry" Planner that's fully compatible with Filofax A5 inserts. Simples - except now I'm all conflicted, having sworn to standardise on Personal size. Still - it's nice to look at.

Philofaxy Mini Mid West Meet Up - 16 July 2011 (2011-07-20 00:00)



[1]

SNARL wrote this ditty about the Midwest Meetup held in Chicago on 16 July 2011. She regrets that she forgot to take pictures, but skhen took what pictures she herself remembered to take. A Filofax sharing frenzy ensued. Sandra's take on the matter follows SNARL'S illustrative and entertaining narrative.

Finally—we were going to Chicago to meet-up with some fellow Filo-users/lovers! Yay! I was bummed 2 people couldn't make it, but I really wanted to go to Chicago anyway. If I were lucky and could stretch out the kid, maybe we'd go to the art museum, we'll see. So, on Friday I got everything ready including the mental prep necessary so that the kid would be on his best behaviour. I tried really hard to do as much morning stuff as I could - set the coffee maker on timer, put away all the dishes, shower, double check to make sure I had everything, go to bed early. I had to make sure I was organized before my day trip to meet up with a bunch of organizers, so I checked everything again. I made it to bed around 12.30-ish, which is pretty good for me.

I woke up super early thinking I smelled the coffee, and I patted myself on the back for that. Of course, those were all brain power thoughts as the coffee didn't fly on auto pilot on account of operator error - forgot to check the actual TIME of the coffee maker. 7.26. PM. Heh heh. Nice one SNARLing. But the rest of the morning was ok and we were out the door by 7.28. I wanted to leave at 7. Google maps says it's 3 hours and 22 minutes away, but Chicago's an hour behind so I thought we were fine for a 10a meeting. Oh, but wait - forgot there are tolls. Should have gotten cash YESTERDAY arrghh! so had to make a quick run to the bank. 7.42 - off we go.

It was a pretty good drive. Milo had a new dvd to watch and oh yeah, right, I drive kinda fast. When we saw the Chicago skyline it was almost 10a Indy time. Cool. I was hoping to be a bit early as skhen said street parking - I'm not that familiar with Chicago, but when I was in Brooklyn, 10am on a Saturday is right on the cusp of finding good street parking. Then we got a "running late" text from skhen - I was

like - but it's only 9-ish-but then remembered the four kids she has plus whatever drive time, so that was nice of her (editor's note: 20 minutes-and I did text SNARL...). And then, of course, immediately after I responded 'ok almost there', completely on cue from the heavens or from Hollywood, Milo threw up. Heh heh. Poor kid. Yeah, and mommy didn't bring any extra clothes just a hoodie, extra shoes and an umbrella in case it rained. I think he got car sick from my super fast driving (wha-?!) as he doesn't throw up very often. He was a really good sport about it all though and I was glad we had some extra time to clean up and stuff. Heh heh. Sorry kid, it's kinda funny.

Once we cleaned up and came out of the bathroom and looked at muffins, he was A-O-K. Milo wanted to sit outside so outside we went. It was great people watching. There were a lot of younger people wearing all black and a couple with purple or green hair so I thought maybe there must be a hair school close by. (I kinda want purple hair. Maybe for the 43rd I'll do that.) Oh, and a ton of dogs. I follow the [2]URBAN SKETCHERS blog so I thought I should try and sketch a bit but it was nice to just sit there and relax with the kid in this town soaking it all in, drinking [3]Caribou Coffee while he played with Buzz Lightyear with the pop-up wings.

FINALLY skhen arrived. Heh heh actually it wasn't much of a wait as it was nice and relaxing and we were enjoying it all. It was cool - TOTALLY like meeting an old friend whom I haven't seen in awhile. Chat chat chat, then little by little, things came out. I had decorated Altoids tins (Editor's note: filled with goodies!) for little presents since one of the few times I was active on twitter (sorry - just not that into twitter that much but love you all anyway) I twitpic'd my drawer filled with a ton of these things and J asked what would I do with them and I said make gifts for you all - so sorry, J, you totally missed out! skhen seemed to like it so that's cool.

And man she's got a bunch of great stuff! She had a classic A5 in brown which is really quite nice. It has a nice worn in look and felt pretty dense. and the A5 bronze snake Domino is really pretty too. I just got a dark brown A5 snake Domino that I want to use for a happiness/art binder and was completely overwhelmed by its size when I got it so it was good to see some up and running A5 binders. It'll take me awhile to get used to it - I don't think I could use it for my daily planner but it really should be perfect for a journal/art book. We'll see. I also loved seeing her different use of the Malden.

It's interesting to see the same binder setup so differently than your own. It would be nice to have Malden innards for the Malden flickr pics. I'll have to take some this week (editors note: me too!) Anyway, the crimson is really nice, too. I'm almost tempted to get one (along with a bunch of others!), but right now I'm all about the Chameleon. Skhen had a bunch of Finsburies - at least one in every size. I love the Finsbury. I like the worn-in look it gets. She had this one that was supposedly raspberry but it was more magenta-ish than the mini raspberry she had. It was really nice to see and makes me think maybe I can allow more colour in my life. Well, maybe. If they make them compact, that is [4](osterley osterley osterley).

It was great seeing all these Filos. At one point, the Italian girl sitting behind us came up to us and I thought for sure she was going to ask us about our Filos, but no. She wanted to know the whereabouts of a grocery or something. Too bad for her. Milo was getting a bit antsy so we packed it up and went to the [5]Kawaii store. So so so so Kawaii! It was hard to get Milo to let me look at things but, for the most part, I was able since I shouldn't be buying more stuff anyway. I was just glad to be there and looking at and touching things. So much nicer than shopping online! There was one thing, however, that I should have gotten but didn't: the blue kura toga pencil for @5.99.

Oh well. I was surprised that skhen was able to control herself like she did (editor's note: FabFrugal no spend challenge—so I had to behave). Man, if I had one daughter, I would have totally gone crazy in there - let alone three daughters (and one ds, Graham)! Of course, Milo was antsy and hanging out with the breakables (sign to leave) so we walked skhen to her car to see four more Filos (!) a Finchley pocket, two more Finsbury personals (including the magenta-ish one that I loved) and an A5 in Fins pink.

Awesome. It just makes it all the more clearer that you really need to see these in person to get a feel for the different colours and styles. I wish we had Filofaxes at our local Staples like SOME people, but then it wouldn't be as much fun as meeting up with people like this. It was so cool meeting skhen for real (editor's note: aw, thanks!). I wish we could have had more time to talk about planning and stuff like that (editor's note: me too!) She was able to show me a quarter of the [6]Women's Success Planner

which looked a lot nicer than it does online. It's machine-made, yet hand-made-looking, flecked paper and the font and layout didn't bother me as much as I thought it would have - really nice and soothing, actually.

A final thought: I think it would be awesome to have a non-profit organization with an annual conference with seminars of tips and demos of new products and stuff. We could all meet annually and write it off tax wise. Skhen and I are going to look into it and let you know.

Hello, dear ones. SNARL and I met on Saturday in Chicago, Illinois, USA. We had two other Philofaxy fans that had to cancel at the last minute, and they were sorely missed, but there was no stopping this Filofax power duo. Well, trio-mini SNARL came along with his momma to the Windy City for the day. We met at a Caribou Coffee at Maxwell and Halsted in the University Village neighborhood of Chicago. UIC (University of Illinois -Chicago) was a few blocks away, parking was ample, and the weather was mild (quite warm (85F/30C, humid, no rain). After grabbing a coffee and starting a good, chatty visit, SNARL pulled out a small gift for me! Such a lovely surprise. I felt quite guilty as I did not procure one for her, but I did share some extra goodies I had on hand and will send a thank you parcel shortly.



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Buzz Lightyear made an essential appearance as well. Look at the tricked out Altoids tin! Woot! It was filled with goodies, but that is a topic for another post on my [8]blog.



[9]

Tin scoping out the Malden stack. All eyes on our Beloveds.



[10]

An earlier stack attempt—but there were Filofaxes lurking about the meet up that have not yet graced us with their presence.

I had a difficult time deciding which Filofaxes to bring as to bring all would be a bit heavy in my backpack (seriously). So, I brought 2 A5s, a personal, a pocket, and a mini. I did bring the others to leave in the car if a Filofax emergency presented itself. At the end of our visit, SNARL did walk to my car as we said our goodbyes to see some additional Finsburys and a pocket Finchley. But I digress—back to the binders! SNARL brought out so many lovely binders. She reminded me of a magician pulling a rabbit out of a hat: the Filofaxes and other journals just kept coming. I was most taken by the compact Chameleon in black. The small rings just looked so tidy and streamlined. Her orange pocket Finsbury was so cute, even though orange is not a color I gravitate to at all. She also brought a slim that I rather liked a bit. And then there was the [11]Midori travel journal. I couldn't put that one down to take a picture. Total L-O-V-E with that one. And the [12]Arc planner....*sigh*.



[13]



[14]

Love the profiles of happily stuffed Filofaxes!



[15]

Profile of Malden reunion



[16]

The final stack, minus the stowed Filofaxes I did not carry with me. From top to bottom: mini Fins, pocket Topaz (might be a slim?), pocket Fins, pocket Malden, slim Finsbury (I think?), compact Chameleon, personal Maldens, brown Snake Domino, Chocolate Classic, bronze Snake Domino.

We chatted and shared as long as the mini SNARL would tolerate and we next went to a small boutique called [17] Kawaii Japanese Outlet. The store displayed lots of household goodies to peruse as well some neat stationery items. I bought a few things, but only what was needed in honor of the [18]Frugal is

Fabulous Challenge I am part of as led by CP and Imy. These minor purchases (\$13.42 USD!) will appear in a future post on [19]Miscellany of a Filofax Fanatic.



[20]

An adorable munchkin, mini SNARL, admiring The Stack. Start 'em young...



[21]

One purchase for my dh—a spice shaker for the travel camper.

Sadly, I had to scurry home at this point to my friend/babysitter before she totally lost her mind. I am so looking forward to future Meetups, here and elsewhere, as well as possible video conferencing at some point. And, I now have a friend (and a half-mini SNARL) in the bustling and exciting metropolis of Indianapolis, Indiana. SNARL insists there is "nothing to do there" with respect to stationery geekdom, so future Midwest Meetup locations are TBA. We both hope more Philofaxers can attend as it was even more fun than it looks. Thanks for reading!

Thank you both for a detailed write up. So those of you attending the London meet-up in September (myself included) you can see what we have to beat now... there are going to be some heavy bags I think!

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caribbean princess (2011-07-20 02:23:37)

Yay I totally enjoyed reading this. The Filofaxes are amazing especially the orange Finsbury. I wonder if there is any other meet up where the pictures are of Filofaxes but not of people! Hehe.

Thanks ladies :-)

kpreddie (2011-07-20 06:16:45)

I thoroughly enjoyed reading both of these write-ups about the meet-up. I get goosebumps just looking at all the Filo's. Sooooo many...and just two people! I'm waiting for my third to come in the mail, so I'm still just a baby! Being quite new to the filofax/Philofaxy world, I'm not familiar with a lot of people on here, but I do have some geographical connections. First, as I posted last week in regards to CP, my husband is from Trinidad. Then, I was totally surprised to learn that there is another 'Hoosier' (a person from Indiana) on board! So yes, Snarl, I'm from Indy too. And you're right: no good Filofax stores. Have you tried Paradise Pens at keystone at the Crossing? I ordered a filo (slimline Adelphi-damsen) from Amazon, and Paradise Pens was the seller. Along with the organizer, they sent a very nice hand-written thank you note on good stationary, which I thought was nice, old -fashioned and quite classy touch. Haven't been there yet, but i'm going.

So, nice 'meeting' you, fellow Hoosier!

Laurie (2011-07-20 06:19:29)

I'm from Indy too! Hoosiers unite!

SNARLing: (2011-07-20 07:27:18)

wow! so many hoosiers! whoda-thunk!

kpreddie - i was on paradise pens' email list - they shut down about a month ago. something about not renewing their rent. they had a very small selection of classics, adelphis, finchelys and finsburys but i was able to see a couple of chameleons there before i bought the compact one. the one i kinda flirted with was the slimline pocket guilford. that one is kinda hard to come by but i didn't want to pay full price.

the franklin covey in castleton also shut down. i was pissed since i dragged my kid up there (we live in garfield park) and there was a crocs store in its place— wha=?! i mean there's papyrus or tate but they're just mall stores. dolphin is great but it's mostly art and book art supplies. you'd think there'd be a nice little ma and pa stationary store here somewhere...what part of indy are you from? we should hook up after you get your 3rd up and running and do a mini mini midwest meetup

Rori (2011-07-20 10:29:43)

Yay! Why no pics of y'all tho??

Any hoo! I must go get some Altoids (and dump the vile mints out) and trick them out! My kids would <3 those :) Can't wait to see what was inside..

Oh, how I love love love the orange one!!AND wow, how pretty is the compact Cham?

Glad y'all had fun :D

Butanben (2011-07-20 14:58:30)

I love the orange pocket Finsbury. Such fun!! And what a great write up. Milo looks such a little poppet too. Lovely that he shared the day with you both.

J (2011-07-20 17:23:53)

Sooooooooooooo bummed I missed this!!! Stupid work and all...

kanalt (2011-07-21 20:16:28)

Glad you guys had a good time. It's always great to hear about other people's meet ups, especially after having experience one myself!

Reader Under The Spot Light - Saffy (2011-07-21 00:00)

Hi, you all know me as 'Saffy'. My name is Fiona and I live in Hampshire, U.K. I first came across the Filofax brand when I went to live and work in London in 1986. I was given a hand-me-down Filofax and that was it, I was hooked for life. I live with my husband, teenage daughter and two cats.

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

In London in the 80's it seemed everyone had a Filofax, my work colleagues, strangers on the tube, people walking down the street and I HAD to have my own. I coveted a dark green (Winchester I think) with the smaller ring size of (19mm?) and would go every lunch time to Ryman across the road on the High Street and agonise over which one I would eventually buy. Back then they were around £54.00 if my memory serves me correctly which at the time was nearly half my weekly wage. I was eventually given my first Filofax by my boss, a second hand Winchester (I think) in maroon, it had gold embossing with 'Harrods' so doubly impressive to a 19 year old, Harrods and Filofax all in one – WOW! It needed a bit of TLC as it was dried out but those older Filofaxes were made of thick robust leather and meant to last forever. I still have it and it is now a time capsule of the 80's.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

For a couple of years I used Franklyn Covey because the company I worked for were putting their staff through the training course and you came out with the basic vinyl model in black. Sadly I missed the course but did get the binder which I loved due to their 2DPP layout and time management. The starter pack had helpful notes on how to use the organiser and get the most out of it. The cross referencing was invaluable.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

I can't really pick just one. My current favourite would have to be the Plum Compact Osterley because it is the newest and I felt like I waited so long for its release before I finally made it mine. My husband bought it for my recent birthday. In some ways it reminds me of that coveted green Winchester in size and seriousness. I love the slimlines too, I have Adelphi's which seem 'fun' compared to the serious Osterley. And then there is the Baroque which is much like the Malden. I love its soft squishy leather and the note pad pocket in the back and laying flat from the start and, and, and, see, I can't just pick one.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Umm,err, ahh, I am really embarrassed by this question and I have terrible Filofax angst and guilt. I will admit to owning 18 (+) thanks to some serious bargains on EBay and at TKMaxx and of course thanks to the 'enablers'. The ones not counted don't get a guernsey until I find uses for them or in case I change my mind and decide to sell them on to a loving home or gift them to friends or family. I guess I am a collector.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

Everything and anything, I have many uses. I like to compartmentalise my life into different Filofaxes so I know exactly where to look for information. For example I have a family organiser, storage filo, quilt-o-fax (inspired by Sharon's craft-o-fax), master copy of all personal information including family history, passwords etc. I also have one set aside next to the computer with just A-Z tabs and behind those are all my logons, passwords, user names etc which I call my 'computer companion'. This is particularly handy and it is slowly filling up with my husband's logon info as well, he-he.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

Prior to owning a Filofax I would carry an address book and a diary and a note book (all very small ones) so when I discovered the Filofax contained all three in one leather bound file I thought it was an ingenious idea and had to have one. I love that it could replace all three of my little booklets in one. They are so hangeable. I also love that you can personalise it and adjust it to fit into whatever lifestyle you have and whichever direction life takes you with the different variety of refills be it serious for work or fun and colourful for play. You don't need to be an executive or high flying professional you can be a stay at home mum, student, retiree, etc and it will fit in with your needs. I also love the sheer variety of binders, inserts and accessories we all have our own individual set up and binder preference which makes them so personal to us.

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

I have two that I dream of. The first one would have to be a personal sized binder with the smaller 80's ring size (19 mm). A luxury printed leather like the Osterley/Amazona in a mid-dark green colour, it seems I am still hankering over that green Winchester. The second one would be embossed leather like the Baroque but on the outside. I would love this in two colours, white and red. Two pen loops of course and probably a secretarial pocket in the front inside and the inside back cover would either have the note pad pocket or a simple full length ½ width pocket like in the slimlines. That way I can keep my jotter pads in the back out of the way. It also goes without saying, it would lay flat right out of the box. And an external pocket like on the Kendal would be handy too.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Quite simply, in my handbag. I also have a love of handbags so I am never without my Filofax and handbag.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

Again, not just one but two. The Luxe compact in red and the Enigma in White. When I saw the Enigma in the Neal Street shop I was quite surprised, it was silky smooth to the touch and the white one was lovely. The pictures don't do it justice. I may consider buying the white Enigma as a future purchase if Filofax have another post Christmas sale of 50 % off all binders. But no plans at this stage for any new purchases. Although the purple Song Bird may be in the running, for my daughter, of course. I don't need any more Filofaxes!

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

The most expensive is the plum Compact Osterley although my husband bought it for me as a birthday present so does that count?

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

The Philofaxy community is one of the friendliest and helpful I have come across. When I first discovered Philofaxy I lurked in the background just reading all the posts and comments and finally plucked up the courage to leave a comment. Discovering a community of fellow Filofax junkies out there also made me feel a bit more 'normal'. The meet ups in London are the highlight of my year.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

I was going to agree with a previous 'Reader Under the Spotlight' about the brownness but now that it is 'Cotton Cream' how could I not like that?

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

This is embarrassing. I rarely if ever buy CD's or download music. All that gets played in my house (full blast, may I add) is teenager style music eg; Rihanna, Taylor Swift, Justin Bieber, Eminem and some band with a scary name that I have no idea what they sing but their lyrics sound offensive.....ha-ha,.....I am officially middle aged after saying that.

Free For All Friday No 140 (2011-07-22 00:00)

It's Friday.... the weekend is just around the corner.. but before you disappear to enjoy lots of sun, relaxation and fun times... why not tell us all about what you have changed recently in your Filofax. But of course it's a Friday so do feel free to discuss anything Filofax related. Bonne weekend..... as they say around here!

terriknits (2011-07-22 00:27:27)

I try to stay out of the sun (huddled in my a/c).

Recently I added a world map to my Malden. I found a nice clear image online and printed it out on letter sized paper (landscape) and trimmed it down to personal-size height, then I tri-folded it to fit!

Butanben (2011-07-22 01:53:33)

Yesterday, I added the business card slot folder. On one side I have added prayer and quotation cards, words of wisdom which give me a boost and inspiration. Badly needed right now. On the other side I have added stamps- 1st class, 2nd class, large, and Christmas- (a few leftover stamps, still usable, but for Christmas tide.) Does anyone know of a thin mini pen, ie which would fit the mini Filofax, but which does 2 colours of ink?? Thanks folks.

Butanben (2011-07-22 02:07:04)

Oh, almost forgot!! I have been looking at the concept of vision boards recently, and have been meaning to start one. But.... you know what, a vision Filofax appeals, and is being started this very day. Will take a while to fill up the folder, and will be an ongoing project, but hey I've got patience!!

David Popely (2011-07-22 02:12:51)

Alison Reeves and I have spent virtually the whole of the past week exchanging emails regarding ways of configuring our respective systems, and running back over Time manager philosophy. As a result, and pro tem, I've reconfigured my Personal Hampstead back into GTD mode and layout, and I'm trying to collect projects and define next actions on the hoof', pending a proper collection phase per David Allen, although that will have to wait until August due to the large number of accounts filing deadlines I have to meet by 31st July, which effectively

means I shall have to stay in firefighting mode for one more week.

I'd like to say right here what a help Alison has been - our dialogue has really made me think about the way I use my system, and I think I'm nearer to having it properly bedded down for the future.

Now I realise that decision-time for 2012 diary formats is coming into sight.....argh! These things never go away, do they? :)

David Popely (2011-07-22 02:19:49)

@butanben Quick research has established that Royal Mail's UK-sized stamp books won't fit into a Filofax credit card holder.

Another triumph for the folks at FF UK.....ah well.....there's always the front pocket on my Hampstead as a *very* poor second choice, I guess....

Great idea though

KJ (2011-07-22 03:20:04)

personal A-Z index tabs in black leather

Does anybody think they were discontinued at some point when they changed the packaging? I saw them in a store, but they were \$10 and I already don't like that store from looking at their fountain pens. The paper is black too, and the bag might have been the old one with Filofax in blue diagonal patter. Online I found one seller out of stock.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-22 03:40:48)

@David Popely - kind words thank you! Interestingly our discussion has led me to a different set up to David (as they say different strokes for different folks). David very kindly scanned in some very useful info for me to read - it was much appreciated as it was a lot of work! I have now completely re-set up my Filofax with new tabs and sections. I'll write more about it if it works as it's early days yet.

I also enjoyed watching Snarlings videos which gave me some great ideas about using different styles of diary together for different purposes.

The key to my new setup will be a daily and weekly review so I don't forget what is on my lists. This is something I really want to do that will make sure all my work is kept in mind, but I know it may take a bit of self discipline. I'm in London in the middle of August and plan to visit one of the Filofax shops on the afternoon of 9th Aug (probably Neal Street) so if anyone is around then would be good to meet up for a short time.

Adamski (2011-07-22 04:26:58)

I bought a square post-it block from Tesco (80p!) and have split it up into thin sections of each colour; to keep in my clear zip-lock wallet in my filofax for to-dos. :]

Gerard (2011-07-22 05:13:25)

David, that's uncanny - I've just read some of your comments on time management posts earlier this year and was about to email you to see if you'd be interested in exchanging ideas on creating a wider suite of forms in Filofax Personal size, incorporating some of the Time Manager philosophy. The draft email is in my office, so I'll pop something off to you later.

David Popely (2011-07-22 05:33:08)

@gerard *Definitely* send it over.....and as there is so much interest in this at the moment, would it be worth setting up a forum to discuss, or a group on LinkedIn? @alisonreeves what do you think?....Even if it were just the three of us, it might be worth it.

gdigesu (2011-07-22 05:58:42)

David, if you set up the discussion group, please allow me to join.

David Popely (2011-07-22 06:03:38)

@gdigesu @gerard @alisonreeves Discussion group (Yahoo), forum (proboards) or LinkedIn group? Opinions please.....

Gerard (2011-07-22 06:13:16)

David, I spend my typical working day behind a corporate firewall, so most forums are off limits - even *gasp* philofaxy, due to the blogspot connection.

I can access the standard LinkedIn pages, so given a choice I'd go with that, albeit that I've no experience or knowledge of the group aspect.

Gerard (2011-07-22 06:19:16)

I've recently added reading list and book review templates to my Eton. The "Filofax Facts" book refers to Bibliophile inserts (page 48 of the book). The description reads like a sort of commonplace book index. Can anyone provide a scan or other information on this, so that we can develop and share a template?

Amanda (2011-07-22 06:22:40)

@Alison; @David

I would be really interested if you could do a guest post (?) sharing your set-ups!

Happy to join/contribute to a discussion group. No experience of any of the platforms suggested but happy to learn!

David Popely (2011-07-22 06:24:06)

@Gerard Personally I find LinkedIn group clunky, and the Yahoo Group option sounds more sensible, as it incorporates a files section on the group website (although we could obviously upload our stuff to the Philofaxy site as well, with permission.

Shall I go ahead and facilitate?..... I'll need an email address for each interested party, sent to davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com.....

shepcraig (2011-07-22 06:44:09)

I have just been to the post office and bought a book of first class stamps, and they fit perfectly into the credit card or business card holders.

David Popely (2011-07-22 06:45:50)

@shepcraig Tried mine again - no luck. Good for you though!

David Popely (2011-07-22 06:49:26)

@Amanda ditto my previous post then - send me an email (see above) and I'll set something up.

As for a guest post, I think I owe Steve around 6 now, but I'll do my best....major firefighting of July 31 accounts filing deadlines at the moment :)

Steve (2011-07-22 07:02:42)

Yes count me in on this one, and yes of course we can share the output on Philofaxy. David has my email address. I've been outside digging holes this morning... cold chisel and lump hammer not a spade! We live in Flintstones Ville I think!

Steve

David Popely (2011-07-22 07:10:08)

OK folks, Yahoo groupnow in place, you can join by going to www.groups.yahoo.com and searching for time _and_ life _management - or if you want to be sent an invite send me an email offlist to the address as posted above

Nellie (2011-07-22 07:57:33)

I just searched for time _and_ life _management and didn't see anything which was obviously the filofax discussion group. I'll drop you an email :)

Nellie (2011-07-22 08:01:59)
@Butanben - what's a vision board?

gmax (2011-07-22 08:16:18)
@Gerard - I do have a copy of a Bibliophile leaf, and I've just scanned it as a PDF. Let me know how to get it to you.

David Popely (2011-07-22 08:19:28)
@Gmax could I possibly have a copy as well please? davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com
Many thanks

gmax (2011-07-22 08:26:58)
The business card holder (with 3 top-opening slots on each side) works well for books of stamps.
The credit card holder (3 slots at side) is too narrow.

gmax (2011-07-22 08:30:14)
Will do David.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-22 08:35:14)
Sorry to have been so quiet this morning - have had some work to do so been a bit tied up. I noticed an invite to the yahoo group so will get on there later on. That is of course if I can remember my yahoo sign login!

David Popely (2011-07-22 09:04:57)
@gmax Aha! All is explained! Thanks for that :)
Sorry people aren't finding the Yahoo group (no idea why, but it's obviously Yahoo being unhelpful).
Try navigating to
http://finance.groups.yahoo.com/group/time_and_life_management/?yguid=453011143
David

shepcraig (2011-07-22 09:30:45)
I think the issue with stamps is that sometimes, you get a special book, they tend to be a bit bigger with different sized stamps in them, I always ask for the normal stamps and they fit ok.

Rori (2011-07-22 09:40:19)
@terriknits I saw your Malden this am! WOWZERS :D
@Butanben A VISION FILOFAX! That's brilliant!!! Sending you xx

angela (2011-07-22 09:52:12)
I've opted to use one of my Filofaxes as a 'password' holder for all those various passwords one accumulates just by being on the internet!
Not really adding anything to my filo but more like taking my filo out of retirement ;)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-22 09:52:17)
Those of you who work for yourselves - do you record enquiries from people who may be interested in your work even though it didn't pan out this time? I don't want to put them into my contacts, but it would be nice to record them somewhere - any ideas?
The only thing I can think of is the have a contact sheet just for this purpose and file it under P for prospects!

Steve (2011-07-22 09:59:09)
Alison, there are a few templates in our Files area:
<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/files.html>
Customer Records and Contact Management, may be adapt those to suit? They are in A4/5 format too.
Steve

Butanben (2011-07-22 10:18:34)

@David and @ShepCraig. I am sitting here with my A5 planner and a plastic business card wallet I got with it 4 card slots on each side, and my stamps fit beautifully on the back, little books of 6 stamps in each. Maybe you were trying personal??? I will look up the Yahoo group too David, just out of interest, as I have a separate GTD filofax.

A vision board is a picture board, ie visual way of outlining your goals, where you would like to be, the type of future you'd like to envisage, the behaviours and ways of being which are important to you. There is a lot about vision boards on Google, not just the how to set one up, but how they actually seem to work to bring serendipity into your life. Much like visual prayer. It really is a very interesting concept. Your vision board is yours and unique to you. Worth looking up on Google. I have chosen an aqua coloured Finsbury planner, as that seems a peaceful colour and right. Bought much reduced in a sale!!

Alison Reeves (2011-07-22 10:35:19)

@Butanben - I've also acquired an A5 Finsbury in Aqua for a similar purpose. The idea is to encourage me to spend some time thinking about life and what I want from it - and to find a way of getting it! I race through my days with work, dogs, housework etc and I need to stop and smell the roses sometimes!

@Steve - thanks for the contact sheet ideas - I was really thinking about where to file them (i.e. under which divider) however it might be useful to track my contact with some people, so I'll check them out thanks!

Gosh this has been a lively Free for all Friday!

Anita (2011-07-22 10:59:44)

Just joined the Yahoo group, thanks for setting it up David :)

I use the GTD paper planner setup & it seems to be working well so far.

What's changed recently - just bought a couple of small & cheap Tesco notebooks to try them out in the notepad pocket at the back of my Malden.

livingwithliisa (2011-07-22 12:01:05)

I got my new personal Finsbury today!!! No changes there yet, as I haven't even finished the set up (gotta wait for my new pens to arrive...:)).

But the new Finsbury means a lot of changes for my A5 Domino, which I've been using for both business and personal purposes up until now. Finsbury will be my everyday FF, and the Domino will be dedicated to crochet business only.

Steve (2011-07-22 14:05:50)

My thoughts go out to the people of Oslo this evening.

I know we have readers there. So I hope none of them or their family or friends are hurt or injured in the attacks there today.

Butanben (2011-07-22 15:32:51)

I join you in your good wishes and prayers for the people of Oslo and Norway Steve, and our fellow Philofaxers there. Just got home to the news. Dreadful!

gdigesu (2011-07-22 15:42:38)

@David Sent you my e-mail address. As soon as I get the invitation, I will join.

gdigesu (2011-07-22 15:45:34)

@Steve Just turned on the tele at the office. Dreadful !

I join you in your good wishes and prayers for the people of Oslo and Norway.

Gerard (2011-07-22 17:48:37)

gmax, if you see this comment, please send the Bibliophile leaf to gerardmccabe [at] eircom [dot] net
Thanks!

Sandra (2011-07-22 19:47:20)

I am also praying for Norway and those suffering as a result of that tragic event. How senseless.

I also joined the Yahoo group, and thanks to David for starting it. I use some GTD thinking in my teaching Filofax (A5 Snake Domino) yet am ignorant of the Time Manager system. Off to do some research and reading...

@Allison—look forward to your new setup!

Kate the Kate (2011-07-22 20:04:00)

I recently discovered Filofax so I've been playing with three (!) Personal ones: Classic Pink, lavender Metropol, and raspberry Metropol (I know, that's sick). I love the Filofax notepaper!

Gerard (2011-07-23 09:06:01)

@gmax

If you see this comment, please send the Bibliophile leaf to gerardmccabe [at] eircom [dot] net

Thanks!

Amanda (2011-07-24 13:33:22)

I joined the group but then every time I have tried to post something (bar once) or to look at files, Yahoo keeps on demanding that I log in. I tried to post tonight that this was happening, but could never get out of the circular log-in; see the members area; try to do something; appear not to be in the members area; log-in; log-in; log-in; log-in; be sent to some random business part of the site.

Any ideas guys?? I have cookies allowed and am on the latest Firefox.

Thanks!

Steve (2011-07-24 14:02:47)

Amanda

Try deleting the Yahoo cookies and clearing the cache on your browser. Then try again.

Regards

Steve

Amanda (2011-07-25 04:08:27)

Thanks Steve, but... still no use...

I log in okay, and member only stuff has active links, but then as soon as I click on anything, I get asked for another log-in or if I click on home or messages, all the other member stuff greys out. Yet at the top, it still says "Hi Amanda". The log-in and membership don't seem to be getting the right handshake.

I guess I will be just reading the messages! Ho hum.

gmax (2011-07-26 03:25:02)

Gerard & David - Bibliophile PDF should be with you now.

Gerard (2011-07-26 12:31:26)

gmax, bibliofile leaf safely received, thanks very much. I dropped you an email about this, and any other old forms you may have.

Regards,

Gerard

Web Finds - 23 July 2011 (2011-07-23 03:00)

Some more posts for you to read over the weekend.

- [1]Calendar Questions Answered - The Glamorous Life of a French Housewife

- [2]Paths to Happiness - Cherie's Place
- [3]Dearest beloved friend - Cecil Frid
- [4]I have a Mulberry!! - Caribbean Princess
- [5]What's in my FF - Living with Liisa
- [6]My GTD System (2011) -Parker Quality Consultants
- [7]My GTD Forms - Parker Quality Consultants
- [8]Finally! My Filofax Recap Pics - Kathiza
- [9]Using my A5 Malden - Planet Millie
- [10]My Filofax - Sarah Sees All
- [11]My Life Planner - Skaerup
- [12]Size Does Matter - State of Grace
- [13]Filofax Malden Pocket in Grey - the lowlife of the party
- [14]Random Filo Things - Life Well Planned
- [15]Making Filofax Dividers - Imysworld
- [16]Time and task management: how is the TMI-filofax marriage? - Paper Pens Ink

Enjoyable they certainly should be!

You should also be aware of a new Yahoo Group called [17]Time and Life Management set up by David Popely following discussions on Free For All Friday yesterday. The group is open for everyone to join in.

1. <http://kjaggers.blogspot.com/2011/07/calender-questions-answered.html>
2. <http://www.cheriesplace.me.uk/blog/index.php/2011/07/18/paths-to-happiness/>
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caribbean princess (2011-07-23 03:09:36)

Oooh a bumper of web finds! Thanks for including me. I get off call in 1 hour and then my holiday officially begins! Yay!

katka (2011-07-23 10:49:15)

@CP...good for you. I can't wait for my holiday.

There are some new videos on youtube about Filofax bags.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJyPjBKPxuI>

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-23 15:05:27)

Just looked at the yahoo group. How do I join? Do I need to send an e-mail to the moderator? I have no experience of Yahoo groups.

@CP - enjoy your leave. Rest up and have fun x

Skaerup (2011-07-23 16:06:23)

Thank you so much for including me in your list :)

livingwithliisa (2011-07-23 16:43:38)

Thanks for including me!! My blog stats just hit through the roof :)

CherryPie (2011-07-23 19:07:57)

Thanks for adding me in your linky list. I will be back later to check out the others :-)

Amanda (2011-07-25 10:26:17)

thanks for adding me!!

Really enjoy reading all the links you put up!

Filofax Facts (2011-07-23 18:19)

Another copy of Filofax Facts has become available on Amazon UK See my [1]full review of the book. And buy the book via the link below. This book doesn't come up for sale very often and when it does the price is often ridiculously high.

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Gerard (2011-07-24 03:48:30)

Wow - it's already gone!

Steve (2011-07-24 04:29:22)

I hope it was one of our readers?

Chris (2011-07-24 04:40:35)

It was - thanks Steve. My son had me up at 5.30 this morning. I logged on to Philofaxy and then acted fast!

I am thinking of ways to share the book - perhaps just a simple list of people that would be interested in borrowing it for a couple of weeks at a time?

In fact if you would like to borrow it then please complete this form: <http://goo.gl/8S74w> (Takes you to a Google Form that only I can see the results of.)

Chris

Steve (2011-07-24 04:47:15)

Well done Chris. And a great idea about lending the book out.

I've also placed the Amazon link in to the side bar so if another copy becomes available we will spot it straight away because a price will be shown... keep your eyes on it folks.

I only spotted this copy because someone on Twitter was asking about it again.

gdigesu (2011-07-24 07:01:24)

Chris -

Glad you were fast to get this "specimen". I tried, but Amazon UK does not ship old books to Brazil.

"Someone" contacted Steve yesterday regarding where to buy the book. Steve kindly suggested the link to amazon.co.uk. Early this morning, I had managed to obtain an address in Europe to have the book shipped. It was too late ... :)) No problem. I had fun trying to get it.

Steve, a big thanks from "someone" (laughing). Next time, give me 24 hours before posting :)).

Giovani

Chris (2011-07-26 03:42:41)

I feel bad now Giovani - sorry for thwarting your plans!

Two people have already signed up for the book share. Any more takers?

Reader Under The Spotlight - Alison (2011-07-24 00:00)



[1]

Alison works full time from home on her business '[2]Write to Win'. She has been a member of the Filofaxy community for some time now and has just recently started her own [3]business blog.

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I didn't actually buy my first Filofax – I had it given to me. My eldest brother used to be a 'fly around the world' executive and used to get lots of free airmiles and goodies from British Airways. They had some personal sized Filofaxes commissioned and he got two over a period of time – one of which he gave to me. I remember it was a real status symbol – it was a lovely grained supple Navy Blue leather (when everything else came in black only!) with 'British Airways' embossed on the front. Not only did it make me feel very glamorous and trendy, but I reached my zenith regarding personal time management – I've never been so organised before or since! I think this had something to do with the exclusivity of it!

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

Having got the Filofax under my belt – I was a real convert to 'time management' systems. My ultimate goal was to go on one of the new TMI courses – but only the highest levels of management were sent. Feeling slightly miffed about this, I bought their system myself (without the course) and figured it out and used it for some time. I never got the buzz from this that I got from that first Filofax though! However I did love the TMI inserts and I really do feel that Filofax lets us down a bit with insert design and paper quality – especially for the A5 size.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

Well, normally I like my accessories in bright colours. However I recently bought an A5 Amazona in Black and totally fell in love. I bought it as a work Filofax and am to be seen subtly stroking it when I think no-one is looking! I also have a bit of a thing for pens (I prefer a fountain pen but the current inserts make this impossible) so I use a very nice Mont Blanc Meisterstück ball point that I have had for some years. It writes beautifully and looks amazing in the pen loop of this black Amazona.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I'm not sure I wish to be called to account in public on this – but here goes! A4 Classic Red, A5 Black Amazona, A5 Red Amazona (recently bought cheap and undergoing loving restoration), A5 Aqua Finsbury, A5 Vintage Rose Finchley, A5 Bronze Snake Domino, Personal Ivory Deco (soon to be sold), Personal Pearl Panama (also soon to be sold), Slimline Personal Scarlet Adelphi, Pocket Special Edition, Pocket Almond Amazona. Gosh – this is scary I didn't realise I had so many! I am a bit of a cheapskate so have bought them all either in sales or on Ebay.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

A5 Black Amazona – this is my work FF. It has a day per page diary and will be used to track work, goals, projects and so on. I work in my own business from home so decided to keep work separate (at least for the time being!).

A5 Aqua Finsbury – I'm planning to use this for my personal life and development, hobbies and projects.

A5 Vintage Rose Finchley – this is my household FF. I have my food shopping lists, menu planning, Xmas cards/present planning, Flylady ideas, recipes and so on.

Pocket Special Edition – this is my handbag diary which goes everywhere with me and has all my appointments in. I like that I can scan the pages and see weeks and months at a glance.

I'm not sure about the others just now – the personal sized ones will be on sale just as soon as I can get some decent pictures taken.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

There are two things I like – one is the range of binders so something for everyone – I just need to remember that I don't need one of every style they bring out! The second thing I like is the versatility – I like to write, I like to see things on a page and I like to customise. Its biggest bonus has to be that it can be all things to all people due to its design.

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

Fantasy: one that is a deskfax size, takes standard size paper and folds down into a mini size when travelling! Oh and a reasonably priced A5 hole punch!

Reality: No bulky pockets on the outside (this feature actually annoys me about the Special Edition and the Deco – a waste of space for me). I like sumptuous leather inside and out, and would prefer the larger ring sizes on all the leather binders as well.

Inserts: A much wider range for the A5 - as in the personal. Much better paper quality that will take a fountain pen. A customisable option so you can have the diary designed to your spec then printed – a bit like this [4]planner that Laurie reviewed. Coloured rulers for the A5 instead of boring black. A wider range of index tabs for the A5. More coloured inserts.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Usually in my hand or briefcase.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

I am in love with the Plum Osterley at the moment. The website doesn't give an internal view so I'm not sure if I would love the inside as much. It looks like it has a brass button on the closure, so hopefully the hardware inside is gold coloured – yummy my favourite! I can't possibly buy it because 1) I have too many binders 2) I can't afford it and 3) my husband would divorce me!!! I'll have to wait for the lottery win!

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

Probably the A4 Classic which was around £95 when I bought it. All the others I have had good deals on.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

I love the community and the fact that when I am having a rotten day, I can have a quick chat with some like minded souls! I love the weekly roundups of other blogs (I have to settle down with a nice cuppa when those appear!), Tuesdays and Fridays for chatter and the very informative articles our illustrious

leaders post! I really look forward to checking the blog every day. I'm hoping to get to a meet up one day!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

As someone said before this must be a trick question. The only thing to moan about is that there is not more than one post a day and not more chat – just because I have an insatiable desire for all things FF! I could chatter away all day! I suppose I should take up twitter or facebook for more chat, but it's not really me!

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

I can't remember and I would probably be too embarrassed to say! My most recent singles downloads were probably 'The Rose' by Francoise Hardy and 'Hallelujah' by k.d. lang. I'm a big fan of Queen, Enya, Gary Moore, Elton John, Amy Winehouse (not everything!), Bette Midler and Adele – and I also love show music, opera and classical. It all depends on my mood. So you see I am easily pleased!

Thank you Alison for going under the spotlight... for once I recognise your music choices !!! and yes you should join us on Twitter, it's where all the chat is...

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caribbean princess (2011-07-24 06:07:41)

Great interview Alison :) Like you I wish there were more chitter chatter but alas I have a day job! lol.

Tali (2011-07-24 13:16:21)

Hi Alison - I'm new to Philofaxy and haven't posted before but noticed you are also from Wolves! Small world!! :o)

Butanben (2011-07-24 13:29:31)

Hi Alison

Loved your post. Great to see so many readers under the spotlight now. So glad that you are a sales bargains Filofaxer like me!!

Steve (2011-07-24 13:32:18)

Alison, Tali... Midlands Philofaxy meet up in the making may be....

Steve

Alison Reeves (2011-07-24 13:34:46)

Thanks everyone - I wasn't sure when the 'interview' would be posted so had a surprise when I logged on and saw my ugly mug!!!

@Tali - nice to see someone local - I'm looking forward to hearing all about your filofax experience!

@Butanben - I get ribbed about being a cheapskate sometimes! The truth of the matter is that I couldn't afford to buy some of the filofax binders unless I bought second hand!

@CB - girl after my own heart! I have to switch off this site when I am working. However there does seem to be a lot of chatter on here recently which I can only welcome!

Alison Reeves (2011-07-24 13:36:26)

@Steve - a Midland meetup would be brilliant! Only trouble is I can't think of anywhere with a good filofax collection for us to browse! Possibly in Birmingham??

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-24 14:08:23)

Loved reading your piece. I am also a Midlands girl... wish there was a Filofax store in Brum....

Really wanting to get to grips with my A5 for this academic year as I know it is going to be a busy one. Would

also love more variety of inserts...

HW (2011-07-24 14:43:58)

newbie Filofax reader here, would also be interested in a Midlands meet-up too.

SNARLing: (2011-07-24 15:14:55)

great reading about you alison! i like the chitter chatter as well but can't really get into twitter as much. the yahoo groups thing might be a great side for the philofaxy - i always appreciate reading your questions as i think a lot of us struggle with the same things

Saffy (2011-07-26 08:39:59)

Great post Alison, we do indeed have very similar tastes in more than just Filofaxes.

Tommes (2011-07-26 11:12:27)

Hi Alison,

thank you for this interview, and congratulations for all the bargains!

I can't say it often enough: if you have the chance for a meet up, go for it! No matter how many people you are or if there's a store around - just do it. You will all have so much fun, and there's is no need for shopping (well, sort of).

I dearly remember our meet up in March, and I can definitely say that is has been one of the greatest day in my life!

Kind regards, Thomas

kathiza (2011-07-26 16:57:39)

Hi Alison! I just saw that the red A5 Amazona is on sale online and since you own several, I was wondering: Do they lie flat? How "stiff" are they? (more like a Malden or more like a Domino?) I'd love to get one while they're on sale...

Thanks,

Katie

kanalt (2011-07-28 06:34:17)

Hi Alison - great interview! It's always nice to learn more about the readers.

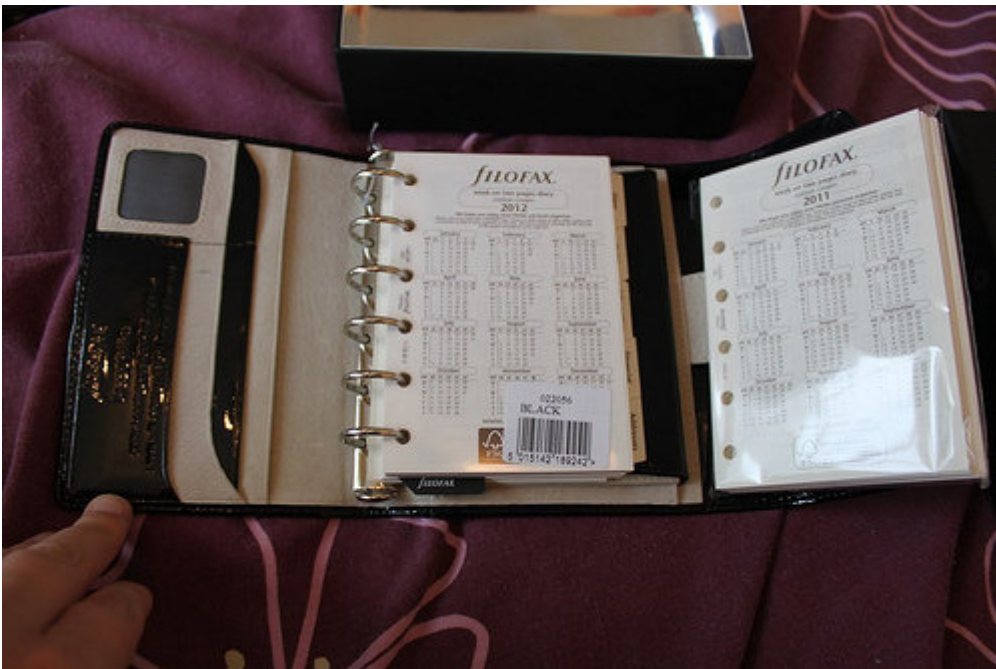
Filofax Competition - Guest Post - Imy (2011-07-25 00:00)

The lovely Filofax King has let me do this guest post for some advertisement!

Some of you will already know about this but for those who don't, I am holding a competition to win a lovely Special Edition Pocket Filofax with CRYSTALLIZED™ - Swarovski Elements, this lovely Filofax is made of patent pig skin leather and oh it is so beautiful and glamorous! (and its not just for the ladies, I am sure some men would love it!)



[1]



[2]

It comes with both a 2011 and 2012 diary so you are set for the next year!

The competition ends on 31 August, and then from 1 September to 15 September the best photos will be going to the public vote! I thought it was the fairest way!

So if you go on my blog it has all the instructions, and what you need to do, its really simple! But the two most important bits are to join Filofax College on Facebook and then post your picture in the album competition photos!

[3]CLICK HERE TO READ MORE

Here is a small video that tells you more

IFRAME: [4]<http://www.youtube.com/embed/zNdpO6yi-F8>

I look forward to your entries and thank you again Filofax King for letting me do this post :-D

Imy :-) <3

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3. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-college-week-4-competition.html>
4. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/zNdp06yi-F8>

caribbean princess (2011-07-25 04:34:15)

Yay I have to remember to get a good picture in this week :-)

Free For All Tuesday No 25 (2011-07-26 00:00)



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Dazzle us with your questions this week....

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Anita (2011-07-26 04:51:42)

Just nosing around, I came across this: http://www.amazon.co.uk/Genuine-Leather-Filofax-Organiser-Business/dp/B004VRNG90/ref=sr_1_17?ie=UTF8&qid=1311669698&sr=8-17

I'm not planning on buying it, but wonder if it's a proper filo? No sign of a F or any thing that I can see!

My word verification today was 'unwoofa' which made me smile :)

Steve (2011-07-26 04:59:33)

Hi Anita

It looks pocket size and the ring spacing looks the same as Filofax pocket, not made by Filofax though. But very colourful all the same!

Steve

CatB (2011-07-26 05:27:52)

Is there a diary that has the months on separate pages to enable the jan-dec tabs to be used? All the ones I can find the months merge into one another so I can't do that :(

Lady_Tamlynn (2011-07-26 07:35:28)

Hi everyone. My name is Ashlene and I'm a long time lurker on Philofaxy. I've been obsessed with Filofaxes for about a year now and I have already managed to accumulate 9 of them (really don't know how that happened 8-/) and I'm currently lusting after a Crimson Malden in personal size. . I'm currently in the process of setting up my own blog so I hope I'll soon be able to share some pictures of my lovely Filos with you all. Looking forward to much Filofax discussion with you all in the future.

Amanda (2011-07-26 07:41:24)

@Anita/Steve

I'm most intrigued to see that 'filofax' is labelled as 'clothing'! How does one wear it I wonder??

@CatB

Very good question! I don't think (happy to be corrected) that FF make a diary like that, despite selling the tabs. I know others have found FF personal -size compatible ones that *do* split the months like that, but I can't now

remember who. DayTimer?

Sandra (2011-07-26 07:56:04)

Yes, Day-Timer has the tabbed months some of us covet. Dayrunner also has options. :)

Laurie (2011-07-26 07:58:09)

Franklin Covey has tabbed monthly pages where the back sides of the pages are lined (so are weekly and daily) so you can use month tabs, splice months into days or weeks etc.

Franklin Covey Compact size pages are a little bit wider than Filofax Personal size pages but fit into a personal size binder just fine.

Steve (2011-07-26 07:59:01)

Those dividers would work ok with a diary insert you printed your self... printing one month at a time so that you don't get the start and end of month on the same page.

Just a thought...

Amanda (2011-07-26 08:20:34)

@Steve

Printing the diary yourself is less tedious for A5 and booklet printing, but would be a bit more of a pain for personal-sized - even deciding to print onto personal-sized blank paper. And probably cost more (for the personal size)?

I agree that for A5 it's a good solution!

:-)

mccann (2011-07-26 11:05:49)

Started looking into buying a Personal size Filofax (up from Pocket size to get more writing room), so maybe I can get suggestions here. What I'm looking for:

Binder:

- Personal size, as mentioned.
- Black, probably.
- Simple look/design.
- Leather, probably.
- Easily lays flat.
- Might prefer zippered, but not necessary.

Inserts:

- Probably page per day, for room.
- Would add tabs for at least Tasks, Projects, Contacts.

shepcraig (2011-07-26 11:24:49)

Mccann, what about the new Holborn organiser, we got it in stock yesterday and it is beautiful, it is made from Buffalo hide and the smell is amazing, it lies flat easily as well. It is the best organiser for a man that they have produced in a long time

mccann (2011-07-26 16:15:52)

shepcraig: Thanks, Holborn is a great suggestion. Looks good. I see it's not available on the US site, but presumably I could order from the UK site.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-07-26 18:29:58)

My local WH Smith (Plymouth) is getting a Flex stand! It's empty at the moment, they haven't got the actual products yet, but I'm looking forward to a closer look at the Flex, although I don't think I'll get one (although I may be tempted!)

Anita (2011-07-27 06:55:04)

I'm considering getting an A4 size & wondered if normal A4 punched pockets fit? Looking on the filofax site, they're different sizes & I'm not sure if say the Classic would be wide enough.

Any feedback would be helpful :)

(Steve, don't you have an A4 Classic?)

Thanks.

Steve (2011-07-27 07:54:48)

Anita

Yes I have an A4 Classic. The hole spacing is standard A4 four hole spacing with 80mm between the holes.

I will pop a punched pocket in to my A4 and send you a photo later today if that's ok.

Steve

Alison Reeves (2011-07-27 08:36:14)

@Anita - yes a standard 4 hole punch is fine for the A4 classic binder. I have one.

Anita (2011-07-27 11:14:13)

@Steve/Alison Reeves

Thank you guys, that's really helpful. I also asked Filofax & they said, "No these do not fit as the holes do not match up", which wasn't an answer I was expecting!

What a great resource this site is for getting info from people 'in the know' :)

Filofax Wishes (2011-07-26 09:08)

We do this every now and then in the hopes that Filofax Headquarters will listen and heed our call: let's list our biggest Filofax wishes.

Here are mine:

1. Slimline A5 Finsbury. Many of us have been asking for years for a slimline A5 binder. Filofax has come out with a couple of options that I'm not satisfied with. The A5 Adelphi, despite its smaller ring size, has a bulky gusseted pocket in the front and a notepad in the back that prevents the book from being slim. And the new A5 Luxe may or may not be a true slimline, but I'll never know because the price is so far out of my range.

So I'm going to get really specific about what I want. I want a slimline A5 Finsbury, in colors for men and women. I don't want any bulky add-on pockets, no closure or strap, and I want the cover to be just wide enough to accommodate tabbed dividers. Rings at 23 mm or thereabouts. Please, Filofax.

2. More diary formats. This has been much discussed here on Philofaxy. Specifically I want a personal size week on two pages with the days as vertical columns, in English only, and the back sides of the pages LINED, not diary pages printed back to back. This is the way Franklin Covey makes them, and yes I could just go over to FC and buy theirs but I'd rather have Filofax pages because they fit in my binder better. I also want tabbed monthly grid calendars on two pages with the backs of the pages LINED so I can splice my months in with my weeks. And I'd like new, interesting diary layouts for the A5 size. With that larger page size they could go nuts with the formats.

3. Archival, acid-free paper for ALL their paper, diary inserts and all other pages, for those of us who want to keep our pages forever. Honestly I'm shocked the pages are not already acid-free. I'd like the paper quality in general to go up, and have less (preferably no) show-through with liquid inks. Fountain pen friendly paper would be a great option. But definitely archival, please.

Those are my biggest Filofax wishes. What are yours?

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-26 09:19:11)

Totally with you on the A5 slim... could move some of my work diary/pages out of the office when on an off-site meeting/working from home - not a perfect solution in the range (at the moment)...

Steve (2011-07-26 09:20:38)

I have a 25 mm 'slimline' Malden [cough] but I know what you mean Laurie...

by Ewan Spence (2011-07-26 09:27:00)

A modern "Winchester", personal pages, huge rings. That'll do me.

Yvotchka (2011-07-26 09:27:50)

I would say, "not to be redundant..." however I think redundancy is the only way to be heard in some cases.

The ability to incorporate MONTHLY TABS into one's diary formats.

If DayTimer can do it, and Day Runner can do it and Franklin Covey can do it...clearly it's not rocket science.

I'm happy to spend my hard-earned money on another brand so long as they provide me with the products I need (& that Filofax lacks) but what a shame for that to be the case.

We have plenty of binders to choose from; how about updates to stale diary inserts for a change?

katka (2011-07-26 09:40:51)

Big rings for personal. Imagine 40 mm :o)

Amanda (2011-07-26 10:11:05)

a non-zipped personal with 30mm rings since I now seem to have reached 'stuffed' with mine and I only have half a year of diary in it! Oops. (It's all that Time-management stuff. Honest!)

Steve (2011-07-26 10:46:32)

How about a make your own solution... Or adapt an existing one to the ring size you need. We know they come out fairly easily now....

And this firm might be able to supply the size you want big or small

<http://www.loose-leaf.co.uk/products/ring-binder-mechanisms.php>

And lots of others from the Far East if you do a Google Search on 6 ring binder mechanism:

<http://tinyurl.com/3rjcdah>

Tommes (2011-07-26 10:53:06)

Hi Laurie,

great idea and post! Though I actually do write with a fine nib fountain pen, I totally agree! A non-shine-through paper would be great.

I would also love the cotton cream week on two pages with no 'to do's' and a shared Sat/Sun, pleeeaaassee!

@Steve

Hahaha (cough)

Regards, Thomas

shepcraig (2011-07-26 11:35:01)

I still find it funny that the slim A5 question keeps arising. I have been selling Filofax for 14 years now, and never once in that time has anyone ever asked me for a slim version. I really don't see it being financially practical for Filofax to produce. The slim Adelphi, even though it did have a pocket, was still slimmer than the other A5 versions, and we never sold any, at all. They have been sitting on the shelf at half price for 6 months now. I think the majority of people who use A5, use it for business and therefore a slim wouldn't be big enough to carry what people need. Maybe I am wrong about this, but as a retailer, I would not choose to stock it, due to a lack of demand for it. I will start asking customers who buy A5 organisers what they think, and take a poll.

Butanben (2011-07-26 11:42:18)

PLEEEEEEESE, Filofax, an A5 Malden in crimson. Also many more insert options. More buckles like the Deco on other planner, to make them unique. Can interchangeable buckles be developed for us ladies.... and styles which would appeal to the chaps too.... ie buy a buckle button for the tongue closure, to personalise your Filofax, stylishly a la Deco. xx

Gerard (2011-07-26 11:49:38)

Laurie,

Great post! I was just thinking a few days ago that we could organise a Philofaxy reader survey, compile the results and issue it to Filofax as a significant piece of market analysis covering binders, forms, tabs, paper quality etc.

It could be structured as a sort of expanded version of "reader under the spotlight" merged with "what's in my filofax", formatted as multiple choice questions, with limited free text for clarifying descriptions and overall comments.

This might carry more weight than individual requests - and of course doesn't preclude follow-up individual requests.

Is anyone interested in this?

P.S.: My wish is for a modern Winchester or Eton in Personal size, with large rings and full grain calf leather, metal press stud, two pop fastener positions and notebook pocket at rear. A Jotta and change wallet as options, but I'd buy the lot as a bundle in a heartbeat if they were available. Probably more than once. Not that I've been dwelling on it excessively or anything :)

Butanben (2011-07-26 11:55:44)

@shepcraig. I would love a slimline red Adelphi in A5, as I just love my pocket one immensely. As you say, it is just putting slimline width to good use. Would adore a 30mm red Adelphi in A5 too, or as I have said a crimson A5Malden 30mm. Both my idea of bliss. The quality and design of both is just lovely.

Butanben (2011-07-26 11:59:11)

A little bird tells me... there are some superb bargains at Neal Street Store at the moment. Dee has been getting her fairy sales reductions wand out I think!! xx

Steve (2011-07-26 12:02:25)

8 weeks to go.....

But to get back on topic.....

I would also support a more universal availability of an improved range of inserts including diary inserts that people want to use, such as a page per day with Todo's and reminders like the one I'm using in A5 format but in Personal size. Ones are available I know but not on the UK site or US site..

Butanben (2011-07-26 12:10:13)

Don't want to take up too many lines here, but would so appreciate a mid year diary W2P vertical, with notes section, for us academics/teachers/students. In all sizes, on cream or white paper. Have had to purchase from WH Smith. The perfect format here, but the paper quality is poor. Could there be a solution in an academic pack like the city dwellers'/family organiser pack??

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-07-26 12:16:59)

@Laurie, Great idea!! I really hope Filofax will listen!

@Gerard, that's a brilliant plan! I would fill it in! I've always thought that if we did a survey about who uses which filofax, personal crimson Malden would come out on top!! I'd be really interested in seeing what the other most popular binders and refills are too!

My wishes: more colours in the brilliant Malden range, maybe a jewel purple and emerald green :)

2 elasticated pen loops in EVERY filo, my favourite feature on the Kendal.

More and better inserts, especially diary refills. For example, I second Laurie's columned appointments WO2P, I've tried to make my own but they look horrible, but I'd buy them from filofax in a heartbeat!! And maybe

different ruler colours than black, clear, cloudy and brown (=boring!)

Tabbed months and diary pages that work with these :)

Thanks Filofax! I would spend more money on your products if you produced these!!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-07-26 12:20:17)

Oh, I forgot, more diary options to start at the start of the academic year for students, such as DPP (pocket, personal and A5) starting in September, finishing August :)

Jess (2011-07-26 12:47:22)

im always baffled that there isn't more choice, particularly of inserts and accessories. i understand that filofax have to be sure there are enough people willing to buy a5 slimlines, as they will be pricey and complex to design and produce, but what about cheaper things like limited edition tabs, today markers, etc with themes? there could be coloured and patterned ones, produced really easily and not on a massive scale at first. same goes for different diary layouts - i bet we would all buy them, even if they weren't what we really wanted, just to get our hands on something new and exciting!

terriknits (2011-07-26 13:47:16)

Bigger ring choice for the personal size binders, 2DPP diary pages with English only (more space for writing instead of the multi-language format), another pen loop on Malden personal, and make the pen loop bigger to accommodate fatter pens.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-26 14:21:48)

@Butanben & @ThePerpetualStudentTPS I agree about academic year products. The shops will be full on back to school products at the moment and I feel that the company is missing a chunk of the market. I ordered by diary from French Filofax (August onwards) as they did not have the product in the UK store.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-26 15:58:27)

I could really go to town here, but in addition to what everyone has suggested here is my list:

1. All binders should have the half leather/half elasticated pen holder to hold a range of pen sizes.
2. More glamorous A5 binders - i.e. an A5 Deco style binder?
3. Lots more colours in A5.
4. Coloured rulers and index tabs for A5
5. A5 coloured paper packs in separate colours - how hard would that be?
6. Diary that could be divided into the month tabs - and monthly/weekly/daily pages that interact as in FC et al.
7. One of those double punched hotlist sheets that day-timer do. Also in same pretty colours.
8. A really good quality A5 hole punch instead of the complete rip off they currently sell for an extortionate price!
9. A lifestyle diary to tick off water, food etc as you have it during the day.

I'm sure there are loads of other things - just can't think now.

@Gerard would love to complete your survey! Put me on the list.

Sandra (2011-07-26 16:03:13)

So many lovely suggestions! Maybe we need to formally petition Filofax/Letts. Can the Filofax King, aka Steve, please create an on-line petition? I would happily sign it!

Gerard (2011-07-26 16:32:08)

Steve, what do you think of the Philofaxy Reader Survey idea?

Maybe it's something we could develop over the next while.

Drop me an email if you think there's some mileage in the idea.

jjhitt (2011-07-26 16:51:19)

Acid-free paper.

Vertical ledger (3 or 4 column) pages.
Mini size paper in packages of 100 sheets.
And yes, bring back the Winchester.

Bridgett (2011-07-26 20:02:13)

I would love MORE INSERTS! And the paper needs to be better and acid free. More descriptions on the website, why should I have to ask online what size the rings are? Monthly tabs incorporated. I don't mind that the hole punch is expensive if it worked great, but it doesn't. That is a problem. At least one cotton cream option for every diary type. I can't do 2PPD or PPD because it doesn't come in cotton cream which is the current best paper that Filofax US offers.

Laurie (2011-07-26 21:35:21)

Craig I'm surprised nobody has asked for a slimmer A5. A similar size (but unfortunately not Filofax-compatible) slim binder is very popular in the US (I think it's made by Dayrunner? I nearly bought one last year). In the US the nearest size to A5 is 8 1/2 by 5 1/2 inch paper, and there are more binder options (thick and thin) in this size. I've been tempted to cross over into the US binders to be able to use this paper size in a slimmer binder but I really don't want to invest in an entirely new binder and pages etc!

I wonder if the reason why people mainly use the A5 for business is because it's too big to be portable enough for other uses? I know loads of people who use A5s at home for various purposes, and some who even use it for university. But in general it's too big to carry everywhere so the main uses for it are ones where the book can sit on a desk.

Personally I think Filofax has failed to tap the market for a portable A5 binder. The page size is useful for students, parents, and other people who are out and about a lot. It would be nice to swap out pages with the big binder that stays on the desk and carry the pages you need with you as Globetrotting Cacti noted.

SSA (2011-07-27 02:24:58)

I am more of a reader than a poster on here but this topic got me thinking. I only use one organiser - a personal size - because of the portability, the cost of refills and the selection of binders. I also agree with the "one life, one binder" idea.

In my personal I have a WO2P in the German professional range, and tabs for travel, info, me and etc. I tried using my filofax for taking notes in my German class, I wanted to have access to my notes and vocabulary words at other times, on the train etc. My problem was the width of the paper, its just too narrow and the lines on the lined paper are too narrow for general note taking. I just could not effectively use the filofax personal paper. I also bought the filofax meeting-notiz (meeting notes) paper and the lines are 4mm apart!! I used one page before giving up!

I would like:

- Personal sized but wide version with wider pages
- Lined paper with wider lines

girlinmaths (2011-07-27 03:40:46)

There is one thing that I would really like: daily pages like the white ones, but in cotton cream. Ideally in Dutch, but English would be great too.

I have been thinking of trying out the succes line of pages, they do have daily pages in cream. Has anyone tried these?

Laurie (2011-07-27 04:11:46)

terriknits, I told you wrong awhile back about the 2 days per page inserts I bought in the UK. I couldn't find them at the time, but I was just sure they were English-only. I found them today and sure enough they are multi-language! Sorry I told you wrong!! I wish Filofax would have English-only options for all their inserts! The extraneous languages take up too much precious writing space, especially in the week + notes formats.

Imy (2011-07-27 04:48:08)

A Personal Fuchsia Malden is all i want!!! :-)

David Popely (2011-07-28 04:52:01)

DEFINITELY more diary formats - FF are light years behind everyone else in this department. Also, how about more options for a paper that would take a fountain pen properly without bleed-through? OK, fountain pens may be a minority interest generally in our approaching-illiteracy world, but I think not among the Filofax community. I'd like to see *all* the diaries available in a higher quality paper, and I'd be prepared to pay more to get one.

kanalt (2011-07-28 06:49:19)

I am in complete agreement with the monthly tabbed inserts and a better daily layout (more like the Franklin Covey inserts). And equal space for Saturday and Sunday that is given to the rest of the week - just because it's the weekend doesn't mean I stop having things to do. In fact, I have MORE to do.

I would also love to see a Compact in the Malden style binder, and more colors for the Malden.

Butanben (2011-07-29 18:02:40)

Another wish.... could the small stickers come in individual packs and mixed. As I use birthdays, meals and drinks out very often, but the others hardly at all.... very wasteful to throw stuff I don't use out. xx

Hamish MacBear (2011-07-30 04:19:42)

A greater range of coloured binders - the A5 Malden in crimson would be wonderful.

Also a greater range of inserts, including weekly and monthly planning pages.

I would also like more options for coloured and patterned diary inserts - white can be so boring!

In addition, Filofax offer personalized inserts, which are lovely quality but only available in a week on 2 pages for A5 - come on Filofax, offer it on different diary formats!

Laurie (2011-07-30 05:10:08)

Today at the bookstore I found an A5 binder that is slimline, and compatible with A5 Filofax pages. It was cheap vinyl, so I didn't buy it, but I'm thinking about it. I'm still holding out hope that Filofax will come out with a slimline A5. I'd hate to have to give up Filofaxes to get the size of binder I want. :(

Filofax - Press Stud or Popper (2011-07-27 00:00)

You know the poppers that hold your Filofax closure in place, ok ok I hear you say, what can you write about poppers? To be honest I was thinking the same thing after I finished the post about the [1]ring mechanism. But then I noticed something.....

OK the [2]Press Stud as they are also called, has been around a long time and in use on Filofax organisers since they were invented as far as I know? Some organisers haven't used a press stud on the closing strap, some use a fancy latch closure like the Deco.

They used to be marked with the makers name PRYM, but these days they appear to be marked with Filofax, so may be they buy them in enough numbers to get their own name on them.

So let's get up close....



[3]

So the press stud comes in two halves, the female bit in the picture above, and the male in the picture below. I will let you work out why I've called them that, without getting rude! But it follows the usual plug and socket rules... think about it.



[4]

So with me so far... in the picture is my Chameleon. Notice which part of the press stud is located on which part of the Filofax organiser. So now we switch to my Malden.



[5]

Now your turn to play 'spot the difference'.... apart from one is black and the other is red!

OK time is up... notice how the male and female bits of the press stud have swapped places... No I don't know why either...

A quick check of my mini collection and the Finchley is the same as the Chameleon. The three Maldens are all the same as in the picture above. Finsbury is the same as the Malden, likewise my old Winchester is the same as these two.

It of course doesn't matter, but I was just intrigued when I noticed the difference!!

Now before you go away... on the inside of the strap you might notice three letters embossed in to the leather very close to the main body of the organiser. For instance on my red Malden they are 'SIV' and VBV on the black Chameleon. These we believe are quality control letters to identify batches of organisers or similar. I won't claim to have discovered these.... that honour goes to someone on the [6]Philofaxy Flickr Discussion Group back in 2008.

They aren't unique so you can't use them as a serial number, but it might be useful to make a note of the letters if you ever send a Filofax back for repair, you would know if you get the same one back again or not.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-ring-mechanism.html>
2. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snap_fastener
3. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-akVCns1k-CA/TiY0b-kiAEI/AAAAAAAAJb8/8VfZ-K0pXuo/s1600/IMG_0304.JPG
4. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/---gIfUZPun0/TiY0eoJ0DBI/AAAAAAAAJcA/5VjgAly-WCE/s1600/IMG_0305.jpg
5. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-3QyiOeaI9mk/TiYQpypXZ3I/AAAAAAAAJcE/HvTaeDxKZd0/s1600/IMG_0306.JPG
6. <http://www.flickr.com/groups/philofaxy/discuss/72157608315606323/>

Laurie (2011-07-27 04:04:45)

Steve you are so observant! Of course I had to run and look at my Filos and here is the result:

Personal size Buckingham and Urban have press studs with the male bit on the body of the binder, female on strap.

Personal and A5 Finsburies have male part on the strap and female on the body of the binder.

Wonder why?? Not that it matters, just interesting that it differs by model.

Steve (2011-07-27 04:12:19)

I'm just an 'anorak' when it comes to stuff like that!

My close sight being quite poor now, I tend to use a magnifier and when you are looking at things in such close up detail you tend to see things you would normally miss.

Laurie (2011-07-27 04:18:56)

LOL Steve you are indeed a Filofax anorak, and I mean that in the NICEST POSSIBLE way! :)

Imy (2011-07-27 04:47:28)

I love these posts, there very mechanical minded hehe

my friend calls the poppers stenson or something i cant remember maybe someone else will know what it is???

Imy (2011-07-27 04:58:32)

P.s mine says SEV :-)

Imy (2011-07-27 05:49:34)

It is a Preston, thats the name i was looking for

caribbean princess (2011-07-27 06:22:50)

I am not very observant so I didn't notice the numbers!

My Malden is just like you described for yours.

Male bits and female bits..... I see we are moving on to anatomy lessons!

lol ;-)

shepcraig (2011-07-27 06:29:01)

I cant believe I never noticed this before, I wonder why some are one way and some are the other. I also just noticed that a couple of the finsburys I have have buttons on the clip and the rest dont, they must be real old.

Thank you for filling my morning, just checked the whole lot

Lady_Tamlynn (2011-07-27 07:36:54)

I noticed the letters on my Urban the other day and I wondered what they were for. My Chameleon also has the letters VBV embossed on it - perhaps from the same batch as yours, Steve?

Tommes (2011-07-27 14:44:50)

Wow, I didn't know that there are such things to see - thank you, Steve! And I literally SAW the letters on the strap of my Mini Malden, which I also never encountered before (on any Filofax): S A W ;)

Once again, thank you, I will have to take some closer looks in the future...

Thomas

stirwise (2011-07-27 15:17:01)

My grey pocket Malden press stud says ECHT PRYM. Perhaps different models use different brands?

When I get home tonight I'll check out my other Filos and Kate Spade binders, see which side the male and female bits are on. :)

SNARLing: (2011-07-27 19:18:32)

heh heh. good one. i might have to switch back to the Malden sine the female part is on top heh heh

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-28 13:34:45)

I had never noticed that before - love details like this.

@SNARLing - that made me chuckle out loud!

Jess (2011-07-28 15:31:22)

this kind of post is the reason i love philofaxy. steve, you might be the king of the filofax anoraks but we are all just as bad in our own little ways!



[1]

I am a life-long stationery fiend, starting with those little locked diaries when I was a kid, usually written in green or red ink. I've always had a love of pens and notebooks and after finishing business college (the first time) I started in the work world with a leather bound diary. And so it began. I currently work from home; I have two contract jobs that I do. I love working from home. When I'm not working, I am servant to my two retired racing greyhounds, love knitting and cooking/baking. My "main" blog is [2]here and my newly started Filo/stationery obsession blog is [3]here. (Incidentally, I find it hilarious that my Filo blog gets 3X the traffic that my knit/greyhound blog does! Come see the greyhounds!)

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

My first actual Filofax is my beautiful crimson Malden personal. I bought it the beginning of May this year. (And how have I lived this long without it?!) I had been experiencing "planner angst" for years. After haunting Plannerisms, I found Philofaxy and seeing all the beautiful Filos made me long to go back to a ringed binder system. I looked at many of the personal sized FFs on flickr and here on Philofaxy and was so enthralled with the Malden, I just had to have it.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I have always had some sort of paper based/analog planner book - I have used DayTimer, Franklin Covey, DayRunner for ringed format, and Moleskine (always have a soft spot for Moleskine), Staples brand, Brownline/BlueLine for bound book format. I have tried a few different formats for my work planner needs and that is still evolving, but for my personal needs, I am in love with Filo. In March when I decided to try a ringed format again, I bought a cheapie DayTimer binder in the personal size and figured after a few weeks that the format would work for me, so I bought my beloved Filo Malden.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

Well, as I may have alluded, I LOVE my crimson Malden personal. The personal size is working so well for me right now. I may consider an A5, but it would be for some as-yet-undetermined purpose so that I wouldn't be lugging it around. My bag is ridiculously heavy enough!

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Aside from my (beloved) Malden, I am currently waiting for a Finsbury pocket to come in the mail. I found it on eBay. I plan to use it as a notebook for my purse/bag for those quick errands/grocery trips where I wouldn't always bring my Malden.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I have mine stuffed full! The first half of it is calendar/diary pages (along with tabbed monthly calendars). Since I got it in May, I've been trying different diary page formats. I think the two-days-per-page will be the winner for me. The rest of it is divided by tabs according to subject. I did a post on my blog about what I've got crammed in [4]between the covers.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

Probably the flexibility. No, wait - its gorgeous good looks. No, wait ... its adaptability. Awww, everything! My main (ongoing) problem with bound-book format planners and notebooks was that my random notes and information was in there all willy-nilly. If I was looking for some particular piece of information, I had to rely on memory for a range of dates to start looking for the info. Very aggravating. I love that I can make the Filo do what I want, and can change it up as my needs fluctuate.

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

I love the Malden (maybe I mentioned that before?) but I would have liked it to have another pen loop, and for the pen loops to be just a tiny bit wider to accommodate all my favourite pens. (The cheapie DT binder I was using before I got Malden had two pen loops and I quite liked that.) And maybe slightly bigger rings in the personal size as I like to cram a lot of pages in mine.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

When I'm working (home office!) it's open on the desk next to me. When I'm not working, it's open on the end table next to my LazyBoy. If I'm away from the house, it's in my big Roots tote bag that I call a "purse".

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

Oh, how I love my Malden (I know, I know - get a room!). I love the looks of the zip Cuban, but couldn't deal with the non-flatability of it. Yes, I made up that word. I looked at the non-zip Cuban but thought the rings too small. But I just now looked at the UK page and I see they're the same diameter as the Malden's. Uh oh. :-)

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

So far my Malden personal, which was \$99 US (a little less once converted to CDN). I would spend more, but would probably draw the line at the personal Finchley (\$125).

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

Oh, just everything! I love the sense of community and the exchange of such great ideas. I love seeing how others use their Filos and I really like seeing photos of everyone's jam-packed binders and scribbled pages. There is so much information in both the posts and the comments, I love to browse through it all the time.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

Why?! WHY would you ask me this?!

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

I haven't bought any music for years. We have satellite radio in my van and our car and it's always tuned to The 40s on 4 (big band and swing). I did, however, just buy a CD by The Boxer Rebellion called "The Cold Still". I heard one of the songs on an episode of NCIS and it reminded me a lot of Cold Play. I hunted down the name and bought the cd. I've never had much luck in downloading music for my MP3 player, so I don't bother with that.

Thank you Terri for agreeing to go under the spotlight.

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2. <http://terriknits.wordpress.com/>

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Laurie (2011-07-28 02:34:25)

Terri it's great to see you under the spotlight! I LOVE your super-stuffed Malden! I'm still considering if I "need" one! Maybe Christmas...

PS Thanks for the mention! :)

caribbean princess (2011-07-28 02:42:41)

Lovely interview. Nice to be introduced to you Terri!

Alison Reeves (2011-07-28 07:12:04)

Nice to 'meet' you Terri. Love your stuffed Malden!

Imy (2011-07-28 09:41:57)

Terriknits!!!!!! WOW!!! :-) hehe I didnt realise you had a blog!!! Im all excited i cannot wait to see it, i really should of asked you!!!

It was lovely to read about you :-)

Now i shall stalk you hehe

<3 xxxx

Mrs. Grievous (2011-07-28 10:11:03)

I propose that "non-flatability" becomes part of the Philofaxy dictionary.

Steve (2011-07-28 10:43:42)

Mrs G.... now included in the FAQ

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/faq.html>

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-28 13:33:37)

Lovely to read your interview (& I meet another Malden fan!).

Tommes (2011-07-28 14:04:37)

Hi Terri,

nice to meet you, and welcome to the 'Club of Malden'!

I have to admit, when I first saw your picture with the Malden, I thought it was an A5! I really love stuffed planners, but I can hardly remember having seen a one like yours.

I will read your blog post about it asap ;-)

Best wishes, Thomas

kanalt (2011-07-29 06:01:11)

Yay Terri! Glad to learn more about you and your Filofaxes. =)

SNARLing: (2011-07-29 09:58:41)

nice to meet you terri! the malden really is awesome. i still hold mine every once in awhile even though i'm not currently using it for everyday (using the compact chameleon) love your rescues btw! so cute

J (2011-07-29 11:52:26)

Nice to meet you Terri!!!

terriknits (2011-07-29 12:17:19)

thank you everyone for your kind comments! I received my pocket Finsbury in the mail (and it's so cute) and somehow ended up buying a Pocket Malden (!!!) and a mini Finsbury off eBay yesterday. Hmm, how did that happen?! You are all such ENABLERS!!

Free For All Friday No. 141 (2011-07-29 00:10)

It's the last weekend in July. It's hard to believe but kids in the US and Scotland start school in just a couple of weeks! (Those lucky kids in England still have another month yet to enjoy their summer vacation).

This weekend I'll be doing my Monthly Review of July. Do you do monthly reviews in your Filofax?

As we get ready to enter the last month of summer, how is your Filofax helping you plan the rest of your summer and into the autumn? Are you starting to make end-of-the-year plans yet?

And as always on Fridays, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related.

Have a great weekend everyone!

David Popely (2011-07-29 02:28:49)

Hi Laurie

(Grumpy hat on)

Never mind lucky kids...what about us lucky non-parents who have a whole month of kids running up and down the road to look forward to?.....

(Grumpy hat off)

Interesting subject, reviews....I'm wrestling with the whole to-GTD-or-not-to-GTD thing at the moment, and the weekly review is at the heart of the system. The TMI system **also** has a slightly different set of reviews (not in the manual). I've never done a **monthly** review.....is it forward- or backward-looking? What do you do on your review? I tend to concentrate on bringing down all the things from my decision-base which need doing in the next planning period, and try to get them into my calendar (very un-GTD-like). I don't look back very much, I'm not as reflective as some people. I do bring stuff forward that isn't finished though - obviously.

Jess (2011-07-29 02:31:13)

i really need to start making my filofax work harder for me, as i've had a big change in life leaving university and now i'm starting to job hunt. i want to start using my filofax to make plans, goals (both weekly, monthly and long-term) and just generally help me keep on top of more than where i need to be on each day. if anyone has any quick links about goal setting and monitoring using a filo i would love them.

i'm also seriously considering changing my diary format. i'm currently using the a5 week to view without appointments, but i think i would be better using a combination of day per page and month on two pages. i'd like to trial this for a little while before i commit to buying for 2012, and was wondering if anyone had tried this set up and had any tips on it before i go through the laborious process of making my own day per page sheets.

David Popely (2011-07-29 02:38:57)

Hi Jess

This is a **huge** subject, and oen which some of us have wrestled with for over 25 years!

There are various methodologies for goal-setting and -tracking available, from David Allen's 'Getting Things Done' through the old Time Manager International system, and everything in between! If you want an invitation to the time_and_life_management Yahoo group, I can send you one if you email me at davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com, where we tend to spend all day talking about this stuff, the more 'operational' side of time managment. Meanwhile, my advice would be as follows:-

1. A goal without a time scale is not a goal, but a dream. Dreams are fine, but goals are different.
2. Break your goals down into smaller 'steps along the way' - that way you'll find them easier to manage.
3. Claim your time for your own goals, from your diary, **in advance** - that way you'll have the time ring-fenced before anyone else can lay claim to it!
4. Don't be discouraged by temporary set-backs - some of this stuff takes a lifetime!

I would say that as a university graduate you're already life-skilled in dealing with deadlines, planning ahead, etc - you just need to add the proactive stuff in and you'll be sorted.....good luck!

David

Steve (2011-07-29 02:54:53)

Jess, Take a look in the Files page... you will find an undated A5 day per page template there which I think you will find useful. Print off a few pages for say two or three weeks and see how you get on with that format/layout
Steve

Laurie (2011-07-29 03:33:25)

Hi David,

For a monthly review (and weekly reviews too, which I just recently started to do) I look back at the week/ month and write what worked well, what didn't work as expected, what is no longer relevant to my goals, if my goals

have evolved what I need to do next, etc.

Jess I love goal setting, and there's a million ways to do it. But lately I've found what's just as important as setting goals is to hold myself accountable. I record what I did toward my goals. If your goal is to reach out to potential employers, keep a list of everyone you've contacted, who you've heard back from and who you need to follow up with, for example. It's gratifying to see what I've done, and I know exactly where I am in the process.

Amanda (2011-07-29 04:31:21)

Ooh - apologies in advance for a massive posting...!

I've relatively recently started using my filofax for better time(aka - me!)-management and I do both weekly and monthly reviews. I have the checklist for each printed out on card and punched to go in my FF and I move it from week to week/month to month.

The time/task-management system I use is a bit of a blend of several things I think. Starting at the biggest range, I have 'key areas' (eg house/garden; writing; charity etc). For each key area I have goals (eg raise £500 by end of X) and then under these are 'projects' (eg Tractor pull) and then for each project, I have 'next action' (eg write to Y). These all have 'to be done by' dates on them (otherwise they get missed).

The weekly review involves capturing any random notes/information etc and also clearing my head onto paper (which I then sort out into the 'right' place(s)). I then reflect on the week just gone - what went well and what didn't (and why). After that, I review what's scheduled for the next week (and what do I need to prepare for), then start looking at my current projects and allocate things from my 'next actions' lists into my available time, trying to ensure there's a balance between the different areas in my life. The reflection of the week past always helps me to make sure I don't over-commit. I would always prefer to have time 'left' after completing my tasks, so that a) I don't feel overwhelmed and b) if I want I can get ahead onto other things.

After that, I look over the next 4 weeks to see if there's anything I need to prepare for (birthdays, anniversaries, events...) and finally I review all my project lists - making sure they have a clear new task to work on and progress the goal; editing out redundant things and adding anything new that's arisen.

It sounds like a massive thing, but it usually only takes about half an hour (and I schedule this review into my Sunday, which is usually a quiet day).

Monthly reviews are a bit similar, but longer-ranging. I reflect on the past month (in the same way as I do weekly); I review all goals to make sure they each have an active project in there to work on; then I look ahead over the next 6 months to see what needs my attention; and finally I write down any new goals that have arisen and review the 'maybe I might be able to do this one day' list (eg be fluent in French) and see if I can start making it less of a dream and more of a reality!

Hopefully that was helpful???

Happy Friday everyone!

Alison Reeves (2011-07-29 05:02:05)

Thank you all for this wonderful wealth of information. I'm not very good at doing reviews, but I think that introducing weekly, monthly and annual reviews would be really useful. Time seems to pass by so quickly, sometimes I wonder where the time goes and what I have achieved. I think doing these reviews would give me a better perspective of what has been achieved.

Anita (2011-07-29 07:29:53)

I've been using GTD for some time now & am very bad at putting off my review. However, once it's done I always feel better & have a more complete perspective of every thing. It's meant to be weekly, but I find fortnightly can be OK if I'm not too busy.

@ Amanda - I'm very envious of your half hour review & would love to get it down to that :)

Why are filofaxes so addictive??

I sold 2 with the idea just to have my Malden. However, I'm now very tempted by the red mini Amazona as a purse (£35 from Filofax UK) & an A4 for my GTD tickler file & project support material etc.

I'd love to have them, but really don't need them! :)

katka (2011-07-29 08:09:30)

@anita...I'm suspecting that Filofax adds something into the leather :o) once you get one, you just want more and more :o)

Alison Reeves (2011-07-29 08:33:02)

Here is a question. Many of you seem to 'nest' your filofax sections within each other. For example within one section (say Key Areas) you will have several other areas (say Home, Garden, Business, Personal and so on). How do you do this? Given that filofax dividers are all the same width it does in my mind make for a cluttered view of tabs. Do you use the post it kind of tabs onto card or have you found a way of getting a wider set of index dividers for the top level?

Tommies (2011-07-29 09:17:18)

Hi Alison,

I do in fact use Post-it indexes for sub-directories. They have two advantages for me: I can change them to other pages or positions, and I can sketch little icons on them to mark the topic.

I'm doing quite well with it...

Regards, Thomas

kpreddie (2011-07-29 09:45:04)

Uummm...What's GTD?

Gerard (2011-07-29 09:56:19)

I'm updating a custom checklist for my September holiday.

I'm also working on planning at monthly and weekly levels.

If anyone has a copy of the old Filofax Weekly Planner "Leaf No. 275", please post a comment. It's mentioned in the Filofax Facts book, but not illustrated. @Gmax - maybe you could help out once again?

Gerard (2011-07-29 10:00:21)

@Alison I use the standard six subject tabs, and I'm thinking of using a second set of 1 - 6 numbered tabs under the Project tab to break out Key Areas. The Finance and Addresses tabs will be less visible, but they're also my least used sections.

Amanda (2011-07-29 10:04:00)

@Alison

I have all my key areas on separate sheets, with a list of the goals for each key area on the respective sheet. I use different coloured pen to categorise the different key areas ('Me' for example, is purple!).

Behind each key area sheet, I then use a page for each project. On the top of the page I have the key area, then I list which goal the project relates to and then have notes and things on the front (when should I finish this by, who do I need to see etc) and then the reverse side (and continuing onto more sheets if necessary) are the 'next actions'.

I don't separate the different areas with lots of tabs - my FF is full enough without taking up more precious ring-space. I just put ALL my key areas, goals and projects behind one tab. Currently, that makes up 17 sheets. I could colour-code the sheets to match the different key areas I guess, except I don't much like the (largely ink-resistant!!) coloured paper from filofax, so I use different coloured inks.

The trick (which took me ages to get into!) was to *turn all the pages over* so I went through all the projects! I know. You'd think someone with half a brain could manage that, but anyway... that was when I decided I really *had* to have a weekly review checklist!

Not sure if that's any help! I have toyed with the idea of making small top-tabs out of sticky labels (I do for my diary to indicate roughly where the start of each month is), but haven't succumbed yet. Partly because I already have the top -tabs in the diary!

gdigesu (2011-07-29 10:07:33)

@kpreddie, hi.

Go to www.gtdconnect.com, and click on the 14-day trial button.

Enjoy, Giovanni

Steve (2011-07-29 10:11:23)

Gerard, what page is it mentioned on?

Steve

gdigesu (2011-07-29 10:21:49)

Hi Laurie,

Reviews help me keep thinking straight and talking straight to myself.

They also work as a sort of "stress relief" process.

Steve (2011-07-29 10:24:45)

GTD = Getting Things Done... not Grand Touring Diesel...

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/faq.html>

Gerard (2011-07-29 10:32:46)

Steve, it gets a mention on page 67. Hopefully Gmax will be along sometime soon to help us out. Can you shed any light?

Steve (2011-07-29 10:40:01)

Possibly similar to the weekly meals planner in basic layout on page 79 and this one is also in the Files area already.

Alison Reeves (2011-07-29 11:14:52)

@Amanda @Gerard Very helpful thanks. I know about using up all the 'ring real estate'! Two things spring to mind here:

1. Could use different coloured paper for different key areas - I use A5 so not hard to do my own forms and print on specific coloured paper of my choice.
2. I also have the problem of forcing myself to read right through all the sheets - I guess this is why I am keen to instigated regular reviews.

This time management stuff may not be everyone's cup of tea, but it has really opened up what I want to use my filofax for - my only problem now is possible information overload!

I am off for a few days starting tomorrow, so looking forward to just letting it all brew in the background. I'm sure some really useful stuff will come to the surface. I've stuffed my iPad with lots of PDFs to read including all the free GTD ones and plan to do a collect process when I get back (although I am almost wishing I wasn't going as I want to do it now!)

Gerard (2011-07-29 11:23:18)

@Steve - I was thinking more along the lines of the monthly planner on page 68, with committed time, current initiatives (Mark Forster), elephant tasks (TMI) and weekly MITs like your own weeklytodo sheet. These could sit as either the first or last sheet in the Diary section, so that the current month is always to hand

If and when I make one up I'll send a copy on.

Gerard (2011-07-29 11:28:23)

In the spirit of FFAF, I hit the workbench today (ok the kitchen table) and transplanted the A5 ring mechanism from a Succes binder into a Mulberry Planner.

I now have an A5 "Filoberry" Planner that's fully compatible with Filofax A5 inserts. Simples - except now I'm all conflicted, having sworn to standardise on Personal size. Still - it's nice to look at.

J (2011-07-29 11:57:57)

@Alison- You need the Avery tabs!!! I stole the idea from Kanalt here: <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011-04/top-tabs.html>

And adapted it to my own uses here: <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/05/promise-is-promise.html>

They really are amazing! I am pretty rough with my Malden (in and out of the handbag, etc) and they've never torn, bent or come off!

livingwithliisa (2011-07-29 13:01:36)

@Alison Reeves:

I split some of my tabs into sections with Post-it index flags. Works just fine!

You can see them here:

<http://livingwithliisa.wordpress.com/2011/07/28/finsbury-setup/>

Lynne (2011-07-29 14:59:01)

@Alison, Like J, I use the Avery notetabs on the side of the lead page of a 'main' section, then use them as top tabs for sub sections. They are brilliant (particularly with Frixion pens for tweaks).

SNARLing: (2011-07-29 14:59:38)

alison - i use a lot of colour coding as well as the todo sheets for just about everything. the todos have a rectangular box on the top left or top right of each page. i write whatever the subject matter is on it (i.e 'THE SNARLING POST') and then trace the box with the corresponding colour (ORANGE - which is everything pertaining to me). in each of the numbered tabs i use, i would group all the orange together, all the blue (family) all the red (art) etc. only in the areas where i need to get to something quickly will i sub-tab it with corresponding coloured post-it tabs. i put them on the bottom since the top part already has page markers and the side has numbered tabs as well as fly leaves. i work with it a lot to see which things i really need to get to quickly and try to arrange each tab so they're easy to get to from anywhere in the book. i know with the a5 sheets they have those little subject or date boxes on the top of most all the note paper (except the padded ones=stupid). since i'm more of a visual person, the colour coding helps a lot as long as i'm consistent all across the board. the offshoot of this is everytime i see blue - i think "family" or red "ART" orange "snarling" in EVERYTHING i see that's in that colour. not too bad of a side effect, i suppose. as long as i get my job done, i'm ok with it

Lynne (2011-07-29 15:36:37)

Great deal on Amazon UK for an A4 Lyndhurst.

Butanben (2011-07-29 17:01:59)

@alison. As others say, the Avery tabs, from Staples, are just fantastic! I use as top tabs and side tabs. Pink and cream colours.

Have just had my A5 Cuban ink delivered. I am utterly smitten. Perfect size A5, portable. Never thought I would take to the smaller rings or be able to prune my Filofax down. But I have. Removing the address section into my GTD Filo and replacing the addresses with 1 page of frequent addresses, and removing a zipped and plastic wallet, to use the zipper pouch has made this size workable, at last!!!!!! Like Goldilocks..... JUST RIGHT!!!! Smooth leather and a gorgeous colour. Filofax heaven and bliss. It lives now in its own little felt bag, so that it stays smooth and gorgeous for as long as possible.SIGH!!!!

Alison Reeves (2011-07-29 17:48:57)

Right - am shopping for some avery tabs then!

gmax (2011-07-31 11:16:52)

@Gerard - I'll get in touch with you about the weekly planner.

Gerard (2011-07-31 11:43:45)

@gmax Fantastic - thanks.

Aqua Finsbury personal size Filofax (2011-07-29 12:00)

Here's my new personal size Aqua Finsbury Filofax!



[1]

I tried different lighting and backgrounds to try to show the true color, and this was as close as I could get in my house, but it still doesn't represent the brightness of the Aqua color!

I love the super-saturated color. I first saw this at the Filofax shop in London last year and I thought the color was gorgeous. Who knew it would be discontinued so quickly?!? I was really lucky to nab this one at [2]www.ILovePens.co.uk before they were all sold out.

Here is a close-up of the closure strap. I like the simplicity of the smooth closure.



[3]

I really like the interior layout of the Finsbury, maybe because it's close to the layout inside my first Filofax, which is a [4][Buckingham](#). Card slots and handy full-length pocket inside front cover:

[5]



Full size zip pocket in back, with all-leather pen loop:

[6]



My Aqua Finsbury came with week on two pages diary inserts for all of 2011 AND all of 2012! Thanks I Love Pens! :)



[7]

Even though I don't normally use all the standard tabs, for some reason I still prefer these designations over the numbered tabs that come in some binders.



[8]

I've been wanting this Filofax for awhile and am really happy it's here! Here are some of the enablers bloggers with Aqua Finsburies of their own that encouraged my wanting one: [9]Zoe, [10]Caribbean Princess, [11]Qavit and especially [12]Twinkleberry (whose photos I find so inspiring!!). So, thank you all for making me want this Filofax because I'm really glad I have it!!

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Cgoi_qfU1uE/TjJ2x82cR-I/AAAAAAAAACL4/9MZKHBpvn1g/s1600/Diaries+2011+043.jpg
2. <http://www.ilovepens.co.uk/>
3. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-C6P2XzXB1I4/TjJ2K3_b7-I/AAAAAAAAACLs/TX3CjQp0tss/s1600/Diaries+2011+048.jpg
4. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/plannerisms/3783583703/in/set-72157623430927643>
5. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-CUCt9-im02E/TjJ3EGOD28I/AAAAAAAAACL8/fLBxcTo7aJU/s1600/Diaries+2011+044.jpg>
6. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-CFp3jItuQdU/TjJ3YYNqKjI/AAAAAAAAACMA/ziTjNmKib3g/s1600/Diaries+2011+045.jpg>
7. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-_Pub2qViPd4/TjJ3sfZg4HI/AAAAAAAAACME/6KBsriOxKes/s1600/Diaries+2011+046.jpg
8. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-7kekGzZVUsw/TjJ4CoXubXI/AAAAAAAAACMI/zy8G8km0fvA/s1600/Diaries+2011+047.jpg>
9. <http://thezeitgeistofzoe.wordpress.com/2011/07/13/the-great-wallet-experiment/>
10. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/06/my-happiness-project-filofax.html>

11. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/gumg88/5896223759/in/photostream/>
12. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/64080418@N04/5852704469/in/pool-philofaxy#/photos/64080418@N04/5852704469/in/pool-40748476@N00/>

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-29 13:40:20)
Gorgeous! It is a fantastic colour isn't it? Have fun with it.

dapv (2011-07-29 13:42:08)
Love the color. Aqua anything always catches my eye. Maybe because my parents painted our new home Aqua back in the early 60s. Enjoy.

Lynne (2011-07-29 14:51:27)
I have recently set up an A5 Finsbury in Aqua as a work FF. When I can figure out Flickr, I'll upload some photos. The colour is fantastic. Enjoy yours.
x

caribbean princess (2011-07-29 14:57:40)
The aqua finsbury is so utterly gorgeous! I am on a Filofax ban so I need to enable others! Hehe.

terriknits (2011-07-29 15:10:40)
oh that colour is really gorgeous! Nice score!

Sandra (2011-07-29 16:24:53)
Just beautiful! Enjoy!

Alison Reeves (2011-07-29 17:22:05)
Its beautiful - I've recently acquired an A5 version which I plan to set up as an inspiration / book / happiness / something binder. Just haven't had time yet - but I do keep getting it out and stroking it!

Tali (2011-07-29 18:52:32)
Photos really don't do the colour justice, although you did a lot better than i could manage!
Love it :o) x
Ps have just ordered another Filo - the bad habits this site causes <3 lol x

Anita (2011-07-30 06:38:32)
What a wonderful colour! I managed to resist buying some that were on eBay recently :)
The aqua mini Finsburys are on sale for £26.25 on Filofax UK at the moment!

Date For Your Filofax - 7th August (2011-07-30 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.

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 7th August 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....

Here is my post on how to [2]improve your Skype audio with headphones or a headset.

Hope to be chatting with you on Sunday 7th August.

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

2. <http://steve-morton.com/2011/07/30/improving-your-skype-audio/>

Laurie (2011-07-30 04:48:50)

Yay!!! So excited we'll have another chat! This time I'll be Skyping from my new laptop with built-in microphone, so I won't sound like I'm shouting from far away anymore!

Looking forward to talking to you all again! :)

Steve (2011-07-30 06:22:49)

Thanks Laurie. I will do a brief post later today on improving your Skype audio, thanks for the reminder!

Steve

Steve (2011-07-30 07:55:51)

Here is my post on how to improve your Skype audio with headphones or a headset.

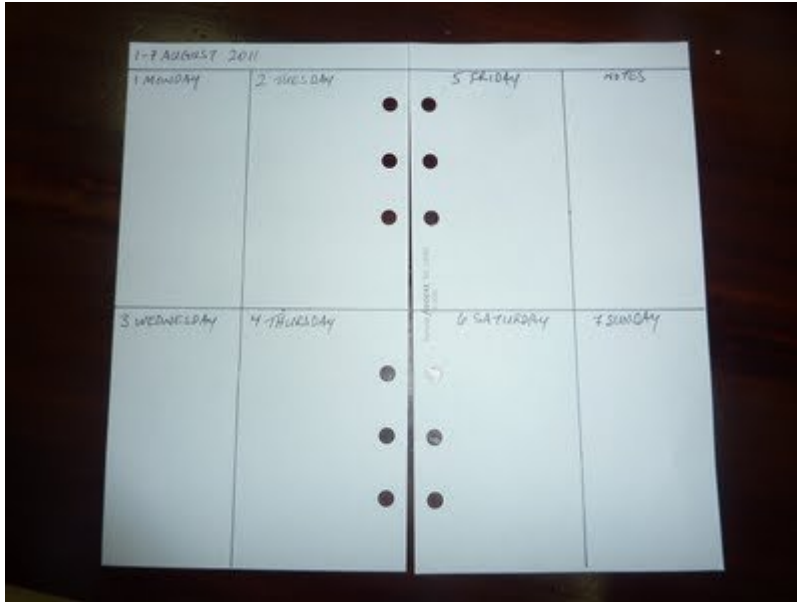
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Playing with personal size week on two pages formats (2011-07-30 10:49)

After my post about [1]Filofax Wishes and my complaint about wanting more variety in diary formats, I decided to play a little bit with week on two pages possibilities.

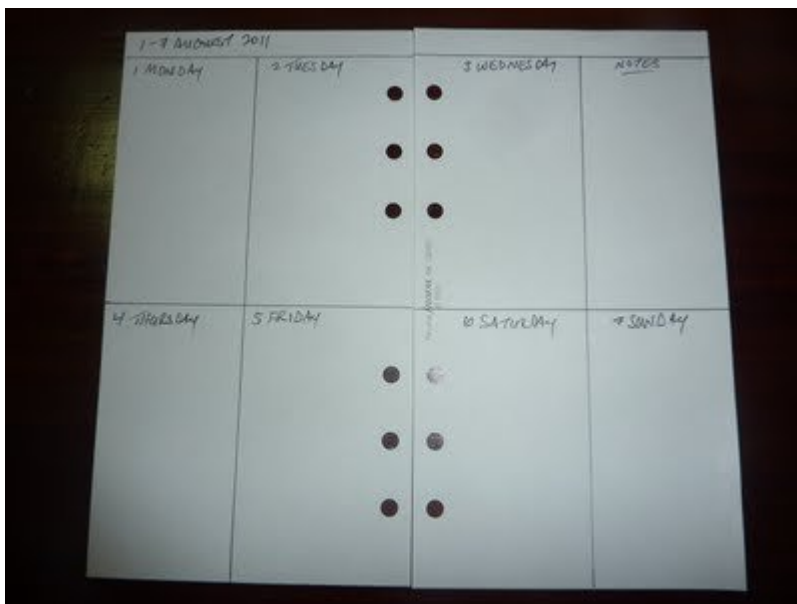
It's hard to find a week on two pages format in the Personal size that I like. I prefer days as columns,

but the columns have to be really narrow to fit in the personal size pages.
 So I tried something else. I divided each page into 4 rectangles and experimented with days and a space for notes.
 First I tried having Monday through Thursday on the left page and Friday-Sunday plus notes on the right. (Click photos for larger views.)



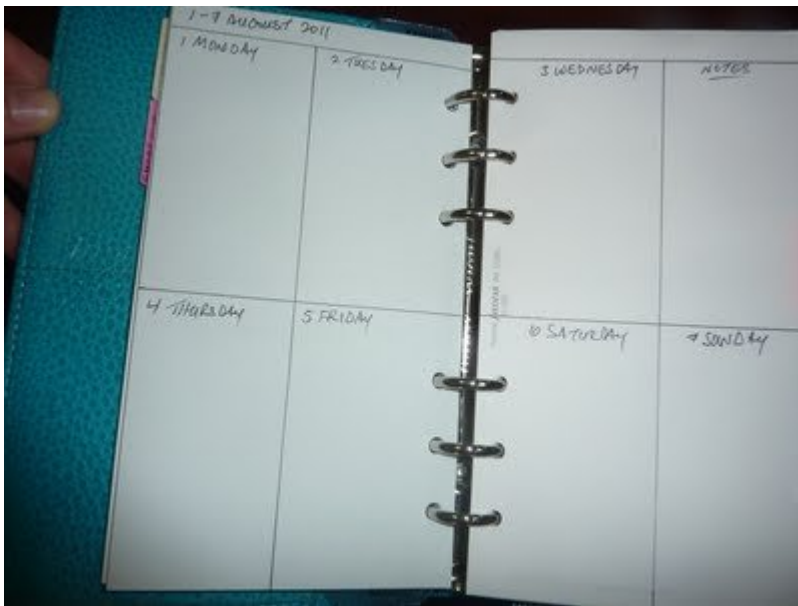
[2]

But, this layout didn't flow very well throughout the week.
 So instead I tried having Monday through Wednesday plus Notes across the top row, and Thursday through Sunday across the bottom, and I liked that better.



[3]

Here it is in my Filofax:



[4]

What do you think about this layout? Is this a weekly layout you would like to use?
Does anyone know of a brand that already prints this layout in the weekly pages?

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/07/philofax-wishes.html>
2. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-5e7_VeIlGrQ/TjPGzwc3egI/AAAAAAAAAC0w/2Q6j4Qwa_LE/s1600/1366.JPG
3. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-FcvWufb5Bhw/TjPHJ8kdpI/AAAAAAAAAC00/PTLCCaPKRC8/s1600/1367.JPG>
4. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-4xYJum0fkjw/TjPHZWiqMTI/AAAAAAAAAC04/T6qIab0yqf4/s1600/1368.JPG>

Steve (2011-07-30 11:57:16)

Not the same as your layout... but the same 'area' for each day as yours.

English only... but with international holidays...

In Cotton Cream... I offer you...

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=237> 3

Seajay (2011-07-30 12:01:34)

What a great idea, it makes great sense and you still have a reasonable amount of space for each day. I haven't seen anything like it in print, I wish Filofax would get a little braver in their formats. Perhaps if they see all the great ideas coming from the Philofaxy gang maybe they would get a little adventurous. Good job I might have a play around with your idea.

Butanben (2011-07-30 13:38:21)

WH Smith's A5 is a little similar, Notes and evening appointments at the side of each day, and Saturday and Sunday in one block at the end of the week. Good if your weekends are not chocka block. Worth looking to see if their personal layouts are similar and would suit you????? Warning however..... although I love the layout, the paper quality is poor. A shame.

Steve (2011-07-30 13:57:19)

Sorry Laurie, I've just re-read your post and spotted your requirement for column rather than row format... but my same area comment still stands I think.

I have actually got the 2012 version I linked to already for my Malden for next year....

justenoughsalt (2011-07-30 14:44:35)

never seen a brand with this layout before but i am thinking of using the smythson one week on two pages format
<http://pinterest.com/pin/502617/>

Seajay (2011-07-31 08:00:36)

Hey just had another thought, what about doing the same as your original idea, but horizontally! Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday on one page, and Thursday, Friday, Sat & Sun on the next page but Sat & Sun share a line?

Reader Under The Spotlight - Anita (2011-07-31 00:00)



[1]

My name is Anita & I'm addicted to stationery...

When I'm not reading about filofaxes, I can be found doing the accounts for a petsitting/dogwalking franchise business, seeing my shiatsu clients (a Japanese complementary therapy) or throwing people around (whilst doing a martial art called aikido).

You can read my [2]filofax blog posts here (more to come!) or see what I'm up to on [3]Twitter here.

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I bought my first Filofax in 2009, which was a cherry personal Classic. Once it was delivered I was hooked!

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I've only used Filofax, but as a compulsive window-shopper I've considered Succes, Day Timer & many others.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

My wonderful crimson personal Malden. My cherry Classic sadly developed some strange creasing & cracking to the leather, & Filofax kindly offered to replace it even though I hadn't bought it from them. After reading all the Malden enabling posts, I decided I had to have one & got Filofax to send me a Malden as my replacement instead.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Two, but soon to be one - I would imagine the majority of Philofaxy readers own more! I recently decided to become a one-filofax woman, partly to cut down on my possessions & also as the other filos were no match for my magic Malden. I have owned my cherry Classic as mentioned, a purple Finsbury mini & a chocolate mini Cross. I sold both the minis on eBay & am also now selling my personal Kendal.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I'm a Getting Things Done & Zen Habits fan, so I use it to keep all next actions, MITs (most important tasks) & details of projects/goals in one place. It's also used for notes, inspirational quotes, sudoku & reading (I pulled apart a couple of small books & hole-punched them).

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

The flexibility of being able to move things around compared to normal notebooks, & how gorgeous they are.

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

A holder for my iPod touch. I love purple, so more in this colour would be great.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

It stays on my desk next to my PC most of the time, but I have started taking it out with me more recently in my red leather Saccuo bag or my Ellie spotty Old Bag.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

I'm a real Malden fan, so I'm trying not to look at the other sizes or colours. Umm, no. Well, not for the time being!

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

I spent £41.00 on my cherry personal Classic, which I was very pleased to get in a sale.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

Lots of lovely info about filofaxes & that it feels like a community. It's one of the websites I visit the most often.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

To copy Rori's excellent answer - 'this is a trick question, right?'

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

Wasting Light by the Foo Fighters.

Thank you Anita.... and before you ask, no you don't have to be a crimson Malden owner to appear in this series!

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-_CUWz75fdBs/TiIsk-7osUI/AAAAAAAAJZw/OhwnFGYA1Vw/s1600/P1010163-1.JPG

2. <http://anita-lim.blogspot.com/search/label/filofax>

3. http://twitter.com/%21/anita_lim

terriknits (2011-07-31 00:53:52)

Hi Anita! Another crimson Malden - aren't they absolutely gorgeous?

David Popely (2011-07-31 02:27:05)

Hi Anita and thank you for an interesting post.

I was interested in your decision to cut down your possessions....are you following the current 'minimalist' movement, or is this based on some concern with consumerism? I can recommend the book 'Timeless Simplicity' by John Lane. Goo luck with your cutting down, from a fellow-sympathiser!

Gerard (2011-07-31 03:36:25)

Hi Anita,

That's a really interesting post - thank you. I also enjoyed reading the Zen To Done e-book, and I've since got Leo Babauta's minimalist guide. By a cruel irony it's queued behind all the other books I intend reading. A post on how you've integrated ZTD with the Filofax would be great.

David Popely (2011-07-31 03:53:20)

Hi Gerard

It seems we have even more in common than we first thought or discovered, since I'm also interested in ZTD and Leo Babauta's writings :)

SNARLing: (2011-07-31 08:25:23)

hey anita! i tried a long long time ago to do akido - i love the tumbling and the simplistic beauty of redirecting energy. heh heh i would love to someday purge most possessions i don't need - very very long and painstaking process, but one of these days it will happen. nice to meet you!

Anita (2011-07-31 12:13:29)

Hi, thanks for your comments & I really enjoyed being able to contribute to the site!

@ terriknits - yes, they are gorgeous :)

@ David Popely - when I was growing up, our house was always a fun & chaotic place. I decided I didn't want the chaos when I was grown up & this has meant I've become interested in minimalism, & also I hate the idea of waste or buying needless things that take resources to make & then recycle or go into landfill! Spooky, that book is already on my Amazon wishlist, thanks :)

@ Gerard - thanks, I'm going to start putting together some ideas for more blog posts on GTD/ZTD with my filofax.

@ SNARLing - I agree, aikido is a real passion of mine & I love that a small female such as myself can redirect all that power easily without muscle strength. Nice to meet you too :)

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-07-31 13:31:35)

Really enjoyed reading your post (& great taste in music!!!).

Roanne (2011-07-31 17:27:35)

So nice to meet you Anita! This was a great introduction to another kindred spirit. Heh.

So there's a minimalist contingent on Philofaxy! Anita, David, Gerard, and me!

Gerard (2011-07-31 17:35:29)

Four minimalists already - if any more show up it will be too many :)

SNARLing: (2011-07-31 21:38:44)

heh heh gerald. you are funny

Tommes (2011-08-01 12:35:22)

Hi Anita,

thank you this very interesting interview. I always love to hear what people are doing besides the love for Filofax!!! And I can raise my hand for minimalism, as well. It is best proved by my having only three of them.

I followed you on Twitter. Feel free to follow back, I will accept it immediately, since my tweets are (usually) protected).

Kind regards and best wishes,

Thomas

Alison Reeves (2011-08-01 16:04:35)

Nice to read your reader post Anita - will look up your blog. I'm also interested in shedding the load - just not sure where to start! I have Leo's books too! We all seem to have so much in common!

Anita (2011-08-02 18:10:06)

Thanks for all your kind comments, you're all so lovely :)

It's given me more ideas for blog posts about minimalism, GTD/ZTD for filofax & other bits.

I have a confession... I recently bought a bargain A4 Identity on eBay for the rest of GTD paperwork that won't fit in my personal Malden. I'm really looking forward to all the space!

The Philofaxy All Stars Blog Tour (2011-07-31 04:00)

Football/Basketball teams do tours where they visit other teams and play friendly games, in places they don't normally play. So how about a team of bloggers known as the 'Philofaxy All Stars', touring around each others blogs and doing blog posts on each others sites?

The team would be 'managed' by Philofaxy so a 'fixtures' list would be known in advance and we would provide publicity for when the posts are going to be on line. The 'crowd' would hopefully follow the tour around the various sites and bring each blog more traffic and hopefully revisits as well.

So how do you join the 'team'? Simple, just email philofaxy at gmail dot com and ask to go on the list of 'players' Please include the address of your blog in your email. Please title your email 'All Stars'

How will this work? Well once the team has been assembled and some initial 'training' has taken place, we will start getting people to volunteer which blogs they would like to do a guest spot on. Whilst you can potentially guest post on every site in the tour, this might get a bit much if the team grows in size. So if for instance the team grew to say 12 sites, but you only got 4 different people guesting on your site, you would only be expected to write 4 posts on those 4 visiting sites.

It will be up to the host and the visitor to agree the topic of the guest post (it might not be about Filofax organisers) and they will also agree the timing of publication.

The tour could start in say 2-3 weeks time, once we have established who is interested and we have settled our 'fixtures list'. But there will not be a rush to complete all the fixtures, it is intended that they will be spread out over the months ahead until the end of the year. The intention being to space out the guest posts on the various sites to provide plenty of variety for readers (crowd).

I have already approached a couple of people to see if they will be interested in being on the 'team' and they seemed very positive about joining in the fun. How about you?

mcget (2011-07-31 10:35:22)

Greets... Today's New York Times discusses the Filofax vs. bytes controversy and the verdict is—people need digital, but they want (and love) paper.

Alison Reeves (2011-08-01 16:10:58)

I'd love to join in the Philofaxy all stars blog tour.

Rori (2011-08-04 13:32:23)

This sounds fun! :D What a smashing idea...

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-11 14:03:30)

So how do we get involved, Steve?

Steve (2011-08-11 14:34:31)

Drop me an email and I will send you the details

Regards

Steve

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Web Finds - 1 August 2011 (2011-08-01 00:00)

I hope you enjoying reading all of these posts I have found:

- [1]My New Filofax - The Life of The Perpetual Student

- [2]Reunited with my Filofax - The New Closet Romantic
- [3]How Filofax kept me organised at the RNA conference - Alison Morton
- [4]The Nail File - Rachael Ariella
- [5]Red Rover Red Rover - Send Malden Right Over - Zoe
- [6]My Raspberry Filofax - This Fashion Is Mine
- [7]The Outstanding Osterley Filofax.... and a reader question - Caribbean Princess
- [8]Finsbury!! - Living with Lisa
- [9]Finsbury setup - Living with Lisa
- [10]Jewel of the Filo - Life Well Planned
- [11]Why is Filofax paper so rubbish? - Paper Pens Ink
- [12]Finsbury - Filofax Fixation
- [13]Filofax Lightbulb Moment! - Sharon
- [14]Calendar Wars - NY Times
- [15]Looking at the Flex organiser from Filofax - Ewan Spence
- [16]Let's get Flex-ible with the new organiser from Filofax - The Daily Dust
- [17]Day 211: Filofax - snapclickblog
- [18]Tabbed and Decorated Dividers for the Malden Mini - Tommes S

Enjoy

1. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/07/my-new-filofax.html>
2. <http://cello-tape.blogspot.com/2011/07/reunited-with-my-filofax.html>
3. <http://alison-morton.com/blog/2011/07/29/how-filofax-kept-me-organised-at-the-rna-conference/>
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15. <http://www.ewanspence.com/blog/2011/07/27/looking-at-the-flex-organiser-from-filofax/>
16. <http://www.thedailydust.co.uk/2011/07/27/lets-get-flex-ible-with-the-new-organiser-from-filofax/>
17. <http://snapclickblog.wordpress.com/2011/07/30/day-211-filofax/>
18. <http://tommes-s.net/?p=866>

Amanda (2011-08-01 07:25:40)

Oh dear.

I predict a productivity crash....

:-)

Tara (2011-08-01 08:03:37)

I'm excited to get home tonight so I can read all of these! Thank you for making my Monday cheery!

Butanben (2011-08-01 10:13:03)

A relaxing cup of tea and a gently warmed, buttered scone. A look at webfinds from the comfort of my sofa. What more could I ask for?! This is always better than a woman's magazine any day, a real treat, and by heck, at no cost to moi either!! Thanks Steve, you're an utter genius!!

Anita (2011-08-01 10:59:33)

I agree! I get stuff done first, settle down with a cuppa & they're my treat too :)

Amanda (2011-08-01 11:17:43)

I obviously have NO will-power!

:-)

I read them as soon as I saw they were posted then played 'catch-up' the rest of the morning.

Ooops!

Tommes (2011-08-02 04:35:50)

Thanks everybody for the kind comments in my blog post! I have answered right there.

Kind regards, Thomas

caribbean princess (2011-08-07 14:07:39)

Ooh a bumper post. Catching up and loving it!

feels like Christmas (well if you are as sad as I am!) hehe.

Free For All Tuesday No. 26 (2011-08-02 00:00)



[1]

How do you do that? Where can I get....? These are all questions you can ask in the comments of this post every week.

So what Filofax related questions do you have for us this week?

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

SSA (2011-08-02 00:57:15)

Hello all. I have a Urban personal and there is nothing wrong with it, but last weekend I found myself spending €95 on a Malden Personal (Ochre). I have been eyeing up the malden for months and I love it...but...i have an organiser that works and is functional and really why do I need another one? I feel like I spent €95 I should have

used somewhere else...

...so do I keep the new Malden or return it?

Please enablers (I mean people who have no biased opinions) help me decide what to do...

other info:

- I only need one binder
- I carry my binder everywhere (in my hand or backpack
- I also use my Filo as my wallet

appleleg (2011-08-02 01:22:01)

I'm so excited! I finally ordered a personal and pocket MALDEN in Vintage Pink, off pensandleather. I'm hoping they'll reach me within 2 weeks cause they'll have to ship from the USA to Asia (where I live).

I'm sad to have to switch out of my 4 year old Finsbury Zipped though. :(

appleleg (2011-08-02 01:29:40)

@SSA,

I understand exactly how you feel!. I've been longing to buy the Malden for months now.(ever since it was announced) but I only ever use one filo at a time. And I've been with my old Finsbury for so long.

I finally took the plunge after i got my first pay upon graduating from college. I ordered both the personal and pocket because the shipping cost for just one was just not worth it. Right now I'm feeling like I've betrayed my Finsbury and burned my wallet (for buying 2!).

I'm hoping that the Maldens don't dissappoint!

Lynne (2011-08-02 02:01:12)

Hi SSA, I have just moved over to a Malden Crimson - I am also using it as a wallet/purse and love it. Sometimes heart should win over head with these things. Use the Urban as a travel or storage organiser. I use a Cherry personal for storage. Enjoy!

Kate (2011-08-02 02:34:37)

I, too, have given in and bought a Malden in vintage pink. I hope it arrives today. I was encouraged to do so after reading the many admiring comments on this site. It won't replace my amethyst deco but I think it will be a close second. No one needs more than one binder but it's a real pleasure to have more than one.

Try the Malden. Hold it. Stroke it. That should help you to decide whether to keep it or not. While the Urban is a solid, every day binder, you can't beat a touch of luxury to lighten the daily load. Good luck with your decision.

Sharon (2011-08-02 03:06:55)

SSA - I have both the Urban and the Malden, and there is just no comparison! The feel and softness of the Malden will certainly convert you! I would use the Urban as a storage binder and the Malden as my daily one! I use my Malden for diary and purse and it gets used heavy, and it seems to be standing the test of time so far! It truly is a wonderful binder, so please don't return it!

Sam (2011-08-02 03:42:53)

SALE ON IN RYMANS STATIONERS...popped in my local one in bath and picked up a pocket leather butterfly filofax in grey for £30...reduced from £69!!

Lots of others much cheaper!

Happy Blogging!

Sam x

Seajay (2011-08-02 04:49:42)

Hi SSA, Don't feel guilty about buying another F2 ("F"ilo"F"ax) Think of it as a gift from your higher self, you can always have more than one F2, you can change them as your mood or the seasons change. I myself have summer and a winter filofax. Personal "Lyndhurst" & Personal "Kendal" as long as you keep the size the same it won't cost you a fortune switching refills, although having said that I just bought an A5 "Hamilton" lol. I couldn't let it go it was a bargain. I also keep to another rule "I WILL NEVER BUY A FILOFAX AT THE RECOMMENDED

RETAIL PRICE” Always go for the sale or bargain price, trust me their all over the place. Have fun and loose the guilt!

Seajay (2011-08-02 05:22:11)

Hi All,

I'm a newbie to Filofaxy. Found this site on a web search when trying to learn how to use my Filofax more effectively and efficiently. I can say this is the holy grail of information on Filofaxes. I have truly learned so much from many of you and I must say I have put to use many of your great tips and ideas. I used to think I was a nut because I loved Filofaxes so much. I am now free of that after seeing so many like minded people. The creativity abounds here and on many of your blogs. Thanx Gang! Keep up the great work.

Steve (2011-08-02 05:29:24)

Thank you Seajay.

I think we should have an alternative slogan... you are not nuts if you love Filofax organisers!

Lynne (2011-08-02 06:03:16)

Question please - where can you find diary refill 'day on two pages' on the UK Filofax site? I was interested in an A5 version for 2012. I'm sure I saw earlier posts on this site quoting a price of £20.50 - just can't find it.

Amanda (2011-08-02 06:29:49)

@SSA

Don't feel (too) guilty. See how it feels when it arrives. If it feels beautiful and makes you go 'ooh' then it's probably saying 'keep me'

@Seajay

Welcome! This is **the** place to come for Filofax stuff!

@Lynne

Tucked down in the footer of the filofax site is a link called Time Management. There are 2 days to a page diaries for A5 there (though at £28 currently). Look under annual update sets.

Alternatively, check out the files section on here. There are some good A5 diaries on here and easy to print on your own printer on A4 paper.

Sharon (2011-08-02 06:41:49)

@Lynne - there isn't a day on two page layout for A5, the one that is £20.50 is for Personal and is available on the Filofax France website, or from a London Store! It is a great layout if you like to record loads of stuff in a day!

Lynne (2011-08-02 07:00:02)

Amanda and Sharon, Many thanks. Am having great fun now trawling through the templates on this site. Be lucky if we get supper cooked tonight!

terriknits (2011-08-02 12:34:58)

@SSA - sorry, I can't be the one to dissuade you from Malden. I love my crimson personal. In fact, I also just bought a pocket Malden last week (haven't received it yet, but I'm sure I'll love it as well). Sure, you probably don't "need" another binder, but you can always find a use for the other one.

terriknits (2011-08-02 13:20:06)

does anyone know which of the FF web sites sells the cream (or white?) blank tabs? I got some from FFUSA but they take sooooo long to ship to Canada, if I could get them from an international site, I would.

Cra2yGuava (2011-08-02 14:16:14)

The 2012 Olympic diary, anyone know if it's available to buy on its own, without the binder?

Steve (2011-08-02 15:13:53)

Cra2yGuava - I've sent an email to my contact in Filofax UK specifically asking your question. I will let you know when I hear back from them.

Regards

Steve

Butanben (2011-08-02 18:21:15)

@SSA. You know it makes sense to have a spare binder right? Also an Urban would be perfect for storing your spare filofax papers. They do build up after a while these bargain paper buys too. Believe me. So..... Malden for daily gorgeousness and usage, and urban for storage. Simple. xxx

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-02 18:27:41)

Ooh the charity money is going up quickly!!

@Terri, I think Filofax UK do the dividers you are talking about! Although won't postage be ridiculous? It would probably be cheaper to ask someone here in the UK to buy them on your behalf and send them to you!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-02 18:30:02)

@Terri, oh sorry, now I look at it they are for A5 and they don't do white/cream plain ones for personal! Strange! Filofax UK, where is your logic??

Butanben (2011-08-02 18:32:55)

Most miffed!!! Was in Rymans in Salisbury today, and no reductions on Filofaxes whatsoever. Well done Paperchase.... huge selection of binders, though sadly not the Malden, and well done WH Smith.... huge huge selection of paper Filofax fills. Seems like a good Filofax stop off place Salisbury. Buses stop right in the centre too. Can recommend Cathedral Refectory for a lunch.... gorgeous massive glass ceiling, from which you can view the spire. Enter by gift shop door.... as you do not have to pay an entrance fee to use the refectory.

terriknits (2011-08-02 18:51:00)

@TPS - actually, the shipping from the UK to Canada wasn't that expensive - and it was quicker than getting it from the US.

Sirpa-Kaarina (2011-08-03 04:38:19)

Hello all,

It's time for my first Filofax. YAY! I'm interested in personal Baroque.

Does any of you know what kind of red is the red one? The French site said it to be 'electric'. It sounds too much like pink. I don't want to order the red binder and then send it back because I hate the colour.

Amanda (2011-08-03 05:43:50)

@Sirpa-Kaarina

Do you mean the 'rose electrique' baroque? It's quite pink and not red at all. I have one and I have pics of it on my blog:

<http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/04/in-bag-test-of-baroque-part-1.html>

<http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/04/in-bag-test-of-baroque-part-2.html>

If you want a red one, it isn't the baroque you want! It is GORGEOUS! (I have the pink and the blue) but it isn't red.

Hope that helps!

Amanda

Sirpa-Kaarina (2011-08-03 09:17:46)

Thank You, Amanda! You helped me very much.

Pink is not my colour. A crimson Baroque would have been a dream come true.

Looking back: This Month On Philofaxy (2011-08-03 00:00)

So what was happening on Philofaxy this month in years gone by...



[1]

2010

- [2]Pocket - it's where it is happening - This was sort of the post that started last summers Filofax Pocket revolution or evolution.
- [3]Slimline to Pocket Conversion - My own change over to Pocket size. I'm still using a Pocket Size as a wallet/notebook. Although the Slimline made a brief reappearance a few months ago I went back to the Pocket. One of the odd reasons for going back is I can reach in to my bag and without having to look at what I'm pulling out, I can tell which is the pocket by touch alone.
- [4]Readers Under The Spot Light - It was this time last year that we started this series which has proved very popular if you find the time to look back through them all.



[5]

2009

- [6]Rapesco Diary Punch - Paper Punches suitable for Filofax paper remain a popular question every month. In this post I reviewed a punch that I bought and still use that can cope with Filofax Personal, Pocket and Mini sizes.
- [7]Sex and the City Planner - Nan did a detailed review of the City Dweller Lifestyle Pack
- [8]Filofax Sightings: Russian Dolls - Laurie on various Filofax sightings in movies

2008

- [9]PYOP - Print Your Own Pages - Nan looked in to printing her own pages for her A5 Filofax as well as different forms for note taking.

2006

- Tabs - Philofaxer (the original one...) did several posts about Tabs and Sections all of them worth another read.

- [10]Tab Time
- [11]Super Tabs!
- [12]More on Tabs
- [13]The Motherlobe - What looks like quite a haul of inserts off Ebay! I wonder if they all got used?

I hope you have enjoyed this look back through the archive. If you are wondering why I missed out 2007, there were no posts in August 2007... gasp can you imagine that now!!??
Do you have any favourite posts from the past? Share them with us in the comments.

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13. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2006/08/motherlode.html>

terriknits (2011-08-03 15:03:31)

thanks for the links, especially the one to the "pocket" post with links. How can one read Yvotchka's blog? I get a message saying one must be an invited reader?

Having acquired a pocket Finsbury and having a pocket Malden (!!!) coming in the mail soon, I'm looking for posts on how people have set up and are using their pocket formats.

KerowynA (2011-08-03 17:39:48)

I also miss reading Yvotchka's blogs. How can one be invited?

SSJ (2011-08-04 09:24:44)

Long, long-time reader, 1st (or maybe 2nd?) post: I love the word "Motherlobe" even if it is a typo - I picture really big, filofax-shaped earrings...



[1]

SNARLing is a former roller derby girl (hence the name "SNARLing") and is currently a stay at home mom looking for work - preferably in prepress graphics but perhaps a whole new career altogether. She has been using filo related materials off and on since the mid-90's and has rediscovered them in 2009 - around the same time she became a lurker here on Philofaxy.

She is an avid fan of paper, pens, inks, books, book arts and book making makes Filofaxing a natural interest as well. She hopes to accomplish many goals and with the help of her Filofax she will one day have a nice positive attitude for her 3-year old kid, be making art again and be living debt free.

You can read about the process of her transmutation [2]here.

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I think it was in 2002 and it was a black Finsbury slimline. I loved it. I felt so professional and grown up with it in my bag. heh heh.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I've used Filofax inserts since the mid-90's but I always thought the actual binders were too fat (much like today) I think the one i liked best was a slimline pigskin which retailed for waaaay too much cash that I'd rather spend elsewhere (on beer) at the time. So i just used the inserts in a black cheapo memo book with 1/2" rings. I've also made calendars in the back of my sketchbooks and used the manhattan/metropolitan diary, brownline diaries (for work) and a Franklin Covey wire bound book. i do like daytimer inserts a lot but don't like their binders. I've tried to use Moleskine but i don't have the flexibility that i have with a binder. I've also tried to use the midori traveler's notebook but this was after I'd been using the ff, which already had a year of brain thought attached to a to-do system. I couldn't do without that to-do system I'd been developing for myself so back to filo I went

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

Compact Chameleon!

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

9 - in buying order:

- 1.) Black slimline Finsbury
- 2.) Slate personal Graphic
- 3.) Black personal domino
- 4.) Black pocket slimline topaz
- 5.) Black personal malden
- 6.) Orange pocket finsbury
- 7.) Black pocket malden
- 8.) Black compact chameleon
- 9.) Dark brown a5 domino snake

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

The compact chameleon is my main book where I plan, take notes, log dailies, project to-do list, set goals, carry info, list a BUNCH of stuff (things I want, stuff for the house, food to cook, Mexican restaurants, movies, books, music, people, good times and financials (unemployment, jobs applied+notes, checking account, money I owe) previous to that, I was using the pocket slimline topaz (now on standby) in conjunction with the midori. the pockets Malden and Finsbury as well as the personals domino and graphic are storage. slimline has nothing. A5 is for the happiness project/art binder I have yet to move forward with. The A5 size as well as the 30mm rings are a bit overwhelming for me but I've been writing in there a bit and drawing some to get a feel for it. it should be good for my intentions but we'll see. Personal Malden is all set up on standby in case the A5 doesn't work out.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

Probably the flexibility of change and the ease of adapting new ideas into your system and the ability to personalize the innards.

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

I think I would go a touch larger than 15 mm for personal size (like say, 19mm) so that I can put a zipper pocket with my cell phone. (it fits now it just isn't as slick as I'd like it : therefore I'm thinking about get personal chameleon in AQUA. just a thought tho. LOVE {seriously LOVE } the compact size) or maybe a sleek outer pocket (emphasis on SLEEK) that could hold a cellphone. Maybe have the whole front cover be a zip pocket sort of like the pocket binders with the back pocket but have the zipper be on the long side in the front - something like that where access in and out is practical and easy. Also 2 penholders (at least) that are large enough for thicker pen bodies or raise the penholders a bit - maybe about 1.5 inches down from the top so that you can comfortably (and safely) clip your pens onto it. I think every couple of years I'd design more of a variety of inserts - test the market a bit in that regard. They did have a USA design contest last year but i haven't heard anything more about it. have any of you?

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Everywhere, all over the place, in my bag, in my hand, in my lap, at the dinner table, on the kitchen counter, next to my computer, on my computer, on the car seat next to me, in my right hand when I got to sleep. everyfreakin'where. I'm really a one book kind of a gal so i need to have the book i love (currently the compact chameleon) be able to address all of my needs. the hardest thing is for me is drawing but with the smaller ring size, it's not so bad

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

Right now I so love the chameleon, I want aqua, if they had an aqua compact I'd own it already. But I might get a personal aqua somewhere down the line. I thought maybe A5 until I got the snake, I don't think I can use the A5 on a regular basis. I also have my eye on the compact Osterley. When I ordered the compact chameleon I thought if I really like it I'll get me the compact Osterley for my birthday, in plum even. Something about it reminds me of when I was little - it's kinda got a 70's vibe to it. Classy 70's, tho. heh heh

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

\$80 on the personal Malden.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

The people, the information that people share. the great community from all kinds of backgrounds all over the world not to mention the age-range

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

The way it makes me check my Google reader all the time!

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

Oh man, maybe weezer- red album? fat wreck chords wrecktrospective? I don't buy much music anymore (sad I know) the local music scene here in indy is actually pretty good and my husband's been involved in bands for like 20 years or so. Usually I'd just get a babysitter and go to punk rock night and get free cds. I also listen to pandora radio a lot. My current station is set to the stooges. Can't believe Iggy did American idol. Thank god I missed that one.

Thank you very much for going under the Spot Light as always very interesting to read about your background and how you are using your Filofax Organisers.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-Rmxz9rfqlcI/TiQUWQcc2TI/AAAAAAAAAJak/QzpivD-78eo/s1600/IMG_2273.jpg
2. <http://thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com/>

Gerard (2011-08-04 02:49:40)

SNARLing - thanks for posting, and for the great interview. Hope to see more posts on your blog soon.

Babs (2011-08-04 05:42:56)

Great interview SNARLing. Have set up to follow your blog. I really love these interviews. It's comforting to know I'm not alone in my obsessiveness!

Alison Reeves (2011-08-04 06:36:23)

Hi SNARLing - really enjoyed your post.

J (2011-08-04 11:55:32)

Well, since I didn't get to officially meet you a few weeks back, I'm glad I got this virtual "introduction."

Although it makes me even more bummed that I missed the meet up- I spent most of high school in garages watching local punk bands!

terriknits (2011-08-04 12:00:18)

Nice to read about you, SNARLing (and I love your dogs). I am intrigued by using the smaller ring sizes, but in practice, I don't think I could do it.

globetrottingcacti (2011-08-04 14:50:19)

Loved reading your interview (& your videos on your blog). Thanks for sharing.

Anita (2011-08-04 16:10:05)

Lovely to meet you :) Will be visiting your blog!

Kelliejo (2011-08-05 01:37:19)

Thanks SNARLing. I have watched your videos several times to absorb all the info you shared. Awesome. I am new to the Filofax obsession, about three months, and own 7 already. I cannot decide between the A5 and personal for my everyday filo. After seeing yours and how organized it is I think I will try the personal. Although I LOVE the space in my A5.

SNARLing: (2011-08-06 08:39:02)

nice to meet you all as well. these things are fun - hope to read more about the everyone else as well!

caribbean princess (2011-08-07 14:06:11)

Yay for Snarling in reader under the spotlight. I loved reading about you and your filofax addiction.

Oh how I wish I could meet you in real life. Win the lottery woman! please! ;-)

Rori (2011-08-07 21:31:31)

Love ya! Glad to see you on here.

humbly bows to Filofax MASTER*

gdigesu (2011-08-10 15:54:46)

Filofax King strikes again!

Helped me with printing to personal size on Mac OS X. And it was an online session, objective, easy to follow, that even an Engineer like me could follow ;))

Life is tough, and there is Philofaxy.

Thanks Steve!

Giovani

Free for All Friday No. 142 (2011-08-05 00:00)

In the aftermath of the great popper/stud [1]battle of the sexes, I started thinking about how often I pop mine.

My Filofax, that is.

Once I'm settled at work for the day, I leave my work (A5) and Personal Filos open on my desk, where I can refer to them all day. I always open my Personal as I'm starting my morning, to remind myself of the day's appointments and tasks.

How often do you pop yours?

Obsessively, all day long? Or only as needed, which may not be very often at all?

Of course, since it's Friday, you can pick another topic, like sodapop, popcorn, Pop art, Popeye...

1. <http://www.blogger.com/comment.g?blogID=18497333&postID=1506098713305922283>

Jadielady (2011-08-04 22:45:01)

Yup, at work I leave mine open all day, at home I open it periodically, if I need to add a note or see if I need to remember something specific for the next day.

PS I'm loving my Filofax!

justenoughsalt (2011-08-04 23:49:45)

mine is generally open all day. my guess is those of us with more room to write leave them open and those with just a sliver generally have them closed....

question, who prints and who writes in cursive. i am thinking of switching to writing in cursive to improve my penmanship. has anyone else tried to switch?

terriknits (2011-08-05 00:03:54)

My Malden is usually open. The only time I close and snap it is when it's going in my bag.

@justenoughsalt - I write "longhand" as we used to call it. I guess that would be "cursive" now. Back in the stone age when I was in elementary school, we printed until about third grade, then we were required to "write" and not "print".

Amanda (2011-08-05 04:07:57)

Happy Friday everyone! Enjoy the weekend when it comes!

As for open/closed:

Work A5: open all day unless I'm taking it to a meeting (I carry it closed!)

Personal everything-except-work filofax: open at my side when I'm not at work; closed in my bag when I am at work (unless I am referring to it)

Writing A5: generally closed (unless I am writing!)

Book-o-fax A5: closed unless I am filling in a review.

Charity projects personal: closed unless I am doing work for the charity.

Bit of a mish-mash!

Lampa (2011-08-05 04:13:37)

I've a spectator reader for a long time and just to share the flexibility of using a single hole puncher. I switch between different organizers occasionally and a single hole puncher makes it a breeze.

Tommes (2011-08-05 04:17:29)

Also a happy Friday to everyone from me!

My Personal is always open in my office, since I try to use it as my leading system. We have an electronic diary as well for all colleagues, but I look up time for appointments in my Filofax first - of course ;-)

At home it is 50-50 open and closed. It there kind of competes with my Mini, which includes all of my financial 'book keeping'. This one is mostly closed, because of the outside purse-like pocket. It prevents it from staying open / laying flat properly.

Kind regards, Thomas

zephyr (2011-08-05 04:28:47)

Open first thing, then closed at the close of day. I like the way my Kensington lies flat on the desk, unlike the Pimlico I used to use - it has nice leather but is not that supple.

Cursive/printing - it depends on how I feel.

Tommes (2011-08-05 04:45:07)

@justenoughsalt I forgot: longhand/cursive writing only with pen or pencil. I just love it!

Thomas

Michele (2011-08-05 06:31:50)

Hi Everyone - Happy Friday. Have to tell you about FILOFAX NIRVANA IN BERMUDA! We were in the Bermuda airport last Saturday and flight was delayed.. So I wandered around the shops.. Shop called "Pulp and Circumstance" which also has a shop in the town of Hamilton had an absolutely wonderful Filofax collection - rivals Sam Flax from NY meetup last Spring. Anyways, behind the glass counter, they had a Personal Buttercup Ostrich Filo w/ 2008 calendar for \$925USD and both a red and black Lizard Pocket filo for \$325 each. Since the shop was nice and quiet, the sales girl let me "touch and play" the filox.. She was amused as I knew the model names, size, etc... She told me that the shop in town has a sale sometimes when the filox go 50 % discount! Hey did anyone else catch last week's NY Times Styles Section page 1 story on Filofax vs electronic calendars! Photo inside of long time user (same personal filo since 1988)! I kept my copy and it's sitting in my Filo archive box!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-05 06:37:17)

This is an issue of mine I am just starting to face. After realising it's not so much what is in your filofax but how you use it, I am trying to refer to it regularly to keep on top of things I have to do and stay organised, one of the ways I can do this is have it open a lot when I am staying still. I will be writing about this in my new blog posts which I hope to have written up on my blog by Sunday night, along with my new personal Malden set-up :)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-05 06:52:15)

I need you guys' opinions please! I'm thinking about making my much-neglected pocket crimson Malden into a wallet-filo, as she is not getting any other use. I'm going to base it on The Zeitgeist of Zoe's brilliant wallet-filo set up :) But I'm using my crimson personal Malden as my daily filo at the moment- would it look silly if I used both a pocket and a personal crimson Malden at the same time?? One would stay in my bag at all times- either when I'm on campus I'd carry my personal and my pocket would be in my handbag, or if I'm out shopping it would be vice versa. But still, would it look silly?

Amanda (2011-08-05 07:07:21)

@TPS

I understand your problem. I was at one point using a mini as a wallet and also carrying a personal around with me, but then I combined them into just the personal and haven't really looked back.

Do you just want to use the Malden pocket because you have it and it's not being used? I would have thought that the Malden would work well as wallet and organiser combined since my baroque (almost identical internal layout to the Malden) works just fine for that. My feeling is one should be enough (but maybe I am speaking out of turn...)

So I guess, my question also is - do you have so much that you need to carry around in the personal Malden that you couldn't downsize completely to the pocket and leave the personal to use at home?

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-05 07:28:13)

@Amanda, that is exactly the reason I am thinking about using my pocket Malden as a wallet, because it's not being used! I feel so guilty for spending all that money on it and not using it! I have this idea that when I'm

doing my PhD or have a job, I'll have an A5 on my desk as my main filo and use my pocket for around campus, just as a satellite filo, but I really want to find a use for it now! I don't think I'd like to use it at the moment as my main daily filo because it's a bit small for everything, and I've just spent a couple of weeks perfecting my personal! I do use my personal as my wallet as well as my main daily filo as you said about your Baroque :) It's great for that, but getting a little fat around the gills! I think I need to take some of the diary out! Thanks for your help, I think I'll continue using my personal (inc. as a wallet) and think of something else for my pocket to do!

Amanda (2011-08-05 08:33:26)

@TPS

Okay, what kind of things do you do that you like to log or plan, but that you don't need to carry around with you? Do you read? Could it be a book-o-fax? Do you exercise? Could you log exercise goals and achievements (or just schedules) in it? Maybe if you sew patchwork quilts, you could fill it with squared paper and plan potential quilts?

Any use? I would hate for you to feel guilty about not using it, but I'm not sure converting it to a wallet but still carrying a personal is the way I would go...

:-)

Laurie (2011-08-05 09:58:16)

Michele I've been eyeing the Buttercup Ostrich for awhile out of curiosity-how does it feel? Does it feel like regular leather or is it super-soft? How exciting you got to handle those very exclusive Filofaxes!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-05 11:12:21)

I've just posted my first ever youtube video! It's about the set-up of my personal Malden :)
<http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/08/my-personal-filofax-set-up.html>

@Amanda, that's good advice, I'll think about that! I love crafts like cross-stitch, maybe I can use my pocket for that!!

D (2011-08-05 11:28:52)

Laurie- I have the pocket buttercup ostrich filo. I got it on eBay for quite a decent price. I love love love it. The quills are raised and the leather is the softest I've ever felt. I feel very lucky to have it. It was worth every penny.

Laurie (2011-08-05 11:32:41)

Not to tempt me or anything! ;D

The Ostrich sounds gorgeous!

SSA (2011-08-05 13:07:18)

Hi all. I was wondering if anyone has 2011 WO2P cotton cream (personal) that they are not using and would consider giving to a good home. In exchange I can give you...a pack of contemporary colored paper (personal)

<http://www.filofax.de/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId=243> 7

or a zipper close envelope (personal sized)

<http://www.filofax.de/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId=508>

or a selection of German chocolates :)

SSA

Michele (2011-08-05 14:23:52)

Laurie and D, It was pure bliss holding and touching these filox.. I couldn't wait to post on "Free for all Friday"!!

Mrs. Grievous (2011-08-05 14:46:05)

I pre-ordered my personal Aston today. :3 They will be in the warehouse around 8/22 if anyone else in the U.S. is waiting on them.

LJ (2011-08-05 15:24:35)

@SSA I have WO2P cotton cream in personal size. They came with my imperial purple Finchley and I won't be using them. In fact, the Finchley is so soft and beautiful that I haven't been able to decide what to use it for yet. I've just started a project to see if I can downsize my work FF from an A4 to an A5 so that I can see my fabulous aqua Fins on my desk everyday - so much prettier than the brown A4 Metropole. If you want them mail me at lalexander@dek.com and I'll be in touch. :-)

Sandra (2011-08-05 15:53:20)

@ThePerpetualStudent Loved your clip on YouTube about your stuffed Malden. Here is a link to my Malden-as-wallet setup.

<http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/search/label/pocket>

On a "pop" note, I leave mine open at work all day as well. I do close it at home lest the children have a go at it. Not.

@justenoughsalt I can't imagine cursive. I've been writing in a print/cursive hybrid for a long time. Good luck with that!

Lynne (2011-08-05 16:07:03)

L.J. I now use my Aqua Finsbury for work. It took some time to adjust to A5, but am now very happy with the format. Most printers will cope with A5 and most business printers have more than one paper drawer. I just ensure my printers have A5 loaded in one of them and am able to print off any project papers/spreadsheets to add to my filo. I work over two sites and find the A5 much more portable and great for meetings.

Rori (2011-08-07 21:26:51)

Ok, I had to read the first line like 4 times...haha.

I pop mine all the time because the sound and feel is satisfying...kind of like bubble wrap :)

Web Finds - 6 August 2011 (2011-08-06 00:00)

Yes no sooner have I published one of these then I start to gather posts for the next one... and this week is no exception.

- [1]2012 Offerings - Life Well Planned
- [2]Electronic Calendars - ZD Net - their failings... well we could have told them that!
- [3]5 ways a Journal can make you more productive - Time Management Ninja
- [4]My new love: Filofax Osterley - Kathiza Writes
- [5]Filofax Tips - Lippu and the LBD
- [6]I have a Filofax addiction - Susannah Conway
- [7]How fat is your Filofax - Paper Pens Ink
- [8]Erasable Ink Pens - Jetpens Blog
- [9]5 Ways to Eliminate Five Tasks - Day Timer Blog
- [10]Choosing the perfect Filofax - Imysworld
- [11]Scheduling One's Life - On Paper - The Curious Observer
- [12]How to make your own Filofax divider tabs - Kathiza Writes

- [13]Tab Tribulations - Filofax Fixation

Additonally, some new videos to watch too... I even get a mention in the first one!!:

IFRAME: [14]<http://www.youtube.com/embed/KuczqBNglQc>

IFRAME: [15]<http://www.youtube.com/embed/5lC8kc1Z474>

IFRAME: [16]<http://www.youtube.com/embed/GtxKSXMP2bk>

IFRAME: [17]<http://www.youtube.com/embed/l6cFOvjAqhY>

Enjoy

1. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/07/2012-offerings.html>
2. http://www.zdnet.com/blog/perlow/electronic-calendars-its-not-the-technology-its-the-interop-and-ui/17981?tag=mantle_skin;content
3. <http://timemanagementninja.com/2011/08/5-ways-a-journal-can-make-you-more-productive/>
4. <http://kathiza.wordpress.com/2011/08/01/my-new-love-filofax-osterley/>
5. <http://www.lippyandalbd.com/2011/07/filofax-tips.html>
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7. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/08/how-fat-is-your-filofax.html>
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10. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax-college-week-6-choosing-perfect.html>
11. <http://thecuriousobserver.wordpress.com/2011/08/05/scheduling-ones-life-on-paper/>
12. <http://kathiza.wordpress.com/2011/08/03/how-to-make-your-own-filofax-divider-tabs/>
13. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/08/01/tab-tribulations/>
14. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/KuczqBNglQc>
15. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/5lC8kc1Z474>
16. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/GtxKSXMP2bk>
17. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/l6cFOvjAqhY>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-06 05:25:30)

Thanks Steve! but why oh why did youtube have to chose that horrible screen shot of me??

Steve (2011-08-06 05:44:15)

Hi Kate

I think you can select the point in the video for the snap shot. Sorry I'm not really an expert on YouTube! Imy might know???

Steve

Amanda (2011-08-06 08:04:35)

Thanks for a) feaaturing me again! and b) providing another excellent smorgasbord for my entertainment this afternoon!

Woo hoo.

SNARLing: (2011-08-06 08:36:51)

whoa! too many head shots of me this week! thanks for featuring me in the spotlight as well as in web finds. gonna crawl back under the rock today - or maybe if we can swing it go zip lining (!!!!! - on vacay!!!!) hope we can swing the zipline thing...

Gerard (2011-08-06 11:57:22)

SNARLing is phamous for her videos - yay!

Thanks also to TPS for the great video.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-06 14:40:04)

<http://www.notebookstories.com/2011/08/02/calendar-wars-electronic-vs-paper/>

On paper calendars vs. electronic, with focus on filofaxes :)

Alison Reeves (2011-08-06 17:15:25)

Just one question guys:

How do you do You Tube - is it easy?

Steve (2011-08-06 17:20:16)

You need a webcam and some software to record the video and audio and then be able to edit the video before uploading it to You Tube.

On a Mac I use iMovie which lets you use the built in camera and mic on my iMac to record the video. I can then edit the video, mainly the start and finish.. add titles and stuff like that. Then it uploads it to You Tube for me and within 30 minutes or so it's online and ready to watch.

On Windows I think on XP I know there's Windows Movie Maker which can capture video from a webcam and the audio, it's basic but it can do a half reasonable job like iMovie.

caribbean princess (2011-08-07 14:04:27)

TPS and Snarling your videos are AMAZING and it is wonderful to see you in real (kinda) :-)

What is zip lining?

OK I googled it

It looks scary!!!!

A Pocket Full of Life - Guest Post - Jotje (2011-08-07 00:00)

[1]

Jotje's previous [2]guest post is one of most popular posts on the site (watch it reappear in the popular posts list within a day or two of this post being published!), but when I heard that she had transferred from Personal size to Pocket size... I just had to go in to 'pester mode' "pretty please Jotje.... please up date us on your latest creation."

And it worked, I know it will cost me when we see each other in September, but I think you will agree with me, that it was worth the wait. Just sitting here inserting each photo, is like turning the pages and thinking 'how does Jotje manage to fit so much in to such a small organiser.... it is a [3]tardis (bigger on the inside than it is on the outside)!

So enough of me rabbiting on.... over to Jotje....

Following Steve's repeated requests, here is my blogpost on the use of my Pocket Malden, which is currently my **ONLY** planner ... **pluswallet**! I've been using the pocket since about May (which typically turns out to be my planner format changing months ;-)). The first spark of Pocket envy was kindled by [4]Zoe, then [5]Snarling and [6]Oni, until [7]Stirwise's post finally pushed me over the edge!

So, without further ado, please see and read for yourself what it's all about:

First here's a picture of the closed [8]Pocket Malden in Vintage Pink. The colour in this picture resembles the real colour the best. You will have to ignore all the other pictures in this post as far as the colour is concerned. My iPod Touch is a great toy, but not so much a decent camera ...

One note on the colour: If I were asked to name the colour I would describe it as meat colour. More specifically: the colour of a medium cooked steak. Okay, I see how this sounds less appealing than "vintage pink", but at least it's the truth! I do love this colour (then again, I do love medium cooked steaks as well ... LOL).



[9]

Next, the opened binder. I added tabs of a Dutch making, because they were so cheerful, and because they have an inner pocket (shown in another picture) for storing receipts or paper. As you can see I am using the purple FriXion point (0.5) which is a necessity with this binder: First of all this is the only FriXion that fits the Malden's penloop (the slimline is too thin, the Frixion Ball is too fat).



[10]

And this is why the Pocket Malden makes such a great purse: in the zipper I keep coins, in the card slots my cards, plus my drivers license and in the huge wallet pocket my money bills. Simple as that ...

[11]



Here's a picture with some of the tabs I am using. I will explain them in further detail in a minute.

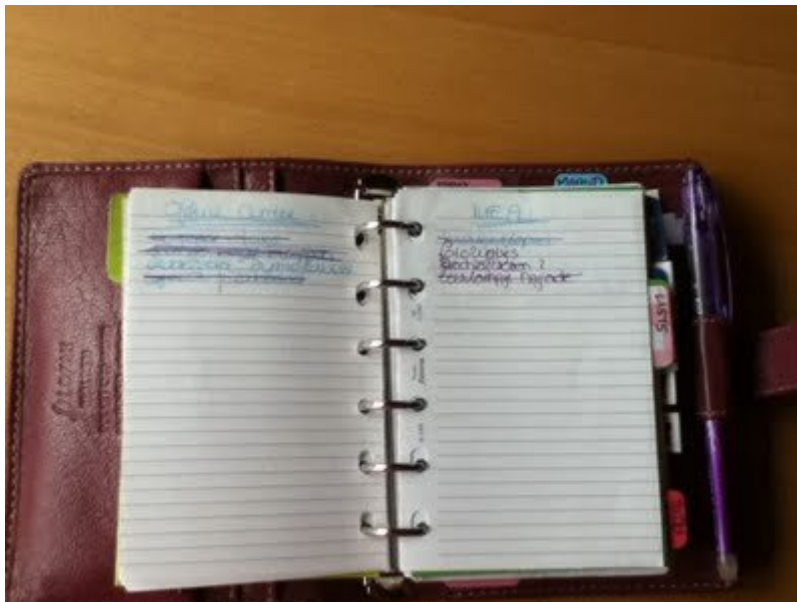
[12]



The first tab “Shops” contains A) my ongoing shopping list. I trim unused Daytimer Flavia pages for this purpose. Note the super handy pocket on the backside of the tabs!



And B) a list per shop of what I need or want to buy when I am there next time.



Next is the tab “Lists”. This contains various lists.



[15]

Lists like gift idea's (see picture below), books to read, movies to watch etc etc



[16]

In the back of this Lists section I have added To-do pages, sorted by category. I find these pages with the red Avery sticky tab (kindly sent to me by Nancy!). The brand of these pages are of the Dutch “[17]Succes” planners. I like these because they have two lines per item.



Next is the Tab “Maand” (= Month), again from the [20]Succes brand.



[22]



As you can see I have added self adhesive monthly tabs to the weekly pages. I got these from [24]Plannerpad.com. You will also notice that I attached them quite randomly and that they are not neatly aligned. But who cares, at least it works to find my month ... ;-)





[25]

Now to the heart of my planner: the daily pages (about 1 month worth of pages). I am using the Day-per-page inserts from Succes. The lines are really tiny, but I need to have half-hour intervals. And as it turns out I can write very small as long as I use my Frixion Point! In fact I can record all information that I previously had in my Personal sized 2-pages-per day inserts. The reason is quite simple: apart from writing smaller, I figured I don't need to write novels, when all I need is a quick reminder. For example, on my old ToDo pages I would write:

"Call GP for appointment for N."

Now I simply write: "GP" under the PHONE section.

Another example:

"Mail quotation to (name customer)" can be abbreviated to "(name customer)" under the header EMAIL.

Without any loss of vital information, I might add!



[26]

I used the preprinted thicker lines of the succes pages and added (in babyblue BIC pen ink) the headers EMAIL, TO DO and PHONE. An idea that I stole from Oni btw! I add small tick boxes, because I dislike crossed out lines on my calendar pages. The idea for the boxes are from Snarling and Stirwise!

As you can see I still assign time slots to my To do's, which is why I need the half-hour-intervals in my time line.

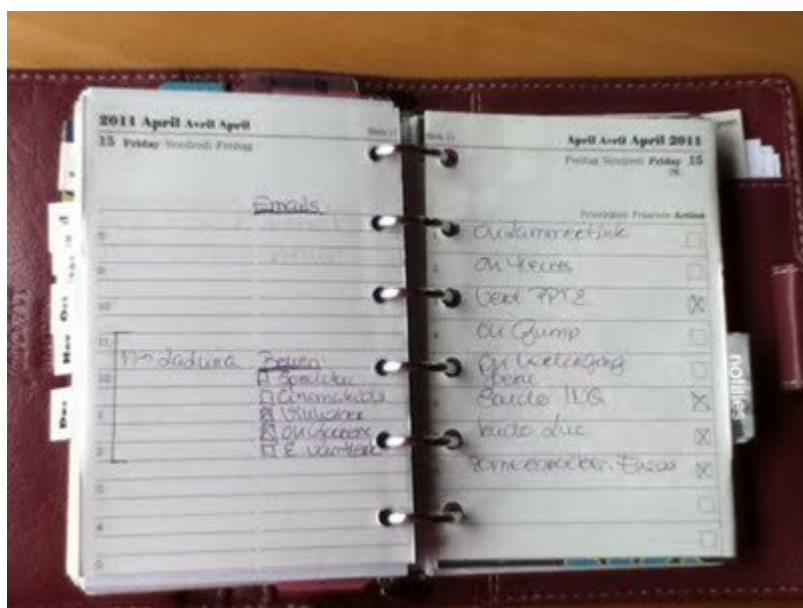
At the top of the page (hardly legible in this picture) I added my Flylady Routine reminders with boxes to tick off. A simplified version of the Woman's Success Planner principle that you need to track your

routines.



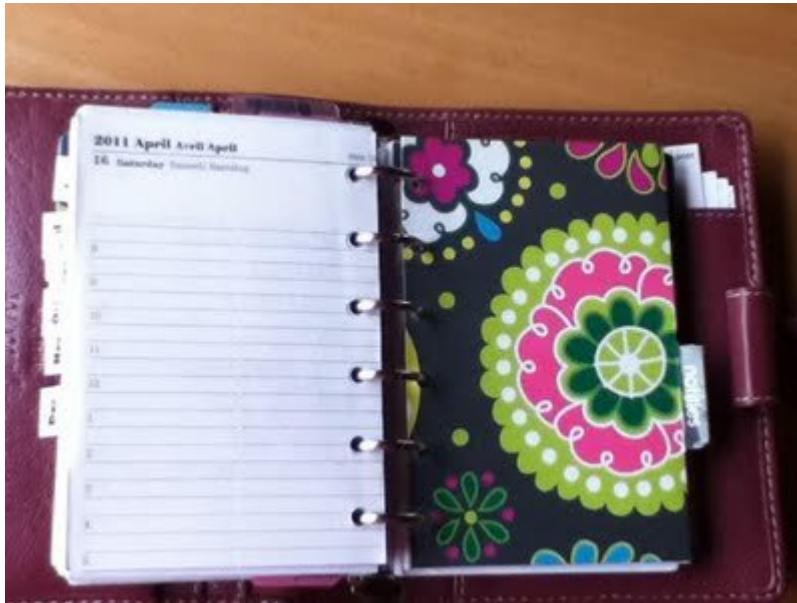
[27]

The next picture is just for giggles and laughs. I trimmed the Personal sized 2PPD pages from Filofax and punched them for the Pocket binder. As you can see, all vital information and room is preserved. However, I decided I didn't need two pages per day, and that I'm way to lazy to do this for an entire year – thank you very much!



[28]

Next is the “Notes” tab, which – surprise! – contains nothing but a handful of lines notes pages.



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Behind this section I have the address pages from Succes. Each address page is tabbed, and I use the front page for the first letter, and the back page for the last letter. I record all my login details and important phone numbers or insurance numbers here. Anything that I might need to refer to during a day, especially when I'm from home. No phone numbers from contacts, because those are all in my phone anyway ...



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Next is the “Family” tab. This contains lists per family member with clothing sizes, and of clothing or other supplies that need to be bought. Also a list of birthday party ideas or websites.



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A clear plastic envelope with bits and pieces and a financial sheet (Succes again) with date and amount of the car fillups.



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In the back I have the plastic card slot holder (with room for four cards).



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The note pad pocket in the back finally holds some stamps



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I love the pocket format! It is so easy to toss it in your handbag, or to just carry it in your hand during shopping (after all, it does contain all my shopping lists!).

Finally, here are a few more pics of my fat little life companion: a true Allrounder!



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Once again thank you Jotje, that is quite a set up!



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Sharon (2011-08-07 03:19:56)

Awesome post Jotje, thank you for sharing! Off to play with my Malden Pocket today and see if I can get it to work!

Any chance you could share the link to the person with the dividers and some of your inserts, they look pretty cool!

Again, thank you!

Sally (2011-08-07 03:39:16)

Wow...I love how you have set up your Malden (it is on my wishlist!). I may redo my Filo now! I have just posted photos of mine on the Flickr group (I am sallyjh2011 there).

Sari (2011-08-07 05:15:02)

Hi, Jotje, thank you very much for another FANTASTIC post!! I had to change from Personal to Pocket size about two months ago and am still working on the setup. Now I have some more ideas what to add..... I, too, like some of the Succes sheets, but I think the paper quality is somewhat less compared to Filofax, I like writing with a fountain pen and on the Succes paper it tends more to bleed. Also I like the idea of cutting the D2P to Pocket size ;-0! Aaaaaaand I definitely need those monthly stickers from plannerpad....

Thank you very much again, I really admire your creativity!

Greetings, Sari

P.S. Do you think one day you 'll be able to manage everything with a Mini?

Babs (2011-08-07 05:39:07)

Fabulous post. I've been thinking about getting a pocket for day-to-day use as a wallet and I love your set-up. You may just have swung it for me! :)

Babs (2011-08-07 05:39:39)

PS - I'd also like to know where you got your dividers. They're gorgeous!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-07 06:20:11)

Wow! It's great to see everything can fit into a pocket! I wish I hadn't just spent the last 2 weeks setting up my personal now, or I would try it out in my pocket!!

Imy (2011-08-07 08:45:58)

I really enjoyed this, and have been thinking about downsizing recently, and this has kinda tipped the table, looks like your going to be helping me choose which colour pocket malden to get ;-) hehe

Steve (2011-08-07 09:12:51)

The dividers are apparently from here: <http://www.hema.nl/> but that design is no longer available they change each year apparently.

Steve

Tonya (2011-08-07 11:36:06)

Jotje, this was a great post! I'm in the process of setting up my pocket Finsbury (my first filofax!) so it was perfect timing.

Which size Success pages fit the pocket?

Steve (2011-08-07 11:39:51)

Tonya: the Junior size pages fit the Pocket Filofax

Steve

Steve (2011-08-07 11:41:01)

<http://www.succes.com/fr-fr/page/5/product-info/de-agendaformaten.html> in French is page gives the different page sizes

baggirl (2011-08-07 13:46:57)

Wow! I loved reading about what you've done and seeing all the creativity in the way you have set things up and pulled in bits and pieces from different places to create your dream set up!

caribbean princess (2011-08-07 14:02:37)

Jotje I can't wait to meet this planner (sorry you lol) in September. I am amazed you managed to fit all of this into a pocket size so I need to see it irl.

Thanks for another AMAZING guest post!

:-)

terriknits (2011-08-07 15:36:24)

I have my pocket Fins and my personal Malden sitting open on the table next to me and I am AMAZED at how much you manage to have in your pocket, and how much functionality you're getting from it! I'm inspired!

Sally (2011-08-07 18:17:26)

I have to say this is one of the most inspiring posts I have read for ages....keep coming back to the photos to look some more :) Have spent the evening with my craft knife copying those amazing pocketed dividers. Have just posted a photo on flickr showing what they look like (as yet unfinished and needing a decent photo!) Hope you like them!

ATG. (2011-08-07 18:26:56)

Love this post Jotje!

Recently there has been so much buzz everywhere about the malden and I definately see why now! The thing I like most is the inside pocket layout because its quite unique.

Ps. its also good to see some representation for the smaller organisers! :)

Roanne (2011-08-07 19:07:44)

Jotje, You Are The MASTER! This was wonderful in every way, and I thank you so much for taking the time and effort to make this post happen.

Rori (2011-08-07 21:28:48)

So inspiring, wish I could make it work :O(

David Popely (2011-08-08 04:37:55)

I agree with Sally (and with all the others who have said similar things) - a really inspiring post. Thank you! I'm encouraged once again to believe that it really *is* possible to run a busy life, schedule and work from out of one of the smaller organisers (either Pocket or Personal, the latter being what I use). Truly amazing.

What I also like is the way you have let the system evolve to be customised to your own lifestyle, rather than adopting an 'off the peg' method.

Thanks again....I'm definitely going away to have another think about my own setup!

Alison Reeves (2011-08-08 06:32:50)

I really loved this post - I love the fact that I can create my own inserts so easily in the A5, but I am so jealous of your portability! I just wonder if I could get it all in a small binder

Anita (2011-08-08 07:54:01)

I agree, what an awesome post & thanks for sharing!

In the past I'd considered using a pocket as a wallet, but assumed it was too small to use as my main filo. I think

you've enabled lots of people to consider 'going pocket' now :)

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-08-08 11:30:05)

Thanks for sharing - loved your post. I am also back in a Pocket (grey Malden) from my Personal (various reasons for the smaller size!) and I am LOVING IT! Finding that I am fitting in all I need - adapted to my life and love the lightness and portability (also reminds me of my Pocket Cross I had in my early 20's when I was single and life was simpler in terms of organisation.... that in it-self puts a big grin on my face when I pull out my Filofax). LOVED reading your post and off to check out the dividers - nifty.

Savannah (2011-08-08 18:44:19)

Hooray for the pocket Malden!

Femke (2011-08-09 03:50:10)

Loved this post! I was curious to see your set up in more detail than what I saw on the Philofaxy meet up! And mmmm pocket Malden.. tempting.

kanalt (2011-08-13 08:55:48)

Love this post! Great job, Jotje. I so wish I could downsize to the pocket. But I've tried it and it just could never work for me. Plus, I have so much money and time invested in the personal size, I just couldn't do it. One question though regarding the monthly tabs - "who cares" that they're not even? I WISH I couldn't care. If it were me, I'd have to sit there all day and night trying to get those things even. Though, I guess that's what happens when you're slightly OCD about these things. ;)

Reader Under the Spotlight - Roanne (2011-08-08 00:00)



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So this week I would like to introduce Ro, she describes herself as a minimalist, reader, cook, songwriter, exercise fanatic, but may be not all at the same time?

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

My first actual Filofax was purchased in ... early 2005, I think. It was a Personal in Lizard.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I used a Franklin Covey for almost a decade. I think Moleskin is my choice if my current Filofax dies. My first pseudo-Filofax was something from a Walden'sl bookstore; it was close in size to a personal Filofax, and obviously meant to copy one, but cheaply done. My very first planner/agenda ever was one by Virginia Slims cigarettes. My mom was a smoker and I wanted the planner badly, so she switched to Virginia Slims long enough to get me the proof-of-purchases I needed to get my free planner from them. My only electronic pda was the Handspring Visor Edge, which I wanted to like, and actually did like, but I prefer the immediacy of writing over typing.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

I only own one, and it is my beloved vintage Personal sized Filofax in Ostrich. It is used and abused and probably only beautiful to me, but I adore it.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I know this qualifies me as a bit of a freak around here, but really just the one. I had two others (the Lizard, plus a personal sized Topaz), but since I only use one at a time, the minimalist in me drove me to find new homes for the other two.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

Pretty much everything. Date book, to-do list, address book, password keeper, lists of all sorts. I've just started keeping my shopping list and menu planning in there. I want everything all in one place.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

So many luxe models to choose from! I like the actual size of the Personal, too ... not too big and not too small. Plus, it is the granddaddy of all planners, and to me, the marquee name in agendas. I've always coveted one but never thought that I'd own one ... and then I did!

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

The paper quality of the inserts leaves a bit to be desired. Double pen loops on every binder, at least from Personal sized and up. And pen loops that accommodate many more pens than the Filofax's I've experienced deign to accommodate. The pen conundrum has been rather maddening for me. If/when I ever move away from Filofax, this will be a main factor in the decision

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

I carry it in hand or in my bag, depending on where I am or what I'm doing. If I'm out and about, it is in my handbag ... I carry large bags, so they can accommodate the Filo easily.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

I love the Malden, personal, on Ochre. But buying? No.

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

I bought the personal Lizard when they were having a sale, spending just over \$300 USD for it. It was gorgeous and worth every penny.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

I didn't know there were other people out there as geeked about Filofaxes as I am. And there are a whole lot of us, and we all LOVE to yap about Filofaxes. Who knew?

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

You people are terrific enablers. I have to fight the urge to shop every single day. But that is my problem, not yours. Heh.

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

Lady Gaga's Born This Way.

Thank you Ro for agreeing to go under the spotlight and if anyone else would like to take part in this series please get in touch with [2]Philofaxy

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Imy (2011-08-08 04:48:06)

It was lovely to read about you! :-) So does that mean your job is a songwriter? Im so nosey hehe :-)
The osterich is lovely tho :-D you just need the Mulberry Bayswater in osterich to match ;-) hehe xxx

Alison Reeves (2011-08-08 06:35:27)

Hi Ro - great post thanks! I am so jealous of people who are minimalist and have the strength of character to stick to it and not buy more! I aspire to being minimalist and am trying hard to move in that direction, but the habits of a lifetime are hard to break. However - the pleasures of owning a lot less and simplifying everything are a powerful benefit!

So don't apologise for owning only one filofax! If we only bought one of everything we could afford the very best!

Anita (2011-08-08 07:47:04)

Hi Ro, lovely to hear more about you! I know what you mean about all the lovely enablers. I got an A4 for the space, but two is absolutely it :)

SNARLing: (2011-08-08 14:13:21)

great to formally meet you! that is awesome that you can be satisfied with only 1. i wish i could be like that...

Sally (2011-08-08 16:44:55)

Love that you are so loyal to your Filofax :)

Tommes (2011-08-09 06:30:25)

Hi Roanne,

sorry for commenting so late, and thank you for your great interview.

I (mostly) agree on having only one planner. I'm more or less a 'one life - one planner' guy. But I have to admit, that I bought a second one lately. Just because it's so cute, and I can use it as a travel purse.

But generally I stick to my one and only Personal! And so you won't hear me saying that you need any more Filofaxes... ;-)

Kind regards, Thomas

Jotje (2011-08-10 02:12:40)

Thank you, Roanne! You wouldn't have any pictures of the inside of you Filofax, would you? I'd loooove to see those ...!

Roanne (2011-08-11 19:24:34)

Thanks for all the fun comments! I felt a bit sheepish, as you could no doubt tell, but am so glad I did it anyway. Jotje, will do a couple soon!

caribbean princess (2011-08-14 07:02:00)

I am so ridiculously late in reading this post but just wanted to say what a great post. And Ro will you send me some of your willpower? I am impressed. ONE filofax..... I used to be like that..... before the evils of Philofaxy!

Would love to see more of your personal filofax in another post or is that too much to ask? :-)

SNARLing: (2011-08-14 17:57:47)

ps- that ostrich is BEAUTIFUL. I would get rid of all of mine too if I had one that I loved like that and that aged so beautifully. well, maybe half of them. heh heh

Unknown (2011-08-23 10:23:02)

thank you for sharing! it's a real treat to see how much you use and love that classic ostrich filofax =)

Josh (2011-10-28 16:31:22)

There is something so beautiful about the one and only filofax. I loved the woman in the recent New York Times article on paper calendars who still carries the same filofax she bought in the 1980s in London. It has lost it's snap closure and is otherwise worn, but she still uses it.

Free For All Tuesday No. 27 (2011-08-09 00:00)



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I have a question.... What else would you like us to write about on Philofaxy? Are there any topics you would like covered again in more detail? Or something we have over looked... the thread they use in the stitching or some other small detail? Let us know in the comments and we will see what we can come up with....

But as it is Tuesday you can of course ask any other Filofax related questions.

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Susannah Conway (2011-08-09 04:44:49)

Morning everybody! This is my first comment here but i'm a long-time reader :)

So i have a problem with my A5 Malden – the two rings at the top don't fit together properly leaving a small gap that snags pages. I've been trying to work around it but it's getting annoying so i'm about to contact Filofax to get a replacement. But i'm so loathe to send my Malden away! So before I do, is there a clever way to fix the rings?

thanks!

Steve (2011-08-09 05:00:26)

Susannah,

On some models it's possible to take the ring mechanism apart quite easily. This isn't possible on the A5 Malden. But as your Malden is less than 12 months old, I would return it to Filofax UK for a replacement.

Details on returns here: No12:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/faq.html>

Details of how the ring mechanism works here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-ring-mechanism.html>

Make sure you always use the tabs to open the rings. Pulling on the rings themselves can bend the internals causing the problem you have.

Steve

Seajay (2011-08-09 05:02:35)

Hi Susannah,

If you look closely at the two rings in question you will notice that they are most likely bent out of position compared to the others, you can easily bend them back into position so they resemble the shape of the good rings, if you don't feel comfortable doing this yourself then find someone a bit of mechanical knowledge. It's a real simple fix so you won't have to send it back to Filofax. Remember from now on do not pull on the rings to open them use the end tabs.

Amanda (2011-08-09 05:16:57)

Okay, maybe this is a bit nerdy...

Does anyone else care about whether the credit card slots are edged or raw?

In my leather filofaxes, the edges of the credit card slots (the ones as part of the binder) are all edged/ hemmed, but in the domino, the edges are just left raw, which made me wonder if they would fray if they were used a lot.

Are any leather ones left raw? And if the edges are left raw (synthetic or leather), *do* they fray when used?

Thanks!

Foxy (2011-08-09 05:44:11)

Hi Susannah

I had a problem with my Adelphi personal Filofax and I can thoroughly recommend contacting Filofax to get it repaired. I posted it to them with a freepost address they gave me on the Thursday, it arrived with them the next day (Friday) and they emailed me that same day to inform me that they would replace it with a new one. They had to hunt around for one of the same colour (which had been discontinued) from one of their stores and I received the new one on the Saturday morning :) So I was literally without my Filofax for 2 days, their customer service is beyond amazing and I can't praise them enough for the service I received.

I would be careful trying to repair it yourself, as if it goes wrong, this could void your guarantee. Which would be a real shame!!! Filofax are absolutely fantastic and I'm sure they will endeavour to return your Malden to you as quickly as possible!!!

Good luck, I hope you get it fixed :)

Susannah Conway (2011-08-09 05:53:18)

Thanks so much for the advice, everyone! I will return the Malden and request a replacement as I've only had it for two weeks, bought it full price and have been using the tabs to open the rings :)

@foxy - it's good to know they are so fast!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-09 06:11:57)

Does anyone else have trouble trying to distinguish between projects and to-dos? I have a To-do section and a Projects section, but I don't know where to put things that are a list of to-dos but are actually projects.

Does anyone have a good way to distinguish between them? Thanks!!

kpreddie (2011-08-09 06:25:40)

I just finished setting up my new Filofax which I am using for the Weight Watchers Maintenance program. I only have 3 sections: Notes, Points Tracker (for which I used the 'Meals' template from Philofaxy files), and Point Values. I also added a small pouch purchased from Target to hold my Weight Watchers points calculator. I used a grommet maker so it would fit onto the rings. It's a simple set up which makes it very efficient, almost fun to count points.

As to the book itself? It's a beautiful butter yellow pocket Piazza, which I purchased from Pens and Leather, at close-out price. It's sooo touchable!

Alison Reeves (2011-08-09 06:29:41)

@TPS - David Allen in his book 'Getting Things Done' says that a project is anything with more than one action, and a task is just one action. So for example:

1. You may want to clear out your wardrobe, but find you have no black bin liners for the rubbish, so your first task is the 'buy black bin liners'. The wardrobe clear out goes on your project list so you keep it in mind, but buying the bin liners goes on the todo list.
2. You may want to call a friend for an update, this is a single task and will go on your todo list.
3. You may want to set up a new blog - this is a project and your first task (which may be 'decide on a name for the blog' may be the first task.

Hope this is clear - makes sense to me! I've always had a problem distinguishing the two, but this sort of put it into perspective for me.

Anita (2011-08-09 06:44:38)

@ Susannah Conway - I can also really recommend Filofax's returns & customer service. Super quick & very efficient!

@ ThePerpetualStudentTPS - David Allen from Getting Things Done explains projects as involving more than one step. A to-do is the very next action you'd need to move some thing forward. E.g. 'update website' is a project & a related to-do could be 'upload a new photo on my About page'. Hope that helps :)

Babs (2011-08-09 07:47:17)

Another thumbs up for Filofax customer service here. They're great and return things really quickly!

@kpreddie - Well done on getting to WW maintenance. I'm on the new programme and loving it. A WW filo is a great idea (and I covet the yellow Piazza too! I *just* missed one on eBay the other day! Grrr!). I like being able to refer back to meal plans on "good" weeks too.

Hmm ... maybe I need a WW Filo to add to the collection :-D

Mrs. Grievous (2011-08-09 08:53:31)

I <3 FF. I e-mailed a question about the leather on my mini Piazza (it's falling apart :(), and I was given advice (the previous owner has worn it out) and 25 % off a new organizer. :)

Db (2011-08-09 12:26:15)

Hello.

I do not own a filofax but wish I did very much. I have a small budget and like to make most of my stuff myself. I was thinking maybe a few more posts on how readers custom made things for their planners would be really interesting.

Thanks! Lindy

J (2011-08-09 14:19:27)

Hey All!

Quick question for those in the US... where do you buy your insert refills?! November marks my first whole year with a Filo, so I've never had to buy them!

I'm using DPP- is it best/cheapest from the Filo site? I'd hate to spend \$21.50, but don't see myself finding them cheaper elsewhere. My tabbed monthlies are from Day Timer, but I don't really want to switch my dailies.

Any suggestions??? Thanks in advance!

Steve (2011-08-09 16:36:21)

Lindy, I'm starting a new series of posts tomorrow about making things for your Filofax.

I hope it's what you are looking for.

Regards

Steve

stirwise (2011-08-09 18:55:44)

@J:

I use DPP in Pocket size and pretty much the only place I can find them is at the Filofax US site. If you use a Personal or A5 size binder, though, there are a lot of 3rd party sellers for refills, try using google's shopping search to find alternative retailers.

Now for my question: US buyers, have you ever ordered from Filofax UK and, if so, how long did it take to arrive? After months of dithering I broke down and ordered a pocket Songbird and the Travel Journal pack for my trip to Korea this fall, now I want to jot down in my Filo when I can expect them to arrive. :)

Tonya (2011-08-09 21:49:01)

I am looking for weekly pages for my pocket finsbury where I can enter your appointments/tasks into time slots (like this http://ep.yimg.com/ca/I/yhst-40997485717836_2169_70730623) Does anyone know where I can find something similar that will fit the pocket filo?

stirwise (2011-08-10 00:32:14)

@ Tonya:

You can find an undated version of the inserts you like at the Japanese site Rakuten:

<http://global.rakuten.com/en/store/nomado1230/item/6040g306/>

Ray May makes dated refills similar to what you want, but the 2011s appear to be all sold out:

<http://global.rakuten.com/en/store/voice/item/952473/>

I had a similar problem last year with the refills I wanted, I could only find undated for the current year and dated for the following year, so I bought 3 months worth of undated and lived with it. It wasn't a bad experience.

S. (2011-08-10 02:16:27)

I am thinking of getting an Amazona Filo in Almond and was wondering if anyone has any thoughts to offer. Specifically, is it difficult to wipe stains (esp ink stains) off it and does it lie flat? Many thanks!

Jotje (2011-08-10 02:34:34)

Tonya, such a layout would be terribly small and hard to use in pocket size, I'm afraid.

However, on Filofax.fr they have a nice weekly layout with timeslots for the pocket.

<http://www.filofax.fr/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2421>

They have one for 2012 and one starting in August 2011.

melissa (2011-08-10 07:35:53)

How does the Filofax post it insert work? Can you refill it with your own post its once the ones that come in it are used up?

kanalt (2011-08-13 09:29:22)

@TPS - I don't use any specific system to distinguish between to-dos and projects. Mainly my rule of thumb is this: if it's a one-line item, it goes on my to-do list (ex. write a blog post, buy coffee, clean the bathroom, etc.). Anything that has multiple steps or things I need to keep track of or if I need to see how something is laid out (sort of like mind mapping), it goes into projects (ex: NYC Philofaxy meet up - I need to keep track of possible dates, who's coming, suggestions for times and places; If I'm contemplating a new Filo - my options, refills needed, an outline of tabs and sections, etc). I hope this helps!

@J - I have yet to find refills anywhere that are cheaper than Filofax sells them. Even now, for 2011, everything is full price, which makes no sense to me as we're more than half-way through the year. You could try ebay, though I doubt you'll find anything for 2012 much cheaper, if at all. The only thing I can suggest is buying from a retailer to save shipping costs.

@Melissa - I use the the Post-it insert. I couldn't live without it. However, I don't like the see-through flags, so I remove those and put in the Post-it flags that are more like traditional paper and can easily be written on. Also, I go through them quite fast so I do replace them with regular Post-it pads. I generally don't have a problem with them falling off but I can say that the post-its the insert comes with are held on tighter than when I put my own refills in. I would recommend putting something in front of the insert, like a tab or some other thick paper. If you have the insert laying against the front of the binder, you might find the "refill" Post-its come off - I had this problem with my Malden. The refills (and the originals) would rub against the front zippered pocket and come off. I have not had that problem since I put something in front of it. I hope that makes sense - if not, let me know.

Making Your Filofax Your Own - Dividers (2011-08-10 00:00)



[1]

You might have bought a Malden or a Finsbury or a Domino, and externally they look just the same to someone else's similar Filofax organiser. However, open your Filofax and that is where the differences start to tell.

You can change the contents of your Filofax to suit your needs and demands in organising your life. Whilst you can buy dividers or your Filofax might have come with a set of dividers or tabs. A lot of people make their own. They can really make the inside of your Filofax colourful and very different. So today I'm going to give you links to some of the posts we have highlighted in the past:

- [2]How to make your own divider tabs - Kathiza
- [3]Tabbed and Decorated Dividers - TommesS
- [4]Making Filofax Dividers - Imysworld
- [5]Between the covers - Filofax Fixation
- [6]Filofax Dividers - Time2Craft

These are just a few examples to give you some ideas. But you could also use post cards or old greetings cards or birthday cards trimmed to size and [7]punched to use as dividers.

1. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-50LJD0JeXsw/TcWnPqv0HwI/AAAAAAAAJKY/aHCKSL1Qw1U/s1600/7+Notes+1.JPG>
2. <http://kathiza.wordpress.com/2011/08/03/how-to-make-your-own-filofax-divider-tabs/>
3. <http://tommes-s.net/?p=866>
4. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-college-week-4-making-dividers.html>
5. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/06/29/between-the-covers/>
6. http://time2craft.blogspot.com/2011/06/filofax-dividers_27.html
7. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Punch>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-10 04:09:02)

I've recently made my own dividers out of pretty postcards. They're wide enough but not tall enough, but I don't mind. I'll put some pictures on flickr soon!

globetrottingcacti (2011-08-10 04:19:05)

Making some personalised dividers is on my to-do list. Hope to have them completed before the Philofaxy meet-up in September. Will check out the links for added inspiration.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-10 04:23:24)

Btw, does anyone in the UK know where I can find some pretty, colourful, flowery paper or card? All I can find is plain!! I'd love to make some new dividers for my A5 :) Thanks!!

Scoot (2011-08-10 09:11:27)

Paperchase ...

<http://www.paperchase.co.uk/home-office/white-bougainvillea-infusion-paper/invt/00341641/>

Or Staples ...

<http://www.staples.co.uk/paper-supplies/writing-and-design-paper/decadry-parchment-marble-letterheads/marble-letterheads-a4-1?r=bf>

Or the local wallpaper store.

Then there is old Birthday and Xmas cards. Tissue paper sandwiched between two cut out church windows makes a great divider.

Then there are dried/pressed flowers stuck on card.

My favourite, very simple, are postage stamps stuck onto light card; which makes an ideal address divider. Packets of stamps can be bought cheaply at WH Smith stationers.

Amanda (2011-08-10 10:20:18)

@TPS

I've bought nice card from eBay before. Do a search on patterned card or floral patterned card (or whatever), be a little prepared to filter down through the zillion entries and you should be able to find some nice stuff at a reasonable price.

Hope that helps.

Gerard (2011-08-10 11:20:35)

Hi TPS,

You could try a search for some art that appeals to you, and then print it out on card. Matisse produced wonderful collages and decoupages late in life: Icarus, knife thrower, la parruche et la sirene, Polynesia, the sky etc. Many of them have proportions which closely match Filofax Personal paper. They retain their charm at small sizes, even though some of the originals were enormous - e.g. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aquarelita/18540859/>

Sally (2011-08-10 11:49:08)

The best place to buy would be a craft shop. Look out for scrapbook paper there are LOADS of fabulous designs.

terriknits (2011-08-10 14:15:33)

I've been unsuccessful finding heavy weight card stock or scrapbooking paper in my podunk little town. I did, however, this morning buy a Brother label maker!! When I do get some dividers sorted out, I'll be ready to label them!!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-10 15:26:53)

thanks everyone for your great ideas!!

Babs (2011-08-10 16:48:27)

@TPS - Try Hobbycraft. They have some nice sheets you can purchase singly.

I've made my own dividers by cutting standard A5 dividers to size and punching them to fit my personal. Standard dividers are dead cheap on tesco, etc, and already have tab pre-cut. Which the perfectionist in me likes a lot!!

KAGS (2011-08-11 13:41:13)

I would suggest a scrapbook store. I know they are thin on the ground in the UK and also depends on locality too I guess.

Recently I prettied up the regular Filofax dividers by cutting some scrapbook paper to size and cutting tabs from co-ordinating coloured cardstock. (I have a small die-cutting machine).

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-11 16:01:23)

here's a link to my post about my new postcard dividers! <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/08/my-new-diy-dividers.html>

A tale of two Filofax aficionados - Guest Post - David Popely (2011-08-11 00:00)

[1]



[2] [3]Alison Reeves (a frequent Filofaxy contributor) and I had been exchanging emails about time and task management, and about GTD implementation in particular, over the past few weeks, so when we discovered that we were both going to be in London on the same day (Tuesday 9th August) on business trips, she being from the West Midlands and I from the South West, that we just had to take the opportunity to meet up around a shared 'interest' (a slight understatement!) in Filofaxes, GTD, and time and task management generally.

So it was that I found myself heading for central London on the afternoon of the 9th, my very oversized and rather overstuffed A5 Finsbury under my arm, ready for an afternoon of Filofax-talk.

Arriving at 3.31 p.m. for a 3.30 p.m. start, I was unsurprised to find Alison already in the Conduit Street shop, browsing the refills. For quite a few minutes we exchanged ideas and discussed the relative merits of refill layouts (the generalised criticism of Filofax paper quality was to come later), in particular the A5 Time Management diary inserts for 2012 vs. the standard day-per-page layout (we both agreed that for our purposes either would do the job perfectly well). General browsing of the binder stock, and in particular of the sale stock, ensued, with Alison buying what is apparently the only slimline A5 ever produced (Adelphi) and a handful of inserts, while I finally and inevitably (I now realise) fell prey to the lure of the Personal Malden, in this case in ochre. I never realised until I handled the Malden just how much it sells itself to you wordlessly as you hold it, regardless of how many good reasons you may have why you don't need another binder! What a beautiful piece of craftsmanship...

Neither Alison nor myself live within easy distance of anything like a 'proper' Filofax stockist, so it was a real treat to be able to get everything we need under one roof, with the help of obliging and knowledgeable staff – a big thank you, you know who you are!

Filofax 'habits' having been sated, it was a short walk to Starbucks at the Regent Street end of Conduit Street, where over tea and hot chocolate I demonstrated my current A5 GTD-oriented setup (but using the Filofax Time Management index dividers), while Alison had brought with her, her lovely A5 Amazona, which normally never leaves her desk (thank you for lugging it all the way from the West Midlands just to show me). Alison does a great line in really attractive 'contents' sheets (aided and abetted by the fact that she has very attractive 'ladies' handwriting, in contrast to my 'sixth former gone bad' scrawl), and also showed me her wrap-around pocket Filofax Special Edition. It's much too small for me personally, but her ideal 'carry around' organiser.

Then we got onto the subject of pens. Having bought into the Malden at last (really, it was inevitable), I now realise how important the right pen is to match. I've always said I would never settle for less than two pen loops, as I always keep my diary in pencil, for reasons which anyone who has a busy life (surely that's all of us?!) will readily understand. However, I'm now down to one loop, so a new solution is called

for. The options are simple: Pen only, pencil only, or some kind of bizarre yet-to-be-invented pen-pencil hybrid (Tom Pellerau, are you reading this?). Alison showed me her very nice collection of Mont Blanc pens and pencils, including a very nice fountain pen – my ideal writing instrument, although it did lead directly to wholesale condemnation of the general quality of Filofax paper refills, and much hankering after a decent paper stock which doesn't bleed through when a 'proper' pen is applied to it. Sadly, given Filofax's current indifference to anything refill-related, this seems to be a pipe-dream rather than even being worth seriously proposing. But there is good money to be made out there by anyone prepared to invest in the project.

Also in Alison's armoury of writing implements is a range of coloured Frixion pens – very cheap to buy, write like a rollerball, available in a wide range of colours, and.....erasable! I tried this for myself and it really does work! I'm not sure if this is the solution for me (Alison does a lot of colour-coding, enough to justify carrying around a number of different pens), or whether I'm just looking for a single, really elegant looking writing implement, but I do recommend you check them out for functionality alone.

Soon it was time for parting – myself back to South London en route back to Somerset by car, Alison by taxi to her North London overnight business hotel, and I was left to reflect just what a lot of common ground there is between us, purely on the basis of our mutual interest in Filofax, and in all things organisational. Thank you, Alison, for being so willing to share your knowledge and progress towards organisation (which is, like my own, work in progress), and I look forward to meeting up again if the dates ever fall right once more.

Now, about that pen.....any suggestions, anyone?.....

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/_re2kwHiD7w/TWqNNkZdGiI/AAAAAAAAI9Y/C18L8_uu2FI/s1600/13172.JPG
2. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/_KHQHxyw6Mi8/TiHxMznKoJI/AAAAAAAAJZg/h18vXHLBa00/s1600/Alison+Reeves+Small.JPG
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/07/reader-under-spotlight-alison.html>

SNARLing: (2011-08-11 01:50:12)

great write-up! I love that the Malden got you as well. it really is a beautiful piece.

if I could have a nice pen right now, I'd want the pilot / namiki vanishing point on the limited edition matte black...

Rene Raggl (2011-08-11 01:56:43)

Hi David,

You might want to have a look at a 3-in-1 or 4-in-1 pen. And then I am not talking your standard BIC four color pen, but ones that offer you, depending on the model: two colors of pen, a 0,5 mm mechanical pencil, a text marker pen or a PDA-stylus. They are available from a wide variety of suppliers, have a look at them here:

<http://www.amazon.com/Top-Multipens/lm/R1Z0PKXHRNTK1B>

It's just a groe in the basket, there are plenty more, for example Rotring model "Tikky" etc. etc.

I myself use a Parker Executive in Jet black (cost me 65,- Euros) and I'm perfectly happy with it, except for one thing: the capacity of the pens is on the low side given the small room available in the construction of the pen. So if you would want to try them, it would be wise to stock up on refills too. (They come in cheap: 1,50 Euros per piece).

Also please keep in mind that those pens are larger in diameter then the average pen, again due to the mechanical construction that's necessary to make it work. So unless your binder has got a expandable pen loop, it might not fit. (My A5 doesn't and then I just put the clip through the loop.

Hope this helps!

Greetings from the Netherlands,

Rene

Tommes (2011-08-11 03:42:38)

Hi David,

thank you for this great article! You both must be very happy to have made this meeting. And isn't the shop nice?

As for the pen(cil) question: There is a wide range of multi-pens, even from the more sophisticated brands like Lamy etc. I have a Lamy twinpen with ballpoint and mechanical pencil. They have them with other 'ingredients' as well.

I don't know if there are any multipens with a rollerball. Being a pen writer myself, I must say that there is nothing like writing with a pen, maybe except for a good pencil. But a good rollerball with ink might be a considerable choice...

I hope you can find an appropriate one.

Kind regards, Thomas

P.S.: Welcome to the Club of Malden! ;-)

Alison Reeves (2011-08-11 04:24:43)

Thank you David for sharing our meet-up. I must admit the Malden is a lovely piece of kit - very stroke-able! However I was not in the market for a personal just yet and the a5 version gave me no benefits over my current Amazona (which I love). The idea with the Adelphi is that I can just transfer and take the bare bones of my system when I have to travel. I don't mind taking the Amazona if I am travelling by car, but rail travel is a different matter. It really is a lot lighter than the other A5s and of course it was half price! The shop had a lot of items on offer (many at half price) that are still full price or just 25 % off online (but not new models) so if you have a hankering for something it might be worth a call as I'm sure they do mail order. Sadly this wouldn't add to the Philofaxy charity donation but for some people it might be the only chance you have to get a coveted item. By the way discounts were also on accessories. Sadly I couldn't run to a new briefcase or handbag!

Alison Reeves (2011-08-11 04:32:42)

By the way, in the flesh the new Aston is really lovely - possibly one of my favourites so far. It's very like the Finchley but more 'edgy' with the seams and stitching. It's like very interesting daughter of Finchley! However because we were chatting so much I completely forgot to have a good look at the Osterley.

Imy (2011-08-11 04:54:07)

Wow 1 minute late when your meeting someone to talk about time management hehe :-)

I really enjoyed this post was so interesting to read about your meet up, Its always interesting to hear what others think about other people Filofaxes :-)

Thank you for sharing this with me :-)

Amanda (2011-08-11 05:04:53)

@David

There's a nice pen/propelling pencil combo in the Zebra Sharpo Diary:

http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Zebra_Sharbo.html

It's pretty slimline (7 or 8mm diameter) and comes with a nice box and a set of refills.

Glad you two had a nice meet-up. When are you (both) going to do a mega-post on the final Time-management solutions you adopt? It would be really interesting to hear about!

Steve (2011-08-11 05:07:20)

Thank you for this David and Alison. It's always nice to meet up and even if it's just two people.

David if you haven't yet decided on a pen. There is my previous post on the topic.

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/06/multi-pens-for-your-filofax.html>

And welcome to the Malden Club...

Steve

Amanda (2011-08-11 05:07:48)

or, maybe even more useful... a multipen you can customise to what you want:

<http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Zebra-Sharbo-X.html>

Any use?

katka (2011-08-11 06:56:43)

Ok, now I'm going to be the weird one. I've just received Malden A5 in grey and I don't know what's wrong with me, but I don't like it. I'm seriously thinking about returning it. I soooo loved the pictures, but in reality I really don't like it at all.

Amanda (2011-08-11 07:24:52)

@katka

If you don't like it, you don't like it... don't feel bad about returning it.

I know there are lots of people who love their Finsbury FF and I was very taken with the colour of the aqua, but when I saw it for real, I hated the feel of the thing.

Send it back. They're too expensive to hope that they'll 'grow' on you!

(Hmmm... I feel like the *opposite* of an enabler here!)

David Popely (2011-08-11 07:36:00)

Well, the pen is here! Pilot slim Frixion in silver, courtesy of Steve's recommendation (thank you)....and it writes beautifully and can be erased with the 'other' end of the pen. Outstanding!

It was good to see another aficionado, even if it was brief, and the fact that we have GTD aspirations in common as well added to the pleasure.

Thank you for all your pen advice and recommendations - but the Frixion is a great little pen and fits (and matches the ochre Malden very well - thanks, Steve!

cgarsnrealest8 (2011-08-11 08:41:34)

Cross makes a very nice pen that has 2 ink colors and a pencil. It looks nice, and it fits the pen loop of a personal Finsbury.

gdigesu (2011-08-11 10:37:09)

Then Mr. Popely and Mrs. Reeves went on and started a forum, to discuss the thrills of personal management approaches, and the challenges of making them work.

Mr. Popely and Mrs. Reeves, after consulting with some advisors, started a group on Yahoo, that immediately evolved into a forum - <http://timeandtaskmanagers.proboard.com>.

At the forum, participants can share ideas and experiences on TMS, GTD, goal setting, weekly reviews, project management, paper based vs. PC/Mac/BB/iPhone based systems, and other relevant and substantive ideas on this relevant subject.

Care to join?

Giovani

Daximillian (2011-08-11 10:48:55)

Hi David,

What a lovely post! You made me feel as if I was there with you two.

JetPens has a great selection of multipens and great service:

<http://www.jetpens.com/Multi-Pens/ct/91>

Amanda (2011-08-11 10:49:22)

Did they start the forum at:

<http://timeandtaskmanagers.proboards.com/>

or have they been conning us all about their time-management and have just headed off surfing??

:-)

[If you miss that S off the end of Proboards, then you go to a surfing site!!]

David Popely (2011-08-11 10:51:39)

Definitely proboards.com!

David (can't surf, won't surf.....)

David Popely (2011-08-11 10:54:53)

Just to confirm, the forum can be found at <http://timeandtaskmanagers.proboards.com/>

Anyone who enjoys their conversation in 'forum' format is very welcome to register. It *did* start as a Yahoo email group, but migrated almost immediately to Proboards by majority decision. The Yahoo group will most likely disappear completely over the next week or so....

Discussion is focused on time and task management issues generally, not just Filofax issues, and all are welcome.

gdigesu (2011-08-11 12:17:54)

Mrs. Amanda, thanks for your timely and precise correction of my typo.

Gerard (2011-08-11 14:45:34)

Thanks for the write-up David and Alison.

There are some odd write-ups about the Frixion ink: leave your notes in a hot car and your writing may disappear; pop it in the freezer and the ink may reappear. Hours of fun ahead there David, and you can put your trusty Bic up on eBay!

Babs (2011-08-11 15:42:56)

Great post. Thank you for sharing :)

I use the Frixion 0.5mm pens which are good, but not alwayys as "dark" a pigment as I'd like. I did recently splash out on an OHTO "Raconte" ceramic rollerball which is lovely, but not quite as smooth as I'd like. I hope it's just "settling in"!

Jotje (2011-08-11 15:55:13)

David, thanks for this excellent post!

And just wanted to point out that the smaller frixion point 0.4 refills also fit the Slimline FriXIon pen, just like the regular 0.7 friction ball refills!

Susanne (2011-08-11 16:21:08)

Great post, how wonderful it is to be able to share common interest on FF, GTD and pens with someone in person. And thank you for all the pen suggestions. I would also prefer a multiple pen but the ones I found do not fit the non-expandable pen loop. Now I have pens to shop....

Alison Reeves (2011-08-11 18:12:23)

I think we should plan a one day conference!!!

Roanne (2011-08-11 19:27:28)

This was infinitely cool! Thanks so much for letting us in on your meetup!

Tonya (2011-08-11 20:12:10)

Oh please do a write up of your GTD systems, I would love to take a peek inside those filofaxes!

terriknits (2011-08-11 22:54:26)

anyone who is interested in the heat/cold effect on the FriXion ink, I did some experimentation and wrote it up on my blog: [http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/07/30/pilot-frixion-you-co y-little-vixen/](http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/07/30/pilot-frixion-you-co-y-little-vixen/)

I also have an email in to Pilot to find out if there's a limit as to how many times the ink can go through the transparent/fully pigmented cycle.

I love these pens!

Robin (2011-08-12 01:22:46)

@terriknits What a cool experiment! I love the erasable nature of the Frixion pens (as well as the product name! Robin is a nerd!) but have recently discovered writing with a super-fine point - something like a 0.4 or finer. It makes my handwriting look rather attractive, too. LOL.

It took a little getting used to - and good paper is a must! Right now, I'm using a 0.4 Hi-Tec-C in ultramarine. Beautiful! And a nice contrast with bronze snakeskin!

Imy (2011-08-12 11:00:16)

Terriknits - i really loved reading it, and i have read it 5 or 6 times now, but i need to get some as ive lost mine!
I WANT TO TRY hehe xxx

Free For All Friday No 143 (2011-08-12 00:00)

So the end of another week and the weekend is nearly here.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in our longest ever Skype chat last Sunday, which lasted over 4 hours. Not everyone was there for the whole four hours apart from me! But as usual it was very interesting and varied in the topics we discussed. I hope more a few more people can join in the next one in September..

As it is Friday feel free to discuss anything Filofax related.

Timeless Expressions (2011-08-12 01:22:57)

Trying again.. and read where the keys are on the keyboard may be a good start!

I'm just downsizing from an A5 to a new Lilac Songbird album (beautiful me thinks!) and was wondering if anyone had any hints and tips.

I started to transfer all my essentials over, then wondered if I was doing the right thing.. so put them all back in my A5.. now I'm wondering how to work it.

Any ideas?

Alison Reeves (2011-08-12 03:43:59)

To everyone - if you are interested in using your Filofax to manage your work, business or life, please join us over on <http://timeandtaskmanagers.proboards.com> - we like to chat about various setups and how we can massage the various well known time manager type theories to fit our lives. Also which binders work well for who! David Popely kindly manages the forum for us, so come over and join us.

@Timeless Expressions - can you just bring over the things you use regularly and just add things as and when you need it? This could show you which things you actually need and which can be archived a bit for more occasional use.

Laurie (2011-08-12 04:05:52)

Random: I just discovered the Mead Flex notebook, which is similar to Circa/ Rollabind. I wonder if it will give the Filofax Flex trouble with branding copyrights in the US?

[http://www.mead.com/meadstore/mwv/product/Five-Star %26reg %3B-Flex-1 %22-NoteBinder-Geometric-Floral/29148?catId= &prodId=29148](http://www.mead.com/meadstore/mwv/product/Five-Star-%26reg-%3B-Flex-1-%22-NoteBinder-Geometric-Floral/29148?catId=&prodId=29148)

BTW I am NOT promoting the Mead product in any way, I haven't seen it in person so can't comment on the product itself. I just stumbled across the website a couple of minutes ago and the Flex in the title rang the alarm!

Steve (2011-08-12 04:08:01)

Good luck with your forum. It's not that the subject isn't of interest to me, I just dislike forums these days. Been there done that....

I would have preferred say a Facebook page/group which would be a little more open and less prone to problems.

Alison Reeves (2011-08-12 05:21:14)

@Steve - we will miss you... Not sure what problems you have had - I've only ever been a member of few forums and they have all been brilliant! Never had any problems - probably because they were very niche. For example I am a member of The Fountain Pen Forum. I just can't be doing with loads of emails in my inbox over the top of

my normal ones and I find facebook a strange interface for chat - I seem to lose the context very easily as things aren't grouped very well. I like to be able to log into a forum when it suits me and check everything. Perhaps I am missing something! (or getting old ...)

David Popely (2011-08-12 07:40:18)

@Steve @Alison Steve I know what you mean....Personally I prefer the immediacy of the Yahoo email list - only one place to check for everything incoming (and these days it's quite a lot)...but the forum was the majority's preferred format, or at least the majority who expressed a preference. I must confess I hadn't thought about a Facebook page, but I'm not a huge fan of Facebook....

Alison, hope you are safely back in the Midlands now and that the training went OK, the rigours of Travelodge notwithstanding!

Have a great weekend, everyone! I'll be relaxing after being away last weekend, playing with my new camera (!), and maybe extending the chicken run :) Anyone else up to anything 'interesting'?.....

Amanda (2011-08-12 09:02:10)

@ all of you who have down-sized to a pocket...

... how many sheets and dividers can you fit in there? And what did you leave out (if anything) in order to move from 23mm rings to 15mm or 19mm rings? Did the difference between 15mm and 19mm influence your choice of pocket?

Thanks!

Imy (2011-08-12 10:58:31)

Philofaxy I love you, on days when im down, you make me happy, on days when i feel fed up you make me happy, when i have Filofax problems your there, if you sold things i would promote them to everyone in the world but you dont, instead you offer free amazing perfect advice and you will always be my favorite website, i just wanted to let you know how much of an impact on my life you have made! THANK YOU!!!!!!!

Obviously it helps to have the amazing community and all the amazingly lovely people, and the friends i have made because of this website! I do not know what i would do without you all :-)

THANK YOU xxxx

Sharon (2011-08-12 13:07:35)

Amanda, I just downscaled from personal to pocket, both Malden ranges and I have everything I had in my personal in my pocket and it works fine. I think the Malden is 19mm rings. So it can be done!

Good luck!

Amanda (2011-08-12 13:37:44)

@Sharon

Thanks! I currently have 19 dividers (including 13 A-Z) and 120 pages in my personal. It's already hard to put any new pages in near the start or end without all the other pages falling off the rings and I'm finding it hard to imagine being able to fit them all in a pocket. (Tbh though, it's taken me most of my life to cope with the smallness of the personal so a pocket could be pushing it anyway!).

How many pages do people actually *have* in their pocket ff?

Just curious...!

Steve (2011-08-12 13:44:29)

@Amanda Ref your 'how many pages' question.

If it gives you some clues, I did this for a slimline Q11 of the FAQ page:

How many pages can you fit in to a 11mm diameter ring Slimline? I tried this out myself, 100 pages will go in comfortably, 120 pages I would think is the limit, above that and the pages become difficult to turn. This was tried using diary insert pages, no dividers or other pages.

Steve (2011-08-12 13:46:05)

ATG - Apex range... what would you like to know? Not very popular compared to say the Domino range, but it's down to personal choice I guess.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-12 14:05:11)

@Amanda, I have 170 pages in my personal Malden, so I'm surprised you are struggling at your 120 pages, but I suppose I do only have 5 dividers. When I look at it side-on, I feel as though I want to put a lot more in it because it's relatively slim and I want it nicely stuffed, but I think I would really struggle with the rest of my diary in it!

Amanda (2011-08-12 14:14:31)

@TPS

It might well be the plastic wallet at the front and the credit card holder at the back that's adding to the fullness of it all! The A-Z dividers might be adding to it too.

I'm just curious as although the concept of downsizing appeals, I'm not sure I can do it practically!

Thanks for the info!

JT (2011-08-12 15:28:57)

Hi all. First post as I'm fairly new to the world of filofax - and beginning to wonder how I got by without one, or two etc, for so long. I've got lots of useful info from this site so I'm hoping someone can help me to track down a5 punched pockets that will fit the rings on a filofax.

Steve (2011-08-12 15:41:21)

Hi JT

Welcome to Philofaxy.

Which country are you located in? That might help us with your question...

Steve

jjhitt (2011-08-12 15:57:14)

Laurie: I've looked at the Mead Flex in the stores and it's not a disk binder, it has rings, but they are plastic and flexible.

Overall build quality feels very cheap.

I did invest in Rollabind/ARC (Staple's name for disk binders) and even bought the outrageously expensive full page punch. But as heavily as I use any notebook, the pages wear out on the punches much too quickly.

Metal ring binders (Filos) are still first pick if you want your pages and information to last.

SSA (2011-08-12 15:57:14)

Hi all. I am interested to know if I am the only one who buys a lot of stuff for my Filofax and then decides that it doesn't work or my fantasy about how i was going to use it didnt materialize etc. Here are my examples: I used a personal for just under a year. I bought meeting note paper - used one sheet and the lines were too narrow. bought colored paper, then became really OCD that if I start using a color for something I will feel compelled to always use that color so i stuck to white/cream (2 packs unused). Bought different 2011 Diary insert. Bought zipper envelope (didnt like the zipper lumpiness). In fact pretty much the only thing I used fully was the WO2P (professional) and to-do pages.

I then decided my whole set up was failing and went back to pocket (last week). its started off fine but I dont want to get complacent, nor do I want to head out and buy 15 different inserts that I will use one page of each.

Does anyone else have this problem? I see on the flickr that sometimes people have a large mail order of filo inserts - am I the only one who needs to try it and actually see if it will work for me before buying 30 sheets!

So the question is: what should I do with all this stuff now?

JT (2011-08-12 15:58:17)

Ah yes - good point. I'm in Scotland. Been trawling the www but no sign so far of filofax-compatible pockets - am figuring they must be out there though.

Alison Reeves (2011-08-12 16:54:23)

@SSA - Filofaxy has a page called Adspot where we can all buy and sell Filofax related goods. Why don't you put together some of the stationery you don't want to use and sell it to someone who would be happy to use it? You could make up some bundles and list what is in each. I'm sure if you priced it reasonably you would have takers.

Babs (2011-08-12 17:18:27)

@SSA - I do the same!! Keep buying things to see if it'll work then deciding yay or nay. I really must find a cheaper, less perfectionist way or working!!

stirwise (2011-08-12 22:20:25)

@Sharon:

I went from Personal to Pocket a few months ago. I tended to keep the Personal binders relatively svelte, but the Pocket is small enough that I don't mind some extra girth. I currently have no dividers, about 170 note and calendar sheets, 9 tabbed month pages, 2 horizontal yearly planner pages, one top-opening PVC pocket, one CC holder, a world map, and a notepad (25 sheets) in the back. That should give you an idea of how much the 19mm rings will hold. When I use my binder with 15mm rings I have to cut down on the calendar and notes sheets by about 25 % to keep things turning smoothly.

@SSA

ALL THE TIME. The only plus I've found is that there are far fewer options for the Pocket size. I have boxes (literally, boxes) of Personal-sized sheets and accessories I no longer need, many I never used. Perhaps I'll sell some of them here.

Scoot (2011-08-13 05:59:06)

Dear SSA

Because of the enormous number of ways in which an organiser can be used, each way requiring a different selection or order of inserts, the contents of any new organiser have to be just a general selection/showcase of utilitarian inserts.

First figure out why and what you want to organise, then decide how you want to do it, IF a paper based Organiser is for you then make up the pages/sections that accord with your own system.

If you just find leather organisers' seductive and sexy, or just see them as a fashion item, then accept that! There is nothing wrong in using an organiser as just an appointments diary, address book, note book, or wallet, etc, etc, or any combination of such. In my mind there is something terribly wrong in trying to change your life around into using a system that really isn't a system itself, but is just a flexible platform that can help you to organise your life.

David Popely (2011-08-13 07:23:54)

@SSA @Stirwise I'm the same as well - I also advise to keep your cast off stuff. I have box full of refills (of various sizes), indices (probably the most useful set of options to have out of them all) and general Filofax ephemera, and it enables me to reconfigure very quickly, in either A5 or Personal, which I really appreciate. Don't ditch the stuff, you may find you need it sooner than you think!

Trail Bill Dr (2011-08-13 10:39:16)

@JT Not sure what you mean by "punched pockets". I use the Time/System binders in the Business A5 size, which are supposedly hole-compatible with Filofax A5. I've equipped my binder with paper Expense Envelopes, transparent plastic open top plastic pockets for photos, and even a transparent plastic zip-lock pocket for storage, all with holes to fit the rings of the Business A5 binder. The main website is www.timesystem.com, or you can go directly to www.timesystem.co.uk

Hope this helps.

Amanda (2011-08-13 13:01:41)

How many cards does the credit card holder for the pocket hold? Not as in 'how many people can you fit in a

telephone box' kind of way, but how many does it hold - *one card to a slot?* Is it double-sided the way the personal ones are?

Thanks!

SSA (2011-08-13 13:32:25)

@ Amanda the pocket credit card holder holds 4 cards. 2 on each side. However the cards are stored vertically and so they overlap a bit in the middle making it a little bulky. Plus the top cards stick out the top by 5mm or so. Its not as streamlined as the personal one but it does the job.

appleg (2011-08-13 20:58:49)

On another note.. My Maldens arrived! I love love love the soft leather! I spent the whole afternoon making new tabs for my personal since they are all now visible (I came from a zipped up filo)

I also had to hide my pocket Malden away secretly since the husband didn't know I bought 2! :p

Making Your Filofax Your Own - Domino Cover Decoration (2011-08-13 00:00)



[1]

The Domino is a very popular Filofax, it comes in a huge variety of colours and it is priced at the lower end of the price range and therefore it represents excellent value for money.

Now before I go further with today's feature, I don't own a Domino myself, but I have seen them and I'm sure the idea I am about to outline will work and it will make your Domino very different from the Domino of that other person in your office.

This idea came out of a discussion with Laurie, who was keen when I outlined the [2]Olympic Games 2012 range and I mentioned the Union Jack edition, but it wasn't full colour much to Laurie's disappointment. My initial idea was to use say a blue Domino and then use red and white tape to make the rest of the flag, or a red Domino and blue and white tape to make the flag. Getting all the angles right and the thickness of the lines right could prove difficult though.

Then I had a brain wave!!! Why not use a vinyl sticker normally sold as car stickers. To my surprise there are loads of these that you can buy from [3]Amazon or other sites that would be the right size. [4]Vistaprint even do quite a large range, including the option to upload your own design.

You don't have to restrict yourself to flags, there are quite a range of sticker designs, sizes and colours available on [5]this site for instance. And looking in their '[6]Sticker Book' you can even specify the width and colour of some of their stickers. See also [7]this site

Now I realise these are UK sites, but I'm sure there is a just as big a range in your country. The designs are only limited by your imagination, check out your local car accessories store, although you might get a few odd looks trying different stickers against your Filofax!

If you try this idea out, share a picture or two in the [8]Philofaxy Flickr Group.

If you want to remove this type of sticker at some point in the future, a little gentle heat from a hair dryer will soften the adhesive, then peel it off. If it leaves behind any adhesive residue, use a little white spirit on a paper towel to remove it.

Please note I wouldn't recommend doing this on a leather Filofax I'm not sure what the glue would do to the leather, or if it would stick that well.

Have Fun.

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Laurie (2011-08-13 03:50:45)

Steve this is further proof of your limitless genius!!

If anybody does this with their Domino, please post photos!!

livingwithliisa (2011-08-13 06:02:13)

Hi everyone!

I own a crochet business, and use a brown A5 Domino for that. My decoration is a little different than the ideas in this post, but if you're interested to see mine, it can be found here: <http://livingwithliisa.wordpress.com/2011/07/21/whats-in-my-ff/olymp-us-digital-camera/>

ohlittlecloud (2011-08-13 06:09:26)

Such a good idea!

Susanne (2011-08-15 19:37:25)

Thanks Steve, great idea. Liisa, I like your personalized cover.

livingwithliisa (2011-08-16 17:13:36)

Thank you, Susanne!

A4 Filofax punch? (2011-08-13 03:30)

A4 Filofax users, what hole punch do you use to put pages into your Filofax?

There has been a lot of discussion here on Philofaxy about hole punches for the A5 size pages, but what about A4? On Filofax UK's website I see a portable hole punch, but surely this isn't the only way to get A4 pages into your Filofax?

It would be very useful to punch work documents and other pages to insert into your Filo, but I know regular binders are for 2-hole punched paper. Surely there is a good quality punch out there to put pages into your A4 Filofax?

Steve (2011-08-13 03:46:42)

I'm using a standard metal 4 hole punch that I bought in my local supermarket.

The hole spacing on an A4 Filofax is the ISO standard 88 or 80cm between hole centers.

The punch I bought was about €13 I think. Very well made and will punch about 16-20 sheets at once depending on the weight of the paper.

Laurie (2011-08-13 03:50:01)

This is great to know, thanks Steve! I wasn't sure if the A4 Filofax's ring configuration was standard or specialized like their other size binders. Good to know it's easy to find a(n affordable) punch to fit!

SSA (2011-08-13 04:34:16)

you can also use a regular/standard 2 hole punch and just just it twice, if that makes sense. I had a 4 hole binder for school and just did that so I didnt have to buy a 4-hold punch.

Alison Reeves (2011-08-13 04:39:13)

Yes, I believe that the A4 is standard 4 hole punch configuration. The only thing I would add is that if you are using this regularly it is worth getting a reasonably good quality punch. Also you can get them online Amazon, Eurooffice, Staples etc.

Tommes (2011-08-13 05:45:35)

Hi Steve,

sorry for being pea picking! Are you sure about the distance of ISO888? 80cm makes up 33 inches... I mean A4 is big, but not that big ;-) Could it be 80 milimeters?

Sorry again!

Thomas

Steve (2011-08-13 06:17:13)

Yes I meant mm not cm... it's been a long week!

Anita (2011-08-13 06:26:03)

I just got an A4 Strata for my birthday & purchased a standard 4 hole punch:

http://www.amazon.co.uk/KF01238-Connect-4-Hole-Punch-Black/dp/B000NM_AUIW/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1313230727&sr=8-1

Seems pretty robust & a good price. I had been considering an A5, but the price of the hole punches put me right off!

Scout (2011-08-13 06:41:31)

Watch ebay for good old heavy duty Leitz 4 hole punches, where each punch is adjustable. They are usually inexpensive. Sadly, modern Leitz equipment (made by Essette) is not always of such solid build or quality.

Reader Under The Spotlight - Susannah (2011-08-14 00:00)



[1]

Susannah kindly contacted us before I got a chance to contact her after seeing her pictures on her blog. Susannah Conway is a photographer, writer and the creator of the Unravelling e-courses. A Polaroid addict and very proud aunt, her first book, This I Know: Notes on Unraveling the Heart, will be published by Globe Pequot Press in spring 2012. You can read more about her shenanigans on her blog at [2]Su-

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I used all sorts of Filofax-style organisers when I was a kid in the 80s. In 1995 I had a gorgeous brown leather organiser made for me while in Italy (still looks new), but it wasn't until 2000 that I made my first actual Filofax purchase—a black pocket Kensington.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

For a while I used some Franklin Covey diary inserts but we didn't get along too well. Ditto the Dodo diary pages (too cluttered for me). Every so often I flirt with the idea of splashing out on a Mulberry organiser, but for now it remains just that—an idea.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?



[3]
My A5 Malden.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Six. An aqua A5 Finsbury and ochre A5 Malden. A raspberry personal Finsbury. A red pocket Amazona. A black pocket Kensington. A mustard mini Finchley. Plus the handmade Italian binder. Oh, and I did have a black A5 Finsbury but I gave it to my sister when I bought the aqua.

5. What do you use your Filofaxes for?

I use both A5s for work—the Malden holds my diary (week per page with notes) and current projects I'm working on, while the Finsbury is for biz admin. The Kensington is my standalone address book. The Amazona is for general notes and plans. The mini Finchley I keep in my bag for notes-on-the-go. The personal Finsbury and Italian are currently without purpose and feeling rather dejected.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you liked most?

I like being able to create sections for different projects and have them all together in one binder. I like that I can switch them around as I need to, and add more paper—it's the never-ending notebook. I've been a stationery addict ever since I learned how to write and Filofaxes scratch a very particular stationery itch for me!

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

I'd like a size between the A5 and the personal with slightly wider pages. In terms of styling, the Malden is pretty close to perfect—I've put some stiff cardboard in the largest front pocket of my A5 to give the binder more structure, one of the few quibbles I have with the design. I wish Filofax would be more adventurous with their colour choices—I noticed on the French site they have a better selection (yellow! jade! orchid!), so no doubt my next purchase will be from there :)

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

My A5s stay at home on my desk (I work from home) and my mini is always in my bag. The pockets come with me if I have a need for them. The personals are sobbing quietly on a bookshelf.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

Like everyone else, I love the Malden, but I have my eye on the A5 [4]Osterley in brown. I'm also loving the yellow personal [5]Piazza and the jade and mustard A5 [6]Finchleys on the French site.



[7]

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

£100 on the A5 Malden

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

I visit Philofaxy to be among “my people”—the planner obsessives and stationery addicts. It helps me feel less alone ;-)

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

How you guys enable my Filofax addiction. Damn you!

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

A gorgeous EP by local singer-songwriter [8]Rebecca Cant.

Thank you Susannah

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Gerard (2011-08-14 05:29:09)

Thanks for posting Susannah. Oh how I wish you could offer a course for men - it sounds great!

Alison Reeves (2011-08-14 05:39:14)

Hi Susannah - really good to read about you! I'm interested in how you use your Aqua Finsbury for work admin? What sorts of things do you keep in there?

Babs (2011-08-14 05:44:39)

Thanks for the interview. Your website looks great and I love the idea of the Unravelling course. Maybe one day I'll sign up :)

Tommes (2011-08-14 07:15:22)

Hi Susannah,

thank you for this great interview! I really envy you for having a leather binder made for you!

And I agree on your website. It's a great read, and I love your photos!

Kind regards,

Thomas

terriknits (2011-08-14 13:48:31)

nice to meet you, Susannah! I saw your photo on the Philofaxy pool. That A5 Malden caught my eye! I've been toying with the idea of getting an A5 for work purposes (I work from home as well) but haven't figured it out completely as to layout and use.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-08-14 15:47:34)

Loved reading your interview Susannah. Been a fan of your blog/site for a few years now. Would also love an insight on using A5 as an admin device (what are the tabs etc)?

SNARLing: (2011-08-14 17:59:44)

great to meet you Susannah and I love your blog!

Susannah Conway (2011-08-15 14:12:16)

hello Filofax friends! thank you for your lovely comments!

Gerard – i know, it's something i'd love to do, but i'm not sure if many men would do it :)

Babs - look forward to maybe meeting you in class one day!

Thomas - thank you! and yeah, the binder is something i really treasure – i'm so glad i had the foresight to get it made when i had the chance :)

Teri - A5s are SO useful - it's my favourite size

Alison & Ms Cacti – here's how I use the A5 (both of which i adore :)

The Malden has my diary and all my current and up-coming work projects - i use blank index dividers and lots of classic coloured paper

Tab 1. Retreat – for upcoming workshops and retreats i'm leading

2. Book Promo - ideas for my book tour etc next year

3.Ebook - notes for the guide to blogging i'm currently writing

4. Ideas - general catch-all for ideas

5. Polaroid - notes on Polaroid retreat i'm leading next year

6. Members - notes on membership site im working on

the Finsbury has my address book and work admin with same divider/paper layout:

1. Blog - ideas for my blog

2. Promo - promotion ideas for my business and courses

3. Ecourses - notes & ideas for my ecourses

4. Collabs - notes on up-coming collaborations I'm doing

5. Site - notes on design work and other odds & ends for my website

6. Business - biz ideas, marketing tips, general biz stuff i want to remember

SNARLing – hello! i loved your videos :)

Alison Reeves (2011-08-15 16:54:29)

Excellent - thank you Susannah!

globetrottingcacti (2011-08-21 14:48:29)

Susannah - Thanks for sharing how you use you A5. Reviewing my set-up for the start of the academic year (& the Philofaxy visit to the store!). Much appreciated!

Web Finds - 15 August 2011 (2011-08-15 00:00)

So we have found some more posts for your to read and enjoy.

- [1]Using To-Do Lists - Imysworld Guest Post - All Stars Tour
- [2]How I got involved in setting up a charity - Planet Millie Guest Post - All Stars Tour

- [3]My Filofax Journey to Malden - Anita Lim
- [4]The Independent Indie Filofax - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
- [5]The new set up of my Filofax Domino A5 - Kathiza Writes
- [6]My new Filofax Malden A5 - Kathiza Writes
- [7]Philofaxy Round Table - August - Imysworld
- [8]The Writing Filofax - Paper Pens Ink
- [9]Inspiration, Organisation/Filofax - Nadiine-x
- [10]My new DIY dividers - The Life The Perpetual Student
- [11]2DPP Check In - Filofax Fixation
- [12]Keen on .. David Allen: How to Get Things Done - Tech Crunch
- [13]The Great Mid-Year Conundrum - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
- [14]Filofax Heaven - Sharry's News
- [15]All in the name of simplicity - Life Well Planned
- [16]The ugly step sister - Filofax Fixation
- [17]Rearranging the filo-ture - Filofax Fixation
- [18]Mad about planners - A Quirky Girl's Thoughts
- [19]Look Look - Living with Lisa
- [20]Mini Cross as a Wallet - Living with Lisa

Enjoy

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Babs (2011-08-15 09:00:25)

Thanks for another great set of Filo links!

Amanda (2011-08-15 13:39:28)

Wow... another smorgasbord!

One wee problemette... the link to Imy's world on the Skype links to the Kathiza's Domino set-up...

Had a really rough day at work and am now just relaxing with Philofaxy. Bliss.

Steve (2011-08-15 13:44:11)

Thank you for spotting my slight finger trouble.. now fixed. Proves they are put together by hand!

Steve

All Stars Blogging Tour (2011-08-15 10:00)

We have had an excellent response to the [1]All Stars Blogging Team and guest posts are already starting to appear:

- [2]Using To-Do Lists - Imysworld Guest Post by Caribbean Princess
- [3]How I got involved in setting up a charity - Planet Millie Guest Post by Amanda

Here is a full list of the people and blogs involved in the tour so far:

- [4]Steve Morton - Him himself!
- [5]Plannerisms - Laurie
- [6]Philofaxy - Nan
- [7]Musings of a Caribbean Princess - Kyla
- [8]The Zeitgeist of Zoe - Zoe
- [9]Imysworld - Imy
- [10]Shazza Stitching - Sharon
- [11]The Life of the Perpetual Student - Kate
- [12]Life Well Planned - Susan
- [13]Planet Millie - Millie
- [14]Write to Win - Alison R
- [15]Delighted - Femke
- [16]Paper Pens Ink - Amanda
- [17]The SNARLing Post - Snarl
- [18]Filofanatic - Sandra
- [19]Anita Lim - Anita
- [20]Globetrotting Cacti - Alison D

- [21]Paper Love Story - Angela
- [22]Philly Typer - Michael
- [23]Fennell Books - Helen
- [24]Cathryn Cook - Cat

If you would like to join the tour just email philofaxy at gmail dot com , you aren't committing yourself to write on every single blog! Even I would find that hard work. You can pick out which blogs you would like to guest post on and contact the owner.

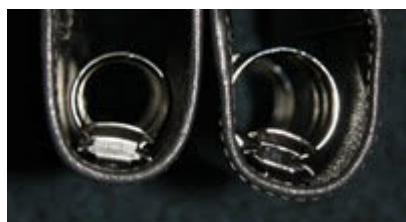
And even if you aren't on the list I would urge you all to take a read of the posts, there's something for everyone, something different, a different viewpoint may be, other things to enjoy.

Go on... find time to venture out a little further, it is ok to visit other blogs other than Philofaxy... you have our permission!

Enjoy.

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12. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/>
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17. <http://thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com/>
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20. <http://globetrottingcacti.wordpress.com/>
21. <http://www.paperlovestory.com/>
22. <http://www.phillytyper.com/>
23. <http://www.fennellbooks.co.uk/>
24. <http://www.cathryncook.co.uk/blog/>

Free For All Tuesday No. 28 (2011-08-16 00:00)



[1]

Time again for your questions.....

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-niq6dyj4Jpg/Td1Lr2AIJ1I/AAAAAAAAJQJ/LFHw773UrDw/s1600/IMG_0022.jpg

Babs (2011-08-16 02:50:49)

What are the best hole punches for personal and A5 size that will punch more than one sheet at a time?

Babs

katka (2011-08-16 02:59:59)

I'm sure there was a post regarding this. I use KW Trio hole punch. It's for pocket, personal and A5...all in one.

Steve (2011-08-16 03:27:13)

Hi Babs

Take a look at the posts under the Punch heading

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Punch>

As Katka says the KW Trio is a good one for A5, Personal and Pocket if you have more than one size to punch. I wouldn't bother with the plastic ones from Filofax they are ok for single sheets, but they don't work very well if you are going to be punching a lot of paper over time.

You occasionally see offers on the FF A5 metal punch on Amazon, and there's links in the articles in the link above.

Babs (2011-08-16 03:38:51)

Thanks both. I'll check those out.

katka (2011-08-16 05:25:55)

I'm still deciding about next year agenda insert. I need personal size for work, so I was thinking. Is there any W2P insert, but without weekend? I need to see the whole week at once, but the weekend is really waste of space for me. Has anybody seen something like that?

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-16 06:34:39)

@Katka, never heard of one like that but you can print your own version using Microsoft Outlook

My question is: I've never used a copy shop before, and I'd like to ask anyone who has used one for making Filofax refills, do you know if the copy shop staff will cut them to size as well? Thanks!

HW (2011-08-16 07:33:20)

Hi all, does anyone know if Filofax have ever released a lilac A5 in leather (apart from the Domino)? I recently purchased a gorgeous lilac cross from Ebay but unfortunately it was personal size.

Many thanks

Steve (2011-08-16 07:40:18)

@hw there is the A5 Finchley in Imperial Purple, not quite as light as lilac but it's the closest in the current range to the colour you want I think

HW (2011-08-16 08:16:18)

@Steve, thank you for your prompt response. Unfortunately I'm being fussy and find the Imperial Purple too dark. I'm sure I saw a beautiful lilac on her a few months ago but can't remember if it was A5. I don't want to keep scanning ebay if there never was an A5 lilac filofax.

Butanben (2011-08-16 08:18:45)

@TPS. I live literally across the road from a copy shop called Mr. Minute, a national chain of copy shops. I've used it occasionally when pushed for time, for stuff to be printed for interviews and teaching, ie application forms, resources, cards to frame etc. They do a good job, in fact an excellent job, and get everything to the right size,

but are pretty expensive. So okay for small jobs, like cards sized to A5 or personal for your front covers, or tab pages, but not diaries or big batch copies I would say. Hope this helps?

Butanben (2011-08-16 08:30:26)

How full is full up for a Filofax? Up to the central ring clip? I would love to use my Cuban Ink Filofax but think I have too much in my black Finchley to reasonably swap. Bought the Cuban thinking it had 30mm rings..... an error there. Have tried cutting down address book, but have been tearing my hair out with just phone numbers and not addresses. Any ideas of how to trim down much appreciated, or how full full up really is for any Philofaxers who use a smaller A5, also much appreciated. Thanks folks. xx

terriknits (2011-08-16 09:59:54)

@butaben - did you get the zip Cuban or the non-zip? It's my understanding that the zip version has the 30 mm rings. I've been contemplating getting one, but I'll reconsider if it doesn't come with the 30 mm rings. That's the draw for me. My personal Malden is crammed full right now.

terriknits (2011-08-16 10:01:05)

@ butaben (again) - did you mean Cuban personal size or A5 didn't have the 30 mm rings?

Tim (2011-08-16 10:40:21)

@ terriknits - Yes, the A5 Cuban has 25mm rings and the Cuban Zip 30mm. Don't forget that the A5 Cuban Zip is now discontinued, so don't leave it too long before buying one!

I find it fascinating that so many A5 folk here on Philofaxy struggle to fit everything into 25mm rings and some yearn for a return to 35mm. With so much info (such as addresses, phone numbers etc) now held on handheld devices, I'm convinced that slim is the way it's got to go. Big rings may hold more pages, but add to weight and size. And do you really need to lug all that stuff around all day, everyday?

At the other extreme, I've been using Flex for the past few weeks (thanks to Salesperson of the Year Imy!) but I do miss my rings to put pages in order and then be able to discard or file elsewhere at will.

terriknits (2011-08-16 11:21:01)

@tim - I'm looking at the personal Cuban zip. If/when I go for an A5, it will be the Malden!

I -do- have my contacts in my BlackBerry and not in my Filo. But it's still crammed full of Other Important Stuff that I can't seem to be without!

Tim (2011-08-16 11:36:31)

@terriknits - gosh! I've never considered Personal size and yes, it's available and does have 30mm rings! It'll be a chunky beast, but looking across at my wife's 23mm ringed personal FF, which is bulging at the seams, it could be a sound investment! Good luck!

As for Malden - it seems to be the 2011 runaway winner in A5. However, I've another idea which I'll post when I get chance...

Scoot (2011-08-16 12:21:59)

This sort of thing is a sinch for any professional printers who naturally have all the equipment. I often take a ream of A4 copier paper to a print shop in order to have the ream guillotined into A5 or A6 size. As an existing customer they usually do so a quick job for free, but I have never been charged more than £2.

I once asked them to process a ream to 171x94 personal sized paper and asked them to hole it; they holed the first lot with 8mm instead of 6mm holes, but I think because of their time in sorting an initial technical problem they charged £5 for doing those 1,500 sheets. Still, at .5 pence per sheet for paper and cutting/holing it was a good deal and ensured a good supply of quality paper.

Butanben (2011-08-16 20:10:00)

@Scoot. I guillotine my own A5 card, and buy A5 paper for printing onto. It's the batch photocopying for diaries etc especially in colour that is so expensive at my local copy shop. So I just use it for the odd copy of a lovely

card or something special. xx

Scoot (2011-08-17 06:59:02)

Butaben

I have my own paper trimmer, but it is for smaller jobs. Better to get the ones that have a capacity of 10+ 80gsm sheets as the ones that can handle 5 sheets tend to be poor with thicker card.

For A5 filofax's my principal use of card is for dividers but taking into account the tabs I have to use more than ½ an A4 sheet of card ... and therefore wasting a good sized piece of card but...

I once saw a lady's personal Filofax with a divider shaped as a cut out plant! The stem went up the side (had holes in it) and one of the flower's popped above the page top to act as a tab. Tried such cut out's but found one major problem Writing on paper backed by such dividers can be problematic because it isn't an even surface. Still, few dividers can compare with cream card and a few dried/flatenned flowers on it.

News Update - August 2011 (2011-08-17 00:00)

Just a quick news update today. The weather is back to being hot and sunny here, as we would normally expect in August, so I've been outside most of today.

Filofax UK have set another challenge for Fashion Photography bloggers on Facebook. You will be able to see the submissions on their [1]Facebook page, it will be interesting to see what sort of pictures they submit... might learn something myself even!

I would also take this moment to thank one of our readers Gerard who has been slaving away recreating **Filofax templates** for our [2]Files page. Here is a full list of them:

Personal Pages using Pre-punched A4 Filofax Computer Paper (all in pdf format)

- [3]Activity Plan 2011-2013
- [4]Activity Plan 12 month
- [5]Activity Plan 1 month
- [6]Angler's Catch Record
- [7]Annual Leave Record
- [8]Annual Overview
- [9]Bibliofile
- [10]Birthdays + Anniversaries
- [11]Book Review
- [12]Book Review + Notes
- [13]Budget Planner
- [14]Cellar Notes
- [15]Daily Work Planner
- [16]Delegation Brief
- [17]Dilemmas + Notes
- [18]Flexible Time Log
- [19]Hotel

- [20]Memo
- [21]Month Planner
- [22]Monthly Time Planner
- [23]Photo Exposure Record
- [24]Photographers Record
- [25]Project Planner
- [26]Reading List
- [27]Restaurant
- [28]Shopping List
- [29]Tasting Notes
- [30]Timetable
- [31]To Be List
- [32]Travellers Checklist
- [33]Travel Information
- [34]Weekly Time Planner

As new files are added they will appear on the files page, with a brief update in the side bar as to what is new. Once again thank you Gerard.

Also new on the files page are some Personal Size Weight Watchers pages sent to us by Natalie, thank you also:

- Weight Watchers 1 - [35].doc
- Weight Watchers 2 - [36].doc
- Weight Watchers Notes - [37].doc

Hope you are enjoying some sunshine, where ever you are.

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37. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/wwtrackernotes.docx>

gdigesu (2011-08-18 16:27:28)

Gerard, thanks.

Your templates are fantastic!

Gerard (2011-08-18 16:36:58)

Thanks Giovani. I hope to make the single-page versions sometime soon.

Saffy (2011-08-20 05:37:55)

Wow! Gerard these are fab. Thank you for taking the time to re-create these and sharing with us all.

I have been away so need to catch up on the past few weeks and was thrilled to see these templates available.

Some of them I remember from the 80's and I think I still have the travellers checklist (in storage and pocket sized I think?).

Photographing Your Filofax Collection (2011-08-18 00:00)

I know that pictures of different organisers are always popular and I know people love sharing pictures of their latest set up or new purchases.

I've been a keen photographer for a number of years and since I started blogging on Philofaxy I've been trying to improve my own techniques to take better pictures of my organisers. So here are some tips on how to take better pictures.

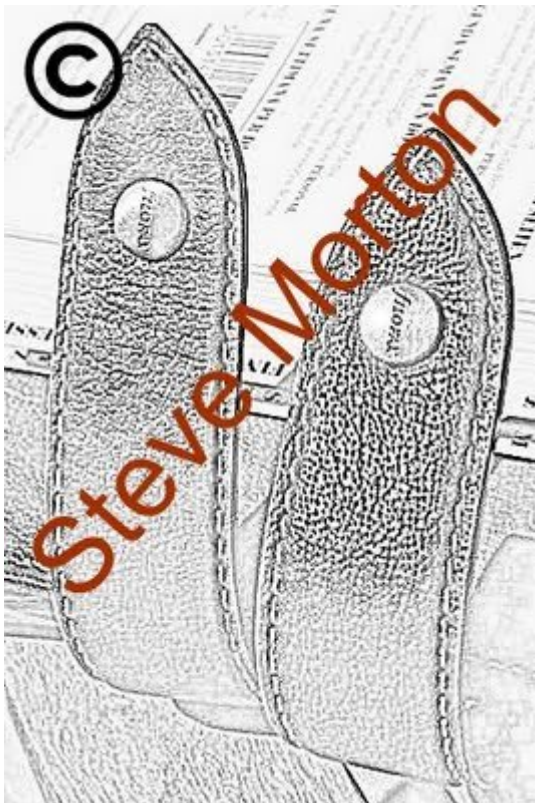
Firstly Filofax organisers aren't the easiest subjects to take photographs of, sure they stay still when you tell them to, but they are relatively small, so in normal circumstances you will be quite close to your subject.

So my first tip, try to use natural light where possible, either next to a sunny window or like I often do, on a table outside. Whatever camera you use the more natural the light, then there will be quite an improvement in your pictures. With indoor lighting or with flash your camera has to try to make up for the lack of light and so on digital pictures they will look noisy and also they will look quite flat and lack

sharpness.



Try to take pictures from different angles, or zoom in on a particular feature or part of the design like I did with this shot:



I often crop my photos afterwards on the computer, but I don't change many settings just crop and save with most of them. It gets rid of wasted space in the photograph and concentrate on the Filofax not the surroundings.

By taking your pictures in sunlight you have better control of the '[1]depth of field', this is the range of distance between your camera and the background that is fully in focus.

Here is a classic example of very 'shallow' or narrow depth of field, the rings are in focus, but the pen in the foreground is totally out of focus and the address card in the clear envelope gets progressively out of focus the further away it is.

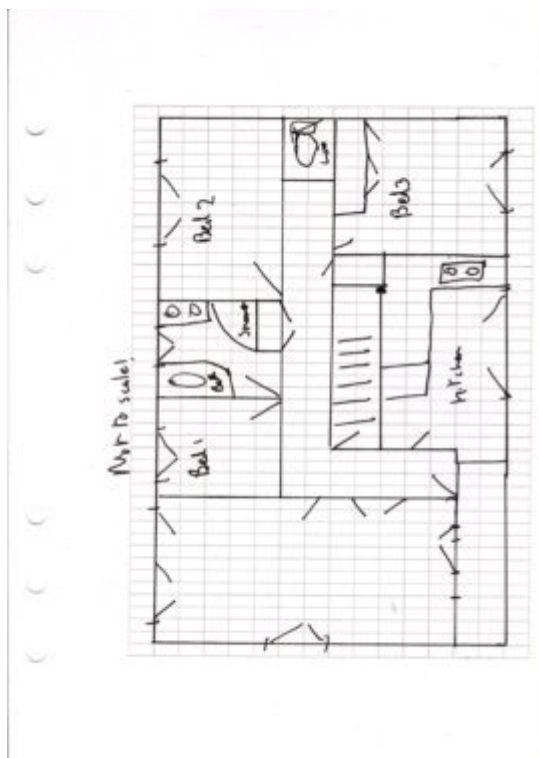


This technique can be used to your advantage if you are trying to get rid of a distracting background. By taking your pictures on a plain background and in good light you can avoid these problems of things being out of focus like in the following picture of the Aston:



If your camera lens can take filters, try fitting a [2]polarising filter to your lens, I've found this can reduce the 'glare' you get off the shiny surface of the leather organiser and it then brings out the natural colour of the leather.

When you are taking photographs of the interior of your Filofax to show off your inserts, try to show them with some content on the pages, even if you have to create some 'dummy' entries, which I will hold my hand up to doing before now!!



In fact, the plan is of our house here, but you didn't know that until now!

Even if you only need two or three pictures for your blog post, take plenty of pictures, it's far easier to discard them at a later date after you have written your post than to have to set it all up again, like I had to do once. I took a series of pictures, took all the organisers inside and then noticed another one sat on the table.... 'Doh' back outside again start again!

The more pictures you take the better your technique becomes anyway, so try varying the camera position and angle, stand back a little and zoom in. Small changes can make quite a difference some time.

In full sunlight be careful where you stand as you don't cast a shadow across the subject.

So it is now time to take the lens cap off and try taking some more pictures... enjoy.

1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Depth_of_field
2. <http://tidd.ly/4f406ccc>

Laurie (2011-08-18 02:02:01)
Brilliant Steve, thank you for these tips!!

Alison Reeves (2011-08-18 02:57:15)
Excellent Steve - I'm just a point and shoot girl - must try harder!

Steve (2011-08-18 03:07:35)
Thank you, I wanted to avoid the debate that you must have an xyz type camera, because it just clouds the issue and puts people off.
Sure with some cameras you won't have all of the options in the post, but just using natural light on a bright day then most cameras will perform better and you should get better pictures, even with a camera phone.

caribbean princess (2011-08-18 03:33:06)
Thanks Steve for another useful post.

Timeless Expressions (2011-08-18 06:12:23)
Alison... even on a point and shoot you can set the camera up to personal settings to recreate some of these ideas. As a pro photographer (I even have letters after my name.. and I don't mean WALLY!!) all of Steve's ideas are great!! But can I just add, that if you are having a problem with glare on your filofax, you can also hold a bit of black card above the item you are photographing and it will reduce the glare. An alternative is, to hold a piece of white card above to introduce some highlights.
Thanks for bringing this up.

Imy (2011-08-18 07:36:06)
Thank you, i know i should of done all thsi last night taking photos of the Domino BUT when i get home there isnt enough light to take photos properly after i have got ready to do things so i had to use my flash, i did make a plain pink background tho lol

Gerard (2011-08-18 09:30:50)
Thanks Steve - those are all sound tips.

terriknits (2011-08-18 10:08:52)
if you have an SLR/DSLR and flash, you can bounce the flash and/or use a diffuser to soften the flash. I use that a lot with my photos and it seems to give a better result.

terriknits (2011-08-18 18:07:09)
aww, you changed the typo in the title! I liked "photographying" - made it sound all fancy!

Butanben (2011-08-19 07:08:15)
Thanks Steve. Great tips here.

globetrottingcacti (2011-08-20 04:24:37)
Thanks for sharing. Since doing my photography course (very beginner level with my DSLR) I am finding out that it is the photographer (and their little tricks) that make a decent picture, rather than an expensive camera..... Natural light is so important... I avoid using the flash where possible as it causes all sorts of issues (that I don't know how to deal with yet!).

Free For All Friday No. 144 (2011-08-19 00:23)

It's Back To School time! For many of us, the school year is in full swing already. (Those of you who are lucky enough to have some summer remaining, enjoy it!) Students, teachers and parents, how are you using your Filofax to help you plan this school year?

On another note, there's only slightly more than 4 months left in 2011. How will you use your Filofax to shape the next several months to complete your 2011 goals and keep up on all the upcoming events?

Autumn is such a busy time, are you making preparations yet?

And as always on Fridays, please feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related!

Steve (2011-08-19 01:06:19)

Well I had to break out my 2012 insert the other day (Personal, Week on 2 pages in Cotton Cream) as I'm starting to get dates for things for next year.

But rather than squeezing it in to my already full Malden... I've put it in to my Slimline Finsbury for now. And the whole year fits in to that nicely.

The supermarket stationary aisles have been expanded for the return to school here in September.

globetrottingcacti (2011-08-19 03:41:25)

I work in academic years and back to work for me on Monday. Have recently moved to a Pocket Malden and am using the week on 2 pages (French version with apt times slots) which looks great so far. I believe in 1 diary only so it contains work and personal data BUT I need a day planning page (for daily to-dos of which there are many as I like to brain dump every-thing onto paper) but am holding out to the Philofaxy meet-up to buy some A5 refills for this function (my A5 will remain on my desk).

I like to put my 3 monthly personal goals on a bright coloured page at the front of my diary so I see them every-time I open my diary.

Feel a mixture of excitement and dread to be entering 2011 - 2012. I know it will be a busy year...

Steve (2011-08-19 04:36:15)

In case you are wondering that you might have missed a Reader Under the Spotlight post that has come up in your Google Reader or similar last night...

It is scheduled for Sunday, but due to a glitch on Blogger last night it got published for a few seconds before I grabbed it back again and finished it.

lucyclio (2011-08-19 06:07:51)

Hi, long-time lurker, first-time poster*, crimson Malden Personal owner. I also work in academic years, so during the summers (and this autumn, when I will be research only) WO2P works fine. But when back to teaching in Jan, I'll switch to 1DPP. I've also interleaved the month-on-one-page throughout, and have a year planner for 2012 going already, where I can pencil in conferences, beginning and end of terms, etc.

globetrottingcacti, I'm with you on the frequent braindump/planning issue. What I do instead of using the 'to do' sheets, is I have one of the large yellow lined notepads in the back pocket. Every few days I make a to do list on one of those yellow sheets - I find that more flexible than the rigid to-do format, so I can have a big task and then subtasks, plus cheaper. Then I place that yellow sheet with my ruler/marker so I see it when the diary is open. And because it's yellow, it jumps out from the middle of all the white pages. Simple but it works for me.

But I'm definitely getting stationery fever from all the back-to-school. It's only a matter of time before I succumb and buy more goodies.

I posted once before but can't for the life of me remember what screenname I used. Should have written it in my FF!

Steve (2011-08-19 06:15:25)

It seems like a strange annual ritual... we always buy more stationary than we ever need... pens, paper pencils

etc! But I suppose there are worse things in life!

lucyclo (2011-08-19 06:55:35)

But Steve, buying office supplies and rearranging the FF counts as work... and it is exactly the right kind of work for an August Friday!

Butanben (2011-08-19 07:03:35)

@lucyclo. Hi there, just great to read your post. I so wish the crimson Malden came in A5!!!! I use A5 planners for my teaching work and all home stuff, and when I was doing my masters degree, for my research work too, along with copious box files. I have recently discovered that WH Smiths do an A5 mid year diary ie August to August with WO2P ie with the hours written vertically and notes section at the side. The quality of the paper could be better, but the format is great, as a lot can be fitted in. Personally, my perfect academic planner format so far!! I hope you don't mind, but I may well use your idea of coloured paper mid planner for things..... what a fabulous and simple idea, as of course bright colours will show up in the middle of a white diary!! I think I will have to sit on my hands, or put my money purse on a high shelf, so that I am not tempted to spend ANYTHING on the back to school stationery!!!! It all looks so inviting.

Femke (2011-08-19 07:29:21)

Steve, thanks for posting that about the post, I was missing it!

I am not bound to an academic year, but review my filofax a couple times a year. Due to quitting college, I noticed I didn't need the DPP, so I switched to a WO2P.

I like re-organising my Filofax, it's such a calming thing to do. But then again, I have always liked filling in diaries, I love stationary too!

Amanda (2011-08-19 07:49:12)

Well, I (currently) work in academia and use my A5 diary at work with WO2P with vertical columns. It's actually enough space to plan most days, but when I need to I also use A6 scrap sheets, landscape orientation with 3 filofax-spaced holes and slot them in on the opposite side to the current day. They get binned at the end of the day.

However after an absolutely disastrous week and several years of being more unhappy than happy in my job, *I am taking the plunge* (!!!) and retraining this year and my personal baroque is helping! I have my goals and monthly/weekly lists in there and for 'everything that's not work' planning I use a combination of a WO2P and DPP. I know that sounds like I am running 3 diaries and *that* sounds like a disaster waiting to happen, but my work days are just crossed off in my baroque diary (and have work and a sad face drawn in) and in my work diary, non-work days are crossed off (and have smiley faces on). Work appts only go into the work one and similarly for the 'everything else' one. The work A5 stays on my desk and the 'everything else' travels everywhere with me.

The DPP is used to plan the 'not-at-work' bits of the week so only gets things transferred to it once a week.

It might sound like a weird system but it's working for me.

With any luck, this time next year, all that will be in my 'uni work' diary will be when my leaving party is!

Amanda (2011-08-19 08:32:46)

Just spotted that WHS are doing A5 ultraviolet dominos for £18 with no P+P.

Any takers? (Other than me!)

Think they were full price yesterday?

Amanda (2011-08-19 08:35:17)

Oh, and most of the inserts will be for sale as I really only wanted a 30mm ring sized binder (for my re-training stuff!). I will ask Steve to put them on AdSpot as soon as they arrive at approx half price plus basic P+P.

David Popely (2011-08-19 08:48:18)

The monk, contemplative and writer Thomas Merton once said, "Fall (he was American) is a fine time for starting things". I don't think there has been a truer word written about the cycles of life in general. Although not a professional academic myself I find the academic year as we have it in the West far easier to relate to than the

natural cycle-of-seasons. I think if I was a farmer or otherwise agriculturally or botanically inclined, I would relate more to the natural seasons, but I just find it easier to work with the academic year. So this will be a kind of 'new year' for me, and already there are *lots* of things, some of them really big, which I want to add to my 'sometime/maybe' list (in GTD) with a view to getting them off there and onto the 'off the ground' projects list a.s.a.p. Certainly by Christmas I expect to have a good few of these progressed, at least in their early stages. I'm still using my Ochre Malden Personal and I *love* it. @Seve I haven't broken out the 2012 diary yet (indeed I don't yet have a Personal size diary for next year, I need to think some more about formats), but I will do, I know. Work alone means I have to plan 3 months ahead, so I'm pretty much in 2012 already (I do have the annual overview, but need 2013).

@Steve, looks like I'm going to have my 2012 A5 'professional' refills to put on the Adspot, how do I go about doing that? All unopened, and I have a bunch of other stuff which, once I have been through it and catalogued it up, can join them, from the 'professional' range. Perhaps you can advise....or if anyone is interested just get in touch via davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com

David Popely (2011-08-19 08:49:04)

Sorry - forgot to subscribe to comments so ignore this!

David Popely (2011-08-19 08:50:19)

My nearly new Ochre Personal Malden is starting to pick up scratches to the leather....what do other people use to 'polish' these out?

Steve (2011-08-19 08:52:40)

David

You need to look at the guest post over on Imysworld

<http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax-college-week-7-caring-for-your.html>

Steve

David Popely (2011-08-19 09:01:19)

Thanks for the leather cleaning tips Steve - much appreciated and duly noted!

lucyclio (2011-08-19 09:23:09)

@butanben hi! Partly, at the rate I scribble through to-do lists, I couldn't justify paying £2.25 for 20 personal to-do sheets - whereas you get 100 yellow lined sheets in the personal notepad, for £4. But it looks like the price difference is less pronounced for A5. I realize now that A5 would probably have been more practical for me, but love the Crimson Malden so much I can't bear to switch :)

and @amanda good luck/congrats on the move out of academia and retraining - it is not always a happy place, that's for sure.

terriknits (2011-08-19 10:07:57)

I've looked on a few of the different international Filo sites at the A5 Malden. Do they only come in any other colours than the ochre, pink or grey? I've been doing an experiment for a work Filo using my old DayTimer "desk" size binder. If it is successful, I was going to get a lovely, beautiful A5 Malden. But I'm not really keen on any of the colours.

Babs (2011-08-19 10:25:50)

@butanben (LOVE the name BTW - always reminds me of The Broons, if you know of them??) I'm interested in how you used your A5 for your Masters. I'm just about to start a Masters in October, 20 years (almost to the day!) since I first went to uni. I'm not sure what the planning requirements will be like so any help and tips would be most welcome. I currently run 4 FFs with #5 finally decided-upon and purchased today. But there's always room for one more ;-) I do love my Aqua personal Finsbury which is my Daily FF at the moment, though!

Thanks!

Babs (Scottish but in England!)

SSA (2011-08-19 11:11:01)

@ David poperly - I was just coming on to ask the same question about the Malden Ochre and scratches. I have only had it 2 weeks and i have a very ugly scratch right in the middle at the front. sigh.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-19 11:12:21)

@Butanben I agree with Babs!! I'm starting my MA in Sept and need ideas for my MA filo! thanks!

Femke (2011-08-19 12:12:46)

I have just bought a crimson pocket Malden! I love City Organisers!

Butanben (2011-08-19 14:42:36)

@Babs. How wonderful, another Broons and Butt and Ben fan!!! I always had the Broons and Our Wullie annuals in my Christmas stockings, and there was never a peep out of me on Christmas Day afternoon!!! I also read ring of Bright Water, watched the film and cried buckets!!! But I do remember thinking how wonderful the Butt and Ben was in that film, and how lucky Gavin Maxwell was to live as an author in that gorgeous setting. In the film, it looked very much like the gateway to the Isles.

Of course I'll post some tips on an MA planner for you and TPS. Delighted to be asked. My degree was an MA.Ed with a music education specialism, taken at Southampton University, as they offer a flex degree, so it is possible to work and study. I passed my coursework with Distinctions- all A grades, amazingly, as I'd never had an A grade in anything in my life before, but just missed the overall distinction by a few marks unfortunately. But, as I took it whilst working full time, and at a time when my mother and boyfriend passed away, AND I was entering for my teaching threshold qualifications, which I also passed, I was thrilled to come out intact!!! I'll have a think about it over the weekend and send key ideas for you both. CP - Kyla, is also worth mailling, as she is using her planner for her doctorate. Maybe you can contact me at je.mccourt@virgin.net, then I can explain my set up in more detail. You don't have to run with my setup and advice by the way, as what works for one person doesn't always feel right to another and your course may also be of a different structure to mine.

mstraat (2011-08-19 16:54:44)

I have found my tribe! This website and all participants are amazing-I am not the only planner-aholic in the world.

I am reading past posts and am up to mid-2008 and finally enough courage to ask a question. Does anyone know if the pocket-sized month on two pages with tabs is on cardstock or paper? I am currently using the monthly grid, two pages, and want to switch but not add too much bulk to the rings of my mustard Finchley pocket.

Thank you all!

Anita (2011-08-19 17:40:50)

Ooo, I saw my first filofax 'in the wild' today! We went to a cafe & it was sat behind the till, looking very stuffed with papers. Not too sure from the angle, but I think it was either a personal Metropol or Identity. I tried not to look too much, as they might've thought I was after some thing :)

stirwise (2011-08-19 18:47:38)

@mstraat:

The MO2P with tabs is on lightweight cardstock. They also come with the fully supply of front matter (weights and measures, etc) but on cardstock instead of paper, much nicer than what comes with the other calendar sheets.

Amanda (2011-08-21 14:03:13)

is no-one else excited about the A5 domino in ultraviolet on sale for £18 and no P+P??

And I thought I was going to be *such* an enabler!!

:-)

Web Finds 20 August 2011 (2011-08-20 02:30)

So another week ends and here are some great blog posts for you to read:

- [1]Caring for your Filofax Organiser - Imysworld - ALL STARS
- [2]iPhone Photo Apps - Globetrotting Cacti - ALLSTARS
- [3]Filofax Mini Wallet Hack - Filofax Fixation
- [4]Filofax - Sara
- [5]Swedish Made - Life Well Planned
- [6]Filofax Songbird - Travel Journal Pack - The lowlife of the party
- [7]What another Filofax! - Anita
- [8]Keeping fit with Filofax - Paper Pens Ink
- [9]Pocket v Personal - Imysworld
- [10]Personal or Pocket - Pens Paper Ink
- [11]Pen Loops - The Life of a Perpetual Student
- [12]Filofax - Bits and Bobs
- [13]Filofax Downscale! - Sharon
- [14]Pocket Domino Review and Giveaway - Imysworld
- [15]The Writing Filofax - Pens Paper Ink
- [16]One Singular Sensation - Zoe
- [17]Something I never leave the house without - Filofax Fanatic

And finally... my dear wife is running a competition on her own blog to win a copy of the book 'Light of the Moon' by Elizabeth Buchan. You can [18]find out more here.

Oh and don't forget to keep up to date with '[19]All Stars' posts here

And a new video to watch too....

IFRAME: [20]<http://www.youtube.com/embed/yGGKuBNs1rI>

As usual... enjoy

1. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax-college-week-7-caring-for-your.html>
2. <https://globetrottingcacti.wordpress.com/2011/08/17/guest-post-steve-morton-iphone-photo-apps/>
3. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/08/16/filofax-mini-wallet-hack/>
4. <http://saranittiofem.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax.html>
5. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/08/swedish-made.html>
6. <http://stirwise.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax-songbird-travel-journal-pack.html>
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9. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/08/pocket-v-personal-help.html>
10. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/08/personal-or-pocket.html>
11. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/08/pen-loops.html>

12. <http://princesspancake.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax.html>
13. <http://shazzastitching.wordpress.com/2011/08/17/filofax-downscale/>
14. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/08/pocket-domino-filofax-review-giveaway.html>
15. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/08/writing-filofax.html>
16. <http://thezeitgeistofzoe.wordpress.com/2011/08/18/one-singular-sensation/>
17. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/07/day-15-something-you-dont-leave-house.html>
18. <http://alison-morton.com/blog/2011/08/19/elizabeth-buchan-talks-about-undercover-work-daughters-and-separate-beds/>
19. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/all-stars.html>
20. <http://www.youtube.com/embed/yGGKuBNs1rI>

Babs (2011-08-20 08:31:01)

Thanks again for a great bunch of links. I have coffee. I have peace & quiet. And I am settling down to read :)

Butanben (2011-08-20 11:16:29)

@Babs, a woman after my own heart. A Waitrose croissant (from their freezer aisle and like the real French boulangerie ones), and a fresh coffee with cream. And now I too am settling down this afternoon to read. Bliss!!!
Thanks Steve. xxxx

Amanda (2011-08-20 12:42:11)

Ah... just back from a long (12 mile) walk and need to rest my weary legs and have a cuppa.
Looks like the perfect set of things to read whilst I do so!
Thanks Steve.
And thanks again for featuring me!

globetrottingcacti (2011-08-21 14:45:16)

Thanks for all the links. Intend to catch up tomorrow with a mug of builders tea.
Steve - thanks so much for the guest post. Much appreciated.

Reader Under The Spotlight - Jane (2011-08-21 00:00)



[1]

It is a pleasure to introduce you to Jane, a very pleasant and kind lady from Southern England.

It is such an honour and great fun to be the reader under the spotlight this week. My name is Jane and I post as Butanben. It's an odd blog post name, so let me explain. Although I have been brought up in England, my family are Scottish.

The Scots call a traditional small countryside home a Butt and Ben. Traditionally the home has two rooms, a butt, the kitchen end and a ben, the sleeping and living area. So, when I move into a small

house, as opposed to a flat, I have often thought that Butanben, my shortened version, could be its name. A cosy wee Butt and Ben home.

I adore Filofaxy and my Filofaxes and spend hours of my spare time designing my own pages. I love playing the piano, reading and being creative with digital scrapbooking. Workwise, I have been a teacher of general subjects, to pupils aged from 5-11 and Head of Music Departments, totally loving my career to date. Due to school merger, I am looking for work; so, if anyone hears of a teaching or related vacancy, do let me know..... (cough,cough, hope that Steve allows a small job hunt plug there!!)

Hope you enjoy reading and sharing my Filofax spotlight. It somehow feels like that old TV show Through the Keyhole. So..... “Who would own a Filofax like this? Join me as we go into the spotlight!”

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I bought my first Filofax a couple of years into my first teaching job, so in the late 1980s. It was a brown personal leather Filofax. A plain and simple dark chocolate colour. I cannot recall the name type I am afraid, but I loved and used it for years.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

I once tried a spiral bound Collins diary, because it looked similar to a Filofax, with a spiral bound insert. Handily it was an academic year planner too; but as my diaries get such heavy usage, the pages fell off the spirals after a short while and kept having to be re hooked back on. So, it was back to my trusty Filofax and WH Smith academic year inserts. This time a red Domino personal.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

My favourite Filofax is my mini baby pink zipped Finsbury. I bought it at a bargain price of £18 in TK Maxx last Christmas, and it travels just everywhere with me in my handbag. It is a bit like the mini Tardis and holds a week on two pages diary, an address book, some lilac notepaper and my favourite photo of my dad, as well as my Filofax registration code page, in case of loss. The pockets front and back are lovely, and hold stamps, a jot pad, two passport photos of my gorgeous God- Daughter and her sister, both adorable (not that I am biased!!), two small arrow book markers, a home made medical info card, made free on www.BigHugeLabs.com and highlighter tab strips. A lot to hold for such a little and useful mini. My red pocket Adelphi comes a close second, as it is plain luxurious.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I blush to say that I now own 8 Filofaxes of different sizes, plus a zipped one for storage. Gasps in horror!!! However, each bar one has been bought at a huge bargain knock down price, and each is fully used.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I use my Filofaxes in so many ways:

- a) My black A5 Finsbury is my day to day Filofax which contains everything: diary, information, lists, contacts, 2 Clip Art CDs, a zipped wallet with postcards and address labels, motivational cards, Filofax diary stickers, stamps and jot pads. I hook my Frixion pens and a highlighter pencil into the loops. I use blue for diary and pink for social events, and the highlighter to cross off my next actions completed in my weekly GTD overview. My jot pads are used as my “little tickler” reminders clipped in the diary, for vital appointments to arrange ahead for that week.
- b) A raspberry pink A5 Finsbury for my GTD stuff and as my GTD folder.
- c) My handbag sized mini zipped baby pink Finsbury, synched weekly with my A5 black.
- d) An aqua A5 Finsbury for my longer term vision and goals folder; really my me folder and relaxation folder too. This contains: magazine articles, vision boards, meditation websites, holiday ideas, etc. It is my happiness, hobbies and fun Filofax rolled into one. Ideas to follow through can then transfer into my GTD Filofax, to become a concrete project.
- e) My A5 Cuban ink, my writing/ writing and editing Filofax.
- f) My new pocket Urban, a bargain £8. Yet to be used, but bought for financial notes, including any dates worked, for taxation and planning. Trying to be fabulously frugal here and start to watch my weekly budgets. Zipped pocket useful for weekly receipts and coupons.
- g) A pink and mint pocket Mode I use as a notebook. Just holds notepaper and probably the least used of my Filofaxes. At work, it may well become my on the go/classroom assessment notebook, and will get more use.
- h) My gorgeous red pocket Adelphi for my reflections on the day, and dream work book. This Filofax

lives on my bedside table. I do seem to dream a lot and have decided to write them down to look back at. Recently I have had several repetitive dreams about sunflowers of all things.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

I love the flexibility of a Filofax, the sheer variety of planners, the fact that you can organise it your own way, and be so creative in designing your own pages and content. Bliss!

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

My perfect Filofax would have gold rings, 30mm in size A5 and contain cream coloured stationery, which has the feel of vellum. It would be hard wearing, stain proof, and ooze luxury and quality. Ideally I would be utterly spoilt for choice over the variety of diary and tabbed page inserts too, to choose from. I would love to see more buckles, as on the Deco, but maybe interchangeable ones, so that a Filofax can be personalised through a buckle feature. An A5 Crimson Malden would be just marvellous, or and mini zipped Finsbury prototype made in Crimson Malden leather. Sigh!!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

The small mini travels everywhere with me in my handbag. The A5 stays at home, but when I am working will travel to meetings and will probably live in my huge school pannier basket. I do so love the French basket markets! I have a gorgeous little red A5 felt bag to protect my Filofaxes from wear and tear and coffee spills!!

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

I love the Decos and the Maldens. I can't see myself buying either, as I really have all the Filofaxes I need. But if an A5 Crimson were introduced I'd be sorely tempted to snap one up! It wouldn't take much "enabling" at all! The Deco pocket Filofax looks utterly luxurious, and adorable, but I am not sure that a cream interior would stay cream for very long given the amount of use I give to my Filofaxes!!

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

The most I have spent is £70 on my raspberry A5 Finsbury, for my birthday, using my birthday money from my aunties and family. A lovely gift.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

I love everything, but perhaps look forward to the web finds slot the most. It's a great read, and as good as any weekly magazine. I usually sit down to read it after my housework chores, with a cup of tea and a slice of cake, and that is a real weekly treat. I love the community spirit on Philofaxy, the people, the sharing of ideas, and the fact that others are as daft as a brush about Filofaxes, stationery and all round creativity as I am.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

Dislike..... hummmm..... still thinking.....nope..... you've got me on that one.....I'll have to phone a friend, or ask the Philofaxy audience or something.

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

Not advertising or endorsing here, but I personally use the We7 site a lot to listen to albums and new tracks. I love jazz, "classical" and opera. The last track I downloaded was just yesterday; Celine Dion singing The First Time Ever I saw Your Face. A lovely smooth jazz version.

Thank you Jane for a very detailed response to all our questions. I'm sure we will all wish you luck in your job search.

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-jK0QeJycu0k/Tk2DCzIDhI/AAAAAAAAJfc/_5xc1dUc8Ls/s1600/S1031359.JPG

terriknits (2011-08-21 00:29:44)

nice to "meet" you, Jane! I am intrigued by your comment that you design and make your own sheets for your Filo. What do you use to design them (word processor or??).

Gerard (2011-08-21 04:01:48)

Hi Jane,

Thanks for your interview. Like Terri, I'm sure there are lots of us who would like to see more of the sheets you design.

Jotje (2011-08-21 05:02:01)

Very nice to learn so many details about you, Jane! And I love that each of our Filofaxes has its own special purpose!

Babs (2011-08-21 05:09:40)

Great Interview Jane. Nice to find out a bit more about you.

Babs

Anita (2011-08-21 05:44:20)

Hi Jane, lovely to find out more about you :)

Saffy (2011-08-21 09:00:44)

Hi Jane, lovely to read your post. My Filofax's grew to a 'collection' status with thanks to TK Maxx (and Ebay of course). Amazing what wonderful finds you come across in TK Maxx. I once picked up a mini zip Finsbury in TK Maxx and sadly put it down again, wish I hadn't.

Do you still use your A5 Graphic?

SNARLing: (2011-08-21 10:39:21)

nice to meet you - i love your name and its origin. and a mini - isn't it wierd going from a mini to a5 all the time? i'd like to try a mini but not sure how i'd integrate it with my system

Butanben (2011-08-21 10:44:46)

Oh Steve, thanks for your lovely intro, and for posting this. I really enjoyed sharing with everybody. I just use a word processor, often in Word, to make my home made pages, and I use Clip Art to jolly up my monthly calendar pages I designed... took me a day or so to do... - made so that I can see my calendar at a glance for the month ahead. Have done 2012's already. I also use a site called vertex42 to download charts, DIY planner, productive flourishing, Microsoft charts from their site and Get Buttoned Up's shopping lists. There is plenty to use and adapt and print off with your own pages, as opposed to bought Filofax pages. Only problem is, that the ink on homemade pages will smudge if rubbed out..... so I sometimes have to do a re-print!!!

HW (2011-08-21 11:05:36)

Lovely to hear about your Filofax's Jane. I too run an A5 for everyday use but have a 'backup' mini Jade finchley in my handbag.

globetrottingcacti (2011-08-21 14:43:56)

Thanks for sharing. Wonderful read. Any chance of some pictures of your mini to share with us?!

Good luck with the job hunt...

Butanben (2011-08-21 14:56:45)

@Saffy. I had a couple of Graphics. My red zipped A5 is now used for storage of spares. The other Graphics, a black and a brown, which I had pre Finsburys, wore very badly on the upper part of the spine, and the leather started to peel away, so I decided to replace them. I was not very impressed, and hope that the Finsburys wear for longer. I would have been cross if I had paid the utter full price for the Graphics.... bought at a knock down price fortunately..... and now replaced.

Tommes (2011-08-21 15:20:01)

Hi Jane,

thank you very much for the great interview! It was great to read about all your different Filofaxes and their special usage.

I am very interested in your self-made inserts. Will you bring them to the meet-up?

I'm really looking forward to seeing you there!

All wish you all the best and keep my fingers crossed on the job issue!!!

Thomas

Babs (2011-08-21 16:03:15)

I see mention of a meet up! Where and when is the next London / South one?

Butanben (2011-08-21 20:26:58)

@Tommes. Thanks for your lovely comments. I too would love to say Hi again at the meet up in September, and show you my homemade bits and bobs; but whether I can come depends on whether I get a job!! Hope you noticed that your highlighter pencils got a special mention– they're just great!!!

caribbean princess (2011-08-22 09:57:31)

Jane this is a great interview. I really hope you can come in September. I am keeping my fingers crossed for you.

Butanben (2011-08-22 18:09:10)

@caribbean princess. I would dearly love to come in September to have such a great time again. However, as I don't know about jobs yet, for the autumn term, I won't know until nearer the time. Having to be fabulously frugal here I am afraid!!!

Butanben (2011-08-22 18:12:12)

@cp- PS- Glad you enjoyed the interview. I just love your blogs, so that is a tremendous compliment for me. Thank you. xxxx

luminosity6 (2011-08-25 21:13:07)

thank you for sharing - great interview! :)

Pen Loop Compatible Pens (2011-08-22 00:00)



[1]

I wrote recently about finding a suitable pen for my Maldens and I bought the Pilot Slim Frixion, which is a nice slim pen, but it isn't the cheapest of pens.

I think it was Jotje that mentioned on Twitter that the 0.5mm Frixions fit the pen loop. Looking at the 'Back to School' stationary I came across a pack of 4 0.5mm Frixions in black, blue and red for €4 bargain I thought.

They fit the pen loop quite snugly, but at first I wasn't keen on the 0.5 mm size, a little thin for my style of writing. But all is not lost, by unscrewing the pen I was able to swap the refill for a standard 0.7mm size and they fit perfectly.

I have found I prefer these modified 0.5 mm FriXions to my original FriXion slim, because there is a rubberised grip which is easier to hold.

Having found a great solution to pen in Malden pen loop problem! I went back in to the store the next day and bought another pack of 4 0.5mm FriXions and some 0.7mm black refills. That should keep me going for a while.

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terriknits (2011-08-22 00:18:03)

What a brilliant discovery! I'm going to file that in my back pocket for future use! I just tried it with my FriXion "point" (needle 0.5 mm) and the FriXion "ball" 0.7 mm fit perfectly. So Cool!!!!

Imy (2011-08-22 04:10:49)

That was a really clever idea Steve, i wouldnt of thought to put a bigger nibed pen refill in a smaller barrel hehe :-D

After the last post you did i bought on of the Zebra sharbo diary pens, and oh my it is perfect, it has a pen and a pencil, at the moment i have a 0.7mm pen refill in blue and it came with a set of extra refills the pen came with a 0.7mm black refill, then a refill set with 2 x 1mm black and a lot of pencils and also 2 rubbers, I was very impressed!!!

And it fits PERFECTLY in the malden, it feels beautiful to write with I am really in love with the zebra pen, if only it came in pink hehe :-)

Anyway I will be doing a review soon!

Thank you for all the people who were saying it is a good pen! :-D It is

Butanben (2011-08-22 04:11:38)

Fantastic discovery!! I shall be trying that one out when I next replace my FriXions. I too love the 0.7, but am frustrated that they don't fit the pen loop. So voila! Thanks Steve!

shepcraig (2011-08-22 06:21:02)

The Malden is a really beautiful organiser, Doesn't carrying around such a cheap looking pen ruin the whole look? You should all come into my shop and by a nice beautiful pen that compliments your organiser, lol. Now how was that for a shameless peice of advertising...

Scoot (2011-08-22 06:55:58)

Shepcraig

A claret Mont Blanc Mozart with fine italic nib, brown/claret mix of ink to match cream/ivory paper, accompanies my A5 Aspinal's brown croc fax. It is the matching which is fundamental to keeping the style, a quality easily lost with multi-coloured fashionable allsorts that are only balanced with a more practical work fax.

shepcraig (2011-08-22 09:44:26)

Scoot, that sounds very classy. I am using the Mont Blanc Classic Black with Platinum trim just now. No throw away pens in my organisers!!!

Jotje (2011-08-22 13:12:54)

Hey hey hey! The Frixion is not a "throwaway" pen, since it is refillable!

Actually, where have you pp been hiding? I have exclaimed for months now that ALL Frixion refills are interchangeable between the Ball, Point and Slim/Biz version, duh!

(LOL)

I adore my Frixion pens, they write sooo nice! I do use Fountain pen in my journal though, so all is not lost in matters of style ;-)

ATG. (2011-08-23 17:32:27)

Do the frixions fit into the pocket filofaxes? As in length ways? Because my absolute pet HATE is when the pen sticks out of the top of the organiser!

Steve (2011-08-23 17:35:34)

Yes they are the correct length for a pocket, I've just tried one of mine in my Pocket Chameleon and it fits within the height of the organiser.

ATG. (2011-08-23 17:46:09)

ahhh good :) thanks steve I shall be making my purchase shortly haha.

Really tempted by a sharbo pen though. Do you know if they will fit in the pocket?

Steve (2011-08-23 17:49:03)

Sorry don't know that pen.

The Chameleon is 145 mm top to bottom Frixions are 140mm in length, the barrel needs to be under 10mm in diameter to fit more pen loops.

ATG. (2011-08-23 17:50:38)

Ahh ok Ill take the gamble too much stationery never killed anyone.

Thanks for the info

SingyB (2011-08-31 19:23:32)

I have an A5 Finchley in red and have a red Waterman Hemisphere ball point and pencil which fit the loops perfectly, they always draw comments from people. I also recently bought my husband a Parker Sonnet Slimline pen and pencil set for his really old and faithful Deskfax, which also fit perfectly.

I use the pencil for diary entries as they do tend to change a fair bit, and I have found a really slim kids rubber (approx 50x30x5mm, rainbow coloured) which fits well into one of the front credit card slots, not sure what I'll do when its all worn out though, does anyone else do anything similar?

Charity Donations Update (2011-08-22 08:18)

Hello Everyone.

Thank you for continuing to support our Cancer Charity Donation, which is continuing to grow, it went

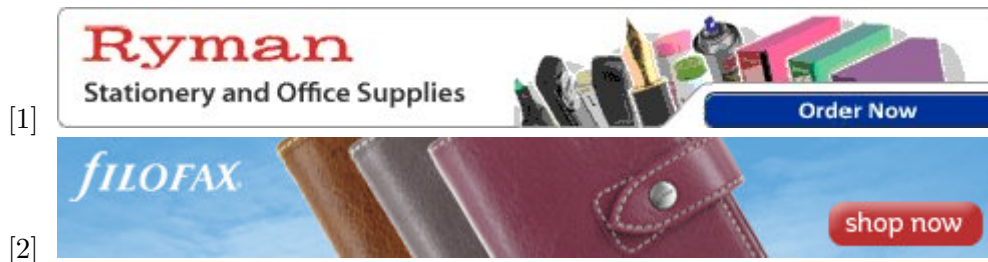
over the £42 mark today.

With view to which charity to donate to in December, I think we should wait until we get to the final total, because if we reach quite a high total we might want to choose to split our donation between a couple of Cancer Charities, but thank you for your suggestions so far.

In addition to Filofax UK, I'm pleased to announce from today that we can also benefit from commission when buying at Ryman UK, who as you know have some good offers on Filofax organisers from time to time. Commission earned from Ryman will also be added to the charity donation in December. I'm also enquiring with WH Smiths to add them to the commission stream as well.

Again thank you for your continued support.

Steve



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2. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152857&v=2457&q=90347&r=97790>

Imy (2011-08-22 08:29:30)

Im not planning any online purchases between now and then, can i give you cash? lol (and this was supposed to be serious)

Steve (2011-08-22 08:31:04)

Imy,

You could... or you can donate direct to a lot of the charities.

I will look a few up for you and post some links in the next update.

Thank you

Steve

Imy (2011-08-22 08:35:23)

Steve - next time i see a man with a bucket i will put it in instead, i just wanted to join the Philofaxy donation without spending money lol :-)

you never know i may have to get xmas presents hehe

icclewu (2011-08-22 09:01:05)

Sounds good. Once my new arrival gets here I will be purchasing new inserts from Filofax :)

Lynne (2011-08-22 11:47:09)

Hi Steve, Great of Ryman. Do they include their 'outlet' shop front on EBay? Just want to know in case it makes a difference where I buy from.

Regards,

Lynne

Steve (2011-08-22 11:59:41)

Hi Lynne

No it's only purchases on their website not on the Ebay shop that are included in the commission deal.

Regards

Steve

Butanben (2011-08-22 17:29:14)

Steve, I've recently bought a pocket Urban Filofax from TK Maxx, at an utter bargain price of £8, but I will put some money in a cancer charity tin to make up the loss to Philofaxy's fundraising. I will soon need some jot pads and bits and bobs, so will be sure to buy those from the Philofaxy site. Well done to Rymans for their support.
xx

Gareth Buxton (2011-08-22 18:21:38)

I think its great you're donating this way. I'd like to make a vote for MacMillan (www.macmillan.org.uk). As someone with cancer I have found there leaflets and advice service very helpful, factual and sensitive. I always knew about there excellent terminal-stage cancer services but it wasn't until my diagnosis that I learned to fully appreciated what a wonderful job they do to helping patients and their families survive cancer.

Unknown (2011-09-06 14:07:28)

May I suggest donating to the Huntsman Cancer Institute. I work for the Huntsman Cancer Hospital and the work they do at the institute has helped so much in helping search for a cure and new treatments for cancer.

Here's the web link

<http://www.huntsmancancer.org/>

Thanks,

Sara

Free For All Tuesday No. 29 (2011-08-23 00:00)



[1]

So are we really solving your Filofax problems? Is there something more we could do to help you out? Don't be afraid to ask via email and we can pose your question or problem for you, without saying who is asking.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-PRVNU4DNytU/TbwZkkRzWzI/AAAAAAAAAJJU/178GZ4Fw07Q/s1600/IMG_9996.JPG

Imy (2011-08-23 06:25:28)

I am just really curious about the pocket is there anyone out there who has like done a transition blog between a personal and a pocket? x

Butanben (2011-08-23 06:26:18)

Has anyone tried the Frixion highlighter pens?? They are supposed to rub out like the Frixions, but mine just seem to have made a smudgy mess, and I've had to replace diary pages. Wondered if anyone else has the same problem with them?? I find Thomas's idea of highlighter pencils much better to use, as they have a sharp point

for neatness and can rub out. Highlighter pencils are now available on Amazon UK too I've discovered.

Saffy (2011-08-23 06:53:42)

@Imy - try Loulou's blog here.

<http://louloudorsetsmusings.blogspot.com/>

She wrote about the downsizing challenge back in Jan and has had a few updates since.

Steve (2011-08-23 07:41:47)

Imy... shhhhhh something special coming on the blog tomorrow... but don't tell anyone will you....

Amanda (2011-08-23 07:43:27)

I just wanted to say a big THANK YOU to all the Malden enablers out there, or anyone who has done a post on their Malden.... I just got my personal size Malden and I am in love!! It really is as good as everyone says. :)

SNARLing: (2011-08-23 08:21:26)

has anyone seen the regency up close and personal? i'm quite intrigued by this piece - it seems to have outer pockets that would work with the flex system as well as a "notepad pocket" that seems too small for a regular filo notepad and seems more suitably sized for flex integration. the holborn also seems to have this outer pocket feature...but of course there is no writeup on these sorts of integrations...on the next london meet-up if someone could please take pics (especially of the regency) i'd be most grateful for the eye candy!

imy - i have done a personal to pocket transition blogpost somewhere...in april i think. every 2 months i seem to be jonesing for something new although i'm digging the compact the most so far. just want a new binder - imagine that hence regency curiosity (ro and her ostrich really left an impression heh heh)

Babs (2011-08-23 09:41:27)

@Butanben - thanks for the tip for highlighter pencils. I've been looking for some!

I took delivery of Filo #5 last night. A beautiful A5 Raspberry Finsbury which I'm planning on using for my recipe collection and general cookery bits. Of course I'm now already planning Filo #6 :-D Philofaxy should come with a warning about being bad for your health and your wallet!!

Laurie (2011-08-23 09:45:47)

No they are good for your health! Unless you find the obsession unhealthy. Definitely bad for your wallet though! ;D

terriknits (2011-08-23 09:50:57)

@butanben - I have the FriXion highlighter pens. I haven't had any smudging problems, but I haven't used them a lot. I'll use them today and get back to you with a report.

SSA (2011-08-23 11:19:25)

@ imy (and others interested). I recently went back to pocket after a 10 month Personal trial. I am SO happy to be back with pocket because for me I love the square chubby shape. I do however think that the pocket size is not for everyone. I use WO2P (1 years worth). I also have 2 address sheets (no A-Z tabs), a few finance sheets and to-do and then note paper divided into tabs. My rings are pretty much full. This means that people who carry more or like the DPP or 2DPP may find that they cannot get much else in the filo or they cant put in a whole year.

I am happy with the swap back and I am not wondering what on earth made me move to personal in the first place. (I think it was the larger selection of inserts and a bit of I want what everyone else has)

However, I was finding that apart from the WO2P and the to-do lists I was only using 30 % of a note page and then would always start a new page, so I was carrying alot of extra paper and wasting alot of paper too. This is mainly what made me realise that I did not need personal size.

On that note, I ONLY use my Filo for myself, not work/family/kids etc. I also use the WO2P cotton cream (or Professional in German range) with the this week box above monday to a) give each day equal space and b) give

me space to write to-dos on the week.

I don't have my own blog and my writing is not brilliant but I would be happy to make a post on someone's blog with more details and pics etc.

Savannah (2011-08-23 11:47:38)

I'd also be interested in the Regency compact: leather quality, feel, build quality and overall appearance.

It's unfortunate that you have to spend this kind of money to acquire a small leather planner with the kind of quality leather the Regency appears to have. I haven't seen anything in the Filofax range for a very long time that might compete, although there has been a lot of prettier ones. It doesn't seem right.

I find if I use a slip in telephone book or notebook the thinner Filofaxes are much more flexible and have a higher capacity in minimal space.

mstraat (2011-08-23 12:25:35)

I have been operating well with a pocket but have on occasion considered a personal would give me a bit more breathing space. I can get a great deal on a personal Kendal right now and am wondering whether it would be good to get this while I can (if I had a dream personal it would be the Kendal) or am I just setting myself up for a pocket-fail?

Savannah (2011-08-23 12:40:01)

mstraat- I need to have another larger binder to keep extraneous notes and information. I've chosen a Classic(A5) for this purpose. I only use my pocket for planning and reference essentials, it keeps me more focused. I do not think the personal would be incompatible with your pocket if you use it for a different purpose.

I really like the Kendal too. I think my pocket Kendal is my favourite binder, it's so pleasing to use and special-hard to explain. I don't know if the personal would have the same appeal, I don't have one.

A. (2011-08-23 14:48:38)

Hello! I would like to use one of my Filofaxes as a travel guide, has this been discussed? I'd appreciate some links and ideas. Many thanks.

Laurie (2011-08-23 21:08:24)

Hi A! I use a personal Domino as my Scotland guidebook with tabbed sections for each region and each city, a section for maps and the A-Z tabs for contacts, business reference etc.

I posted a little bit about it here: <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/07/alternative-filofax-uses.html>

and you can see some photos in my Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/plannerisms/sets/72157622035170176/with/3819555805/>

The last few photos in that set are the most useful to see how I've set up my tabs, and some examples of information I write in the pages.

Let me know if you want any more info on setting up a Travel Filo!

mywormy (2011-08-23 21:32:12)

Why can't the Filofax website in the US have a review of product like they do in the UK?

zephyr (2011-08-24 10:39:36)

Has anyone else tried the Collins Debden organiser lined notepaper? I found some 'Personal size' stock for sale in a job-lot, and sacrificed two to test for fountain pen bleed. PR2020 (2001) no bleed at all, even with a broad nib, but with PR2007 (2007) there is faint bleed through but not too bad. May be worth a try for fountain pen users?

A. (2011-08-24 13:38:47)

Hi Laurie, what a wonderful post (and pictures!). Thanks very much for linking it, I really enjoyed reading it.

Laurie (2011-08-24 20:21:40)

You are very welcome! :)

terriknits (2011-08-24 23:42:09)

I have a ring question. Is there a difference in the binders from the US Filofax site to the UK filo site? i.e. Looking at the A5 Kendal on the US site, it says the rings are 1". On the UK site, it says the rings are 30 mm (which is 1.25"). Is it just sloppy metric conversion by the US site, or are the rings actually smaller?

Savannah (2011-08-25 13:22:04)

Terri-The A5 Kendal has the larger rings (1.25) in the USA.

terriknits (2011-08-25 14:03:23)

Thanks, Savannah. I actually ended up going with an A5 Cuban (non-zip) because the price was just too good to pass up.

Savannah (2011-08-25 18:30:53)

Terri- lucky you!

terriknits (2011-08-25 19:25:23)

me again - Free for All Thursday? LOL! I want to get some papers ready for when my new A5 arrives, but I can't find anything that says what the hole spacing is on the A5 pages. Are they the same as the personal - if I put a personal size page over an A5, would the holes line up and the spacing be the same, just that the A5 would be longer and wider than the personal??

terriknits (2011-08-26 00:42:06)

@butanben, I did a little write up on the FriXion highlighters here [http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011-1/08/25/frixion-highlighter-and-2012-filofax-refills-and-an-a5/](http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/08/25/frixion-highlighter-and-2012-filofax-refills-and-an-a5/)

Amanda (2011-08-26 08:33:00)

@Terriknits

If you want to work out the spacing of the A5, it is almost the same as the personal (except, as you say, wider and longer). Personal pages will fit in an A5 if you snip the bottom corner off.

On the A5 paper in front of me, starting from the top and measuring to the centres of each hole...

the 1st hole is at 32 mm

the 2nd hole is at 51 mm

the 3rd hole is at 70 mm

the 4th hole is at 140 mm

the 5th hole is at 159 mm

the 6th hole is at 177 mm

As you can tell, they have the same 19mm apart spacing as the holes in the personal, but with a bigger gap in the middle!

Does that help with what you wanted to know??

Amanda (2011-08-26 08:35:22)

@Terriknits

Check out Steve's post here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/09/can-i-fit-a5-page-in-to-my-personal.html>

As they say, pictures are worth 1000 words - especially when trying to describe this!

terriknits (2011-08-26 11:17:45)

@amanda - oh THANK YOU so much!! This is exactly what I was trying to determine. My google-fu became google-fail last night. (It's been a hard week.) And thanks for the pointer to Steve's post. Yay! This is why I LURVE Philofaxy!

Amanda (2011-08-26 11:39:24)

:-)

Butanben (2011-08-27 05:51:55)

@terriknits. Thanks for the Frixion highlighter post. xxx

Pocket - it's where it is happening! - 2011 (2011-08-24 00:00)



[1]

So back in August last year I stated that '[2]Pocket - it's where it is happening' and on Saturday Sharon made the observation on Twitter 'Are we creating a trend?' and I had to agree, putting together the Webfinds in the last 2-3 weeks there has been quite a few 'Pocket' posts.

Why? It could be a summer thing.. people swapping over to smaller bags, not wearing coats and jackets, so the Pocket is much more convenient to carry compared to the Personal. Or could it be the '[3]Malden Factor' ? They have become very popular in the last 6-9 months...

I noticed one person had blogged only a few weeks ago about changing from A5 to Personal, and then a few weeks on there was a conversion post to Pocket...

So here are a round up of the various Pocket posts from the last few weeks. Quite a collection I think you will agree!

- [4]Pocket v Personal - Imysworld
- [5]Personal or Pocket - Pens Paper Ink
- [6]Filofax Downscale! - Sharon
- [7]OH NO - Snarling Post
- [8]A Pocket Full of Life - Guest Post - Jotje
- [9]Filofax Malden Pocket in Grey - the lowlife of the party
- [10]The Great Wallet Experiment - Zoe
- [11]Pocket Malden as My Wallet - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
- [12]My Filofax - Leia's Delights
- [13]Moving in to the Pocket Malden - The lowlife of the party
- [14]Downsizing to a Pocket Deco - Lucy Nash

So have you tried a pocket yet?

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8. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/08/pocket-full-of-life-guest-post-jotje.html>
9. <http://stirwise.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-malden-pocket-in-grey.html>
10. <http://thezeitgeistofzoe.wordpress.com/2011/07/13/the-great-wallet-experiment/>
11. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/06/pocket-malden-as-my-wallet.html>
12. <http://www.leiasdelights.com/2011/04/my-filofax.html>
13. <http://stirwise.blogspot.com/2011/05/moving-into-malden-pocket.html>
14. <http://louloudorsetsmusings.blogspot.com/2011/01/downsizing-experiment-continues-or-how.html>

Femke (2011-08-24 02:30:13)

I'm waiting excitedly for my pocket Malden. Maybe it is the Malden fever, I have fallen head over heels with it! Reading all the pocket posts, I'm getting more and more excited, but Jotje's post convinced me that a pocket can be used when you have a busy life!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-08-24 03:07:03)

I have recently downsized from my personal to my pocket (Malden of course!) & I LOVE IT! It reminds me of being in my 20's when I used my Pocket (life was lighter and more spontaneous). My Personal made me feel like I had too many responsibilities and felt heavy (emotionally). Yes - I know my life is the same whichever planner I use, and the contents are the same (but modified) but emotionally I get a huge grin on my face when I use the Pocket (maybe I am trying to relive my youth!!!).

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-24 04:45:19)

I would attempt to switch to pocket; I'm sure it wouldn't take me long to rewrite all the important things I need to keep in my planner onto pocket sized paper. The trouble is, I've already bought the 2012 DPP insert for my personal sized filo, and I don't want to buy it again for pocket!

Amanda (2011-08-24 11:30:51)

Free P+P on filofax site until midday (UK time) tomorrow (25th).
Promo code = AUG11

luminosity6 (2011-08-25 10:29:02)

hi, all! I still love my pocket after all these years; however, I use 3 sizes in total. each has its own job - pocket stays in purse (red kensington about 11 years old); personal for just me (espresso siena and my fave filofax model ever produced); a5 for just work/office (another espresso siena).

the pocket keeps a lot of important cards in it (such as insurance cards), lots of little notes, some lists for shops, directions to friends' houses, stamps (you get the idea).

the pocket kensington is very perfect, I only wish I had another one in another color as sometimes I tire of red. given my obsession/addiction to the siena, I do have my eye on the pocket version....

thanks to all for all your wonderful posts! :)

Web Finds 25th August 2011 (2011-08-25 00:00)

Thank you for the links you have shared with me this week. We seem to do better ourselves at finding posts than Google does for some reason these days. Odd!

- [1]Where does paper come from - Paper Pens Ink - All Stars Tour
- [2]Guest post – Millie (Train travel in America) - Globetrotting Cacti - All Stars Tour
- [3]What's in my bag (Femke) - Imysworld - All Stars Tour
- [4]Journal Filofax - The Life of the Perpetual Student
- [5]Filofax Spot - Paper Lovestory
- [6]Filo-faux-fax A5 Trial - Filofax Fixation
- [7]My Pocket Urban Filofax - Rapunzel's World
- [8]The calm before the storm - Awaiting the arrival of my personal Malden - Rapunzel's World
- [9]The Tenth Filofax - Cat's Corner
- [10]Primetime Filo - Life Well Planned
- [11]The best day of my crazy life - The Crazy Life of J
- [12]The Filofax you didn't know I had.. - Caribbean Princess

Enjoy

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icclewu (2011-08-25 02:28:35)

thank u soo much for posting my blogs. it has made my day

icclewu (2011-08-25 02:46:21)

a comment to The life of a perpetual student, as it won't let me comment on your journal blog.

what a great way to use a spare filofax!! and I agree that the beauty of it is, you can take the pages out of it if it turns out you get bored of it. I may just do this.

After thinking about it, I'm going to use different coloured paper for each month (providing I last that long) and I will carry some spare paper in my personal (as my journal will be mini or pocket) so I can jot down when out and about.

Thanx for the idea. Hope yours goes well!!!!

globetrottingcacti (2011-08-25 03:40:37)

Thanks for all the links. Sat with a mug of tea reading them (a real treat!). Thanks also to Millie for her guest post as part of the All Star team - brilliant and inspiring.

Butanben (2011-08-25 10:01:27)

@The Crazy Life of J. CONGRATULATIONS!!! Your fiancée must have been planning this a lot, and how wonderful to make his proposal in your favourite spot. Not just a wonderful wedding day ahead, but the beginning of an exciting new life as husband and wife. Do I feel some cream Deco enabling ahead, as a wedding planner????

Filofax Organiser Weigh In (2011-08-25 05:07)

I've been asked what the weight is of different organisers, whilst I have a 'few' in my collection I don't have one of every single model or size.

So we need your help to fill in some of the gaps. I've created a simple Google Doc which lists all of the models and sizes. All we need you to do is to weigh your organiser without the inserts in it. Use some kitchen scales. And again with your normal fill of inserts. The second weight will vary a little I realise, but it will give us some idea of the typical weight.

Go to the [1]Google Doc and add the details to the file.

Many thanks for your help.

1. https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AhlmQ-9jjqX0dERzQ2pvM1o1NHBqMj1ucHl3LW9qVWc&hl=en_GB

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-25 07:31:34)

Hi Steve, is it ok to just do the empty weight, and maybe do the filled weight later or let someone else do it? It's just that none of mine have the original fill in any more, and it would take me time to put that back together from all my filofaxes and spare inserts box

Steve (2011-08-25 07:40:55)

Yes that's fine, some of mine are far from the original fill so the full weight has a certain amount of tolerance to it!

Jotje (2011-08-25 08:12:51)

Steve, I once commented with a list of my filofaxes and their weight. Can you dig that up? Can't find it and don't wanna weight them all again ... :(

Jotje (2011-08-25 08:17:13)

Never mind, found it!

K. (2011-08-25 13:04:20)

What I really want to know is – why isn't all the world raving about the new Luxe Compact Personal Organiser by Filofax? I absolutely adore mine. It's stylish and sleek in black faux-lizard.

In the words of Goldilocks, it is just right! It holds a considerable amount of pages but is also travel-sized for packing in purse, daily commuting, etc. I was struggling a bit with the Slimline, but now I feel so free!

Here's my offer to write a guest post: "How I Love My Luxe Compact." Then everyone can start to share the love that I am sure is out there among Filofaxers. We're not all mooning after Maldens, you know!

Steve (2011-08-25 13:26:10)

K we would love to read a guest post about your use of the Compact Personal size.

Please email the text and photos to our address [filofaxy at gmail dot com](mailto:filofaxy@gmail.com)

terriknits (2011-08-25 14:01:47)

I weight mine full and completely empty (as in nothing on the rings, no dividers or rulers). Interesting!

Gerard (2011-08-26 14:18:16)

"Mooning after Maldens" - now there's an expression!

I opted for the compact Chameleon rather than the Luxe, and I'm also very happy with it.

Post away K!

ninjj Elfenfisch (2011-09-22 06:53:39)

Hi Steve,

in your (GREAT!!) list, the ikon A5 is missing. I bought it at the 90th anniversary and when it's empty its 317 g
The A5 Bond is at home, but i would weigh it tomorrow to help complete your list.

bye

ninjj Elfenfisch (2011-09-22 10:46:05)

ou sorry i forgot:

the ikon has 30mm rings, no zip and when it comes to the material ... i'm not sure.

inside the ikon is the mark "bonded leather"

filofax DE says "lederfaser", wich is reclaimed leather.

I'm sorry i'm not very good in product specifications in english. but maybe it helps

(the domino feels way more like leather, than the ikon does...)

Free for All Friday No. 145 (2011-08-26 00:01)

Earlier this week, the eastern United States felt something unusual—a 5.8 magnitude earthquake. The quake was centered in Virginia, and caused a nuclear power plant to shut down, damage to landmarks such as the Washington Monument and National Cathedral, and office buildings to be evacuated as far north as Boston.

Meanwhile, the East Coast is also bracing for Hurricane Irene—the largest in years—to arrive this weekend. Evacuations have begun in some coastal towns.

Even if you're not currently in harm's way, hearing about events like this does make you think about how prepared you are for an emergency. Do you have extra water in case you lose plumbing? Food that you can prepare without electricity? Do you know what to take with you if you had to evacuate on short notice?

If you don't have such plans in place, maybe a Filofax (or a tabbed section of one) can help you take control of your emergency plans and information.

What else is on your mind this weekend?

Laurie (2011-08-26 03:40:47)

After spending a decade of my life living in countries that are sometimes less than stable politically and geologically I try to always be prepared for emergencies of any kind.

My Medical Filofax is always in my bag and contains medical and vaccine info for all of us as well as contacts, important numbers, and anything else we might need if we have to leave the country in a hurry. A Filofax is ideal to hold this type of information in a portable binder.

I keep our passports and important papers like birth certificates etc in a grab-and-go folder in the safe.

We have several days' worth of food and water at all times.

It sounds paranoid but we have several friends who have had to be evacuated from their post and often there are only a few minutes to grab important things and get on the helicopter! I try to be as prepared as I can.

Tommes (2011-08-26 04:09:27)

Best wishes to all our Philofaxy friends in these parts of the US. I keep my fingers crossed for you and wish you all the best on your way "through the storm"!

Thomas

Dee (2011-08-26 04:11:31)

I am a newbie and currently collecting inserts for a new A5 Filofax - deciding between a Finsbury Aqua, Malden Vintage Pink, and a Finchley Imperial Purple (I think they are the right colour names).... Anyway, I am curious to know how to use a Flyleaf. I cannot find any examples 'out there' and thought you guys would be the best ones to ask. So if you don't mind I would love to know how you use your flyleaf (if you have one) :)

Steve (2011-08-26 04:24:59)

Hi Dee

Welcome to Philofaxy.

I think the 'Flyleaf' is the clear plastic page often put at the front of the organiser insert. It's designed to protect the first page from damage from cards or things that are in the pockets of your organiser. I've actually made these myself with a sheet of Over Head Projector(OHP) film the stuff no one uses any more! Cut it to size and then punch it with a metal punch to suit your Filofax.

Regards

Steve

laurla (2011-08-26 04:58:56)

Happy Friday everyone.

I'm looking for a pen for my filofax.something like the bic 4 colour pen, but ink not biro. Does anyone know of anything like this?

Thanks!

Steve (2011-08-26 05:05:08)

@laurla how about the Pilot Frixion pens?

This post is a good starting point:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/08/pen-loop-compatible-pens.html>

Or click on to 'Pen' in the label cloud

A. (2011-08-26 10:47:24)

Filo emergency! I've just bought an A5 on ebay and it has arrived today. However, the rings don't close properly :(I remember reading on this blog that there is a way to get them repaired by Filofax but I can't find the post. Could anyone clarify this, please?

Amanda (2011-08-26 10:53:43)

Look at the FAQ page, A. It has the returns address etc.

Hope you can get it mended!

A. (2011-08-26 10:58:33)

Thank you Amanda, I thought it was on a post and not on the FAQs, silly me. I'm disappointed, the seller never mentioned that there was an issue with the rings. I've sent him a message, so we'll see what he says.

Mrs. Grievous (2011-08-26 11:51:14)

A., this happened to me too when I bought an older model A5 Finsbury; no mention of broken rings. :(Thankfully it was cheap.

I squeezed mine together with needle nose pliers, but they still don't close all the way.

Being from Appalachia, I never experienced an earthquake before Tuesday. I thought I was just dizzy and was going to pass out, but my coworkers were saying their files were moving so we evacuated. Most people in town

went back to work, but our boss said go home. He didn't want to risk it in our 100 year old building. Hopefully the mountains will keep us safe from the hurricane, but I suspect it will be rainy and windy for a while. :(Keep those on the coast in your thoughts and prayers.

Butanben (2011-08-26 11:52:53)

@Philofaxers. If you have medical conditions this site is fabulous.....Big Huge Labs.com. and the identity card section. I've got several medical conditions and have done a medical emergency card with details of my medication, doses etc and bloods etc, in case I ever need an op or I am in an accident. I have put my GP and my dad's phone no at the bottom. Like a business card and slips in my wallet. You make it yourself and add your own photo and details. So handy for heaven forbid for A and E etc and hospital admissions, as all info is on 1 card and you can do 1 for each family member. If you're stuck about using it, do mail me, but it is pretty straight forward. The site is free and no sign up password required. I know from when my mother passed away suddenly, that at the height of an emergency, one does not think straight and can barely remember your own name, let alone medications, dosages, blood groups past illnesses, etc etc.

Butanben (2011-08-26 11:55:16)

@Mrs. Grievous. So sorry to hear of the earthquake affecting you. It must have been pretty scary. Will be thinking of you all in the USA and send prayers and love. xx

Butanben (2011-08-26 11:57:58)

Does anyone use a pocket Urban as a wallet???? If so, how does the fabric wear???? Does it get grubby, or is that not an issue??? Have set mine up as a wallet today. Love the setting up stage.

Karen (2011-08-26 12:36:09)

@Butanben - I use the pocket urban as a wallet & I love it. I can't really help with your question though as I've only been using it for a few weeks.

What have you put in yours? I've got credit card holders, a few sheets of notepaper, a month on 2 pages diary and a Moleskine Cahier clipped into the back ala Nan's post here <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/02/nancys-filofax-moleskine-cahier.html>

Gerard (2011-08-26 15:26:26)

Hi All,

I hope everyone will make it safely through this hurricane threat.

On the issue of contingency planning, does anyone "back up" their Filofax by scanning or even just photographing pages at intervals? Since switching back to paper planners some years ago, this is the only issue that has given me pause for thought. I'd really appreciate some views on this.

Gerard

stirwise (2011-08-26 15:31:35)

@Lauria:

I'm fond of the Pilot Coletto gel-ink multipens:

<http://www.jetpens.com/Pilot-Hi-Tec-C-Coletto-Multi-Pens/ct/149>

Jetpens also has a great general selection of multi-pens, many of which use gel ink, not biro ink.

@A:

I'm curious about which ebay seller you bought it from, because I had the same problem with an Eton I bought last year on ebay from a well-known online Filofax retailer. I'm now suspicious of all ebay filofax listings from stores, not individuals, because I suspect they may be ditching the defective ones they can't sell from their regular storefronts.

I wound up sending the binder to Filofax US for repairs, it was free and pretty quick, I recommend it to anybody with ring problems.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-26 16:19:25)

@A and @Stirwise, I have the same problem with my Raspberry A5 Finsbury. The rings are slightly separated at the bottom and there are various marks and scratches with it- I am disappointed. But I got it for £30, so it wasn't too bad. I think I might send it off to Filofax to get fixed.

Butanben (2011-08-26 18:35:09)

@Karen, I've started using my just today so may need tweaks yet!! I've set it up with my bus pass and medical ID at the front in a clear wallet- taped round the edges, so they don't fall out. Important plastic cards in the front card slots, library etc etc, a 12month dates section to list my spending each month- labelled with my labeller and tabs, on the 1-6 labels, Jan Feb etc, coffee shop and restaurant loyalty cards in a plastic card wallet inside the open top wallet, the same with shop loyalty cards, and finally vouchers at the back in an open top wallet. My loose change goes in the outside zip purse, and notes in the back slot. Fingers crossed this will work out as a purse and finance tracker. Have kept the notepad for now as a jotter, but may use Moleskine once it has run out. Let me know how your Urban wears as a purse. Would be interested to compare notes. xx

appleg (2011-08-27 00:55:23)

@Gerard,

I do! I scan my diary pages when the month is done, and compile them into a pdf for reference later. I also scan my "information" section, and update them periodically, so that i have a backup in case my dear film gets lost. I prefer writing and these digital copies are just back ups!

Howard (2011-08-27 07:55:09)

@Butanben - I use a Pocket Urban, not as my wallet but my carry-around Filo. It's had about 6 months' use in my bag and is holding up fine. The dark material doesn't show up dirt, and the only obvious wear is some scuffing on the press stud.

It's a great binder. For anyone that wants one, it's also on offer at Filofax UK at the moment.

Gerard (2011-08-27 16:44:23)

@appleg thanks for your reply. I've added monthly backups to my list!

Butanben (2011-08-27 17:46:49)

@Howard- Thank you!! Fingers crossed my Urban will wear well too!! Enjoying it as a wallet/purse and finance (spendies!) record keeping Filo so far. Trying to minimise those spendies by keeping logs.

A. (2011-08-28 16:03:24)

@Stirwise: I bought it from a private seller, not a store. Very annoying since they haven't got another one for sale they could replace it with. It's as good as new otherwise, it still smells of new leather. I have contacted Filofax Uk customer service hoping they can fix it for free.

Robin (2011-08-28 22:17:49)

@Butanben - Great idea (!!!) about the medical card, but how did you get it to print in credit-card size. I've fiddled with it a bit and manage either huge or tiny. Any tips?

Philofaxy Meet Up - London - 19 Nov 2011 (2011-08-26 06:42)



[1]

I'm planning another [2]Philofaxy Meet Up in London on Saturday 19th November. I will be in UK for about 10 days or so 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 19th November 2011.

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 or Conduit Street Filofax store more or less as we did back in [3]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 - November**' I will make sure you are kept informed of the arrangements. Please note this is **as well as** the meet up in September not instead of. The September meet up is already over subscribed.

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-h7eU9BS6R6U/TY52R17S_BI/AAAAAAAAJAY/QZSbJ60n_Yw/s1600/IMG_9855.JPG
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Meet-Up>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/03/philofaxy-london-meet-up-march-2011.html>

Imy (2011-08-26 06:48:27)

I dont think i should be greedy and say i will go lol :-) I will go to the next one after tho heeh :-d x

caribbean princess (2011-08-26 07:50:12)

Oh dear! What am I like over filofaxes? I don't know my on call schedule as yet so can't confirm for now.

Amanda (2011-08-26 08:44:43)

Bit too tight to get there and back in a day sadly and budget to stay over and come back on the Sunday too tight too!

Hope you all have fun though.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-08-26 08:55:34)

Ooh! I might be able to come, but I may have to wait a couple of weeks to find out when I am due to be going to London in November on a uni trip, it would be brilliant if it was at the same time!

Tommes (2011-08-29 10:03:12)

Oooh - this is very tempting!

icclewu (2011-09-11 10:32:44)

I am quite tempted with this as it would be good to meet the people I chat with and of course have a nosey. It would just depend on times as I would be catching a train from Notts. :)

A Date for your Diary/Planner - Sunday 4th September (2011-08-27 01:00)

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 a marathon 4 hours!!

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 4th September 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....

Here is my post on how to [2]improve your Skype audio with headphones or a headset.

Hope to be chatting with you on Sunday 4th September.

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

2. <http://steve-morton.com/2011/07/30/improving-your-skype-audio/>

kanalt (2011-08-30 15:21:37)

Ack - I'm probably going to miss this one too. I will try to jump in for a few minutes if I can, though I don't know if I'll be able to... Enjoy!

Laurie (2011-08-30 21:42:11)

Awesome!!!

Cathie (2011-09-04 15:48:07)

This sounds like so much fun!

Are you still able to join even if you're 'brand new'?

[1]♥ Miss Cathie♥

1. <http://misscathie.wordpress.com/>

Steve (2011-09-05 14:09:12)

Hi Cathie

Yes anyone can join in, the next one will be 2 October

Steve

Monthly View Calendars (2011-08-28 00:00)

I needed to do some future planning the other day of the next few months on several fronts. I thought a monthly calendar page would be helpful for this to go at the start of each month in my A5 Malden which I am using the page per day diary insert.

I started playing around with iCal, but I found it quite slow inputting things, then I realised... why are you attempting to use an electronic calendar... so I closed the application went for a walk, watered the sun flowers, said good evening to my neighbours, walked the length of the garden, let my brain work through what to do to create a monthly calendar.

OK I thought, I could do my old trick of using [1]MS Outlook to generate a calendar, but none of my existing appointments are on Outlook any more. No that won't do.. how about Google Calendar? I've used it for some time it mainly holds all my birthday reminders, I also tend to put things on there, so the rest of the family know where we are going to be etc.

So Google Calendar, it's free, all you need is a Google account or a Gmail account and there you have a calendar with Day, Week and Month views... ok if you have used Google Calendar you know what it can do... yes? The one button I had over looked... the print button!

What does this do... it offers different layouts and options for the current view (Daily, Weekly, Monthly) and it gives you a preview. When you click on 'Print' it sends you a PDF file, which you can then review before you print it. I tried this out with a couple of monthly layouts.

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26	27	28	29	30	1	2	

[2]

			Sep 2011 (Paris)				
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	27	28	29	30	1	2	

[3]

Both are quite a nice simple clean un-cluttered layout. I tried punching the sheets after printing them on A5 paper and found that the margins were not quite right but a small adjustment in the scaling setting on the printer to reduce the grid by a couple of percent did the trick.

So then I revisited iCal again, but this time with only a blank calendar and tried a similar trick with that.

September 2011



[4]

Again quite a nice clean layout, but this one offers the mini calendar as a option for the previous month, this month and next month. If you turn off that option it expands the month grid in to that space. When you go to print, it will let you print to a printer or to pdf. Again with a little bit of adjustment to the scaling I managed to get it to fit an A5 sheet of paper without the punched holes causing problems with the printed text. I quite like the way they grey out the days of the previous month and the next month, so it concentrates your eye on the current month.

iCal of course is only available on the Apple Mac, but with [5]Google Calendar, [6]Yahoo Calendar, [7]Hotmail Calendar all offering similar free on-line calendars, that you can print out, then there are quite a few options available for people interested in having a diary insert customised to their own requirements be it printed on high quality paper, or with different timings during the day etc.

I'm finding having a monthly calendar at the start of each month is a great boost to my ability to plan each month up to the end of this year. It is particularly useful for holidays and events that extend over several days. Give it a try.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Outlook>
2. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-9nQmxjnX0t4/TlgQ_FH9K0I/AAAAAAAAAJf4/fknQt3A78_o/s1600/googleport.png
3. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-_PlvTJDD2E0/TlgR_hN1gpI/AAAAAAAAAJf8/ngEQ21igGDo/s1600/googleland.png
4. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-1GV1sD-Eaqo/TlgU_QarEkI/AAAAAAAAAJgA/6Dj7AcsU3F8/s1600/ical.png
5. <http://www.google.com/calendar/>
6. <http://calendar.yahoo.com/>
7. <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-calendar>

Sally (2011-08-28 03:35:56)

Is there a way to do this for a personal Filofax using Googlemail Steve?

Babs (2011-08-28 03:43:54)

@Sally - I use a program which I downloaded from DIY Planners (<http://www.diyplanner.com/node/6210>). You can choose whether you want the month over 1 or 2 pages, vertical or horizontal, etc. I then use standard Filofax notepaper to print out one month per page. I have the Jan - Dec dividers and have the monthly overview behind each followed by my week-to-view pages for that month.

I like having a monthly overview too. Especially for weekends which get particularly hectic!!

Louloudorset (2011-08-28 03:58:58)

I'm so old school I bought the month on one page Filofax inserts for 2012 (landscape) to use in my new study-fax that I'm creating and I have the onto on two pages for 2012 in my Malden so I can plan next year without too much added bulk into my planner.

Hadn't even thought about trying to use digital calendars and print to fit!! Will investigate that as like you say being able to see the whole month with more space than the year planners provide is really helpful
Lx

Steve (2011-08-28 04:04:17)

Sally, it is possible to print on to Filofax Personal size paper, but I'm not sure if aspect ratio will be correct for that size, so you might end up with larger borders when printing this size.

To print the PDF on Personal size, you need to set up a custom page size in the print dialogue box, this will vary between printers and between operating systems, but I tried it on mine this morning and it was fairly easy to do. Google calendar obviously format their output for standard size paper (A4/A5/Letter)

Butanben (2011-08-28 04:42:57)

Spent ages designing my own in Word!!!! Almost wish I hadn't now I know about Google Calendar!!!!However you live and learn..... thanks for the information. Very useful and interesting. I too found the month spread over 2 pages an irritating format in A5. Like to see the month ahead at a glance, as you rightly say, useful when events spread over several days, like Bournemouth's recent Air Festival.

Robin (2011-08-28 21:21:32)

I've had good success printing out my Outlook calendar in both personal and A5 sizes.

Since we're required to keep a shared calendar at work - and I have a ton of appointments - this has been a lifesaver when I've been in areas with no cell service.

Plus, it's easy to both write on and reprint so it always looks fresh and organized. You can easily print month, week, work week, day ... it's endless. Google and iCal work fine, too.

Here's what it looks like (in personal size): <http://somenotesfromafar.blogspot.com/2011/02/with-just-little-filo-tweaking.html>

Millie (2011-08-29 04:08:50)

I've bought some Filofax monthly view inserts for 2012. I'm hoping they will help me plan my time better!

Free For All Tuesday No. 30 (2011-08-30 00:00)



[1]

Fire away with any Filofax questions you might have us this week...

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

justenoughsalt (2011-08-30 00:50:41)

does anyone use week on 2 pages AND day on 2 pages at the same time?

if so, what led you to this, how long have you been doing this, and how do you like it?

justenoughsalt (2011-08-30 00:51:13)

also spotted an osterley in nyc yet?

JournalStories (2011-08-30 05:08:25)

No real question but just wanted to say hello! I have lurked on and off for ages but yesterday I finally got myself a new Filofax, the Personal Finsbury in Raspberry. I had great fun setting it up yesterday and deciding what sections I need etc:) The pre-made sheets posted under files on here have been brilliant and I spent a happy afternoon browsing all the Filofax related blogs and posts!

Sharon (2011-08-30 05:57:32)

@justenoughsalt - Hi there, I was using Wo2P and Do2P in my Personal for a while and I did this because I liked being able to see my whole week of appts but I also like to record alot of info for the day, so it worked really well! I have recently however downscaled to pocket size and so staying with similar setup I am now using Wo1P and DPP pocket sizes and works great!

Butanben (2011-08-30 07:56:49)

As it's FFAT just to let folks know that TK Maxx and its relation Home Sense have got a lot of lovely Filofaxes in at half price this week. I noticed Adelphis amongst other leather ones. Managed to resist temptation!!!!

justenoughsalt (2011-08-30 08:19:26)

@sharon thanks

M Ng (2011-08-30 10:37:57)

justenoughsalt, I emailed Filofax about the Osterley; Lloyd Giardino said that they'll be hitting the US next month! I've been contemplating a new binder for over a year now, and I think this is it, a compact Osterley in grey.

J (2011-08-30 11:29:36)

Well, I know a few of you have already helped me answer this, but I'm stuck on 2012 inserts (surprise)!

Right now, I'm between FF DPP, and DayTimer 2PPD. Is anyone using the DayTimer pages and loving/hating them? I'm just so indecisive!!!

M Ng (2011-08-30 12:27:27)

J, re: the Day Timer refills, I found the paper quality *worse* than Filofax refills. Early in the year, I used Day Timer refills for about a week before I switched back to Filofax because of the excessive bleeding and feathering. I was using rollerballs, probably 0.5 tip; it may hold up better with gel ink or other pens.

Kristina (2011-08-30 13:59:28)

Does anyone know when Filofax will release the next styles and colors?

kanalt (2011-08-30 16:02:05)

justenoughsalt - I have used the week on 2 pages and 2 pages per day, but not at the same time. I have used the day per page with the week on 2 pages which worked out nicely. I'm actually thinking of going back to that come 2012. 2 pages per day was too much and week on 2 pages is just slightly not enough, so this might be a good compromise. My thinking is that I'll use a month of day per page for record keeping/details and the rest as week on 2 pages since I like the weekly layout for forward planning.

J (2011-08-30 16:22:43)

@M Ng- Oh no! That's no good. I have the DT monthlies and they seem ok for the pens I use, which happen to be a lot of Frixions. Hmmmm....

@Justenoughsalt and Kanalt- Why can't we just find one thing we like and settle on it?!?!?

kanalt (2011-08-30 17:09:24)

J - Because that would be way too easy. ;)

Rori (2011-08-30 18:46:35)
@JournalStories Welcome to the addiction!!

Filocrazed (2011-08-30 19:48:39)

Hi! This is my first time posting but have been enjoying and learning from all of you for a few weeks now. You have all been huge enablers!! I'm embarrassed to admit how many FFs I've obtained in just one month, since discovering you and them!

So, now that I have so many, I'm at a loss about when to use them all! For those of you who have a collection of them, how often do you switch them out? I have been using the same two (A5 and Personal Classics) for a month now but have a few others just sitting there, waiting to make their debut! How often do you all change binders?

mywormy (2011-08-30 22:20:34)

Are the compact Filos the same size as the personal?

Savannah (2011-08-31 01:28:31)

mywormy-The page size is the same as the personal but the binders are thinner and narrower because they have 5/8" rings opposed to 7/8" rings.

Babs (2011-08-31 04:53:32)

@Filocrazed - I know the feeling. Filofaxes tend to creep up on you when you're not looking!!

I currently have the following ...

#1 - Personal Finsbury in Aqua which is my day-to-day filo (main diary, addresses, etc)

#2 - Personal Kensington in Burgundy which is my kitchen filo (shopping lists, meal plans, recipe ideas, etc)

#3 - A5 Finsbury in Raspberry which is my recipe binder where I keep all my printed and handwritten recipes under categorised tabs (or I *will* once I get it set up!)

#4 - A5 Finsbury in Black which is my "101 things to do in 1001 days" log book

#5 - Personal Classic in Cherry. My original filo which is sadly the worse for wear now and which is used for storage of extra papers

#6 - Imminent delivery (hopefully today!) of a Personal Malden in Crimson which is about to become my MSc planning filo (reading lists, deadlines, specific MSc to do lists and diary, etc)

#7 - Imminent delivery (again hopefully today!) of a Pocket Amazona in Red which I'm going to trial as a wallet

#8 - Soon to be purchased personal filo (as yet undetermined) to become my Weight Watchers / health & fitness diary.

I make it a rule to try and never buy anything at full price! It helps alleviate my filo guilt! :) The Finsbury Aqua was the exception that proves the rule as it's just *so* pretty!!

Hope that helps inspire you a little.

JournalStories (2011-08-31 16:16:16)

Thanks Rori!

Filocrazed (2011-08-31 18:45:14)

@Babs - Thank you! Well, now I have lots of ideas of how I can use my other binders for other purposes. You've given me great ideas! Thanks!

mywormy (2011-08-31 20:20:12)

Savannah: Thank you for the info. I think that I am going to like the compact, because sometimes my personal filo gets too bulky. I wonder why? LOL

Web Finds - 31 August 2011 (2011-08-31 00:00)

A mid week blog search and the end of August:

- [1]The Traitor That I Am (Kanalt) - Snarling Post - All Stars
- [2]Choosing A Digital Camera (Steve) - Life Well Planned - All Stars
- [3]All About Choices From a College Dropout - Imysworld - All Stars
- [4]Calm Before the Storm - Life Well Planned
- [5]Personal or Pocket (Part 2) - Paper Pens Ink
- [6]Win a £50 voucher from Letts Diaries - Women and Home (UK residents only)
- [7]Filofax - For the Love of Stationery
- [8]Filofax Love - Journal Stories
- [9]The never ending question - The Crazy Life of J
- [10]Filofax Spot - The Life of a Perpetual Student

Please note the above links should open in a new tab or window
Enjoy

1. <http://thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com/2011/08/guest-poster-kanalt-from-life-well.html>
2. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/08/guest-post-choosing-digital-camera-by.html>
3. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/08/all-about-choices-from-college-dropout.html>
4. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/08/calm-before-storm.html>
5. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/08/personal-or-pocket-part-2.html>
6. <https://womanandhome.ipcmmediasecure.com/secure/yournetwork/competitions/60239/win-a-50-letts-voucher.html>
7. <http://stationeryfiend.blogspot.com/search/label/Filofax>
8. <http://journal-stories.com/2011/08/29/filofax-love/>
9. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/08/never-ending-question.html>
10. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax-spot.html>

Gerard (2011-08-31 12:30:54)

Thanks Steve - that's a great selection of reading choices!
Gerard

JournalStories (2011-08-31 16:17:08)

Thanks for including my blog post, I wondered where the traffic came from!

JournalStories (2011-08-31 16:17:36)

And also thanks for such a great selection of links:)

Steve (2011-08-31 16:22:28)

Chuckle.. I like it when we do that! As people get a shock when they look at their traffic levels going off the scale!
Thank you too...

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News Update - 1 September 2011 (2011-09-01 00:00)



[1]

Hello Everyone..

So 1st September... I thought I would update you on a few changes on the blog... nothing major, but worth mentioning.

Firstly, you might have noticed that the layout/presentation of the blog has changed or rather evolved. I don't like making drastic changes, so I just made a few tweaks to the template. Possibly the most noticeable is the change in font to a sans-serif one, I think it makes it clearer / easier to read. I hope you like it.

Secondly, I've introduced a change on the Ad-spot page. Up to now advertising has been free, no commission has been taken, and we have 'sold' quite a few items via the page in the last 6 months or so. I'm not introducing charges as such, but I am requesting that you make a donation to a [2]charity run by [3]Amanda one of our readers. I would however stress that I am not going to check that you have made a donation before your advert is placed on the page, this will be an 'honesty' system, a bit like the donation plate for visitors at the entrance to churches. I will let you decide the size of your donation... but as the saying goes... every little helps.

Our other push for charity, the [4]Cancer Charity donation continues to steadily grow (£45+ at the time of writing). Again thank you all for your continued support. No news yet from WH Smiths on us joining their scheme, I will email their co-ordinator to find out what is going on.

You might have noticed that the latest Web Finds was slightly shorter than it has been in recent weeks. I use Google Blog search to ferret out posts, and of late it's performance seems to be getting worse, I'm not sure what Google are doing, but their own Google Alerts system can take days to inform me of Filofaxy posts that I know are on the net already. So a request... if you have posted a blog post and I've missed it, please drop me a quick email and I will make sure it goes in to the next 'Web Finds'

Finally, thank you everyone for your support for the [5]Philofaxy All Stars Tour, it's going quite steadily. Thanks also to [6]Angela for the 'badges' she produced. Since these have started to appear on sites, I have noticed a slight increase in traffic back to Philofaxy, and people coming in from these other blogs do tend to read higher than the average number of posts each visit. I hope people are going back in the opposite direction too.

Thanks everyone.

Steve

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-D37Dhzr_RRw/Tl6rEYhfS7I/AAAAAAAAJlc/8FRi9wBOYGQ/s1600/conkers.jpg
2. <http://www.chimwemwe.net/>
3. <http://mslogica.com/2011/08/guest-post-how-i-got-involved-with-setting-up-a-charity/>
4. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Cancer>
5. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/all-stars.html>
6. <http://www.paperlovestory.com/>

Nellie (2011-09-01 09:08:43)

Hi Steve!

I had noticed the template changes and really like them.

The donation to charity is a nice idea.

:)

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-09-01 15:05:34)

Hi! I popped over as I normally read in a reader so don't see any changes when I read the posts... the new changes look great (& love the donation to charity idea).

Laurie (2011-09-01 21:07:34)

Steve I like the fresh new look! Well done. :)

And, thank you again for everything you do for Philofaxy and the charities that benefit.

Amanda (2011-09-02 03:40:05)

Thank you for all the charity support (both for Chimwemwe and all the others).

As you say, every little helps!

Free For All Friday No 146 (2011-09-02 00:00)

So we are in to September, Autumn (Fall) will soon be with us, so it really is time to start seriously thinking about what diary insert size and type you are going to use next year... same as this year? or different?

I will try to put together a round-up of what is out there and available that will fit your Filofax in the next week or so, but September is going to be a busy month for me, which includes the meet up at the end of the month... not long to go now... three weeks time!

Don't forget the [1]Philofaxy Round-Table on Sunday

But as it is Friday, you are of course free to discuss anything Filofax related.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/08/date-for-your-diaryplanner-sunday-4th.html>

terriknits (2011-09-02 00:07:52)

A couple of weeks ago I received my 2012 monthly-tabbed on two pages calendar as well as my two-days-per-page diary pages. Yay, I thought. But in the intervening time, I have had a huge shift in my work situation and have moved (well as soon as it arrives in the mail) to an A5 for all my work needs. So in the past few days, I'm finding the 2dpp format is plenty spacious. I might go back to week-on-2-pages. We'll see!

icclewu (2011-09-02 02:06:24)

I will be sticking with old faithful, week on two pages as it always seems to have enough space for me. Although I have teamed that with a month on one page so I can get a quick overview of the whole month without flicking through pages to see what is happening. :)

Nellie (2011-09-02 02:14:03)

I received a free 2012 cream week on 2 pages when I bought my Ebony Deco. I've used this layout this year and works well for me so I'll stick with that. I like the notes area at the top.

I can't believe it's September already!

Babs (2011-09-02 02:15:23)

Like icclewu I use a week on 2 page format with month on one page overview (with monthly tabs) in my main filo.

However for my masters filo I want to use week on one page with notes. However the 5-language is driving me nuts!!! Is this available in English only? Or are there any alternatives anyone can suggest?

Femke (2011-09-02 03:05:34)

I have just changed my set up for the third time this year. Have moved into my pocket Malden, which includes a wo2p and a dpp. I hope that will work out, and otherwise I'll move back to my personal Malden.

Amanda (2011-09-02 03:45:13)

I will be sticking with a combination of WO2P and DPP in my personal, but I have changed to have the WO2P with the appointments times in.

I got a WO2P Jul 11 to Dec 12 A5 which I don't need when I bought my new domino. It's for sale on AdSpot if anyone wants it.

livingwithliisa (2011-09-02 04:01:44)

I just started to make my own (for personal size) DPP for next year. I don't like the ready-made because of the time slots and two columns. I just want it plain (not even ruled) with the date and week at the top.

I bought a white plain notepaper value pack some time ago, and I think it's nicer quality than the diary that came with my planner.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-02 04:15:10)

I use an A5 and am constantly disappointed with the range available in that size. I haven't made my mind up yet, but may consider some of the print your own options which means I could have a more attractive version on better paper.

I would like a month on two pages tabbed for the A5, then I could slot in my page per day, or two page per day in between.

olgamenright (2011-09-02 07:34:33)

Hello, all

My name is Olga, from Seville, Spain. I found you somehow in Google about a month ago -don't even remember what it was I was searching for- and I have officially been abducted by this blog! I am currently job hunting and taking courses and a Filofax seemed a great way to get organized. I had always used bound diaries strictly for work, but now my memory is shot and I find the Filofax is a great help even for daily non work related stuff.

So now I own a beautiful pocket raspberry Chameleon, which came with WO2P for 2012 and I purchased a 2011 week on one page with notes so I could try this format for the rest of this year. I am using the pocket as my wallet and it works beautifully and never leaves my side. This set up is fine for now, but given I'm already addicted I find myself looking for a new planner in a bigger size for when I start working again. Great excuse, huh?

I am enamored of the Domino snake in Bronze, I find it the more stylish of the cheaper models and I have found it on Filofax Germany. My quandry is, should I get the A5 or the Personal? It would stay at my desk most of the time, so portability is not a huge issue. The personal is less expensive and it would be more manageable, plus more inserts and templates available.

The A5 would be definitely more convenient for writing space, but I think it is a bit less versatile. What do you think?

To add to my indecisiveness, now I found a sale on the Personal Crimson Malden for pretty much the cost of the Domino A5... You make it sound so appetizing! Although the color is not my favourite and I really like the snake effect of the bronzes.

Please, please help me make up my mind. And thank you all so much for giving me such good reading material!

mstraat (2011-09-02 11:26:35)

Can anyone tell me whether the 2DPP in personal size has Saturday and Sunday combined or if they have the same space as other days? Thanks!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-02 11:30:27)

I mainly use DPP, and I bought the Filofax brand 2012 refill earlier this summer when I found it cheap on ebay. I love the DPP to use for everything, but I do think I need a week view sometimes as I always live in the moment and tend not to plan ahead, although I'm trying to rectify that. But I find that I just can't use WO2P very effectively. I bought my WO2P lined 2012 refill early this year, I think it was in April when there was free postage on the Filofax UK website! But I don't use this for normal planning things, I only use the WO2P for noting down appointments etc for dates that I don't have DPP pages in my filo, because I can only fit a few months in at a time. I then transfer them to the DPP sheets when I refill my filo for the next few months. I also have month on 2 pages, but I don't really know how to use them yet. When I go back to uni I will also be using A5 WO2P columned appointments for noting uni lectures etc, which I will transfer to DPP on my Sunday night previews!

trailbilldr (2011-09-02 11:46:07)

Already ordered my Time/System A5 refill with two pages per day, and fold-out monthly and yearly pages. The 2ppd works well for the number of activities I have, plus daily notes. I also have Next Actions and Waiting For lists reverse-folded over the left-hand page of 2ppd, probably wouldn't work well with other daily formats. For a number of years I printed my daily pages and monthly calendars from Outlook, then cut and punched them. It worked well, but I like the Time/System calendars better than the block-style calendars (the 2011 refill package included both styles of monthly calendar).

terriknits (2011-09-02 11:51:53)

@mstraat, I have my 2-days-per-page here, personal size. Mine is the 3 language Jan-Dec version. The left side has Fri/Sat and the right side page has Sun/Notes. Each day has an equal amount of space, and the notes portion is the same size as the days. Here's a pic: http://www.flickr.com/photos/terri_royea/6016057654/in/set-72157626909217117

mstraat (2011-09-02 11:53:40)

Arg! Some of us do work weekends in this day and age. My fondest wish is a format with equal space on weekends.

Anita (2011-09-02 12:24:12)

I only use a paper diary in my filo to track my most important tasks. Have been using a dodo pad in personal size & love the cartoons & colour. However, I think those boxes are a bit small, so I'll probably go back to printing out blank months from Google calendar as I did before.

KerowynA (2011-09-02 12:57:52)

I have a question about the Compact. What size paper does it hold? Personal, or a special new size?
Thanks for your help!

Lady_Tamlynn (2011-09-02 13:25:07)

I have just changed around the set up in my personal Chameleon as I have recently got a new job. I was using a dodo pad 2011 refill and I love it but I need more space So I wanted to try keeping the dodo pad as my week to view and then have DPP in order to write down daily to dos and reminders.

However, all of the 2011 DPP diaries are still full price and I refuse to pay full price for less than half a year's diary. So I printed the Day Planner pages from the links page here on Philofaxy so I can trial the DPP until the end of the year. I've been using this set up for two days now and it's working like a dream!

Babs (2011-09-02 13:40:35)

@Lady_Tamlynn. Have a look at the dynamic templates program on the DIY planner website. It's free and let's you print your own diary pages in whichever format you want.

Lady_Tamlynn (2011-09-02 14:37:17)

@Babs Thanks for the tip! I didn't know about that website. I shall put it to good use :-)

SSJ (2011-09-02 14:54:58)

For work, I'm probably going to order the Time/System A5 refill. It has worked well for me this year. (Any shortcomings were related to my personal shortcomings – I'm terrible about long-range goals.) I've just read the TMI guide, thanks to the DavidandAlison Yahoo group (not the real name, but it's how I think of it), and I'm tempted to order the TMI setup because it is very goals-oriented. It is very similar to Time/System but has better instructions and more structure. Or I could use Filo inserts to set up a pseudo TMI system in my black Malden... but I might be dooming myself to failure if I don't use the real thing. David and/or Alison, since you have used all of these options, do you have any advice?

SSJ (2011-09-02 15:14:37)

Re: "Unknown"

That's me. I've been reading this blog for years (as well as other linked blogs), but I tend to lurk. I'm a freelance writer and I live in the Seattle area. I don't have a blog, but I do have opinions and on occasion I treat my family to some really good rants. Perhaps I should blog about them.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-02 15:25:31)

@unknown - I haven't used the TMI system for many, many years. I'm currently trying to set up a sort of hybrid which has the best of GTD and TMI but it is in it's infancy. Also I haven't used to Filofax Time/System inserts. I'm not sure I need two pages per day. The problem is that many of these inserts can be expensive so it is a costly mistake if we get it wrong! Regarding the diary, I'd probably compare the inserts online and go with my gut feeling. Often it is just as important to 'like' the inserts you are using as it makes you want to use them. I really wish the Franklin Covey stuff fitted - or even day timer as their designs are much more fun and interesting.

SSJ (2011-09-02 16:47:06)

Thanks, Alison.

Just to clarify, I'm not using the Filo professional Time Mgmt inserts – I'm using the A5 inserts from the Time/System company (they are similar, but Time/System has a nifty foldover Activities [to do] list) in an antique rose Finchley. I think that a couple of other readers use Time/System as well. I agree about the Franklin inserts – I used Franklin on and off for close to 20 years. Currently, I have cropped Franklin inserts in my Malden, but cropping inserts isn't really something I enjoy. Besides, I'm OCD enough that if the inserts don't line up perfectly, I get irritated. For this reason, I'm not using the Malden right now. It just sits there, looking pretty.

JournalStories (2011-09-02 17:37:15)

I am currently using a week on two pages on my personal which gives me no room at all so I got page per day for next yr. Previously I used to try and have the whole yr in at once but now I am going to try and have a few months at a time and use my whole yr planner to write dates as they come up. Hope that makes sense!

mstraat (2011-09-02 19:38:33)

@terriknits Thank you! I can see the number on the edge of the page in your photo to order the correct refills.

Adirondack Explorer (2011-09-02 20:03:24)

In January, I decided to try using the iPad my family bought me for my birthday. After 8 months of error and trial, I've ordered my Week on Two Pages (educational) FF pages for my A5 Finsbury and they should be here soon. Can't wait to let go of the fuss of digital planning!

mywormy (2011-09-02 20:26:41)

Nellie: You bought my dream Filofax? How do you like it? I would love to see pictures of it with your set-up!

Oni (2011-09-03 07:03:43)

I have been using my usual setup of WOTP + DPP. But considering how neglected my Filo has been for the past 4 months, I think I will stick with it until December. Then I will think about moving to a different system altogether.

I will continue using the Mini as a wallet though.

trailbilldr (2011-09-03 23:45:10)

As SSJ pointed out, Time/System isn't associated with Filofax. The Time/System A5 Business refills are supposedly hole-compatible with the Filofax A5 binders, and similarly the Filofax A5 refills should work with the Time/System binders. I can't seem to find used Filofax A5 binders on Ebay or Craigslist at a reasonable price so that I can prove or disprove the assertion ;)

I started using the (then) Time/Design binders and refills in 1991 when the company I worked for had a number of us take a two-day seminar on Personal Productivity. We were supplied with the basic system (vinyl binder) and starter set, then were shown how to set up a personal management system. I still have the handouts from the seminar and refer back to them. There are reasons why the Time/Design (now Time/System) forms and layouts work well with GTD (hint: the seminar was informally referred to as "The David Allen Class").

I bought the official refills for a few years, then started printing my daily calendar pages from Outlook on a weekly basis. I simply printed seven days worth of daily pages for the next week, then cut and punched them and put them in the binder when I removed the previous week. I keep three weeks worth of daily pages in the binder at a time. Eventually my wife noticed that the black vinyl binder was being held together with black duck tape. She gave me a new full-up Time/System set for Christmas, and each Christmas I receive an official refill. I now have a leather Time/System binder that was another Christmas present!

Laurie (2011-09-05 05:33:25)

One of the problems I have with Filofax paper is that it's not archival/ acid free. I might order up the Timer 17 diary insert for my personal size Filofax. Timer inserts are from France, made by Quo Vadis and they do have acid-free (and fountain pen friendly) paper. Many thanks to Steve for pointing out the Timer 17 Prestige format is in English and French!

<http://quovadis.eu/site/product-agenda/timer-17-prestige/>

Reader Under The Spotlight - Amanda (2011-09-03 00:01)



[1]

I was surprised and delighted when Steve asked me if I would like to be a Reader Under the Spotlight (although isn't it also external recognition that you have an addiction to filofaxes??). So, here goes.

My name is Amanda and I very uninspiring post as Amanda! I have worked as a university teacher in physiology for 15 years, after doing my undergraduate degree and then a PhD in the subject.

Outside of work I have a whole heap of things occupying my time! I helped to set up and now continue

to fundraise for a Malawian charity – [2]Chimwemwe Children’s Centre. We are about to start building-work on a major project and it is lovely to see that finally come to fruition after quite a long time of one frustration after another. I also write (though am yet to have any full-length novels published), I am a Rotarian in the Howe of Fife Rotary club, I enjoy walking and gardening, I run to relax (and this is a hobby that also allows me to eat as much as I do!) and I am a keen reader. If and when I get time after all of those things, I also enjoy cross-stitch and patchwork.

My filofax addiction started fairly recently (but then made up for lost time!!) but I have always had a love of stationery, proper pens and ink, hence me starting my blog called [3]Paper, Pens Ink. The filofax addiction has somewhat taken over some of the postings there – something I’m hoping to rectify soon!

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I bought my first ‘proper’ filofax in 2010. It was a red A5 domino (originally for work, but I use a different one there now).

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

Back in the 80s and 90s I did possess non-filofax brand organisers (personal size), but I never really used them much, other than a fabric-covered one that I used as an address book for many years. I don’t know the brands but knowing how poor I was then, they will have been the cheapy ones you can buy from discount bookstores!

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

Ooh. Tough one. I like all of them for different reasons! The one I use the most is my pink personal Baroque, but I think I like the colour of the turquoise Baroque better.



[4]

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Ah. Is DH reading this??

Well...

Um...

Non-filofax brands (from the 80s and 90s): I have four personal size, and a pocket. All of these just store spare paper at the moment. I really should get rid of them.



[5]

Real filofaxes:

- 2x A5 domino (one red, one ultraviolet)
- 2x A5 Finchley (one red, one jade green)
- 2x personal Baroque (one pink, one turquoise)
- 1x personal Portland (green)
- 1x personal domino (grape)
- 1x pocket Cavendish (black)
- 1x mini Baroque (pink)

(Gulp. Oh. I do have a problem, don't I???)

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I had better come up with some good uses hadn't I? Just in case DH reads this!!

- Red A5 domino – writing filofax
- Ultraviolet A5 domino – this is for organising some retraining I'm intending to do.
- Red A5 Finchley – book-o-fax (previously housed in red domino until writing stuff expanded too much)
- Green A5 Finchley – work filofax
- Pink personal Baroque – this is my every day filofax that goes everywhere with me! It carries diary, project plans, contacts, money, credit cards, etc etc.
- Turquoise personal Baroque – this will be the 'autumn-winter' version of the pink Baroque! I'm intending to swap the contents on the autumnal equinox. In all honesty, I bought it because I loved it and it was being discontinued!
- Green personal Portland – this carries all my Chimwemwe notes and work
- Grape personal domino – this came 'free' with the Gourmet card (well, that's the story I told DH!). I don't really like it as a filofax and am just using it to store diary inserts in.
- Pocket Cavendish – currently not used but I might be doing a trial downsize into it (maybe for 2013?). It has the best layout (for me) for a pocket so I'm tempted to downsize, but I also know how hard it was for me to downsize from an A5 to a personal, and the cost of buying new inserts for it is putting me off at the moment (as I have loads of personal-sized stuff to get through still).
- Pink mini Baroque – this was my wallet but is currently not used.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

The ability to organise the insides however you like (and change your mind as often as you want). I'm always intrigued by how others have set up their filofaxes and every one is completely different.

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

To be honest, the Baroque has what I want! Sad but true. An A5 Baroque would be good! (For all you Malden-owners – the interior of the Baroque is nearly identical to the Malden, but the Malden has a vertical pocket in the back cover that the Baroque doesn't. Oh, and the Baroque has all that glorious embossing.) So, either an A5 Baroque in a jewel-colour or a crimson A5 Malden.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Personal Baroque: in my handbag. The rest stay on desks/shelves either at work or home, because they don't need to travel.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

Hmm. I don't really want any of them. The Malden is nice, but it's the same layout etc as the Baroque. I won't be buying any of the new range.

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

I've never bought a filofax full-price. The most I spent was on the red Finchley I think, which was about £65.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

The community spirit! It's a really great place. If people ever have any questions, someone always manages to help and the articles and resources are fabulous.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

Trick question, right? The fact that my productivity plummets when there's a great list of web-finds or an interesting discussion starts.

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

All You Need is Now by Duran Duran. That was the first thing I've bought in I don't know how many years. Oh what an 80s girl!

Thank you Amanda for agreeing to go under the spotlight... we won't be alerting your DH... honest!

1. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-Z4P2u6vvWhY/TmE-gsAgBPI/AAAAAAAAJlk/hLgXhUG0cwo/s1600/Amanda.JPG>
2. <http://www.chimwemwe.net/>
3. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/>
4. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-pup7WVJumMM/TmE-hFEXyGI/AAAAAAAAJlo/zxcf-Ou10pU/s1600/the+collection+1.jpg>
5. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-3Gh4om7d4eE/TmE-hsvQY0I/AAAAAAAAJls/QQ0o9gylSE0/s1600/the+full+collection.jpg>

janet (2011-09-03 06:14:41)

I love the Baroque too - esp the turquoise one!

Babs (2011-09-03 07:03:29)

Another great interview. I do like this series! The baroques look lovely. I particularly like the aqua / turquoise one. Looks a similar colour to my aqua finsbury which I love!!

Nice to "meet" you Amanda!

terriknits (2011-09-03 12:32:31)

I, too, would be seriously tempted if they brought the A5 Malden out in crimson. I just love my personal one so much! Thanks for the tip about the interior of the baroque being very similar to the Malden. Oh, and nice to "meet" you!

caribbean princess (2011-09-03 13:18:29)

I LOVE this interview but then I love philofaxy and the reader under the spotlight series. Amanda you have a really beautiful collection :-)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-03 16:05:32)

Really enjoyed this interview - thanks! Would also love an A5 Baroque - would probably come close to my dream binder!

Saffy (2011-09-03 18:28:55)

Lovely to read about you.

Great to put a face to a name / blogger. An A5 Baroque would be heaven.

Butanben (2011-09-03 18:29:02)

I just loved reading about your interests and your Filofaxes Amanda. Great to hear that other folks have a Filofax stash which they use for so many things. I don't feel quite so guilty about my little stash when I read that others

love their files just as much!! Congratulations with the success of your charity work.xx

Anita (2011-09-03 19:17:46)

Great to find out even more about you, Amanda, & you have a lovely smile!
I'll be putting your article on my blog shortly :)

Amanda (2011-09-04 06:45:37)

Thanks everyone! This is always one of my favourite places to be!

Gerard (2011-09-05 14:49:16)

Hi Amanda,

I'm a bit late arriving, but very interested to read your post, thanks. I see you've also been busy posting about your pocket Cavendish - looks and sounds very nice, but Personal is as small as I can go!

Regards, Gerard

Today Markers (2011-09-04 00:00)



[1]

When you get your shiny new Filofax organiser, they normally come with a 'Today' marker.

Do you ever use more than one as a moveable divider? I've tried putting small post-it notes on the edge of pages as slim book marks, but I find they look tatty after a few days.

So ok I could buy another Today marker... or make something more appropriate? The thing I like about the markers is that they don't bulk out your organiser too much compared to a section divider.



[2]

I would love to hear about your thoughts and ideas, you might get my creative side going for once! I suppose I could do some suitable long thin photos and print them on photograph paper... hmmm there's an idea and to fit in with my former profession I think an antenna tower might be a good subject?

1. <http://www.filofax.co.uk/images/products/refills/line/133609.gif>

2. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-cizDjcsevFg/TmKFZ7Evk5I/AAAAAAAAJnI/WfXTxLG-j28/s1600/509242_79751595.jpg

trailbilldr (2011-09-04 00:40:03)

I currently have three in my binder. The first, of course, is for Today. The second is so that I can quickly flip from Today to my "Items On My Plate" list that I'll refer to in staff meeting on Tuesday or any other time when my manager asks what my top three tasks are, and if there are any obstacles. The third is for whatever Project Plan I'm currently reviewing for actions. I've color-coded the markers by putting Post-It Tape Flags on them. BTW, the markers are the transparent plastic Time/System markers, which are flush with the pages on one end, and extend past the pages on the other. I've known people who have their Today marker extend above the pages, and have the second marker extend below the pages.

terriknits (2011-09-04 00:53:20)

I have two in my Malden right now, but I have another two in my Filo box o' goodies. I use one as the "today" marker, and the other to flip quickly to my 'work' section of my binder. This is a tabbed area where I flip to make quick notes (usually during evening/night) that I will then transfer over to my work binder the next day.

Tali (2011-09-04 03:24:50)

I have 2 in my Finsbury - one marking the day in my Wo2P, and one marking the current month in the Mo2P. Also have 2 in my Slimline Cuban - One marking the current day in my Food Tracker, and one marking the notepaper at the back where I write my Shopping List.

I had bought some of these page markers :

http://www.waterstones.com/wat/images/nbd/1/503539/301/manual_5035393017002.jpg

but found them too bulky and they creased the sides of the pages.

Unfortunate cos they're lovely and would have come in very useful - but I'm a perfectionist!

Tali (2011-09-04 03:26:43)

sorry - link : <http://www.waterstones.com/waterstonesweb/products/that+company+called+if/multi-reference+bookmarks/8169983/>

Alison Reeves (2011-09-04 03:30:48)

I like to use more than one - along similar lines as others. However I really wish that we could get some for the A5 in more colours. They only do the black and the clear (frosted) one and it would be brilliant if they were available in other colours (how about pushing the boat out and having bright blue, pink etc?).

However I have recently bought some nice card from a card making shop and am thinking about making some dividers and possibly some markers in colours. Not sure how well they would wear, but will be fun trying!

Nan (2011-09-04 05:34:03)

I love Today markers, but I hate the black ones. I need to be able to see through it.

In my A5 Filofax, which I use for work, I have a frosted one marking the current day's page (day-per-page), and a black one marking the current month (month-per-2-pages).

In my Personal Filofax, I have a clear one marking the current day, and I also need to be able to mark the pages where all my routines and goals are listed. For that, I use a transparent tab (<http://www.filofaxusa.com/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId=2339>) which snaps over the rings like a Today marker. (I also use one of those in the front where the original transparent flyleaf wore out.)

Here's the UK link: <http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId=2339>

Nellie (2011-09-04 06:09:51)

I have three markers in mine, a black, brown and transparent.

The Black is for today in my diary, the Brown for some key pages with information on them and the transparent for quick reference to projects.

I hadn't thought of making my own... that would be nice.

Denise (2011-09-04 06:17:48)

I only use one marker which sits on 'today' in my diary. After that I use the little coloured marker tabs that come with the Filofax post it notes. They take up no room at all, they are fairly transparent and you can use different colours to mark each section.

Amanda (2011-09-04 06:53:07)

I have two black 'today' in my everyday Baroque - one to mark 'today' in the WO2P and one to mark 'today' in the DPP bit.

In my writing A5 filofax, I have no 'today' markers but use some Rotary 'End Polio' bookmarks (which are A5 in height) punched not centrally so they stick up above the paper by about half a cm. They mark various sections - different kinds of paper mostly.

In my 'retraining' A5 I use a today marker as a bookmark to indicate where I am with an eBook I have printed out and put in there for reference.

I too wish they did the markers in more varieties, but at least they are fairly easy to make.

Adirondack Explorer (2011-09-04 15:21:22)

Two black markers for me: one for the Month on Two Pages and one in the Week on Two Pages. Might get a third to place in the tab where I jot down quick notes while on the go and in meetings.

UNchecked other (2011-09-04 22:10:49)

I'm treading on Adrian Monk OCD territory here, but I use 4: one each for month, week, day and menu planner/food tracker. Right now they're the boring black standard, but when schedule allows I will bling them out by painting them...thinking of going for Klimt theme, maybe even Kahlo or Juan Luna.

My Little Rabbit (2011-09-05 00:20:34)

omg i cant believe i stumbled upon this blog today! i always thought i was alone with my obsession of the beautiful filofax!

I only use 1 today marker but i think i would like to purchase at least 2 more! And i agree with Alison- some different colours would be nice!

Amanda (2011-09-05 23:57:00)

I use four--wow that's a lot! I use one for my to do list, one for my checkbook register, one for the current month view, and of course the one to mark my current day in my DPP.

Colored today markers?? That would be love. :)

Laurie (2011-09-06 00:17:20)

I use the clear page markers and use the colored sticky flags from the sticky notes accessory at top and bottom of the page marker to color code. I use blue to mark the current month, pink when I use weekly pages, and if I'm tracking something specific in my Financial section I use green to indicate that.

terriknits (2011-09-06 00:19:18)

@laurie, I have utilized your sticky/flag tip just yesterday to make my secondary "today" marker stand out! Cool idea!!

Laurie (2011-09-06 00:23:35)

In case my explanation of how I use these wasn't clear, here is a post where I show a couple of photos of how I use them:

<http://www.plannerisms.com/2010/12/experiment-2-filofax-daily-weekly .html>

SNARLing: (2011-09-06 08:04:28)

i use 1 clear one in between wpp & todos and a daytimer picture holder one in the notes section. i like the transparent flyleafs a lot - i have 5 of those where i colour coded the tabs blue in between current mo2p, purple marks my current graphed day pages; red for a little drawing section; yellow in between current check reconciliation; and another purple marking the current movies watched/current books read. i alternate these top side or bottom side so they're easily accessible.

Web Finds 5 September 2011 (2011-09-05 00:01)

So here are some more wonderful posts to give you ideas to use in your own Filofax and some All Stars posts to keep you amused and informed:

- [1]Label maker gone amok! - Filofax Fixation
- [2]Dodo Pad Blog relaunch - Plannerisms
- [3]Surviving long flights with children (Laurie) - Globetrotting Cacti - All Stars
- [4]Stationery kleptomania! (Angela) - Paper Pens Ink - All Stars
- [5]What's In My Bag (Laurie) - Imysworld
- [6]September Already - Oni
- [7]Filofax Around The World Fun - Imysworld
- [8]Filofax Diary 2012 - For the love of Stationery
- [9]Time Management (Amanda) - Paper Love Story - All Stars
- [10]Making a career by doing as little as possible (Steve) - Filofax Fanatic - All Stars
- [11]Friends Without Frontiers (Steve) - Musings of a Caribbean Princess -All Stars
- [12]Personal or Pocket.. the decision - Paper Pens Ink
- [13]Susan about her Filofax - Delighted - All Stars
- [14]Femke and her FlyLady Filofax - Plannerisms - All Stars
- [15]Can Exercise be Used as a Treatment for Depression (Amanda) - Anita Lim - All Stars

- [16]Finsbury Offer - Filomaniac
- [17]Flex by Filofax - Mummy Manda

Please note the above links should open in a new tab or window.
Enjoy

1. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/08/29/93/>
2. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/08/dodo-pad-blog-relaunch.html>
3. <https://globetrottingcacti.wordpress.com/2011/08/31/guest-post-laurie-surviving-long-flights-with-babies-and-toddlers/>
4. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/08/stationery-kleptomania.html>
5. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/08/all-stars-guest-post-laurie-whats-in-my.html>
6. <http://onigirisama.blogspot.com/2011/09/so-september-already.html>
7. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/09/filofax-around-world-fun.html>
8. <http://stationeryfiend.blogspot.com/2011/09/filofax-2012-diary.html>
9. <http://www.paperlovestory.com/2011/09/guest-post-time-management.html>
10. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/09/all-stars-guest-post-steve-making.html>
11. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/09/guest-post-friendship-without-frontiers.html>
12. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/09/personal-or-pocket-decision.html>
13. <http://delighted.blogspot.com/2011/09/philofaxy-all-stars-susan-about-her.html>
14. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/09/philofaxy-all-stars-guest-post-femke.html>
15. <http://anita-lim.blogspot.com/2011/09/can-exercise-be-used-as-treatment-for.html>
16. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/09/suche-finsbury-biete.html>
17. <http://www.mummymanda.com/2011/09/all-new-flex-from-filofax-review.html>

Babs (2011-09-05 03:05:59)

I know what I'll be reading during my son's nap time this afternoon!! Thanks Steve, and thanks for another mention! :)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-05 04:05:46)

Oh no - a host of yummy posts to read when I have a really busy day! Ill be reading whilst eating my lunch - can't wait!

Mummy Manda (2011-09-05 09:08:33)

Thanks Steve for your link to my FiloFax review, very much appreciated. :)

LJ (2011-09-05 13:27:54)

Woohoo!!! A nice big selection of blogs to read - no work for me this evening. Very pleased - thankyou, I love checking online and finding the web finds each week :-)

Free For All Tuesday No. 31 (2011-09-06 00:01)



[1]

So are there more questions than answers? Lets see what Filofax questions we can answer this week....

1. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-5HygKugwnps/SzYZbhWCgrI/AAAAAAAAH54/6n3gGt-v8Fw/s1600/calendar.jpg>

David Popely (2011-09-06 01:28:52)

So, the schools are back in session here in the UK (hurrah!) and it's time to start thinking about the coming year. I've always felt that September is much more like a new year than January, with so much energy to start new things. Even though I've never been employed in academia (although I have been a student from time to time). This year the energy is multiplied as we've just agreed to buy a new house, in a new area, and plan to start a new business as well! So there is plenty to exercise my Filofax as a *real* planning tool!

First up for me is the question of diary formats for 2012, for my Personal Malden, which in the short time since I bought it has become my 'go to' organiser for everything. I've bought the horizontal week-on-two-pages diary with appointments (ref. 6842012) although that might not be the last purchase in this department. Last year Jotje very kindly bought a week-on-two-pages *vertical* layout for me (with appointments) from a shop in the Netherlands and mailed it to me, as Filofax *still* don't have joined-up web ordering across their network, and show no signs of even being willing to admit that being stuck in the internet equivalent of the 17th century might be a bit of an issue... maybe I could use that again? I do find the columns quite narrow though....

Have others made any decisions about 2012 diary layouts yet?

Happy Tuesday!

David Popely

Babs (2011-09-06 02:39:35)

Morning David - there was a big chat on diary layouts last Friday if you have a look (sorry, on phone, or I'd link to it). There's also the Dynamic Templates program which is free from the DIY Planner website which lets you create and print your own diary pages (URL is on the links pages, I think). I also posted a blog entry yesterday about how I produced my own using a mail merge and excel (www.stationeryfiend.blogspot.com). Lots of options!! Happy hunting!

Babs

PS - I agree. September always feels like more of a new year than January does!

David Popely (2011-09-06 03:18:39)

Thanks Babs - I've been offsite for the last 2-3 weeks juggling property specs and appointments and driving over 2,000 miles, so I need to read myself back in. Have a great day!

Alison Reeves (2011-09-06 04:17:03)

@David - In the past I've found September a sad month - the end of summer. However this year I feel different. No it's not because Strictly Come Dancing is back on air - a lot of people are talking about September being a good time to action new resolutions and make changes so I have changed my mindset and am enjoying this period as a 'new beginning'. I just wish I could settle on a diary for next year and get my filofax finally organised!

Steve (2011-09-06 04:38:40)

I rarely 'pre-announce' posts on here, mainly because the day of posting can change up to a few hours before. But I will make an exception today...

Starting tomorrow I've been writing a series of posts on diary inserts. The first part is more or less complete, I just need to put some finishing touches to it later today. The series at the moment is up to four parts in length, it might end up longer, not sure yet.

It will basically introduce and sign post with links all the different inserts you can use in Filofax organisers.. and the Filofax made ones are only one part of the series! Yes there are that many!!

I've been working on this for about 3-4 days and there's still quite a bit to do. But I'm aiming to get parts 1 and 2 out this week.

I hope you are going to enjoy them...

Regards

Steve

Amanda (2011-09-06 04:59:58)

Oooh... looking forward to that Steve!

laurla (2011-09-06 05:17:25)

@David: this linking of filofax sites (or rather lack of) is bugging me too. I would really love to purchase the compact chameleon, but its not available on the UK site! All US sites will only deliver within the states and when I contacted Filofax UK the informed me the only place it *might* be available is the London store. But I live all the way up in yorkshire. What a dilemma!

Anyway after my rambling, has anyone seen the compact chameleon availble anywhere else? Ideally I'm after the raspberry colour as all my other organisers are black and I fancy something snazzy as a change hehe.

Thanks guys, and happy Tuesday! :D

Gerard (2011-09-06 05:33:47)

Hi laurla,

I recently had a compact Chameleon delivered to Dublin by www.pensandleather.com and was very happy with the service. In my view it's best to opt for the tracked delivery - pricey, but worthwhile for peace of mind.

Gerard

Steve (2011-09-06 05:46:04)

Hi Laurla

You can see them here:

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

And the French site will ship to UK

Cost details are here:

<http://www.filofax.fr/delivery/>

Or contact Neal Street and speak to the staff there they will ship at cost to you in the North.

Details here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofax-delivery-options.html>

Steve

laurla (2011-09-06 06:00:59)

Thanks guys that's really helpful :)

Think I will contact neal st. first of all.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-06 07:00:11)

@Laura - I'd contact the Neal Street first because I found they were sometimes cheaper than online!

@Steve - I was only thinking today that it would be great to have some sort of schedule of all the inserts (particularly diary), where they were available, and the details of any Philofaxy person who was willing to buy and ship them if they could not be ordered direct. would be a great way to network with each other!

olgamenright (2011-09-06 09:31:22)

Hello, all

In case you are interested...there is 50 % sale on selected organizers in Filofax Denmark. Pretty good deals in some of discontinued ones, like the Amazonas. There is a personal Finchley in mustard that looks beautiful for 53 Euros!

Thank goodness for website translators.

icclewu (2011-09-06 10:30:30)

@Steve. I'm looking forward to the posts this week.

I have become more adventurous of late with diary inserts. I was always a page per week girl religiously. but now I also have a month per page in my personal malden, and in my new mini malden for 2012 I have week per page.

@Laula. have you tried ebay or amazon? Or maybe even just doing a google search? you may be lucky.

I love September myself, back to school for the kids and back to uni for me. Can't wait!!

Have fun :)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-06 11:16:48)

Has anyone tried the month on two pages for the pocket? Can you realistically write something in the spaces? I just use my pocket in my bag whilst out so just need an outline of what I have on - I keep details in my filo at home.

mstraat (2011-09-06 11:30:17)

@Alison Yes, I use the month on two pages pocket size. I tend to write "in code" and then the code refers me to details in diary for appointments or in lists for other info. Gives a good visual of when I am getting too busy on the month.

I have to agree that linked international "store" for Filofax would be optimal. I so much covet the personal Finchley in mustard but Denmark does not ship to U.S.

terriknits (2011-09-06 11:47:05)

!!!! My A5 Cuban just arrived (thank you, Mr. Postman). It looks lovely, but I have to dash out to a dentist's appointment then get back to work, so I won't get to play with it until tonight. It's gorgeous!

Alison Reeves (2011-09-06 13:01:49)

Can anyone tell me where I can go to buy stickers in the UK? I have some filofax ones but want some more with different symbols?

laurila (2011-09-06 13:46:41)

@icclewu: yes I've tried both but no luck so far, but I'm always looking for bargains on eBay so maybe one will pop up in the future :)

@alison: I've recently upscaled to personal size (well, slimline to be precise) but before that I used a pocket for about 5 years. I found the month on two pgs had plenty of room. There's space around the edges too if you wanted to make more detailed notes for certain days. I think like mstraat said it just gives you a good visual of how busy your month is, you can add more detail in your main diary insert. Hope this helps :)

Gerard (2011-09-06 13:58:36)

@Alison, Take a look at the SNARLing videos for the compact Chameleon. The compact uses Personal size paper, and the videos show SNARLing's (gorgeous) tiny writing on M/2P paper and on To Do sheets. The Personal size M/2P layout looks eyewateringly unrealistic to me, so I'd imagine the Pocket must be bonkers altogether. Just my tuppence worth.

Regards, Gerard

mywormy (2011-09-06 14:46:57)

Thanks Steve!!

Lea (2011-09-06 15:30:40)

First time i'm commenting here, so Hello everyone!

I've just received my first Filo!! Pocket Vintage Pink Malden, I already love thou! Ordered from www.cityorganiser.co.uk, and delivered 9 days after the order was placed. I'm very happy!

Thanks all for the reviews and advice i read here and on your blogs!

SNARLing: (2011-09-06 17:06:20)

mstraat - i think sam flax might have a personal finchley mustard for you:

[http://www.samflaxny.com/browse.cfm/4,17779.html?utm_source=Google &utm_medium=CSE &utm_campaign=2012 %20Diaries %20 & %20Calendars, %20Journals %20 %3E %20Filofax %20Organizers, %20Day %20Planners %20and %20Diaries %20 %3E %20Filofax %20Finchley %20Organizers &gdftrk=gdfV22503 _a _7c822 _a _7c4972 _a _7c547692](http://www.samflaxny.com/browse.cfm/4,17779.html?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=CSE&utm_campaign=2012%20Diaries%20&%20Calendars,%20Journals%20%E2%80%A2%20Filofax%20Organizers,%20Day%20Planners%20and%20Diaries%20%E2%80%A2%20Filofax%20Finchley%20Organizers&gdftrk=gdfV22503_a_7c822_a_7c4972_a_7c547692)

i got the pocket for my mom - really beautiful

Robin (2011-09-06 20:40:29)

@Alison - I've been using a month on one page (printed from my Outlook calendar) in my personal Domino. The squares are pretty small, but large enough for a few details. When everything looks a little crowded, I just reprint it, incorporating what I've hand written. It's very inexpensive - practically free! - to reprint and punch. So far (fingers crossed), it's working for me. Plus, it's nice to be able to see a whole month at a time.

mstraat (2011-09-06 21:41:41)

@SNARLing Many thanks! I am home from work late tonight but just hopped online and ordered it. Now for the long wait. . .

icclewu (2011-09-07 03:55:53)

@Alison. Paperchase do stickers for filofax. they are their own brand. Also WH Smith sell sheets of stickers that i used to use in my filo. They aren't hole punched, but are different. Hope this helps. :)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-07 04:21:09)

Thank you everyone!

Scoot (2011-09-07 17:07:50)

FYI

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of enquiries about various coloured filofaxes, aqua, raspberry, pink etc, which I have seen today in two different staples uk stores; in pocket to a5 sizes.

Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 1 of many! (2011-09-07 00:00)

What diary insert should I use next year?

Yes, one the most popular topics of discussion on Philofaxy... every year I would say. Whilst I'm 80 % certain about what I'm going to be using next year. I know some people are as yet undecided. So to help everyone, I thought I would try to sum up all of the potential options for use in your Filofax organiser with signposts to some of our previous posts on this well trodden topic!

Some of you might want to change size or style of your diary insert because you haven't found your current set up is working, or you have a change in job situation or what ever, but finding something that is going to work for you is difficult I know.

So I hope this series of posts will help you decide which diary insert to buy for next year. When I started researching the options I and I don't think you will realise just how many different ones there are out there. So I have split this series up in to several parts to make them more manageable.

So who else makes diary inserts that will fit a Filofax organiser? I'm only going to show you a few examples of each brand, but please check their websites for their full ranges So read on and discover.

Day Runner is a US company that make planners in 3.5" by 6.75" which is more or less Filofax personal size.

[1]



[2]



[3]



One of readers Kanalt has written [4]several blog posts about this brand if you are considering using this make. Well worth a read of all her posts before you order them.

See the full range on the [5]Day Runner website.

Day Timer: This brand is widely available in the [6]US, [7]Canada in [8]Europe, [9]Australia and [10]New Zealand. Their Portable size is the same as Filofax Personal size. Their Desk [11]size is similar to A5, but the ring spacing is **not** the same as Filofax A5

Week 24

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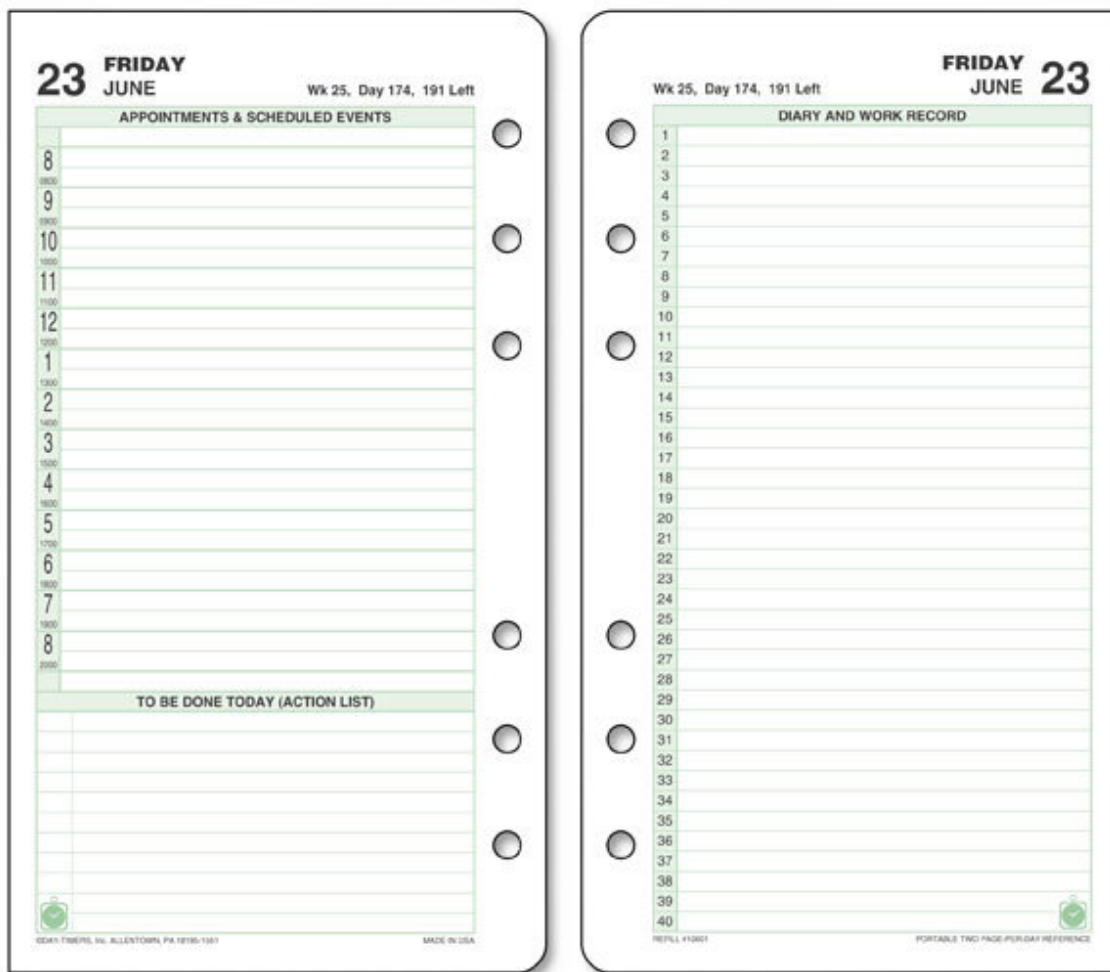
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Dodo Pad: [15]Dodo Pad is a UK company who make some 'fun' diary inserts that fit A5 and Personal size Filofax organisers.



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You will find the full details on the [17]Dodo Pad website, there is also an academic year inserts available as well, again the [18]Dodo Pad website has full details and also check out the [19]Dodo Pad blog written

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by our very own Laurie!

They have also appeared in Philofaxy several times before as well. Here are Philofaxy posts about the [20]A5 insert and the [21]Personal size inserts

Franklin Covey: Franklin Covey Compact size is similar in size to Filofax Personal [22]size but the pages are wider, so can stick out slightly in Filofax organisers. Their classic size is similar to A5, but the ring spacing is not the same as Filofax.

Please check the [23]Franklin Covey website for full details of their range

Once again [24]Kanalt has several posts on the subject of Franklin Covey and she also sign posts other posts and Flickr sets that will help you see these inserts in action



[25]

Zoe is also another user of FC inserts in her Filofax organisers, so also check out her [26]blog too.

Maudie Made: This company is based in UK and offers inserts in Personal and Pocket size and had mentioned the possibility of producing personal size diary inserts.

Here is the pocket size insert for 2011:



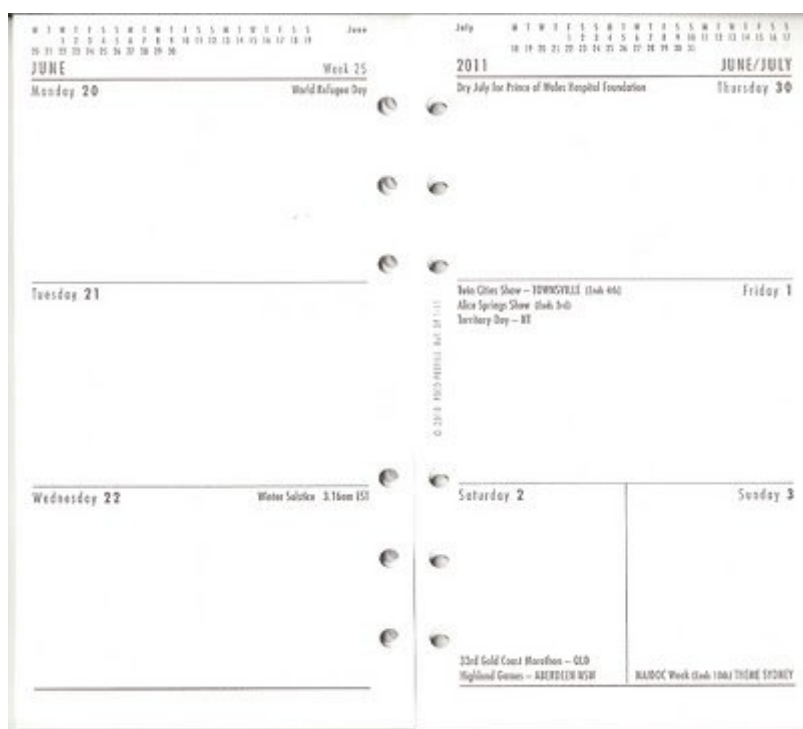
[27]

2012 pocket and mini diaries up in the on line shop - the personal ones are taking a while longer as Maudie has never done them before - hope you like all the nice colours!!

[28]<http://www.maudiemade.com/>

For full details of the range and prices etc please see the [29]Maudie Made website

Poco Profile: Poco are an Australian company based in a suburb of Sydney. We [30]featured them last year. They produce Pocket and Personal size organisers and refills that will also fit Filofax organisers. This is the layout of their personal size week on two pages insert.



[31]

You can see their full range on line on their [32]website here.

Quo Vadis: I bought some refills from this French brand last year, they are sold in my local newsagent

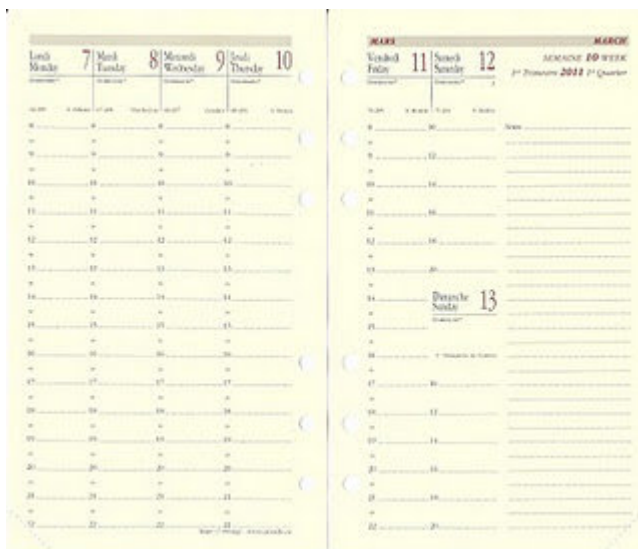
in fact. They come in Pocket (Timer 14), Personal (Timer 17) and A5 (Timer 21) Filofax sizes. The Timer 14 (Pocket) and Timer 17 (Personal) fit Filofax organisers perfectly. However, the **Timer 21** (A5) size needs the pages re-punching with a Filofax A5 punch to get them to fit. The layout of layout of the [33]Timer 21 Planning insert is shown below, It has Mon - Sat as vertical columns, with notes and task areas at the bottom and on the right hand side. Sadly, they tuck Sunday down in the bottom right hand corner. This was the one thing I didn't like about using this layout, but it might work for some people ok.



[34]

This is the [35]Timer 17 Prestige insert, a slight variation on the Timer 21 insert, but you will note that Saturday and Sunday now share a column, with the notes area taking up all of the right hand side column. The paper of the Prestige range is in cotton cream, but both the white and cotton cream paper is of excellent quality. This particular insert is also in English and French.

It is also important to note that the Timer 17 series are 10 x 17cm in size, same height as Filofax, but 5 mm wider, or the same overall width as a Filofax tabbed section divider. If you keep your diary at the front or in the middle, then this shouldn't be too big an issue, it will still be clear of the pen loop.



[36]

This next layout is their [37]Timer 14 insert, a fairly conventional layout, with appointment time slots for each day except Sunday.

The Timer 14 series is 12.5 x 8 cm, which means it's 5mm taller than Filofax pocket and about 1 mm narrower than Filofax Pocket. I've not noticed any issues with mixing this size with other Filofax pages/section tabs.



[38]



[39]

They also do a Day per Page layout, although I can't confirm what they do with weekends in this insert. It is available in [40]Timer 17 (Personal) size.



[41]

The corners of their inserts are perforated so you can tear them off easily to indicate where you are in the year.

There is also an A4 size insert known as the Timer 29, It uses the same hole spacing, as Filofax, which is 8cm between holes centres.



[42]

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To see the full range of layouts and sizes visit the [44]Quo Vadis EU site

Quo Vadis inserts are available [45]on line (En ligne) from various outlets in France, but also from [46]UK as well.

WH Smiths: [47]WH Smiths, this is a store that you will find in most high streets and shopping centres in UK, they stock a wide range of Filofax organisers and inserts, but they also stock their own brand of inserts. They tend to be cheaper than the equivalent Filofax insert, in my experience the paper quality isn't brilliant, but in some circumstances that might not matter. It will depend on what pen you are using I guess.



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In the next part of this series we will be looking at more inserts from other countries. Thank you for reading.

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Laurie (2011-09-07 00:18:14)

This is brilliant Steve!! Thank you so much for compiling all of this information!
I look forward to reading the rest of the series!

My Little Rabbit (2011-09-07 00:32:40)

awesome guide! definitely look forward to the whole series.

Lynne (2011-09-07 02:12:22)

Thank you Steve.

Jotje (2011-09-07 02:17:28)

Timer 14 is also available in weekly columns layout, which is pretty unique for pocket inserts!

Babs (2011-09-07 02:59:49)

Thanks Steve. I look forward to the rest of this series!

icclewu (2011-09-07 03:36:18)

fantastic blog post!!!! It's good to know that there is so much variety. i like the idea of a week to view tabbed.

does anyone in England sell that, or anyone who would ship it?

I had contemplated getting the dodo acad, but after looking into it, decided i'm glad i didnt.

Thanx Steve :)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-07 04:29:49)

Brilliant Steve - just what I wanted to read about! This opens a lot more options.

Estelle (2011-09-07 07:34:29)

Jotje, I cannot find it, do you have a link? Thank you

Steve (2011-09-07 07:59:50)

Estelle

It's here:

<http://quovadis.eu/site/product-agenda/timer-14-prestige/>

Pictured in the post

Steve

Elisabeth (2011-09-07 09:57:05)

Great guide. I look forward to the rest of the series.

Sally (2011-09-07 10:58:40)

Great post, must have taken you ages! Thanks

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-09-07 12:02:17)

wow, thank you very much for summarising this. obviously you know your stuff

my filofax is more my personal thing than for work. I still have to use the original filofax diary w2p, multilingual, cause it's the only one (i found yet) where sat and sun don't have to share the space of ONE day and the days are not next to each other but among eachother.

so: is there any other diary which you can recommend me??

lg nina

J (2011-09-07 13:02:51)

Amazing! I'm still undecided on 2012, although I'm leaning toward DayTimer. Thanks, Steve!

globetrottingcacti (2011-09-07 17:19:36)

Thanks Steve. Great post - looking forward to the rest of the series. Using a French Filo Pocket diary (with apt time slots) but undecided on A5 options for work, hoping they have some examples of the Time Management system at the Neal St store....

kanalt (2011-09-10 11:44:44)

Wow! Thank Steve for this write up. It's great to see all of the options together in one place. i just got my 2012 inserts (the general Filofax ones). Now I just need to find the time to fill them in with birthdays and holidays and the like.

Steve (2011-10-06 17:13:13)

Message from Maudie this evening:

I've got my 2012 pocket and mini diaries up in my shop - the personal ones are taking me a while longer as I've never done them before - hope you like all the nice colours!!

<http://www.maudiemade.com/>
All the best,
Maudie
Steve

Filofax Germany (2011-09-07 16:09)

Filofax is 90 years old this year.... for 9 days they have 90 products available for €9 each... ends 15 September 2011

See this page for details: [1]<http://www.filofax.de/store/page.asp?id=163>

[2]Delivery available within the EU or contact someone in the EU who will accept your delivery and post it on.

These prices are too good to miss.....

Note it appears that although all colours are shown... on some models only some colours are priced at €9 which is a little bit naughty of them.

Tip: Keep each order below €25 and you only pay the lower postage price, so split your orders if they are going to be above the €25 break point.

Also if you are in UK put '0' in the postcode and put your real postcode as part of your address

1. <http://www.filofax.de/store/page.asp?id=163>

2. <http://www.filofax.de/delivery/>

Babs (2011-09-07 16:34:14)

Steve!!!! What are you trying to do to us?! LOL! I've just picked up an A4, an A5 and a personal, plus shipping to the UK for £36.99. Gutted I paid £21 for a second-hand sunflower piazza on eBay just the other day and they're selling them for €9 on the German website.

Thanks for the heads up, though! I guess my "frugal" month of not buying anything I don't really need will start tomorrow ;-)

icclewu (2011-09-07 16:41:44)

You are very naughty for teasing us!! But I do like this post very much!!!!

Thank you

;))

Sally (2011-09-07 17:13:23)

Do they post to England then? I can't find it in the country list....my German was never gut!

Steve (2011-09-07 17:14:34)

Sally England is EU... Yes...

It's ok they have forgiven us for that football match in 1966 I think ;-)

Sally (2011-09-07 17:19:06)

I asked for that one Steve....I speak fluent Spanish but NO German....am having real difficulty with the checkout, must be an omen!

Steve (2011-09-07 17:23:10)

Cheat... Google Chrome or

Look at the checkout on the UK site.. it will be the same. All the servers are in Burgess Hill for all the different sites...

Sally (2011-09-07 17:24:35)

I am getting there....slowly! It is asking me to enter only digits in the postcode bit though :(

Babs (2011-09-07 17:31:37)

Sally - there's nowhere to put a postcode in. I ended up putting a "0" in the postcode box and then town and county in the other box. Bad design not to have country specific postcode fields but I'm hoping the address will be sufficient to get to me!!!

For others interested, postage to the UK is €15.

Sally (2011-09-07 17:43:32)

Thanks, Babs, I have fiddled around with it and done the same. Postage depends on how much you spend. I spent 18 euros and it was 4.50. I added another filo and the postage went up to 15. I am dithering now....do I or don't I???? Was saving for a Malden, this kind of defeats the object!

But what FAB bargains! What have you all bought so far?

Steve (2011-09-07 17:44:41)

Split your order, keep each order below €25 each time and you only pay the lower postage each time???

Sweetspot (2011-09-07 17:50:25)

Steve!

This is one post that got me pop out! LOL!

Contacting a friend who might be in Germany now, cross the fingers she still is there. Oh Why won't they ship to US?

Thanks a lot for the heads up of such fab bargain!

Love ya Mr. Filofax!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-07 17:58:03)

wow this is brilliant!! I bought a personal Topaz and an A5 Rose Finchley! :D oh how exciting!! I can't wait until they arrive! I think the A5 will replace my Finsbury as my dissertation planner because it has broken rings. thanks so much for this Steve! I will post about it on my blog :D

Sally (2011-09-07 18:28:31)

Thanks Steve, I think I have just sorted my first Christmas presents (including my own ;))

findinghope (2011-09-07 19:34:00)

Omg - I had planned on buying my first Filofax during my holiday in Scotland two weeks from now because they are usually much cheaper in the UK than here in Germany- but now I got six! instead of one from the money I had saved up and I've already got 2 christmas presents

thanks so much for sharing :)

Deeji (2011-09-07 19:50:08)

Ordered an A5 Finchley. Couldn't resist 13.50 euros!!! How long does everyone think they'll take to arrive in UK? Couple of weeks? Thanks Steve, just saved me about £60 - I was looking at an A5 aqua finsbury before seeing your post :)

olgamenright (2011-09-07 21:35:53)

OMG! I knew there was a reason why I felt like checking Philofaxy before going to bed...I just got a personal maroon Panama and the A5 rose Finchley, for 22,50 including shipping to Spain.

So that settles my indecision problem between trying a personal or A5 for work/study. I can't wait to get my hands on them and trying those inserts, specially the cotton cream paper. I hope they come with all the trimmings, regardless of the bargain price.

Thank you so much for being always en garde!

MILLICENT (2011-09-07 22:01:31)

Being in the US is such a bummer for so many reasons :(
Not having an overseas connection just adds insult to injury . . .
mjh

Nia (2011-09-08 05:37:09)

I almost didn't order because of the UK postcode thing! glad I checked back here to see what you guys had done. Looks like the A5 finchley is popular, I ordered one too! partially because I have a Personal Finchley in Rose also :) Also couldn't resist the mini Baroque, I have no use for a mini but the embossing looks so beautiful on the inside!

Elisabeth (2011-09-08 05:53:03)

Oh my, this blog is bad for my VISA. I might have to get one of those red Panamas with gold rings. The thought of having an A5 and using it as a recipe binder just popped into my head as well.

Kate (2011-09-08 06:04:24)

Thanks for the info, Steve. I've just saved over €350!

laurla (2011-09-08 07:34:37)

Just got some great bargains, thanks steve! :)

However I now have more Filofaxes than I need - oops!

I've bought a personal size topaz, but not sure if the ring size is going to be too big for my needs or not... I currently use a slimline finbury, perfect size but I find the organiser itself a little uninspiring to look at.

I have also bought an A5 finchley - I don't even need an A5 but it was too much of a steal to pass up! I'm sure I will find a use (has anyone got any interesting uses for their A5's?????)

Babs (2011-09-08 08:31:10)

@Laurla - I now have 3 A5s. One I use as a journal for my [1]101 Things to do in 1,001 Days project. My new Rose Finchley will become my recipe Filo (as it's inexpensive enough not to have to worry about splashes and splodges in the kitchen!) and my Raspberry Finchley which *was* my recipe filo I'm going to use either as a happiness journal if I decide to do one, or as a 10 year journal which I've been thinking of doing for a while - mainly for my son to look back on.

1. <http://dayzeroproject.com/>

Babs (2011-09-08 09:12:38)

Just to say that there are quite a few binders no longer listed on the German offer site (such as the Finchley A5). I guess they're starting to run out.

icclewu (2011-09-08 09:15:11)

Wow. It looks like the A5 finchley in Rose is popular. I ordered one last night for my uni notes and a pocket tropic in bamboo for a Christmas present. I looked this morning on the uk website, and this same one is £44 in the sale!! Bargain.

It is looking like uk Filofax isn't going to be doing anything like this.

Does anyone know roughly of delivery times from Germany?

Amanda (2011-09-08 09:58:45)

Okay, I REALLY hate the fact that work was manic yesterday and I ended up SO exhausted that for ONCE (ONCE!!!) I didn't check the Philofaxy blog when I got in, AND I MISSED OUT ON A5 FINCHLEYS FOR 9 EUROS.

Wailing and gnashing of teeth sounds....

All that's on there now are zillions of pockets and minis....

aaaaaaggghhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

icclewu (2011-09-08 10:06:16)

I've just been back on there and couldn't believe how little there was left. Wonder how much of it is coming to us????

laurila (2011-09-08 11:25:33)

@ babs: was thinking of using mine for recipies too, we'll have to compare sheets once they are set up hehe :)

Saffy (2011-09-08 14:00:27)

Oh what? I too missed the posting last night.

A big thank you to Thomas for drawing my attention to this amazing sale this morning though.

I was straight on to a friend in Australia this morning and ordering for the both of us.

I also had the post code problem and put 0000. In the 'company name' box I put my U.K. postcode.

I hate to admit but it was tricky trying to figure out what 'United Kingdom' was in German. (As Steve knows I had the same problem ordering from France) :p

Quite a long process copying and pasting into Google translate.

Luckily for me I only have to pay half the postage. :-)

Ian (2011-09-08 18:11:04)

I went a bit overboard and picked up 5...but a bargain for €60!

icclewu (2011-09-09 03:05:35)

I ended ordering a total of three and a special edition purse :)

olgamenright (2011-09-09 09:29:10)

Just got an e-mail from Filofax Germany saying that DHL is handling the delivery and I will get it in 1 to 3 business days, so all of us should be getting our goodies early next week!!!

That is awesome that they are using courier service and not regular mail. Great Filofax service!

icclewu (2011-09-09 10:35:52)

That is fantastic news. Thanx for letting us know!!!!!!

Alison Reeves (2011-09-12 10:56:32)

Well, I was a little late to this party - however I have bought the special edition accessories case and purse for Christmas presents for others. In fairness I really don't need any more binders - so well done to those of you who did need binders and got a great bargain.

CatB (2011-09-13 04:24:41)

I bought some stuff on Saturday but haven't had a conformation email or anything. It's not showing the money coming out of my paypal account either. Is this normal or does it look like it hasn't gone through? If so I'm gutted because what I had ordered has all sold out now :(

olgamenright (2011-09-13 04:29:29)

Cat,I made a second purchase on Saturday too. I haven't received the second e-mail with the tracking number for the package, like I got on the first purchase on thursday. Neither of the charges show on my card statement. ?????

CatB (2011-09-13 04:33:06)

Well I guess there's some confidence in it not only being me... But I will be sooo devastated because I bought some presents for my family as well as a few treats for me... Even though I had missed out on some of the better offers there were still quite a few good ones left then. Now there's hardly anything. Do you think there's any way we can contact them?

icclewu (2011-09-13 04:46:12)

i put an order in on wed night and one on thursday morning. the money only went out of my account yesterday if that is any help?? xx
:)

CatB (2011-09-13 05:01:05)

Oooh that is a help, but did you get a conformation email or anything? Because I have heard absolutely nothing :(

icclewu (2011-09-13 05:13:39)

I got the automated email saying what I had ordered both times. And the emails from paypal saying how much. I have heard nothing else at all. Xx

CatB (2011-09-13 05:58:43)

Boo I got no automated email... Worried it hasn't gone through :(

Ian (2011-09-13 09:27:08)

I ordered Thursday afternoon, and just received my email with tracking information...so there might be hope yet for people

fluffyferret (2011-09-13 11:25:54)

I've just had one of my payments from 8th September refunded as the item is not available :o(

Jotje (2011-09-14 12:31:21)

I also ordered Wednesday night and received my Personal Piazza and Pocket Panama today. Never received a dispatch note!

It appears that orders have not been processed in chronological order. Somebody ordered later than me and did receive the A5 Finchley. If you haven't received anything yet, there's still hope ;-)

Also, the only items that were oversold were the A5 Finchley and the Finsbury wallet. All other items were plenty available (according to the lady at Filofax DE) and will be delivered.

If you have received a refund (this is done through Paypal), please check if this effects your postage costs. In my case it would have meant paying 4.50 instead of the paid 15.00 Euro postage. You need to contact Filofax directly (through email or phone) to ask for a shipping refund, because this is not done automatically! They are very willing to cooperate though.

pilgrim (2011-09-14 15:05:39)

Thanks from me as well for letting us know that it was happening.

Have secured a Finchley Pocket size in Teal & an A5 Graphic Zip to upgrade/back up my intended move to Pocket Filo with an A5 as a Master.

I'd never have found about it without the wonderfull post, and hoping they both arrive (soon!)

Kind regards to all

Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 2 (2011-09-08 00:00)

Thank you for your comments on [1]Part 1 of this series, I recommend reading Part 1 first before you read this part.

In this part I will be turning now to brands available in Germany and Holland I'm very grateful to [2]Jotje and Iris of [3]Filomaniac for the details of these sites. I will also pick out a couple of other sites that have also been recommended.

[4]BSB-Obpacher is a German company and they have their 'Timeplaner' range. Looking at the whole range, it's interesting that some of the design themes and styles are similar. In common with other companies they use the designation of A6 to be the equivalent of Personal size and A7 to be Pocket size,

although these sizes are not the same as the ISO paper sizes.

This is their A5 Week on Two pages. This looks like it will fit a variety of binders due to the slotted paper holes.



[5]

This is their 'A6' Week on Two Pages, the paper size is very close to Filofax Personal size, in fact it's a couple of millimetres smaller.



[6]

You need to note that the days are only labelled in German (I think!?) The [7]website is in German or English :-) be sure to check it out to see the whole range.

[8]Chronoplan another German company, which appears to be part of the Avery Group of companies. They have diary inserts in the following sizes:

- A4 - A4 Filofax with 4 holes
- A5 - A5 Filofax with slotted holes which look like they will fit A5 Filofax
- Midi - Personal Size Filofax
- Mini - Pocket Size Filofax

Sadly the pictures of diary inserts are a little limited. But check out the [9]website for full details.. only in German this time though.

[10]Herlitz a long established company based in Berlin, like their other counterparts they use the following size designations:

- A5 = Filofax A5 size
- A6 = Filofax Personal size
- A7 = Filofax Pocket size
- A8 = Filofax Mini size

Here are a few examples of their refills:

Their A5 refill vertical week on two pages, it includes a small task area at the foot of weekdays.



[11]

Their A6 (Personal) week on two pages refill is very neat and it is comes in four languages.



[12]

They also do a horizontal A7 (Pocket) refill, which looks like it would work well compared to a traditional vertical format.



[13]

Check out their [14]website for the full details of all of their range.

[15]Time/System an international company, I looked at the UK website for the following information. They do organisers in the following sizes along with diary inserts:

- Business = Filofax A5
- Compact = Filofax Personal, although the page size is 10 mm narrower than Filofax
- Partner = Filofax Pocket, although the page size is 5 mm narrower and 10 mm taller than Filofax.

I was unable to view their range of inserts because they don't put the new range on sale until October. I was also not able to verify the hole spacing of their inserts. However, check out their [16]website if you are interested in seeing the range when it becomes available. Their catalogue will also be available in October.

[17]Succes are a Dutch company, but their website seems to adapt it self to your location automatically! There sizes for organisers and refills are as follows:

- Mini = Filofax Mini

- Junior = Filofax Pocket
- Standard = Filofax Personal
- Executive A5 = Filofax A5
- Business A4 = Filofax A4

They do diary refills in Day per Page and Week on Two pages, if you look at the [18]website you can see the full range.

[19]Bind a German company, although the site has an English option too. They use similar sizing to other companies in Germany:

- A4 = Filofax A4
- A5 = Filofax A5
- A6 = Filofax Personal
- A7 = Filofax Pocket

Their calendar refills are 'tri-language' but it doesn't indicate which three... I'm guessing English German and may be French? See their [20]website for full details.

[21]Davinci from Japan, now you will need the help of Google Chrome for this one, unless you understand Japanese? But it is worth installing Chrome just to see the refills available on this site. They are excellent in terms of quality and their design.

They have A5, Bible (Personal) and Pocket sizes. You will find their [22]refills here You will notice that the refills are undated, so you can mix and match the formats depending on how busy your month/week/day is.

Of course you will have to factor in delivery costs and any import duties on any of these goods, but it might be worth it if you can get the format you have been looking for.

In the next part I will go on to cover some of the Filofax own brand options for diary inserts, signposting some of the unusual ones in different countries.

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2. <http://www.blogger.com/profile/07144301091362704402>
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14. <http://www.herlitz.de/en/products/office/diaries-and-time-planning-systems-2012.html>
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16. <http://www.timesystem.co.uk/>
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18. <http://www.succes.com/>
19. <http://www.bind.de/>
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22. <http://www.raymay.co.jp/davinci/contents/refill/menu.html>
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Jotje (2011-09-08 01:39:07)

Ha, forgot Brunnen and Idé (especially the latter make mice looking inserts).

Additional info on your great post:

T/S compact and partner have the holes off! Same for Succes mini: won't fit a mini.

For the German inserts it's worthwhile to check ebay.de and Amazon.de, which are usually less reluctant to ship internationally.

For translations, visit the online dictionary www.linguee.de

Steve (2011-09-08 03:11:46)

Yes I realise there might be some missing. But in the chaos of last night I ran out of time.

However, I fully intend to have a final part that will invite people to submit other alternatives that I am bound to have missed out.

bernhardS (2011-09-08 05:21:26)

Hi, Steve!

Great job, but I was missing Tempus (tempus.de), Helfrecht (helfrecht.de) and Megatimer (megatimer.com) - the latter has great high-end products with phantastic quality! Actually Filofax had this quality once or should have it today.

best,

Bernhard

Scot (2011-09-08 06:06:14)

Also Aspinals:

<http://www.aspinaloflondon.com/eshop-catalogue/albums-and-books/personal-organisers>

Who basically keep Italian Diarpell diary inserts:

http://www.diarpell.it/ricambi-per-organizer_en.asp

There is also a Swiss firm, but the name escapes me!

There is also an India firm who do English diary inserts. And what about that Australian firm?

I think the message is that there is so much choice that it is proved that the paper based planner/organiser is alive and thriving.

olgamenright (2011-09-08 09:37:30)

I must say a lot of these are much more visually appealing and show a more effective use of space than the Filofax brand ones. Now I understand why so many of you complain about the lack of variety and innovation of the FF inserts.

Great job, Steve, thank you!

trailbilldr (2011-09-08 22:27:36)

Great write-up!

Regarding the Time/System, today I took a few minutes to see what information I could find on Time/System Business A5 hole spacing compared to Filofax A5. A Google search brought me to the wikipedia article on hole punches, which has hole spacing measurements for Filofax as well as others. I had been measuring the hole spacing on one of my Time/System pages with a metric ruler, and wasn't getting measurements that looked reasonable. After seeing the hole punch article, I put away the metric ruler and got out an inches ruler. Sure enough, two sets of three holes, with the holes in each set on 3/4" centers, and 2 3/4" between the center of the bottom hole of the upper group and the center of the top hole of the lower group. I'm still looking for a Filofax A5 Cuban or Finchley binder at the right price so that I can *empirically* confirm that Filofax A5 and Time/System A5 interchange ;) On the topic of hole spacing, for twenty years I've been storing my Time/System A5 pages in 3-ring binders. The standard U.S. 8 1/2" x 11" binders have rings 4 1/4" apart, which allows me to put my pages onto the rings without

repunching. I typically stagger the pages upper and lower to separate by subject without needing dividers. Post-It notes extending to the side work better than dividers for labeling sections.

sakepe (2011-09-13 16:35:18)

I can confirm that Time/system pages fit perfectly to my filofax Lyndhurst A5. It has been discussed earlier : <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/07/will-normal-filofax-punch-work-for-a5.html>

plaiditude (2011-09-14 14:27:03)

Does anyone know of a binder that will fit the Time/System compact inserts? I used to use the compact inserts but left T/S because they only offer 5/8" binder rings which were always too small for me.

Filofax UK Offers (2011-09-08 10:21)

If you missed out on the Filofax Germany offers announced yesterday, then you might like to take a look at the organisers and accessories on offer from Filofax UK.

There are two offers on at the moment items with [1]50 % off the original price and other items with [2]25 % off the original price. Orders over £30 in UK are of course delivered free of charge.

Looking at what is on offer there are some quite high quality items in the sale.

And of course buying through the above links will also add to our charity donation total.

Don't miss out on this one... happy hunting!

1. <http://tidd.ly/5367c707>

2. <http://tidd.ly/1babf643>

Free For All Friday No. 147 (2011-09-09 00:22)

I recently created some new pages in my Filofax: Daily Routines, Weekly Tasks, and Weekly Schedule. I normally resist routines, but now that both kids are in school and activities, and I'm somehow busier than ever, having routines is helping me manage my time. I try to get my household tasks and errands done before I go get the kids from school, because after school time is packed with homework, activities, making dinner etc.

Do you keep routines in your Filofax? And, are your routines changing now as the seasons change?

As always on Fridays, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related.

Have a great weekend everyone! :)

TomHanson (2011-09-09 02:57:23)

Hello all,

Love this place and have spent a while reading the posts and trying very hard to use my Filofax for time management of my work and personal life.

The problem is that I just can't seem to commit to the Personal Kendal I use (which is a lovely binder); it's almost like I don't 'trust' a note once I've written it down in a paper insert. I've always used notebooks with no removeable pages. Am I making sense I wonder? :)

Anyway, does anyone have any tips on how to commit to and 'trust' a Filofax?

Many thanks,

Tom

P.S. I really want to make this work as I love the Filofax idea and my Kendal is wonderful.

Laurie (2011-09-09 03:42:23)

Tom I know exactly what you mean about trusting pages in a Filofax, because it is so easy for removed pages to get lost. I think it may help if you have a storage plan for used pages. If you get a storage binder (or another Filofax to use for this purpose) then be faithful about storing pages in it, you can feel more confident about your pages not getting lost. If you don't have a landing place for removed pages, it's easy to worry they'll be lost.

Edwin61 (2011-09-09 04:59:04)

Tom, I'm a fanatic Kendallfan. I have a personal and an A5. I always used ringbinders and am now about 1,5 year "on filofax".

I trust my notes because about every week I process them: what do I have to do with that note? Then I write what's necessary (?) on my "don't forget-lists". For example: Call ..., Buy ..., Contact So I process my notes and then trust my lists. It works for me.

Bridgett (2011-09-09 08:17:27)

I might be the only person in the world not in love with my Malden but there it is. I actually think it might be the whole Vintage Pink that I don't love. Perhaps, I should have gone with Ochre. That said, I'm looking at the Succes planners. I have two questions...

1. Where can I get a look at the layouts for the planner pages? I've looked at their website and not all of them are shown.
- 2.) Does anyone have one and are they worth the extra bucks for the binder? The website says handmade but that is a lot of money for a binder that I can't visit at a store. Is the quality really good for those binders?
- 3.) The standard is the exact same size as the Personal? Or very near the same size?

girlinmaths (2011-09-09 08:42:39)

Standard is the exact same size as personal, including hole spacing. I have not had a succes binder, but I have seen many in shops and with colleagues, and they seem very nice and sturdy. People I know are very happy with them. I have no idea where you can see page layouts though.

luminosity6 (2011-09-09 09:53:22)

hi, Tom -

may I ask what system you were using before your filofax? with any new system, there is a transition of learning new habits to go with your new trusted system... also, are you having trouble trusting items you write in any section, or just some sections? if there is one section you are already checking regularly, perhaps that is a good place to start jotting those notes you're still worried about. sort of a happy medium while you're still building your trust in the new system?

hi, Bridgett -

so sorry to hear you don't love your malden, it looks to be a lovely binder although it's not for everyone. I wish I had ever seen a succes binder as they do look lovely. do you think there is anything else about the malden beyond the color that isn't working for you?

I have owned several filo models throughout the years and the few that I find to be perfect have of course spoiled me... I heart my siena models the very best of all, even better than the vintage filofas I had which were extremely nice ones. wishing you binder bliss here in the very near future :)

Bauke (2011-09-09 10:32:03)

The layout of the Success Planner pages you can find on their website Succes.com.

This is the link for the Standard size

<http://www.succes.com/en-us/555/Organizers-fillings,To-plan,Standard/V2.F46>

Peg (2011-09-09 10:37:42)

Quick question. Why doesn't Filofax make a binder that holds the standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper? Maybe that size paper is only standard in the US? Would sure make my life easier as all my work papers are that size and I could keep everything together in one system. Thanks

Scoot (2011-09-09 10:45:43)

Filofax make A4 folders that will hold 11 inch by 8.5 inch paper, though the holes will be different to US standard. As for the reason that Filofax don't recognise and take advantage of the business possibilities of one of the largest markets, the USA, in the world ... well that is another cracking strategy decision from filofax. It would just require a change of ring mechanism!

Peg (2011-09-09 10:55:52)

Scoot - Thanks for the info. Are the binders much bigger than the 8 1/2 x 11 size? Since the US site doesn't offer the A4 size, any recommendations from what country I would buy from? Thanks again

bluebonnetreads (2011-09-09 12:53:19)

I just got my first Filofax, and I put routines into it as soon as I'd worked them out. They're really just reference lists, though - I keep track of what I've done/haven't done with an iPhone app called (wait for it) HomeRoutines. I'm considering buying day-per-page inserts, just so I have a place to "plan" out my day once my day's started (and in a pocket, the spaces on the "default" WPP are pretty dang small). I don't really know what my best option is for archiving them, though...it makes me long for a bound DPP planner/logbook...but then I'd be using two planners! AAAH!!

Scoot (2011-09-09 12:56:13)

A4 paper is 11 3/4 x 8 1/4 inches. I have an A4 Hampshire fax. Even when closed there is space at the side for another 3/4 of an inch so 9 inch wide paper would fit, top and bottom together permits another 3/4 inch so 12 1/2 inch high paper would fit. Of course this extra width is used as space for the divider tabs.

The A4 filofax holes are standard 888 distance, being 4 rings with the centre of each ring having an 80mm spacing. The distance between the outside of the bottom and top rings is 244mm or 9 and 6/10ths of an inch, therefore plenty of space for 11 inch paper.

When closed the footprint of this Hampshire A4 Filofax is 12 and 3/4 inches high, 10 and 3/10ths of an inch wide. Buy from UK on ebay.

The German Filofax site still has some A4, but they're not leather.

<http://www.filofax.de/store/organiserdetails.asp?rangeId=21 &sizeId=7 &dsizeId=7 &spId=508 #508>

Gerard (2011-09-09 14:24:41)

@TomHanson I've recently moved back to Filofax from fixed-booklet setups including Hermes and X47. After a period of readjustment, I now find that I trust my notes *more* in looseleaf format. I think this is because I can recompile the sequence of notes and also archive notes - as suggested by Laurie - once any action points are identified and transferred to lists. If you need or prefer to maintain certain notes in chronological order, then a Moleskine cahier or Field Notes 3x5 notebook will travel very happily in either the front or back pocket of your Kendal - or even both!

@Bridgett the quality of the Succes binders is first class. Their Deluxe leather models have a highly polished - almost glazed - finish which holds up very well over time. The Cacao binders were quite matt in finish when I last bought one, some years ago. The Renna models are very serviceable, but not as plush, having fabric lining internally and simpler pocket layouts. I loved visiting the Succes shops in Dublin and London, both staffed by very charming elderly ladies. The Dublin shop is long gone, but I believe the London shop is still in operation.

Babs (2011-09-09 15:13:12)

I keep thinking I should document my weekly and monthly routines to try and get my house in order a bit more. I like the idea of a pared-down flylady journal.

I just haven't got round to it yet. Maybe one day ...!

Adirondack Explorer (2011-09-09 15:23:30)

I like to keep checklists on things that must be on the different days of the week. I also keep a daily checklist to remind me to do those things that aren't on autopilot yet.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-09 18:35:15)

I wonder if the old deskfax size would fit US sized paper? You can only get them on ebay these days.

bluebonnetreads (2011-09-09 20:12:13)

Filofax or something like it spotting! Season 4 episode 23 of Brothers & Sisters, about 20 minutes in. Norah grabs it to find a phone number. It's a yellow-brown A5 but I have no Filofax expertise so can't guess at the binder.

angela (2011-09-10 04:30:28)

Bridgett, if you don't want your Malden, I'll gladly take it off your hands ;) I've been coveting a Vintage Pink Malden since I saw it on here (not even the main site - is that bad ha).

Anyway, I'm going to use both my Filofax and my Moleskine together for a few weeks and see which one I prefer. Will probably be the Filofax as I've not been 'wanting' to use my Moleskine for quite some time now but due to time constraints, have not had the energy to move back to my Filofax! A push from a few readers of my blog has helped though :)

TomHanson (2011-09-10 13:13:01)

Hello again,

To everyone who responded to me, many thanks indeed for your encouragement.

I have started populating my Personal Kendal again from scratch and am going to persist with it other the few weeks (I hope) transition from hard notebooks to this one.

Will keep you all posted on outcome :)

Thanks again,

Tom

Gerard (2011-09-11 04:52:38)

@Alison the Deskfax cannot hold US letter paper. The standard Deskfax refill uses B5 paper which measures 250 x 176mm whereas US Letter size measures 279 x 216.

Web Finds 10 September 2011 (2011-09-10 00:00)

I'm pleased you love reading all these posts I keep finding.... here are some more!

- [1]Using Word & Excel to Print Your Own Filofax Pages - For the Love of Stationery
- [2]Achieving Filofax Wallet Perfection - Lady Tamlynn
- [3]My Filofax Stole my Heart - Oh Shoot
- [4]Filofax Mania - A Quirky Girl's Thoughts
- [5]Meet the Filofax Family Part 1 - For the Love of Stationery
- [6]I blame the Germans! - For the Love of Stationery
- [7]Sadhana and the art of self development (Anita) - Paper Pens Ink - All Stars
- [8]Fabulous Filofax - Minibreak Mummy
- [9]Help, I miss my Filofax - Paper Lovestory
- [10]It's here! It's here! - Filfoax Fixation
- [11]What's in My Bag (Millie) - Imysworld - All Stars
- [12]FabFrugal Diary on a Budget (Imy) - Musings of a Caribbean Princess - All Stars

- [13]Acheiving Filofax Perfection - Lady Tamlynn
- [14]Book Journals - Fennell Books

Enjoy

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3. <http://ohshoot.typepad.com/oh-shoot/2011/09/a-love-affair-with-my-filofax.html>
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Butanben (2011-09-10 08:16:45)

Loved the post this week about the Urban as a wallet. I love my new Urban wallet so much, that I have bought a second, to store away for when this one wears out. Thank goodness for Filofax sales!! I have added a financial month by month section, to keep an eye on my spending and to try to reduce it downwards where possible.... especially the supermarket shop. I have added a little button sticker to the button closure. Small enough to still see the words Filofax, but to protect the button paint from scratching with use. Used some shiny metallic stickers I have had for ages, from Paperchase. Does the job beautifully!!

Nikki Sayadi (2011-09-10 09:03:36)

I just wanted to thank you for linking to my blog last year! I never realised that you had until just this morning when trying to work out why people were coming to my blog from yours.
I'm looking forward to reading philofaxy again now that you've reminded me of your existance, I forgot how much I loved it :)

Desperate cry for help (2011-09-10 05:02)

Hi Everyone

Stefanie a reader of Filomaniac missed out on the [1]Great German Train Robbery.. sorry I mean 9 Euro sale due to illness. She has written in to Iris asking if anyone has bought a Personal Finchley in Rose that they would be willing to sell her.

Details are in the blog post on [2]Filomaniac she is willing to pay more than 9 euros.

So can any Philofaxy reader help?

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/filofax-germany.html>
2. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/09/verzweifelter-hilferuf.html>

Babs (2011-09-10 05:22:35)

I didn't get a Personal Finchley in the Great German Sale, but I notice one was listed on eBay in July and I think it ended without selling. It might be worth an email? The item number is 380298926730.

Karen (2011-09-10 05:24:10)

I didn't think the personal Finchley in Rose was in the sale, only the Teal

Joline van de Kuijt (2011-09-10 06:00:46)

From what I've seen on the filofax.de site there was a Rose Finchley on sale the first day of the 9 euro sale, but it was an A5, not a Personal?

estelle (2011-09-10 07:02:00)

I bought myself another Personal as a birthday present but I am gutted that I missed out on the A5 Finchley. I don't have an A5 and thought about trying one for a while. Plus it's preeetty.

So if you bought one spur of the moment *cough*price*cough* but don't actually want or use it... sell it to me?

olgamenright (2011-09-10 09:31:49)

Estelle,

I was one of the A5 Rose Finchley buyers. I got that and a personal Panama. My idea is testing both to see which size works better for my work/study needs. If the personal works well enough, I wouldn't mind reselling the Finchley, since I'm not really fond of the pink color anyway.

I will keep you posted on the experiment.

Jotje (2011-09-10 11:13:32)

Just read on Filomaniac that Stefanie found a reader who is selling her rise vintage to her. Awesome!!!

mywormy (2011-09-11 13:10:55)

I too have been after a personal rose Finchley, please if anybody out there wants to sell theirs or trade it for one that I am not using. I have two Winchesters, Eton, Richmond. Please let me know

mywormy (2011-09-11 13:14:35)

I am sorry, I posted my comment before I left my email address. It is pshiggy16@aol.com

Iris (2011-09-12 07:15:06)

Now Stefanie is looking for said Finchley again, since the one she had been offered by another reader hasn't been shipped. They are sold out now.

olgamenright (2011-09-15 06:59:17)

Estelle, sorry, no A5 Finchley. They only sent me the Panama and an apology letter.

A fairy tale story of a Princess and her DH (2011-09-11 07:45)

Once upon a time a Caribbean Princess and her DH decided that it would be nice to have a suitable country home to match their 'royal status'

After much discussion a fairy tale chateau seemed to fit the bill and they decided to call upon Steve and Alison's [1]property search expertise to find a suitable fairy tale dream home for CP and her DH and their future offspring.

As usual Alison prefers to meet personally with her clients and so a date was arranged....



[2]

A nice vineyard seemed to set the tone right with ample parking for her DHs car collection in the back ground.
CP went about inspecting the courtyard garden area, she had purposely left her crown at home that day.



[3]

She was impressed that it even had its own throne, even if it was in store in one of the basement rooms.



[4]

She consulted the guide book along with her DH to check on the chateau history and how many bedrooms it had and if there was going to be enough room for her growing [5]Mulberry collection as well as the already established collection of Filofax organisers.



[6]

CP then did a quick inspection of the ripening grapes and declared them nearly ready picking for her own CP wine, which I suppose will become a classic vintage in future years.



[7]

And that evening they celebrated with a fine meal at a high class restaurant in the area.



[8]

But like all dreams they have to come to an end... but a happy end... CP and her wonderful DH will soon be returning to UK after celebrating their [9]4th wedding anniversary in style with us here this weekend.

1. <http://ltps.fr/>
2. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-00xpJYhxzHg/TmyIxzdfRmI/AAAAAAAAAJno/5ShYusr79uc/s1600/IMG_0434.JPG
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8. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-hYb7gaeA44Q/TmyIFBKdIWI/AAAAAAAAAJnY/7IVeEvMnhjY/s1600/DSCF0611.JPG>
9. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/09/fourth-year.html>

Imy (2011-09-11 07:00:18)

AWwwwwwww Its a pitty she didnt get her chateau!

What a lovely load of pics, all of CP hehe

Looks like you had a lovely time!! : -)

icclewu (2011-09-11 07:22:02)

Aah. This is a lovely story. I like the throne. :) xx

Jotje (2011-09-11 08:08:22)

So..... are these pics taken in France or the UK, I wonder? Beautiful pictures, but how couldn't they with such a beauty as object of photography ... ;-)

Steve (2011-09-11 08:10:05)

France... yesterday! At Chateau Breze

<http://www.chateaudebreze.com/>

caribbean princess (2011-09-11 08:20:54)

Haha. I had to keep it secret but DH and I are having a lovely time in France :-)

We spent 4 days beforehand in Paris (my 2nd visit) and it has been great.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-11 10:50:57)

Lovely post - nice to hear you guys are having a great time! Paris is divine - I love it! Must have been fun to get together!

Timeless Expressions (2011-09-11 11:37:40)

ohhhh.... it's my anniversary in October Steve... me thinks that I need a chateau too.. can I come for a visit too? lol.

fab photos.. and CP and DH look like they belong there!

Laurie (2011-09-12 04:37:17)

How wonderful you all got to meet up!!!!

Reader Under The Spot Light - Helen (2011-09-12 00:00)



[1]

I love reading the Reader Under The Spotlight posts, so I was really excited when Steve asked me if I would like to take part myself. My name is Helen (aka Nellie) and I live in Hampshire in the UK.

I am an engineer by day and an extreme book addict by night. Other than reading and [2]blogging about my literary adventures I like walking and have a keen interest in AI Robotics. I am a little bit torn between ultra modern technology and the vintage/traditional.

As far as planning goes I am sure you can all guess the winner of the electronic versus paper struggle in my life!

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

My first Filofax was a Personal Cherry Red Classic. I bought it in a shop on Oxford Street in London about 10 years ago after seeing a colleague with one. I took ages to decide between personal and A5 and even longer deciding on the binder. I still have it, but it's rather elderly now, so stays at home.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?

Before coming to Filofax, I just used any diaries I was given at Christmas. I have looked at the other major brands, Day Timer, Franklin Covey etc, but none of them have ever quite had that mysterious pull which Filofax has.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?

I think I like my Personal Ruby Deco the best. My Husband gave it to me to record my reading. It truly is a thing of beauty, and it seems to add to the joy and discovery I get from reading. Every time I look at it, I am reminded of a long lost book which contains exciting secrets and adventures!

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Erm... Oh dear... I have 5, is that a high or low count?! If it's low, I'll try harder! My collection contains a Personal Amazona in Almond, a Personal Ruby Deco, a Personal Ebony Deco, my much loved Personal Cherry Red Classic and an A5 Chocolate Finsbury.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

My main Filo is the Amazona. I use it for everything, both work and personal diary, planning, lists, contacts, I would be lost without it. I take it back and forth to the office, and out and about. I was worried that the leather wouldn't hold up, but it looks immaculate after a year's hard use.

I bought the A5 Finsbury to use for work, but it really didn't work out. I liked the extra space, but it's too heavy to take on the train, and I really needed everything in one place. I am definitely a one life one Filo girl! I need to find a use for it.

The Ruby Deco is my Book-o-Fax where I record all my reading, book reviews for my blog and literary wishlists. The Ebony Deco is destined to be volume 2 of the Book-o-Fax. I saw it at a bargain price and couldn't resist. I wish I had an ivory Deco, to have the set of three!

The Classic is in retirement for now.

6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?

The obvious answer here is the flexibility to make a Filofax absolutely tailored to your individual needs, but I think there is more to it than that. There is the essence of permanence to Filofax which you don't get with electronic applications. My Filo somehow grounds me, reminding me of what I have done, what I have achieved and what I have to look forward to. Filofax is the antithesis of the transient rush which is everyday life, it feels long lasting and comforting whilst still managing to keep you on track and on top of everything you need to do. Perhaps that feeling comes from being paper based...

7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?

Tricky question! I really like the pocket in the Amazona, it's really useful, but I think I would turn my attention to the inserts. The Diary formats could use a little work so you could combine to-do lists and appointments. I would also develop a set of inserts to support a productivity methodology.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

In my briefcase for work, and handbag out of work. It has a special pocket in my briefcase so I can reach in and find it!

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?

Oh crikey! I wasn't thinking about another purchase, but now I have been on the Filofax website and you have started me thinking! I have been toying with the idea of a pocket, and I like the look of the

Aston in Orchid. The Otersley also looks nice. My Husband recently bought a Flex for work and has really taken to it. Perhaps I should buy one of those, for research purposes only you understand!

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?

I got my Black Deco for £99 which was half price. I was very pleased with that!

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

I love the mix of useful information and ideas. One of the biggest benefits I have got from reading Philofaxy is the change in approach to my use of Filofax. I think far more about time and task management now which has really helped me juggle tasks. The other big change in my Filo use has been influenced by Philofaxy too. This has been to make my Filo my own. I now doodle, write odd things down that have happened, and really relaxed around it. Before reading about how other people use their Filos I was very formal with it, perhaps because it is expensive and so didn't want to ruin it somehow, but now I pour anything I want into it, and it's very liberating.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

Awww, there isn't anything to dislike about Philofaxy, it's fab.

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

I bought the soundtrack to the Lord Of The Rings Movies. It's a set of three CDs and has the most wonderful music, really energising, and beautiful.

Thank you Helen for agreeing to go under the spot light.

1. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-CI7vtc5hQ7w/TmHLdz-vFAI/AAAAAAAAJlw/grpwGUZGkFk/s1600/Helen.JPG>

2. <http://www.fennellbooks.co.uk/>

Vanjilla (2011-09-12 02:46:45)

Thank you so much, as always- a superb post! :)

And while I'm still taking it all in, a short NEWSFLASH: the first package from The Great German Train Robbery (hihi, Steve) AKA German Filofax sale just arrived this morning: BE PREPARED, it is AWESOME, you happy people! :)

Vanja

Babs (2011-09-12 03:33:27)

Lovely interview Helen. Nice to "meet" you. The deco is a gorgeous binder. No wonder you have two!!

Gareth Buxton (2011-09-12 04:15:30)

'I am a little bit torn between ultra modern technology and the vintage/traditional.'

I guess the Ruby Deco is a quite Steampunk ;-)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-12 12:11:25)

Nice to 'meet' you Helen.

@Vanjilla - so what did you get? I was late to the party do no binders left that I would have liked, but I have today ordered some special edition accessory case and purses for Christmas presents. I can't believe the price! I wish I could buy more for pressies, but I don't know anyone else who wants one!

Alison Reeves (2011-09-12 12:12:57)

PS Helen - I have an Ivory Deco which I haven't started to use yet - it almost seems so nice to use! The only thing I don't like is the wapping great big pocket on the back which I think makes it bulky.

Anita (2011-09-12 13:16:56)

Lovely to meet you, Helen :)

Your Decos are gorgeous. I've been very tempted by the ivory, but it's always been too much money for me.

PS

I'm in Hampshire too!

Nellie (2011-09-12 13:38:37)

Hello! I am not alone in the love of Deco then! The pocket is quite large, but it doesn't bother me when using it as a book-o-fax.

Saffy (2011-09-12 13:42:48)

Lovely to read about you Helen. Two Deco's, wow. I would love the Amethyst Deco.

@Alison, I ordered the special edition accessory case and purse too for a friend in Oz and of course a set for me.

@Anita - That makes 3 of us in Hampshire.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-09-12 14:11:01)

Great to read about you.... also a fan of the deco.

Vanjilla (2011-09-12 14:55:22)

@ Alison - I know, I was so sorry when I read the comments of people being too late for the full choice... usually I am the one that always misses such things out ... I was early this time for a change and soooo wanted everybody to get a good bargain, was also willing to help with shipping for those who were outside of the ff shipping range, but just found noone interested! :(

I got the "standard combination of the 2" (I think everyone bought them): A5 Finchley and Personal Topaz (and both are true gems, I never imagined Finchley to be so supple and already lying flat - there's no Filofax store in Slovenia!)and then also a Personal Piazza Sunflower (I once read a blog about it being someone's happiness journal due to its colour and therefore always wanted one). I'm now eagerly awaiting the pockets - Red Topaz will be a present, while Tropic Bamboo and Panama will wait a bit on the shelf if I decide to downsize some day again, which is very unlikely as I tend to cram my Personal (Malden at the moment) more than to its full(and besides I already have the idea of filling the pockets with plastic envelopes and using them for storing my small stuff...) Any other ideas? Would be glad to get some! Alison, which did you want to buy? I loved your Under the Spotlight post, was hyperventilating when reading about your collection! :)

@Helen - I really long for an almond Amazona, but am afraid darker stuff in my bag will rub its colour off and onto her... what is your experience? And -mmmm, what a fine collection you have! :)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-12 14:55:38)

@Saffy - well a set just happened to drop into my basket for me as well!

SNARLing: (2011-09-13 13:38:54)

nice to meet you nellie! the ruby deco is my favourite of the decos. you should TOTALLY get the ivory!!!

Nellie (2011-09-13 14:45:42)

@Vanjilla I was worried about the cream leather marking, but it's fine. It hasn't become grubby or marked and it rattles around in my bag with keys, mobile phone and the normal stuff you keep in a bag.

I say go for it if you want one!

Free for All Tuesday No. 32 (2011-09-13 00:00)



[1]

One of our readers has asked 'Which personal size Filofax Organiser is best for laying flat?' Also do you have any tips on 'Filofax Training' specifically the Kendal Personal. But as it's Tuesday you are of course very welcome to ask your own Filofax related questions.

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

terriknits (2011-09-13 00:09:08)

I hate to sound like a broken record but ... Malden! Mine laid (lay??) flat right out of the box.

Savannah (2011-09-13 01:31:41)

The Finchley,Lizard,Ochre Malden and Siena.

Jotje (2011-09-13 01:36:40)

The Deco and Domino! Kendall lies flat with simple use, doesn't take long!

angela (2011-09-13 02:15:13)

Finchley Finchley Finchley! Plus the leather is sooo soft!

Izzie (2011-09-13 02:17:12)

Totally agree with Angela. Finchley is the best for laying flat!

katka (2011-09-13 03:08:35)

new Aston...I saw it in the shop...lies as nicely as Finchley.

luminosity6 (2011-09-13 03:26:38)

agree with Savannah - the siena, personal size, lies flat right out of the box. some of the older ones I've had did as well; perhaps back in the day they all did?

Iris (2011-09-13 03:43:41)

Leather: Guildford, Malden, Finchley, Chameleon

Non leather: Urban, Domino, Mode, Sketch/Sketch Zip, Heart, Fresco

Amanda (2011-09-13 03:47:48)

Portland (personal), both Baroque (personal), both A5 Finchleys - all flat as a pancake.

On the naughty step however:

A5 domino (both need a bit of persuasion but with enough pages open will lie flat), personal domino (never in a month of Sundays will that one lie flat unassisted), mini baroque, pocket Cavendish.

Amanda (2011-09-13 03:53:31)

Oh, okay - what's wrong with my dominos then? The two A5 will lie flat if there are enough pages open (and I spend a moment forcing the cover back a bit) but the personal can still levitate ever so slightly, even with pages open. Mind you, I haven't tried the bending the covers back in frustration trick with it (as I have with the A5s) as it just holds spare pages, so maybe it's no big deal!

The others I listed will all lie flat even with no pages turned.

laurla (2011-09-13 03:54:46)

Morning all,

Has anyone received their orders from filofax Germany yet? I had €9 refunded to my account - wonder which item I won't be getting.... :(

katka (2011-09-13 04:57:02)

I ordered on Wednesday evening, the parcel left on Friday and according Track and Trace it's being prepared for delivery. So hopefully I'll get it today.

Gerard (2011-09-13 05:12:16)

Can anyone please suggest the best products to use for cleaning/conditioning/polishing a Winchester binder in coloured leather?

I'm wondering whether to try a neutral (non-coloured) wax polish or a Collonil cream, and would appreciate any advice.

Steve (2011-09-13 05:17:34)

Gerard

Go for a neutral cream type leather care product. I now use Autoglym leather care cream.

I did a recent post for Imy on this topic here:

<http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax-college-week-7-caring-for-your.html>

Email me if you have any further questions.

Steve

katka (2011-09-13 05:50:51)

the order from Germany is here :o)

Gerard (2011-09-13 05:53:15)

Thanks Steve - I had actually seen your post before, but thought I must have been imagining things when I couldn't find it again here on Philofaxy!

Anita (2011-09-13 06:01:31)

My Kendal nearly laid flat from new & I 'persuaded' it a couple of times, by leaving heavy objects on each side over night.

Thanks, Steve, for the Autoglym tip. I've recently been given a black one of the these: <http://www5b.biglobe.ne.jp/~m-task/winchester6.htm> Needs some TLC, but in pretty good condition for its age, plus has some original 80's inserts. Any one know much about these?

Nia (2011-09-13 06:07:12)

I had 9 euros refunded to my account as well :(still waiting on the order to arrive so I'm still hoping the Rose Finchley wasn't out of stock!

angela (2011-09-13 06:16:10)

Hmm re: Filofax Germany order

I ordered on Wednesday too but haven't received any dispatch email... but I have had no money refunded. I paid via Paypal though so I don't know if that makes a difference?

Katka - what did you get? :)

CatB (2011-09-13 06:19:30)

Angela I bought on Saturday and have had no conformation email or anything and I too paid with paypal, it's not even registered on that either. I had asked about it on the comments for that post and it looks like there may be a few of us the same. Cat

craftsmad (2011-09-13 06:24:28)

I thought today might be all about the German orders!

Katka - how did you get your track and trace number? Also, did you you pay 4.50 or 15 euros for shipping? I wonder if that makes a difference to how they post it?

I made two orders of 4.50; on Friday no despatch email, no refund so far. The german site doesn't seem to show if its despatched, but my german ain't great.

angela (2011-09-13 06:27:59)

CatB - the money's left my Paypal account though and I had a confirmation of order email but nothing since... I even emailed them about it (I'm so desperate haha) yesterday morning and have had no reply :(Maybe Filofax UK will compensate us in some way? ;)

CatB (2011-09-13 06:30:02)

ok now I'm worried.... no email and nothing on my paypal account... Why on earth wouldn't it go through? I'm going to be so gutted if it hasn't gone through :(

Babs (2011-09-13 06:45:33)

My orders are showing on my Paypal account, I received confirmation emails and they are showing on my Filofax.de account if I log in. But haven't had any dispatch emails yet :-\

@Katka - Are you in the UK?

katka (2011-09-13 06:52:44)

I ordered Finchle rose A5 on Wednesday evening. I received confirmation on Thursday and shipping confirmation on Friday, together with tracking. I paid throu Paypal and paid only 3.5 for postage. They sent it via DHL, but not like express DHL but normal service...that means it arrived today with post.

katka (2011-09-13 06:53:39)

I'm in Prague.

katka (2011-09-13 06:59:57)

I'm sorry..the postage was of course 4,5 Euro.

Gerard (2011-09-13 07:18:16)

Anita - wow, that's a dream Filo!

I have a crocodile effect Dundee (geddit?) with a similar highly polished finish. I think the embossed f on the ring mechanism (shown on the page you linked to) indicates a manufacture date in the 1990s rather than 80s.

Beyond that I can't shed any light on age, provenance etc., but couldn't let your revelation go by without comment.

Babs (2011-09-13 07:33:33)

Just received an email saying I've got an €18 refund on my order of my personal topaz, A5 finchley and A4 logic. I suspect it's the first two which have been refunded.

Gutted!

CatB (2011-09-13 07:42:00)

Well I have now sorted out my problem. It appears I never actually confirmed the order :(So I have now ordered some bits but missed out on the pocket Panama which I had wanted in both colours, one for my Mum & one for me. If anyone ordered them and doesn't want them please let me know. If anyone does have any queries do email them, I got a response very quickly and they were very helpful. Cat

katka (2011-09-13 07:48:07)

I think that German Filofax didn't expect so many order from abroad :o) So they might have problem with processing.

Saffy (2011-09-13 09:59:10)

@Anita - Wow, lucky you, it looks lovely.

It looks very similar to Cat's (from reader under the spotlight) black Balmoral here <http://www.cathryncook.co.uk/blog/category/filofax/>

wish they would bring something like these out again, they are just gorgeous, of course I would like it in a mid-dark green.

Laurie (2011-09-13 10:42:25)

Sorry to change the topic but has anyone seen the Aston in Orchid in person? Is the online color pretty close? And, they are not yet on the Filofax US website, and Pens and Leather says available July 2011 but I wonder if their stock is in yet, does anyone know for sure? This is my latest object of Filofax lust in case you haven't guessed! But I wonder if the color is true to the online representation or if it is more pinky/mauve?

Steve (2011-09-13 10:44:54)

Laurie

I could take a photo of one next to the catalogue picture may be?

Steve

Deeji (2011-09-13 11:20:02)

OMG I hope they're sending mine! I ordered an A5 Finchley Rose, a Bamboo Personal Tropic and a pocket Indie. I have no way of checking if I've been refunded for any because I paid by credit card and am having problems doing online banking with it. Won't know until I receive my bill. I emailed filofax.de using the kundenservice@filofax.de link, should I use a different one as it's been a few days and I have no reply...

I'll be devastated if they don't arrive as I've taken some I got in whsmiths sale back because these were better and cheaper. They're presents :(

To anyone who has been refunded, how did you find out? Did they email you? Thanks xx

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-13 12:06:06)

Oh no!!!! My whole order is getting refunded! Sooooo gutted!!!! :(

Sally (2011-09-13 13:03:34)

I too have had 9 euros refunded and don't know why. I have a feeling it may be the A5 Finchley though :(No other email though. My excitement is changing to worry.

SNARLing: (2011-09-13 13:29:16)

when is the meetup in london again? it's coming up soon, i believe. anyway, steve, could you take pics of the regency? please? and the mini malden? pretty please? with sugar and a cherry, and a cup of coffee and an ounce of bourbon? those are my new filo lusts. i have a mini fin on the way (orange) gonna do the wallet thing - i knew eventually i would do it although it took me a lot longer than i thought. it's probably because i'm pretty satisfied with the compact as a main planner, i had to think up something else to covet... which is totally the mini malden - it just seems like the most ideal leather/layout combination for a wallet

fluffyferret (2011-09-13 13:30:18)

I've had the payment for my A5 Finchley refunded today - I ordered on 8th September. I had an email from Paypal about it. Nothing yet to the email I used for the order though.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-13 15:21:52)

It sounds like they took more orders than they could fulfil. I'm guessing their website is not linked to their stock at all. How disappointing for everyone. The items I ordered are still on the website so I am hopeful - although if it falls through there isn't much I can do about it.

katka (2011-09-13 15:27:58)

Laurie, I saw it and I would say it's slightly darker than on the web picture.

Mrs. Grievous (2011-09-13 15:52:34)

Laurie: I preordered an Aston (in mushroom) from FilofaxUS in August, and the customer service rep said they would be out the last week of August. I haven't had a charge on my account or any other notice of their arrival on the site. :/

Nickie (2011-09-13 17:13:55)

In my experience, the bigger and heavier Filofaxes lie flat, for longer. My A5 Metropole will lay open all day long but each of my Personals (graphic, yellow hearts and chameleon) will not lay flat without a helping hand.

Laurie, I ordered 2 from the German website and also had a 9Euro refund today. I have a feeling that my A5 Finchley in Rose will not be turning up :(

Deeji (2011-09-13 17:39:49)

Ok, I've emailed them again with a begging letter. Subject: Please don't refund my items :(

I haven't heard ANYTHING back and I sent this email at around 12:00. No confirmation but no refund letter. Just looked on the whsmith website and the personal finchley I got for £20 (WHICH I TOOK BACK TODAY!!!!) is now out of stock. FFS!!! If they refund these items they are 100 % giving me something for free. Is anyone with me? Lol.

I'm tempted to tell them they were a donation for a fundraiser lol. I will be so gutted.

SURELY they should be more organised than that! I ordered a Graphic A5 in Steel from Filofax UK recently. It was in my basket and went OOS before I could pay for it. I rang them the day after and they said it was out of stock on their website but they still had 2 if I wanted one. THAT is organised. GERMANS TAKE HEED!!!!

SSA (2011-09-13 18:19:24)

I see lots of disgruntled customers today! Funny...the old "if it seems too good to be true, it probably is" fits well in this scenario! I think they have been overwhelmed! If anyone requires any translation for the German Filofax customer services/phone calls etc I would be happy to help. Ellie

CatB (2011-09-13 18:19:24)

I don't know if anyone else has noticed but on Filofax UK the crimson Malden is on their half price section in personal & pocket... In case anyone has been wanting one at a good price.

olgamenright (2011-09-13 19:45:15)

I ordered the A5 Rose Finchley and a personal Panama on Thursday. Received the e-mail confirmation that day and a dispatch e-mail on Friday with the track and trace. Then on Saturday I ordered a pocket Finchley and a Topaz accessory case and the e-mail confirmation, but never got a dispatch notice from that. I have just checked my card statement online and both charges have gone though, no refund.

I hope everything is ok...

The second order are Xmas presents, but as soon as I get the Panama and A5 Finchley I'll choose between the two. If neither one fits the bill, I'll go straight for the Personal Malden Crimson and sell the other two!!!

Laurie (2011-09-14 01:52:22)

Thanks everyone for the Aston info! Steve a comparison photo would be great if you can manage it, thanks!!

Sally (2011-09-14 03:34:06)

My parcel from Germany has just arrived! No A5 Finchley though :(So I ordered on the first day of the sale, got a 9€ refund yesterday, no confirmation email, no dispatch email. Two orders were packed together in one box and delivered by Parcelforce (UK).

Babs (2011-09-14 03:45:20)

That's good to know, Sally. Thanks for the update. I hope you're pleased with your parcel.

It's a shame that it looks like the A5 Finchley and the Personal Topaz were over subscribed. But hopefully the other binders will arrive and let's face it, at €9 each it's still a great deal!!

Hopefully mine will arrive today then. I'm looking forward to seeing what the A4 is like!!

CatB (2011-09-14 05:13:28)

olgamenright if you choose to sell your Panama I would be very interested :)

craftsmad (2011-09-14 05:25:37)

And if CatB can help with your Panama, I'd be available to help out with the A5 Finchley ;) I'm sure you wouldn't be short of 'assistance' if you did decide to sell on one or other of them!

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olgamenright (2011-09-14 06:39:23)

CatB- I'll keep you in mind if I decide to sell the Panama.

Craftsmad- Thanks for the interest in the A5 Finchley, but I did already 'promise' that one to Estelle a couple of days ago if I decide to let it go.

That is all provided I ever get the german package! I'm getting more desperate as more of you receive yours.

Sirpa-Kaarina (2011-09-14 08:48:47)

Nothing from Germany :(but no refunds either :)

olgamenright (2011-09-14 09:12:35)

Just got the dispatch e-mail for my second order from Filofax Germany, that I put in on saturday, so I guess my orders are fine and hopefully on the way.

Sweetspot (2011-09-14 09:55:45)

My German order update:

I ordered on 9/10, late, b/c I was waiting for my friend in Germany to give me her shipping address. So I missed a lot of the good stuff like the Finchley a5 and a personal piazza in violet which Ive been coveting for a while. I only got it in pocket size, and a personal crimson piazza. So I have two piazzas now, gosh I hope I like them!

Seeing many people's orders got canceled here got me worried a bit, but I just got a shipping notice email from filofax Germany with dhl tracking info. And this is not me gloating, hehe.

laurila (2011-09-14 12:12:13)

Changing the subject a little - I really want to buy myself a compact chameleon so I want to fund it with a filofax I no longer need. If anyone is interested in buying my personal amazona (in almond) then make me an offer :) my email is laurah1989@hotmail.co.uk I can send pictures if you need the but it is in very good condition.

Thanks!

Deeji (2011-09-14 16:04:22)

Perhaps you should all email filofax.de because my A5 Finchley turned up today... No delivery/dispatch email, it just turned up on my doorstep.

Shows what an "I'm dissapointed with your service" email can do :D x

olgamenright (2011-09-15 07:49:37)

Just got my parcel from Germany: no A5 Rose Finchley, only the Panama and an apology letter. They refunded my credit card already.

CatB- If you are still interested in the Panama, give me your email and location so I can give you a quotation of the PP.

Babs (2011-09-15 08:35:33)

My parcel from Filofax Germany just arrived too. Am very pleased with it - though no A5 Finchley and no Personal Topaz :(

But am loving the Fir Green Panama!

CatB (2011-09-15 08:48:25)

My email is: catslimming@gmail.com and my location is the UK. Thanks!

Saffy (2011-09-15 09:54:10)

Received my parcel this morning, all but the personal Piazza arrived. Everything else is lovely.

Crimson Malden - Last Chance (2011-09-13 18:51)



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Thank you to one of our readers 'CatB' for spotting that the Crimson Malden in Pocket and Personal size has been added to the 'Last Chance to Buy' page at 50 % off.

Please use the following link to get [2]50 % off the original price. Orders over £30 in UK are of course delivered free of charge.

Remember by buying through the link above you will of course be adding to the Cancer Charity Donation. If you want a Crimson Malden... now is the time to order... don't wait...

Also noticed Pocket and A5 Kendal on the page as well.

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2. <http://tidd.ly/5367c707>

Tali (2011-09-14 00:32:25)

I heart you philofaxy!

I was trying to decide how I could warrant buying myself ANOTHER beautiful filo aswell as getting hubby one at the meet....

And as usual you have saved the day!

HELLOOOOOOO CRIMSON MALDEN! :oD

Millie (2011-09-14 02:49:08)

Darn you! I really want a personal crimson Malden, even though I don't even use a personal size any more!

CatB (2011-09-14 05:22:30)

I'm so pleased I could help guys! I can't decide between personal and pocket... I have personal malden in pink so I don't really need one, but I love the malden so much!

Lady_Tamlynn (2011-09-14 05:27:32)

Excellent!! Thanks for the heads up. My Crimson Malden in Personal size is now on it's way to me :-). I've been wanting one of these for ages.

Steve (2011-09-14 06:45:04)

I notice there are Kendal's on that page too.

Amanda (2011-09-14 10:37:42)
Woo! Look at the donations total flying up!!!
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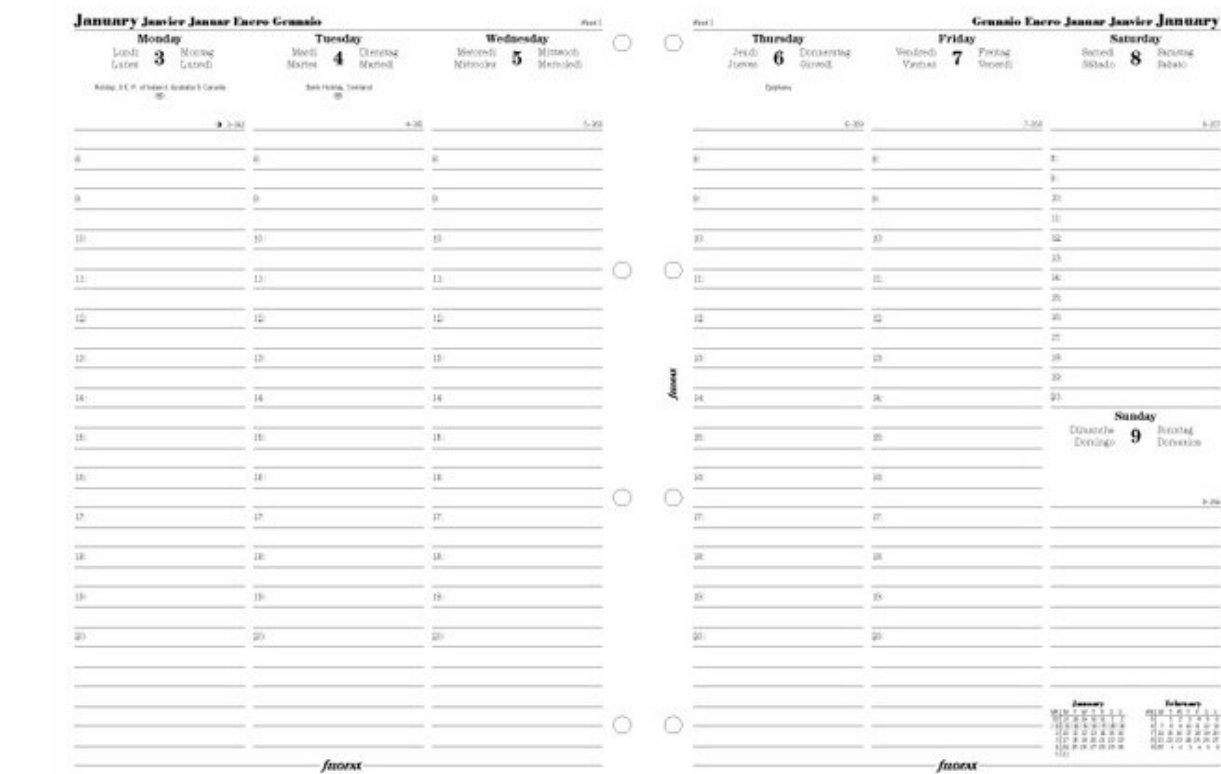
Lady_Tamlynn (2011-09-15 06:19:37)
My Crimson Malden has arrived!!! It's waiting at home for me. Thank goodness I ordered one yesterday because the Personal size seems to be out of stock already. Pocket size is still available though for anyone who still wants one.

fluffyferret (2011-09-16 07:59:49)
Thank you very much for the info on the half price Crimson Malden! Mine arrived this morning :o)

Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 3 - Filofax A4/A5 (2011-09-14 00:00)

So in [1]Parts 1 and [2]Part 2 I listed a variety of other brands of diary refills, which will fit your Filofax organiser. In this part I am now going to cover Filofax themselves, so the size and hole punching isn't an issue, we know they will fit!
I am going to go through each size in turn and point out some of the differences between the different styles and also highlight some of the inserts not available on the UK site.

A4 size: The A4 is the biggest page size in the current range measuring in at 297mm by 210mm and given all that page space there are surprisingly few Filofax diary inserts. There is a [3]week on two pages, which still makes Saturday and Sunday share a column.

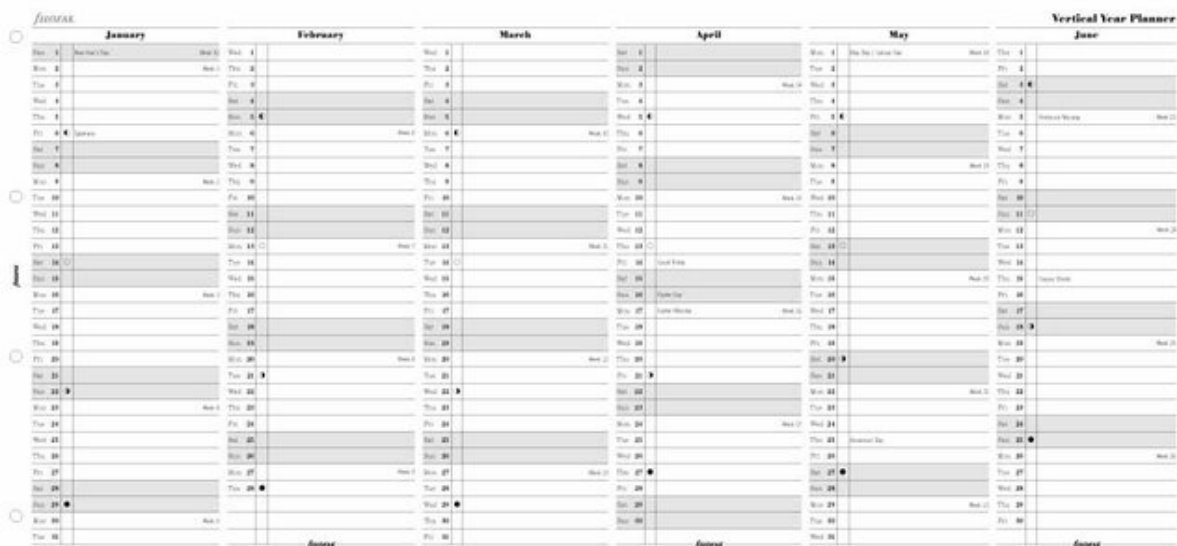


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Then there is a [5]Day per Page Business style which is the same layout as the one I have been using in A5 format:



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And finally a [7]vertical year planner:

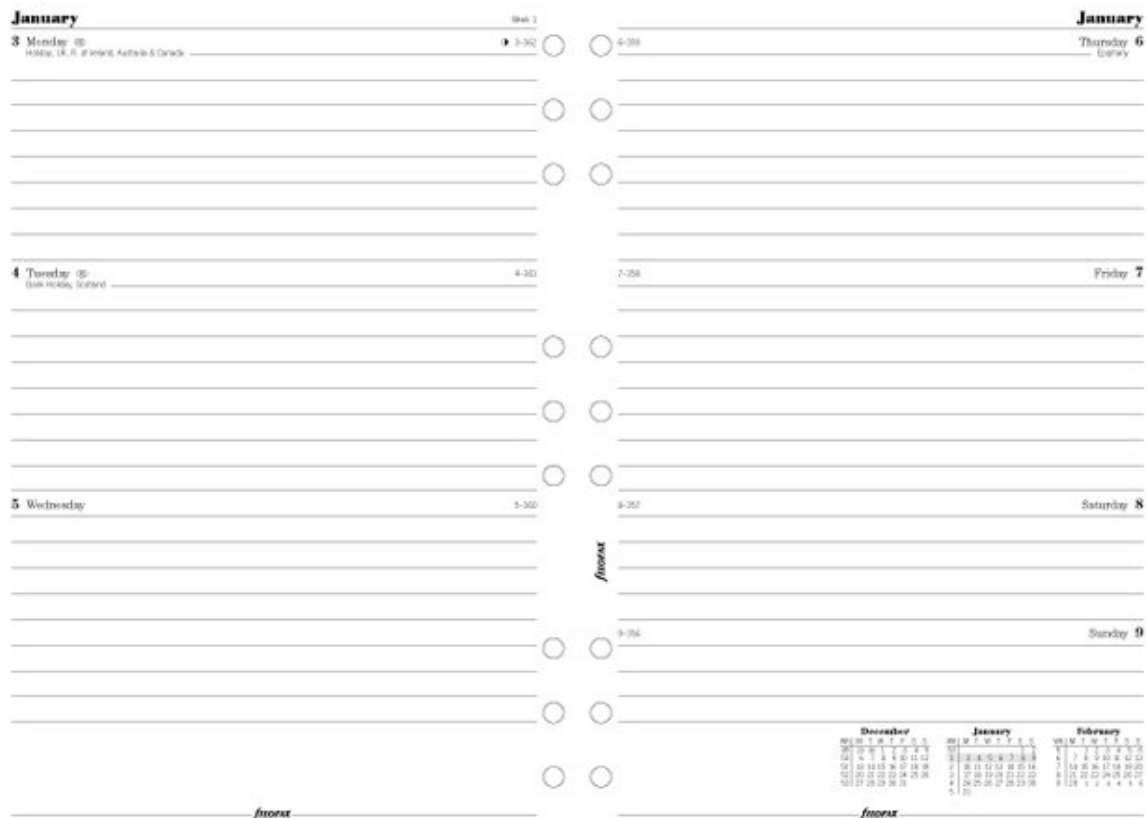


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The A4 organiser isn't available in the USA and unsurprisingly they don't stock diary refills either. If you find the choice in this size a little limiting then look out for some of the Print Your Own solutions coming up in later part of this series. A4 is obviously a very easy size to print your own diary and other inserts, so if you want the ultimate customised solution then that might be your best course of action.

Deskfax size: The Deskfax size is 250 x 176 mm and although Filofax discontinued the organisers some years ago, they still sell diary inserts for this size of organiser. The rings in the Deskfax are three sets of three rings spaced in such a way that a Filofax Personal page will fit either the top and middle set of rings or the middle and bottom set of rings.

For the [9]Deskfax size Filofax currently offer Week on Two pages, Week on Two pages with appointments. Day per Page in 5 language format. There is also a vertical format Year Planner.



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Are there many Deskfax users out there still?

A5 size: The A5 size brings us more in to the main stream of sizes that most people tend to use and even carry around. The page size is 210 x 148 mm and the binder has two sets of three rings. Most of us will be familiar with the week on two pages format in the A5 size, it roughly splits in to a column layout with appointment slots for each week day with Saturday and Sunday sharing the final column, this layout comes in English only or a five language version. There is also a standard non-appointment based lay out which gives equal space to each day in English only.

combined on to a single page in both of these layouts.

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Principles U.K. & Ireland, Australia & Canada

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Appointment Schedule

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Phone/Correspondence

Tasks to Delegate

Personal Reminders

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Week | 4-365

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Bank Holiday, Scotland

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Personal Reminders

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There are also Month on two pages and year planners in both horizontal and vertical formats.

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Most of the above formats are [15]available at all of the on-line stores

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There is also a Day View Time Management (2 pages per day) layout also in A5 size. Warning 12 months in this format is a lot of paper and you will not get a full 12 months in any of the A5 organisers!

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Both of these layouts come as part of a [18]Time Management Annual Update set which also consists of additional pages for Project plans, Year plan, and Monthly plans.

Although there are some slightly different versions of the standard layouts available in some of the other on-line stores they are only local language variations in this size. It should also be noted that all A5 refills are currently only available in white paper.

The A5 Family Organiser pack is still available on the [19]USA Filofax site. This is more than just a diary refill, but worth mentioning here I guess. These are also available as a complete A5 family organiser package of the organiser and the pack.

In the next part of this series I will be exploring the various Personal size refills, the personal size has quite a variety of options to choose from. Until next time....

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Scoot (2011-09-14 08:08:11)

"It should also be noted that all A5 refills are currently only available in white paper."

But if you have a photocopier.... there is a vast range of paper types and colours that await your creativity and pleasure!

And don't forget all the various other makes of cheap bound diaries available, they just need to be guillotined.

John (2011-09-14 15:56:18)

Does a hole punch exist for A4? Asking from the US, where I don't think I've ever seen it sold.

Steve (2011-09-14 16:08:14)

John, Filofax themselves don't sell one because it's a standard hole spacing here in Europe for all A4 four hole ring binders.

Loads of them for sale here in Europe or on say Amazon.co.uk

<http://tinyurl.com/69efn8w>

Take your pick!

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-09-15 04:11:59)

hi everybody. this is definately the place of filofax masters. Thank you steve!!

ähm. i hope you don't mind, but i'm a new blogger and don't know all the rules yet, but i got a serious question about finding the perfect diary insert for ME! could some of you just have a look and give me hints or usefull suggestions???

<http://elfenfisch.blogspot.com/2011/09/die-qual-der-wahl.html>

thank you for your help!!!!

Laurie (2011-09-15 04:17:35)

Welcome ninijj! I recently did a guest post on Imy's blog about how to choose a Filofax diary insert that works for you, it might help you:

<http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-college-week-5-choosin-g-diary.html>

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-09-15 08:33:54)

Thank you for your help laurie!!

I found the filofax college a few days before and immediately loved it, but never had the time to read it completely. yet. ^^

I think in my case it's less the question for the right layout, than for "how to DO my to-dos and not hold them for TOMORROW.... :/

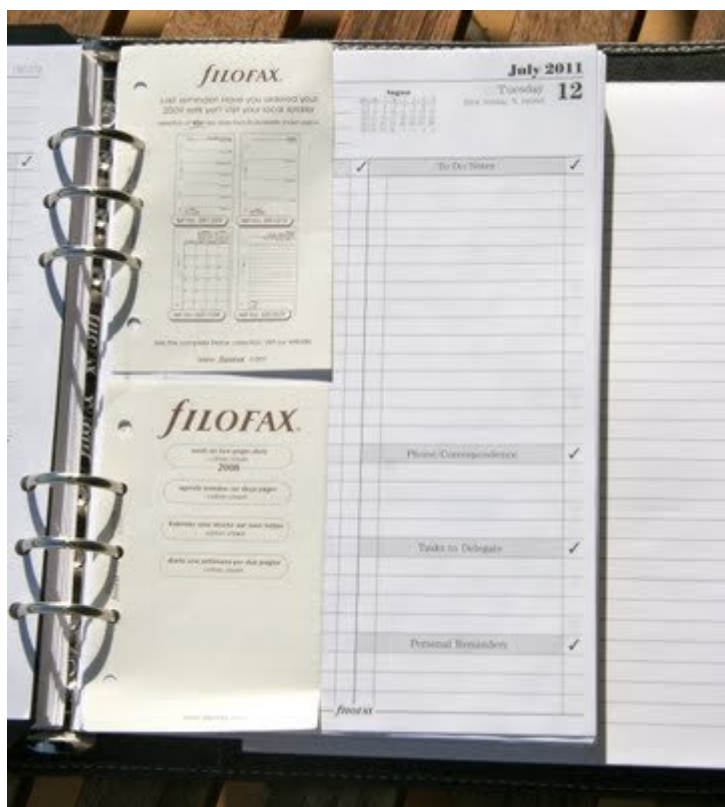
A5 and Mini (2011-09-15 00:00)

As Monty Python once said.. '[1]And now for something completely different' If you have never heard of Monty Python then that joke would have gone whoosh over your head!

Anyway back to the script... so what do you get if you take an A5 Filofax organiser, and two different Filofax Mini Diary inserts? An A5/Mini hybrid of course.

Now I'm not sure if Filofax did this deliberately or not, but you can get two inserts to fit inside an A5 Filofax without them overlapping. Now this might be a useful 'feature' for storing Mini pages may be, especially as they don't make storage binders for the Mini, but they also fit Pocket anyway so I suspect most people go down that route.

So here's one I prepared earlier.....



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Here you can see I've mocked up my idea, think of the top page as if it's a page per day Mini diary and the lower one is a week on two pages insert or any other type of insert. As you can see you will be able to turn the pages of both inserts independently of each other. You could have Mini Today markers for each one. So it gives you quite a bit of flexibility in the one binder.

Now of course the downside to this slightly 'wacky' idea is the reduced page size, but you could easily cut A5 pages in half with your own designs on them (landscape A6)

I doubt in all seriousness that anyone will try this idea for real, it was just an interesting concept idea I stumbled upon and just had to share it with you all.

I think I've mentioned the ability of Mini size pages to fit an A5 Filofax before, but the focus then was as a storage binder. I guess looking at all the different diary insert options this last week or so sparked off this idea again!

1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/And_Now_for_Something_Completely_Different

2. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-synjvEDmZOI/TnDtn5dtqAI/AAAAAAAAJnw/rRDzCZEErUA/s1600/IMG_0301.jpg

icclewu (2011-09-15 02:20:32)

That is an interesting idea. It could prove useful for uni for jotting down a quick note instead of having to use a sheet of A5. When and if I get one I will definitely keep a stock of mini paper inside. Thanx :)

Saffy (2011-09-15 03:37:16)

It could also be a handy 'To Do' list.

Gareth Buxton (2011-09-15 04:14:24)

On a similar note. If you make a small diagonal cut to the top or bottom corner of a Personal page it will fit in an A5 filofax.

Nikki Sayadi (2011-09-15 04:43:54)

That is a brilliant idea. I'm getting back into my filo again (after a brief stint of falling in love with my android!)

and am looking for ways to make it feel more organised :)
Brilliant!

craftsmad (2011-09-15 05:49:23)

Following on from Gareth's comment, you can do the same with a mini page to fit it into a personal. (tested this week with a mini year planner and a slimline adelphi).

Haven't decided on my main diary format for this year yet - or planner size - but as I always have a year planner I've decided to try mini for the year as it fits in all the planners.

UK Offers Update (2011-09-15 10:36)

We are awash with offers at the moment, particularly in UK. But it is approaching the end of the Filofax product cycle with new products/colours traditionally being announced in October/November for purchase in the new year. This is just based on our experience of recent years not inside information.. So it is time to pick up some organisers as quite low prices before they disappear from our shelves for good.

So today Filofax UK sent out an email to bring our attention to:

- [1]50 % offers which include the Malden Personal and Pocket in Crimson, and the Kendal A5 and Pocket and a host of other organisers at [2]50 % off
- [3]35 % off the Finchley range in Imperial Purple
- [4]25 % off another selection of organisers and accessories including the A5 Finsbury and A5 Cuban

Additionally until the 23 September there is 25 % off [5]Paper and Essentials (excluding diaries) by using the PROMO Code **BTS123** at the check out.

Also... we have offers at [6]WH Smiths up to 60 % off Filofax products. Use their filters to find the items you want.

And we also have some items on offer at [7]Rymans On-line

All of the above links will also add to our Philofaxy Cancer Charity Donation total which as you can see in the side bar is growing nicely.

It's not just Filofax purchases either, anything you order on Filofax, Ryman, WH Smiths and UK Office Direct will add to our charity donations

Thank you for your continued support.

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Sharon (2011-09-15 10:42:32)
One word.....ENABLER!
Thanks for the heads up!

Anita (2011-09-15 12:19:09)
Yes, I agree with Sharon :)
Am trying to resist!

janet (2011-09-16 07:14:00)
The A5 Kendal is, sadly, both out of stock and not on the sale *sob*

Free for All Friday No. 148 (2011-09-16 00:01)

For many, September is a time for returning from summer vacations and travel, and settling into new routines. I find myself faced with shopping for warmer clothes, travel gear for an upcoming trip to Ireland, and a Bat Mitzvah gift, as well as a few upcoming birthdays.

It also means I get to use my Filofax for one of my favorite purposes—shopping! Not that shopping is my favorite activity. It can be so stressful! Where should I go? Am I getting a good price? Have I already given my niece one of these?

My Filofax diary helps me remember birthdays, but I also use it for lots of lists. Shopping lists. Christmas lists. Lists of places to shop (starting with places that carry Filofaxes!) Gift ideas. I also keep a list of the colors/patterns of the bow ties I've given my dad, so I don't repeat myself.

Does your Filofax help you shop till you drop?

My Little Rabbit (2011-09-16 00:13:56)

omg yes my filofax is my shopping buddy! i make so many different lists from things i have to have to things i want really badly but have to wait for and it changes all the time. I find it helps though to make lists, if something has been on my wish list for a long time im more inclined to get it then get something that hasnt been on the list for very long. I make a list of things I want every few months and at the end of say 12 weeks i edit that list and cross things off or add something new and then evaluate which is more important. helps curb my shopping sprees that's for sure!

John (2011-09-16 00:35:18)

On a whim, switched books tonight (near midnight in NYC) from my Guildford personal to an older Durham zip. Transferred journal and projects, transcribed forward appointments - turned into quite the ceremony.

Anybody else do this - unexpectedly or on a schedule?

NB I was sorry to see how beaten up the Guildford had become from three months getting thrown into a bike bag (on a similar whim, I became a bike commuter a while ago). What looked nicely weathered when the G was filled now looks exhausted, like letting the air out of a balloon.

Also, the Durham, I'd forgotten, has bigger rings - 30mm compared to 23mm. Very useful, that extra space - I can fit a week on two page calendar where I was previously using a week per page. Looking forward to what ideas this "new" book brings me. . . .

Laurie (2011-09-16 01:47:35)

My personal Aqua Finsbury goes with me everywhere (as my Medical Info Filo) and I quickly realized it's the best place to keep my shopping lists so I can get what I need when I'm out and about. I keep an ongoing grocery list, a list of Random Things I need, and reminders to pick up certain items whenever I swing by the mall. I've also started a list of things to buy when we visit Scotland in December.

Nan where will you go in Ireland? As many times as I've been to Scotland I've never made it over to the Emerald Isle. :)

justenoughsalt (2011-09-16 02:04:37)

i have a list of things i should do to prepare for the NYC meetup....

@john you should come to the NYC meetup. i have never seen a guilford or a durham

Laurie (2011-09-16 04:35:01)

Sorry if this has been discussed before, but I think I remember someone saying the leather on the new Aston is a lot like the Finchley leather, is that right? I'm considering getting myself a personal Aston in Orchid for my birthday but it's pricey for me so I'm thinking about it a lot before I take the plunge. Thanks for any info from anyone who has experienced the Aston!!

Vanjilla (2011-09-16 04:50:55)

Hm, my various lists are a mess, I guess I still haven't figured out the best categories for them and then in time the items on them get all mixed up...

I also have one more question for you, pH &FF veterans! ;)

When you buy pens for your filofax, how particular are you about it matching your binder? I only cared about pen's quality so far, but had this funny situation with my vintage pink Malden recently; I've been struggling with it for 2 months and it just didn't seem right, and I also couldn't tell why there's no chemistry between us; just as I decided to retire it for a while, I half-heartedly switched a pen and voila, in a minute the loving sparks flew between Malden and me! :)

I love Pilot friction, but in combination with my filo, both became unbearable to look at...

ninji Elfenfisch (2011-09-16 05:54:48)

i use the filofax to-do-lists as my shopping-wish-lists. my categories are "music" "films" and stuff for my apparte-

ment. they are no "have to buy all that tomorrow" lists. but everytime one of my old favourite-movies or songs comes in my mind, i write it down to buy it eventually.

i also got a monthly shopping list with all my cosmetics, soaps, make up and so on. when i buy them monthly, i save a lot of money.

could be helpfull to use a current shopping list for my food, to buy just the things i really need.hm

Alison Reeves (2011-09-16 06:37:21)

@Laurie - yes the leather on the Aston looks to be the same as the finchley. In fact when I saw it I was relieved - I have an Antique Rose A5 finchley that I use as a home binder and it is very tactile - when I went to the Filofax shop the Aston just looked like a much more modern design of the Finchley - at least to me! I'd definately look at this binder again.

@Vanjilla - I tend to match my pens to my ink colour (for example I have a Lamy Safari in the ltd edition turquoise colour which I usually have loaded with turquoise ink. I do like them to blend with my binders if possible - my Mont Blanc ball point looks amazing in my A5 Black Amazona.

Bye the way I wouldn't mind getting hold of a personal size Black Amazona at the right price - if anyone has one they no longer use I would be interested in talking to you! You can always email me on my personal email which is ali at alisonreeves dot co dot uk

Tere (2011-09-16 07:27:19)

I find the personal pages too big for everyday shopping lists, because I need to look at them in the store, so I use a cheap tiny notebook. But I use it for all my other shopping and wishlists.

laurla (2011-09-16 09:29:08)

Alison I have a personal amazona in cream if you have no luck getting a black...

thezeitgeistofzoe (2011-09-16 09:52:10)

@justenoughsalt: I have a Guildford I can bring to the meet up in NYC for you to check out.

As for lists, I have a whole section in my Filo for 'em. Generally I keep an ongoing grocery list, a list of needed sundries, a list of presents I need to get for upcoming b-days, holidays, showers and the like and I also keep a one-page wish list of things I'd like to save up for.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-16 11:00:02)

@Laurla - thanks - Let me know what you want for it and I'll give it some thought - haven't decided yet!

Saffy (2011-09-16 11:32:07)

@Alison - I saw some Amazona's in Homesense (TK Maxx's sister store). They didn't have the cotton cream inserts though. Might be worth a look.

Lynne (2011-09-16 11:32:32)

Vanjilla, I also love Pilot Frixiions and match the colour to my filofaxes. My A5 Aqua Finsbury - work filo - has the light blue (the ink is an exact match) and the pink. My personal Crimson Malden has the red - works for me!

Lynne (2011-09-16 11:34:23)

Just had my Great German Train Robbery order through. Heaven.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-16 12:42:16)

@ Saffy - thanks! Sadly there isn't one near me. if anyone sees one I'd be happy to reimburse postage!

Andrea Mocko (2011-09-16 12:57:16)

Long time lurker here. I just love this site, and I'm happy to say it's cured my planner addiction. (Well now I just spend my time looking for new inserts and the actual binders...but at least I use my Filofax.)

I just have a Personal Domino at the moment but hopefully I find one that's a little nicer than I like sooner or

later. The personal is a bit difficult to write in, but I like that it's portable so I can't justify getting an A5 even if I do need the space with doing research, taking college classes, and working almost full time. Anyway, today I forgot my planner at home, and I feel completely lost. I probably would have turned around and went home to get it but I carpooled so it wasn't an option. I have to say it's a little weird to feel almost naked without it. My Filo is the only planner to ever make me feel that way.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-16 12:58:43)

Hi Alison, there is one on ebay at the moment, on Buy It Now that was put up there quite recently!

Nellie (2011-09-18 09:54:44)

A bit late to this FFAF, but I'll see if anyone is still reading these comments!

I am sure I read somewhere that someone has a slimline A5. Did I imagine that? Do they still make them? Thanks!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-18 19:01:11)

@Nellie: I think that's the Adelphi A5! Imy's just got one, see her blog!

Web Finds 17 September 2011 (2011-09-17 00:00)

So how has your week been? May be time to sit down with a cup of coffee or tea and enjoy a read of some web finds:

- [1]The German Filofax Website - Rapunzel's World
- [2]A Royal One Year Blog-Anniversary Giveaway! - Caribbean Princess
- [3]Ten Years Later (Snarling) - Life Well Planned - All Stars
- [4]What's in my bag (Kate) - Imysworld - All Stars
- [5]Meet the Filofax Family (Part 2) - For the Love of Stationery
- [6]Guest Post by the Fantabulous Imy - Life of the Perpetual Student - All Stars
- [7]My Filofax dilemma and how I solved it - Rapunzel's World
- [8]Organisation Station - The Style Starling
- [9]Meet the Filofax Family (Part 3) - For the Love of Stationery
- [10]Filofax Affair (Sorry Malden) - Imysworld
- [11]An Inside Look - The White Rabbit
- [12]Imy's Filofax Flex - Plannerisms - All Stars
- [13]How I use my Filo - Reading in the Bluebonnets
- ~~[14]A5 Finsbury For Sale - Imysworld~~ **SOLD**
- [15]Italian or "Italian"? - For the Love of Stationery
- [16]Friends, Tweeters, Countrymen - Alison Morton
- [17]Filofax Madness - Print Addiction
- [18]Filofax - Miss Cathie

- [19]Re-Kendal My Love - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
- [20]Vintage Winchester Filofax - Anita Lim
- [21]Settling into the Cuban A5 - Filofax Fixation
- [22]What's in the (Filofax) box - Cupcakes and Cadenzas
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

Enjoy

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2. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/09/royal-one-year-blog-anniversary.html>
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9. <http://stationeryfiend.blogspot.com/2011/09/meet-filofax-family-part-3.html>
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icclewu (2011-09-17 02:04:20)

Thank you so much for putting my posts on. I will be in stat heaven once I have read the other delights. :)

Sally (2011-09-17 03:55:34)

Blimen heck Steve, I'm going to be stuck at the computer all day now!!! LOADS to read, thank you!!!

Denise (2011-09-17 05:55:22)

Thanks for the link Steve.

Some great posts there. Took your advice, got myself a cuppa and now currently reading through them. Great stuff!

Amanda (2011-09-17 06:10:36)

Better go make myself a POT of tea!

Choice between reading all these lovelies and housework...

Not really a choice!

:-)

Gerard (2011-09-17 15:33:05)

Steve, thanks for these great links - I believe the tea industry owes you some sort of award :-)

What do you make of Anita's crocodile print Winchester with the CCF code?

Philofaxy 2nd New York Meet Up - Live Update (2011-09-17 13:11)

Well today is the second US Philofaxy Meet Up of the year, you will remember the [1]first one earlier in the year.

At this event is: Susan, Nan, Zoe, Colie, Raquel & Mimi

In this post I'm going to do some live updates as the pictures and info comes in, we will be dependent on the internet of course for the live updates so please be patient. We have been promised a full report with photos of the day once today's event is finished.

All times are New York time.

12:50 And here is the first picture from inside the shop of Sam Flax



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Well they will soon make a mess of that nice display won't they?!!

14:15 And then Zoe discovered the Enigma...



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and the Chameleons



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and more...



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Seems they like the [8]Regency a lot... but not the price.



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14:38: They are now at the restaurant for more discussions/sharing/laughter... oh and some food and drink I guess

15:53: The Filos are out...



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16:20 - "The pile" - UK beat that!



[12]

The Group, (minus a couple of them)



[13]

Thanks to Zoe for all the pictures and updates.

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Rori (2011-09-17 17:32:33)

Who's big fat green one?? Y'all are SO lucky!! *sobs* Looks like SO much fun!

caribbean princess (2011-09-17 17:36:32)

looks like you all had a great time! Lovely photos.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-17 18:02:59)

Yes, looks great fun. That green Filofax really stands out doesn't it?

Elisabeth (2011-09-17 18:38:09)

That green Filofax is stunning. What model is it?

Nan (2011-09-17 19:35:06)

The bright green is Colie's...

You can see my 2 A5s toward the bottom...black Finsbury soon to be replaced by the beautiful cordovan Classic that I bought today.

Laurie (2011-09-17 19:51:35)

So is that an Enigma in the left pile near the bottom?? Did somebody splash out on one at the store?

Looks like a great meetup!! Have fun everybody! :)

Sweetspot (2011-09-17 23:23:57)

That deep blue filo is so gorgeous! Is that a Topaz?

I'd like to get a hold of that one, though it seems pretty rare nowadays. I have 9 filos now, that'll be the one to make me go to double digits. :)

J (2011-09-18 00:40:29)

Soooooooo bummed I missed this!

Saffy (2011-09-18 11:17:04)

Love the purple Topaz. Was that ever available in the U.K.? There are quite a few of the older models I wish they would bring back, the Topaz being one of them. Particularly in the wine and purple.

mywormy (2011-09-18 12:28:38)

Hi Saffy, I too would love them to bring back the Topaz in wine. I bought the pocket size in wine - only because they didn't have anymore personal size.

mywormy (2011-09-18 12:29:41)

I want to know the name of the green filo, I love it too. It instantly caught my eye!

Saffy (2011-09-18 13:40:03)

@mywormy - I found the Topaz in the purple and wine only it is in Canada and it appears they don't sell direct to the public. Will have to have a better look though. Where did you get your pocket wine from? Are you in the US or Europe?

http://www.laywines.com/Laywines_product_detail.php?product_id=71

mywormy (2011-09-18 13:49:19)

Hi Saffy: I bought it from Filofax in the US a long time ago. I live in the US. Too bad they don't sell to the public!

Saffy (2011-09-18 14:50:02)

@mywormy - I think I saw your pocket wine Topaz on Flickr? Very nice.

Saffy (2011-09-18 15:00:48)

@mywormy - so they do sell to the public but not online. Only if you phone or fax.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-09-18 15:48:15)

Looks like SO MUCH FUN! Thanks for sharing...

mywormy (2011-09-18 16:50:56)

Saffy: When I bought that particular Filo, I ordered it online. They don't sell them on the US website, but I have seen them on the website in other Countries.

thezeitgeistofzoe (2011-09-19 15:02:01)

Yes, @Nan's new Classic is totally gorgeous!!

@Laurie, the Enigma in the pile is to be my Christmas present from my BF :) But he really is making me wait until Christmas for it!!!

A WONDERFUL meet up! Thanks to @Kanalt for all her planning :)

kanalt (2011-09-20 10:20:58)

I *believe* the green binder is either the Piccadilly or the Winchester. I'm not sure which, as both names were tossed out. Anyone else know?

Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 4 - Filofax Personal (2011-09-18 00:00)

This time we take a look at the Filofax Personal size. Don't forget there are other options which were covered in [1]Parts 1 and [2]2 of the series. [3]Part 3 covered Filofax own brand A4 and A5 inserts.

Personal Size: This is the size with the most variations in terms of paper colours, layouts and also variations on these layouts that are localised in different countries. This is wonderful, but not all of the Filofax websites have on-line ordering.

Remember that Slimline and Compact use the same size inserts as Personal, but with reduced ring sizes, not all organisers in the Slimline size will take a full 12 month diary insert.

[4]**Day on a Page:** In personal size there are only a few designs. The most common one comes in either English only or 5 European languages:

January

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9Holiday, UK, R. of Ireland, Australia & Canada
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JanuaryBank Holiday, Scotland
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[5]

But if you venture beyond the UK site you will find this layout on the Danish site:

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Or this one on the German site:

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The [8]**two pages per day** is a fairly standard set up, it doesn't have appointments though, just large blank spaces.

A [9]**day on two pages**, is similar to the day on one page, although the extra page is used Notes and To/do listings. This insert comes in French/German and English but it is not available on the UK site. But you will find it on the [10]French FF site. But remember it will be a lot of paper...

January Janvier Januar Week 1

1 Monday Lundi Montag
 New Year's Day
 Holiday, UK, R. of Ireland, Australia, Canada & USA

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Januar Janvier January Week 1

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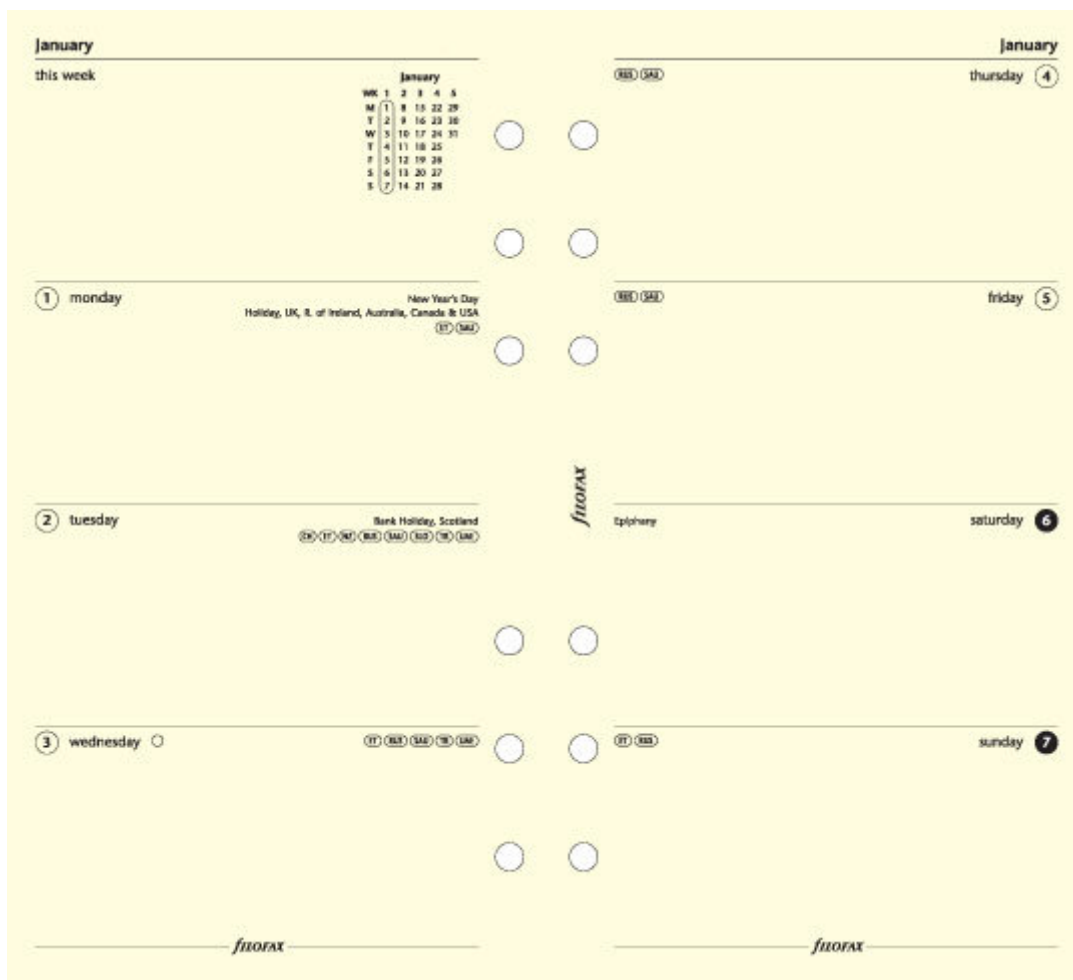
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One of the most popular formats in Personal size must be [12]**Week on Two Pages**, because it has the most choices in terms of layout and paper colour (including pink... ok moving on) There are a couple things to note that can catch you out when looking for the right insert in this format. Look out for the start day of the week. Monday start in white features less space for Saturday and Sunday. Compare this to a similar insert in cotton cream which also starts on Monday, but has equal space for Saturday and Sunday and also has a 'this week' space.



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Yet if you want something similar to this in white you have to go to a Sunday start to the week.

January Week 1

2 Sunday
Second Sunday of Christmas

3 Monday ☾
Holiday, UK, R. of Ireland, Australia & Canada

4 Tuesday ☾
Bank Holiday, Scotland

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January

Thursday **6**
Epiphany

Friday **7**

Saturday **8**

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There are also 'lined' inserts available in this format:

January

Week 1

3 Monday ☾

Holiday, UK, E. of Ireland, Australia & Canada

4 Tuesday ☾

Bank Holiday, Scotland

5 Wednesday

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Epiphany

Friday 7

Saturday 8

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27 **Lundi** W A S L H S)
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28 **Mardi** A S N S)
St. Innocent

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29 **Mercredi**
St. Paul

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Décembre - Janvier

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Janvier

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The [19]German site also have their own version of this layout in their 'Professional' range:



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[23] Week on one page layouts are similar to their A5 equivalents with pages available in white and cotton cream. There is also a Week on One Page with a Notes page facing too.

The [24] French FF site has a variation on this theme with lined appointment slots on the diary section, but they then slot in Sunday at the bottom of the facing page.

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Turning to the [26]Monthly formats, some people like their months to be 'tabbed':

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or on a single page:

Notes



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January						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday	
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Week 2 27	18	19	20	21	15	16
Week 3 24	25	26	27	28	22	23
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[29]

One set of Monthly inserts that looked very different on the European sites were on the [30]Danish Filofax site. They look like they have proper month tabs that stick out, but it is difficult to tell from the pictures. [31]Year planners come in a few different formats. But if you are a real long term planner, there is a four year planner, with two years per side:



[32]

Coming up in the next part will be Filofax Pocket and Mini sizes.

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terriknits (2011-09-18 02:11:29)

Steve, thank you for this wonderful post! I'm giddy with all the choices for my personal! But it's midnight here in this part of Canada and I have to get some sleep, so I'll be back tomorrow to give it a good read.

Nellie (2011-09-18 02:52:10)

Oooh! This is great! I like the Swedish layout very much. Has anyone ordered from there? Did it work out OK?

Laurie (2011-09-18 08:40:49)

Steve thanks so much for this excellent post! It's great to see all the variety of diary inserts that Filofax provides. But for me it begs the question: why do the English language versions lack variety? Surely the entire English-speaking customer base must be large enough to support variety in the layouts including an English-language

vertical columns format, and a timed horizontal like the French format?

Robbiegirl (2011-09-18 17:10:19)

This was very well done. Thank-you. I ordered my personal Malden last week and am excited to get it set up when it comes. I was curious about various layouts.

Jotje (2011-09-19 12:29:43)

I would so love that French layout with week on the left (with appointments) and notes on the right. But in A5. Which they haven't. ARGH! Would be perfect for a project I'm doing. Looks like I'm gonna need to hit the drawing table myself. Sigh ...

Philofaxy 2nd New York Meet Up - Full report (2011-09-18 15:18)

Susan has published her full report with lots of pictures from yesterday's meet up. Looks like they had a great time.

Take a look at Susan's post:

[1]The Planner That Wasn't: The Second NYC Philofaxy Meet Up

If there are any other posts about the meet up, they will be posted here.

1. <http://lifewellplanned.blogspot.com/2011/09/planner-that-wasnt-second-nyc-philofaxy.html>

Filofax Sweden (2011-09-19 00:00)



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I've not been paying attention, which is bad of me I know and I apologise for this here and now!!!

But.... I have noticed that Filofax Sweden have got their [2]on-line catalogue out for 2012 already. OK this might not be news for some of you I know. But there are one or two things in there that might be new...

The Flex is now in the catalogue with some slightly different [3]calendar layouts to the ones I saw when the Flex was released.

The [4]Dakota is a new model I think, because it has also recently appeared on the [5]Filofax Germany site as well. It is made of bonded leather, not top quality but it is available in three colours.

I think I've mentioned the [6]Pennybridge and the [7]Journey before, these two appear to be exclusive to Sweden which is a shame, because they look great as combined wallets and Filofax organisers. They aren't real leather, but in a way for the sort of application you would use them for, they are most probably tougher for everyday use.

Iris over at Filomaniac bought a [8]Pennybridge whilst on holiday recently and she has a review of it on her site.

No news on any new UK releases as yet.....

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3. <http://www.filofax.se/flex/products.asp?flexttype=9&flexsize=0>
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8. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/08/slimline-zip.html>

Sharon (2011-09-19 03:20:18)

Thanks for the great post again Steve!

I have to say, I am now starting to get a little p***** off with Filofax, because WHY can't they just standardize there layouts?!?!?!?

There are great ones on each site, that people in the UK would use and vice versa.

When will they start listening to their customers!

My rant for the morning!

Happy Monday everyone!

Cecilia (2011-09-19 03:37:15)

Also, in Sweden there is a promotion with 50 % off selected bags.

Thanks for an inspiring blog. (Not sure my bank account agrees though...) I've used Filofax for 20years (!) and recently rediscovered it since using another planner for a year. For the new start I got myself a Finchley in imperial purple, but have my eyes on a black Aston.

Lynne (2011-09-19 04:28:51)

Like the idea of the Journey Pocket (but in leather).

Imy (2011-09-19 05:02:33)

I had a look on Filofax Sweden on Saturday and i noticed they had sort of name things to put on your filofax, they were like etched out of metal????

Alison Reeves (2011-09-19 09:35:35)

Thanks for this Steve - I wonder what the UK site has in store for us this year?

On another note my order from Germany arrived this morning. I did two order to keep the post down, but they had packed them all in the same box. Mine were accessories for Xmas presents rather than binders as I was a bit late coming to the party! I was relieved to get them after the stock problems others had.

olgamenright (2011-09-19 10:44:08)

When does usually the new catalog appear on Filofax UK? Are there any sales between autumn and Xmas normally, or do they wait until January for that?

I couldn't wait and just bought the A5Domino Snake in bronze from Filofax Germany... talked them into waiving shipping charges due to the 90 Year Sale snafu with the A5 Finchley!

kanalt (2011-09-20 10:32:25)

What a beautiful binder. It looks so soft and supple.

Saffy (2011-09-21 04:43:21)

What exactly does 'bonded leather' mean?

janet (2011-09-21 13:35:26)

As far as I know 'bonded' leather is kind of like Chicken mcnugget leather - not a single piece but smooshed together from bits of leather that in the end looks like a single piece of leather.

Regarding the metal disks, they used to give them away with filofaxes in Sweden but now you can buy them for a small sum. You can get them in different shapes and choose what you want written on them. They are selfadhesive and you can remove them but I am not sure if you can stick them to another one. As far as I know the colour choices are brass and stainless steel.

JJ Hitt (2011-09-21 13:55:46)

"Bonded" leather is made from shreaded scraps of leather in a 'bonding media' (ie: glue).

As far as I know, it lasts at least as long as "real" leather.

Saffy (2011-09-21 15:16:59)

@janet & @JJ Hitt - thanks for your responses, still sounds weird though. I bought my husband a 'Strata' filofax for work, it is very stiff but sturdy looking albeit a bit vinyl like, though he seems happy with it.

Love the chicken McNugget analogy, made me laugh. So my husband has a chicken mcnugget filofax, so funny.

Free for All Tuesday No. 33 (2011-09-20 00:00)

So I hope you have some good questions for us this week... fire away folks.

Amanda (2011-09-20 03:50:00)

Am I really the first???

Okay - a comment on here made me wonder about when Filofax changed various style relating to the F on the spine etc.

My oldest Filofax (Portland) has an F on the metal spine (inside), inbetween the two sets of rings. My new ones have Filofax written on the metal bit, in both 'right way up' and 'upside down' (so it doesn't matter which way they put the spine in, it will always look the same.

When did they change? And what did they do before the single F in the middle?

Amanda (2011-09-20 09:16:23)

Blimey! I appear to have stunned everyone into silence on here!

Babs (2011-09-20 09:37:57)

I think everyone is just all talked out after the Great German Giveaway!! :)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-20 09:41:46)

I wonder of the German give away will affect UK sales? I guess quite a few people spent out on the German site!

Steve (2011-09-20 09:42:30)

I wonder what the ratio was between ordered items... items actually received... items kept... items sold/given away as presents

A few appearing on Ebay already

Steve

Steve (2011-09-20 10:22:30)

I see that Ochre has disappeared off the UK site of available Malden colours

Mrs. Grievous (2011-09-20 10:23:04)

Does anyone have an extra Sunflower Personal Piazza from the \$9 sale that they don't want? I'm in love with it and missed the sale. I have Filos to trade or I can just pay. My email is mrsgrivous@gmail.com. I will, of course, pay for international shipping to the US.

Also, Steve, I swear I'm working on my reader spotlight. I just need a good picture and I'll be done. ^ _ ^

Alison Reeves (2011-09-20 11:14:20)

Mine were accessories and for Christmas presents. It's a shame if some have bought to sell on ebay and others didn't get the chance to buy something they wanted to use. I guess that is the way of the world.

Lady_Tamlynn (2011-09-20 11:38:13)

Hi everyone,

I have a question. Has anyone ever been sent the wrong inserts in their new Filofax. I bought a Crimson Malden from the UK Filofax site when they were half price and the inserts that I received in the Malden were essentially the ones that come standard with a Mode or a Chameleon (pastel tabs and envelope pocket instead of cotton cream tabs and business card holder. A few other inserts were different too).

So I emailed Filofax and explained the situation. They sent me a list of the inserts I should have received and asked me to pick out the ones I hadn't received. I did this (and there were quite a few on the list that I either didn't receive or which had been replaced by a different insert) and now they want me to send my Malden back to them so they can replace the missing items!!! Apparently all their Filofaxes are quality checked before they leave the warehouse and so they need to take this issue up with their warehouse.

Has this ever happened anyone before? And why do they need to take my lovely Malden away from me?

Alison Reeves (2011-09-20 12:24:02)

@Lady Tamlynn - I can understand why they *may* require the inserts back, but not the binder. In any case I would have thought they would let you keep the wrong inserts as a bonus for not getting the correct ones. Have you tried calling them and having a chat about it?

olgamenright (2011-09-20 12:37:40)

I wanted to choose between an A5 and a personal and realized the personal Panama was too small for my needs, so I resold it to CatB.

Today I got a pocket Finchley in Teal for my sister's X'mas present and a red Topaz accessory case for me to use as a cosmetic case to carry in my handbag. The Topaz is pretty cute, but I confess I'm a little disappointed with the feel of the Finchley leather. It's a little rubbery... I like the feel and smell of my pocket Chameleon much better. And the Finchley doesn't have the wonderful full pocket that makes the Chameleon perfect for wallet use. But it does have the cotton cream inserts, yummy!

Jotje (2011-09-20 14:28:08)

@Lady_Tamlin: call them and explain that you would consider it too big a risk to send your Filo in the mail. After all yours wouldn't be the first one to vanish in the black hole of postal services

Tell them you'd be heartbroken without your Malden and that - after all - it wasn't exactly YOUR fault that the Malden came with the false inserts???

I am sure you can work something out, without them having the Malden sent over.

bernhardS (2011-09-20 14:51:38)

Yesterday, I was involved in the great German train robbery:

I received a parcel containing a Personal Piazza in red (109 Euro list price) and a Personal Tropic Bamboo (189

Euro!). For 21 Euro incl. packaging and transport I got two Filos worth 298 Euro. Not too bad, isn't it?

Best,

Bernhard

PS: Anybody going to Munich visiting the beer festival? My office is only 10 minutes away from the party ground, so you are invited to my place to "Vorgluehen" as we call it.

OrganisedNinja (2011-09-20 15:56:55)

Hi all!

Long time lurker, but first post here - currently enjoying the stunning Cuban A5 & Personal in saddle brown as my main filox for university!

@Lady Tamlynn - this happened to me when I got my A5 Chameleon from Filofax Norway. I emailed them saying I didn't want to return the whole filo (postal rates here are just silly) and they quickly sent me the missing inserts, hope they help you out too!

Anyone else seen the great offers over on the Danish site? 50 % off on Deco, Amazona, Classic, Tropic, Butterfly, Urban and Graphic, among others. Sorry if I'm just repeating what you already know :)

katka (2011-09-20 16:27:12)

hi all, have you ever hear of this? Is it a real Filo? http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Pocket-Filofax-Domino-Baroque-Dark-Brown-/230675530671?pt=UK_BOI_Office_Office_Supplies_Stationery_ET&hash=item35b55543af

Nickie (2011-09-20 17:19:02)

I have a question for today.

Have you ever bought a new Filofax and been unhappy with it on opening it? What would you do? Try it out to see if it "works" or try to sell it on?

Tali (2011-09-20 17:55:11)

@Lady Tamlynn

I also ordered the Crimson Malden and didn't realise until just now, but I have received the same inserts as you - pastel tabs and the top opening pocket.

I had thought the pastel looked a bit odd but didn't think anymore of it really.

TBH I'm not too bothered as I swap and change my inserts around to suit me - made my own dividers etc and actually prefer the top opening pocket as I like to display photos in them :o)

I hope that they sort it quickly for you though

Tali

SNARLing: (2011-09-20 18:05:55)

nickie - if i don't like the filo upon opening, i immediately pack it back up and return it. the bummer is that i do lose money for the shipping but at least i'd get full price back for it that could be spent on a DIFFERENT model that i like...

Saffy (2011-09-20 18:07:51)

@katka - yes it is a real domino baroque filofax. Not too long ago it was also available from WHSmith. I think it is old stock but quite nice and something different for the non-leather binders.

@Nickie - I have bought a few Filofaxes that just 'weren't me' and sold them on. If I am unsure I always keep it in the original box so that if sold it will be in pristine condition for the new owner.

Of course that is providing I can't just take it back to the shop.

Bridgett (2011-09-20 19:19:57)

@Lady Tambllyn I received a Vintage Pink Malden from Pens & Leather with a Week on One Page. I was assured that they all ship with a Week on Two Pages. In the end, I decided not to pursue getting it switched since I had already received a Raspberry Fins when I had ordered a Pink (from Kate's Paperie) and that Fins came with a Week on 2 Pages. I just ended up switching the one for the other. But yeah, I got the wrong inserts.

mywormy (2011-09-20 19:52:19)

Hi OrganisedNinja: I went to the Danish website and I want a personal Deco, but I don't know how this conversion of the euros works to the US dollar.

Dollface (2011-09-20 20:26:32)

Hey, this is the first time i've posted here.. although I've been sneaking around obsessing with y'all for a while.. i've had a red pocket Amazona for a month now.. I LOVE IT but sometimes I fear I don't really have enough space to write things in.

But then again I only want a filo if it's beautiful like my Amazona and I really can't afford a personal one!

A lot of my friends take the mickey out of me because apparently I should use my phone for all my appointments but I don't care!!! I love filofaxes!

olgamenright (2011-09-20 20:41:57)

Mrs. Grievous: there is a personal sunflower Piazza for sale on Ebay UK right now.

Mywormy: I find this currency converter very useful when Filofax shopping 'around the world'

<http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter/>

mywormy (2011-09-20 22:45:17)

Hi Olgamenright: Thank you very much!!

Babs (2011-09-21 03:07:15)

@MrsGrievous - I've sent you an email x

Nickie (2011-09-21 03:19:37)

Thanks to @SNARLing and @Saffy - I'm leaving it in the box for a while - I love the size and the smell (it's a leather one) but the colour doesn't feel right.

We're a fickle bunch, aren't we :-)

Saffy (2011-09-21 04:07:20)

@Nickie - I am curious, which model is it? You could of course sell it here at Philofaxy in the Adspot.

Nickie (2011-09-21 04:13:33)

@Saffy - it's the Personal Panama in dark green. I got it in the 9Euro sale and it feels very masculine in a way. I may just save it for a Christmas present for my dad :) but I seriously haven't made my mind up about it yet.

Saffy (2011-09-21 04:23:32)

@Nickie - I have the personal panama in the pearl and it is really lovely. I love that it lays flat straight away. Would love to have seen the green panama up close because I love green but am not too keen on very dark colours/binders.

Someone on here was after 2 panama's because they missed out.

Good luck with your decision.

Nickie (2011-09-21 04:29:02)

Here will be the first place I offer it if I decide to release it into the community :)

Babs (2011-09-21 06:47:22)

I got a dark green panama in the German sale and I love it. I think it's going to become my book-o-fax if I ever have time to set it up!!!

Daximillian (2011-09-22 12:11:27)

@Lady Tamlynn - same thing with the wrong inserts in the Crimson Malden happened to me! I e-mailed them and I am hoping that they won't request that my beautiful Malden be sent back, as I love it so much, and post

offices can be evil, evil places (I've already had two FFs damaged in the mail).

6 rings? (2011-09-21 00:00)



[1]

I was pondering the other morning... as one does... why 6 rings in a Filofax? or the pattern of rings in a Filofax?

To just recap, the 3 rings in an A5 or Personal Filofax organiser are spaced by 19 mm or 3/4 inch with the gap between the sets of rings being set to 50 mm (2 inches) for Personal and 70 mm (2.75 inches) for A5. With the Pocket the rings are equally spaced 19mm apart and the same with the Mini, but there is one less ring.

My first thought was why so many? So I've had a look around for clues in to the design of ring binders. [2]Wikipedia gives us the history of the ring binder, but not the reasons behind the design.

I've consulted an expert and at first they were surprised at my question, I do come up with some odd questions at times!

The paper has to be held securely in place and in the A4 it is held at four points spread at 80mm intervals. That seems sound, but why 6 rings on a page that is about half the size of an A4 page?

The only sound reasoning I've come up with is that 90 years ago paper quality wasn't as good as it is now may be. So the paper was more prone to tearing so by spreading the strain on the paper over 6 rings they solved the problem.

It's worth remembering of course that the early Filofax organisers were also used a lot by the military, so there might have been some requirement to use the same hole spacing as used by them.

But if you know why a Filofax organiser has six rings apart from looking nice, be sure to add a comment. Now where's my coat.....

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

2. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ring_binder

Mike Burke (2011-09-21 00:03:33)

If one was to be cynical - it forces you into buying their proprietary (and very expensive!) hole punch!!

Alison Reeves (2011-09-21 03:12:33)

Interesting. Although Mike - I doubt they had a proprietary hole punch in those days!

Scoot (2011-09-21 04:18:31)

The world does very well with 3 holes, though there is a 7 hole standard which I think is just too many. I am reminded of my old Jeppesen flight manuals...and the price of note paper was cheap ... even now it is \$5 for 500, yes 500, sheets!

<http://www.avshop.com/product/Jeppesen-Airway-Manual-Pilot-Notes-Lined/Forms>

With many letters, invoices and receipts from the 1880's onwards I find it difficult to think paper quality was an issue when fax's started. Have always thought 4 rings were sufficient. It is the lack of standard spacing and bulk of the rings that make fax rings awkward, especially with personal size and smaller...perhaps flexible plastic or nylon rings which can be renewed? Different coloured rings? You can get silver, gold and black, but being the

ever so slightly faxy tart that I am ... I'd like blue and orange.

Imy (2011-09-21 04:28:59)

That is a very interesting thought, i will be thinking all day now....

Steve (2011-09-21 04:48:03)

But there are plenty of decent punches available at sensible prices and I'm not talking about the cheap plastic ones.

Take a look here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/search/label/Punch>

Saffy (2011-09-21 05:06:54)

There is also this one that Jotje has but postage to U.K. is 33.00 Euros but the hole punch itself is only 8.57 Euros.

[http://www.othw.nl/webmail/advanced_search_result.php?keywords=PERFORATOR %20GAATS %20ORGANIZERS %20A &sort=2a &osCsid=46edb7b491ffabd381e02595590bc5f1](http://www.othw.nl/webmail/advanced_search_result.php?keywords=PERFORATOR%20GAATS%20ORGANIZERS%20A&sort=2a&osCsid=46edb7b491ffabd381e02595590bc5f1)

Would love to get my hands on one of these.

Alison Reeves (2011-09-21 06:03:28)

I got a punch on ebay - it is a niceday by Guilbert P606. It punches A5, Personal and (I think) Pocket because the two sets of three punches slide to different positions. It is much more substantial than the Filofax one (mine never worked that well).

Alison Reeves (2011-09-21 06:07:10)

There is one on ebay now for the personal size: [http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/FILOFAX-SIX-HOLE-PUNCH-PERSONAL-SIZE-95MM- X-171MM-/130576919874?pt=UK _BOI _Office _Office _Supplies _Stationery _ET &hash=item1e66fdad42 #ht _500wt _1202](http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/FILOFAX-SIX-HOLE-PUNCH-PERSONAL-SIZE-95MM-X-171MM-/130576919874?pt=UK_BOI_Office_Office_Supplies_Stationery_ET&hash=item1e66fdad42#ht_500wt_1202)

Cecilia (2011-09-21 10:58:40)

@Alison: browsed the blog for information about the Amazona binder and noticed that you wanted one in Black, personal size. Did you see the Danish site, with 50 % off?

Minnie (2011-09-21 12:12:29)

I was so shocked to find your post as just yesterday I was looking at my open A5 Domino and wondered the EXACT same thing about the choice in number of rings and of spacing!!! Interesting ... glad to know I'm not alone in wondering about random odd things..

Alison Reeves (2011-09-21 14:28:51)

@Cecilia - yes thanks I did check it out - according to an online currency converter, it works out more or less as expensive as the expensive ones on ebay at the moment, and that is without postage. I'll just have to sit tight and keep my eyes open!

Gerard (2011-09-21 14:56:08)

I'm sure Mark has a point about the profit protection issue, but I do think that the six rings are beneficial given how long some pages remain in the average Filofax, how many pages there are and how often they're turned in the course of the day.

I'm just moving back into a Winchester with the 5/4-inch rings, and even with the six rings the leaves often need to be "snugged in" manually to reduce the chance of tearing when closing the binder.

There probably aren't too many people using A4 Filofaxes but I'd say the main motivation would be the ability to quickly move pages on into standard A4 files, so that standing up to repeated daily page-turning would likely have less relevance than matching the international standard 4-hole spacing.

JJ Hitt (2011-09-21 15:10:47)

Paper is a 3000 year old technology, it was already very well established by the 1920's.

It's interesting how the Filofax Personal six hole size fits everything on the market that's even close in size: FQ, DayTimer, even Rite In The Rain.

And in the A5 / 7 Hole size range NOTHING matches.

Sarahb1 (2011-09-21 15:13:51)

Well, I don't know for sure why there are so many rings, but I have found that using my FC/daytimer pages in a cheap 5.5x8.5 plastic binder with only the 3 rings has caused several pages to break through the holes and become loose. I never had this problem when I was using a 7 hole binder.

So on a similar but possibly completely different topic... I am thinking of jumping from DT/FC to Filofax/TimeSystem binder and inserts. I'm trying to figure out how well I might be able to repunch my FC/DT pages to fit into the A5 Domino. Any suggestions welcome.

Why am I wanting to do this? It's your fault, Laurie! I keep reading Philofaxy and Plannerisms and also, I have used TimeSystem in the past and have had good results in my productivity.

But the real reason is... I saw the Ultraviolet Domino and it's so pretty... so very very pretty...

Question: can anyone tell me the empty weight of the A5 Domino?

Steve (2011-09-21 15:19:09)

Domino A5 is 258 grams empty.

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax-organiser-weigh-in.html>

And can we please dispel this 'punches are expensive' myth... they aren't, please see the link I posted earlier.

When you consider the saving you will make on buying inserts even the metal Filofax ones will pay for themselves.

But I have posted cheaper but just as good if not better alternatives....

Sarahb1 (2011-09-21 15:28:46)

Wow, 258g = 9.1 ounces... super lightweight, just what I need... so pretty, the ultraviolet. Somebody stop me!

Scoot (2011-09-21 16:23:00)

Just found this article ...

http://www.retrowow.co.uk/retro_collectibles/80s/filofax.php

"The original Lefax company also competed with Filofax. They majored on personal service. Assistants at their showrooms in London and New York would spend up to three quarters of an hour with each customer tailoring the Lefax to their exact needs."

That is exactly what is needed to promote planners, customisation to make them useful as opposed to a toy.

JJ Hitt (2011-09-21 17:06:31)

Sarahb1: FQ 7 hole and A5 match up exactly wrong. Not even close and no known workaround.

I've thousands of pages of 7 hole paper I've love to be able to use, but no fit.

Sarahb1 (2011-09-22 13:37:13)

JJHit: True for sure, but a question that I have is whether or not repunching US 7ring paper with an A5 6 ring punch (or viceversa) will result in a viable insert, or will the holes overlap each other in such a way as to make the insert floppy and unusable in either binder?

Jotje (2011-09-22 15:27:36)

@Sarah: I have actually done this. Bought Desk sized 7hole Flavia Daytimer inserts, then repunched them to fit into my A5 Filofax. It.Looks.Horrible!

Only the upper and lowest holes interlap (meaning: they get wider with A5-repunching). The pages sit firmly in the Filofax-rings, no worries there!

However, why won't you use TimeSystem pages in your A5 Domino? The ring sizes match 100 %, no ugly repunched pages ... Plus: same page size!

The latter bothered me even more than the unappealing 11 holes of DIFFERENT DIAMETER(!) I have now: the Daytimer pages are a lot (like 1 inch!) narrower, and a few mm longer top and bottom than the Filofax refills. If you use both DT-tabs AND FF-tabs, the DT-tabs will simply become invisible, because they don't peek out. My advice: nah!

Sarahb1 (2011-09-22 17:52:58)

Jotje: thank you for that info! Yes, my plan was/is to use the timedesign/timesystem inserts, but I have reference pages and things from FC/DT that I thought maybe I could re-use in the Domino. I'm still considering the options. Thanks again for that information, though.

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-09-26 07:12:12)

Hi everybody,

to the question with the 6 rings:

last week I wrote an email to filofax germany, and received the answer today. I'll quote:

Sehr geehrte Frau Ziegler,

zunächst einmal vielen Dank für Ihre e-mail und Ihr damit verbundenes Interesse an unseren Produkten.

Unsere „kleinen“ Bücher haben eine sechsfach Ringung, da es sich hierbei um eine vorgeschriebene EU-Norm handelt.

Die großen A4 Bücher haben eine vierfach Ringung, da die handelsüblichen A4 Blöcke ebenso eine vierfach Lochung haben.

Wir hoffen, dass wir Ihnen hiermit zumindest ein wenig Ihre Frage beantworten können.

Viele liebe filofax Grüße und ein schönes Wochenende.

for those, who doesn't use google chrome with the automatic translator:

she said that the six rings are an eu norm (rule). it's not the idea from filofax, but rather an neccessarity in cause of an international eu rule.

so i kept searching, and found a wikipedia article about "DIN 5005: paper and carton - filler paper, hole diameter, hole center distances for the sizes A4 and A5"

I couldn't find an EU norm...

nosy, what's inside the DIN (German Industry Norm) 5005, i kept searching and found this:

<http://bbs.6jc.cn/pdf/g/DIN5005-2008.pdf>

There are several measures about 2 or 4 rings for A4 and A5, but nothing about 6 rings.

And although the article is from 2008, i don't think that there's a newer one.

Aaaand i also can't believe that it's really an eu-norm, cause many other timers don't have the 6 rings, and also don't have the same holemeasures as filofax does.

sooo... i think we're as smart as we were before i received the email from filofax. ;)

Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 5 - Filofax Pocket (2011-09-22 00:00)

This time we take a look at the Filofax Pocket size. Don't forget there are other options which were covered in [1]Parts 1 and [2]2 of the series. [3]Part 3 covered Filofax own brand A4 and A5 inserts. [4]Part 4 covered Filofax own brand Personal inserts.

The Filofax Pocket size has become increasingly popular in this past year. You only have to look through our own [5]archive of posts to see how people use the Pocket size Filofax.

Before you dive in to selecting a diary insert for your Pocket Filofax, you need to remember that there are two ring sizes for the current range of organisers, 19mm and 15mm, the smaller size might limit choice of diary insert, depending on what other pages you have in your organiser.

So after that note of caution, let us take a look at what is available from Filofax in the Pocket size.

It will not surprise you that the designs available from Filofax in the Pocket size are very similar in layout to the Personal size, just smaller by about a factor of about 0.75


[6]**Week on Two pages** comes in white, pink and cotton cream. Again the cotton cream I think is the nicer layout as it gives equal space for each day.

January

Week 1

3 Monday 
Holiday, UK, R. of Ireland, Australia & Canada



4 Tuesday 
Bank Holiday, Scotland



5 Wednesday



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January

Thursday **6**
Epiphany

Friday **7**

Saturday **8**

Sunday **9**

January						
WK	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	7	8	9	10	11	12
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January

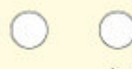
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January						
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F	7	14	21	28		
S	1	8	15	22	29	
S	2	9	16	23	30	

3 monday 
Holiday, UK, R. of Ireland, Australia & Canada 



4 tuesday
Bank Holiday, Scotland 



5 wednesday



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January

thursday **6**
Epiphany

friday **7**

saturday **8**

sunday **9**

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The [9]Swedish site has this Week on Two page vertical format available:

Janvier

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6 Jeudi

St. Basile

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4 Mardi

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7-Vendredi

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St. Eustache

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5 Mercredi

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8-Samedi

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St. Lucien

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St. Michel

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It's a similar story with [15]**Week to a Page**, there is also the Week to a page with a Notes page facing. Quite a useful layout in Pocket format for those of you that use the Pocket for carrying lists of things to do, shopping lists etc. Although the multi language format does rob vital space on each day.

January

Janvier

Januar

Gennaio

Week 1

3 Monday

Lundi

Montag

Lunedì

Holiday, UK, R. of Ireland, Australia & Canada

(N)

4 Tuesday

Mardi

Dienstag

Martedì

Bank Holiday, Scotland

(N)

5 Wednesday

Mercredi

Mittwoch

Mercoledì

6 Thursday

Jeudi

Donnerstag

Giovedì

Epiphany

7 Friday

Vendredi

Freitag

Venerdì

8 Saturday

Samedi

Samstag

Sabato

9 Sunday

Dimanche

Sonntag

Domenica

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January

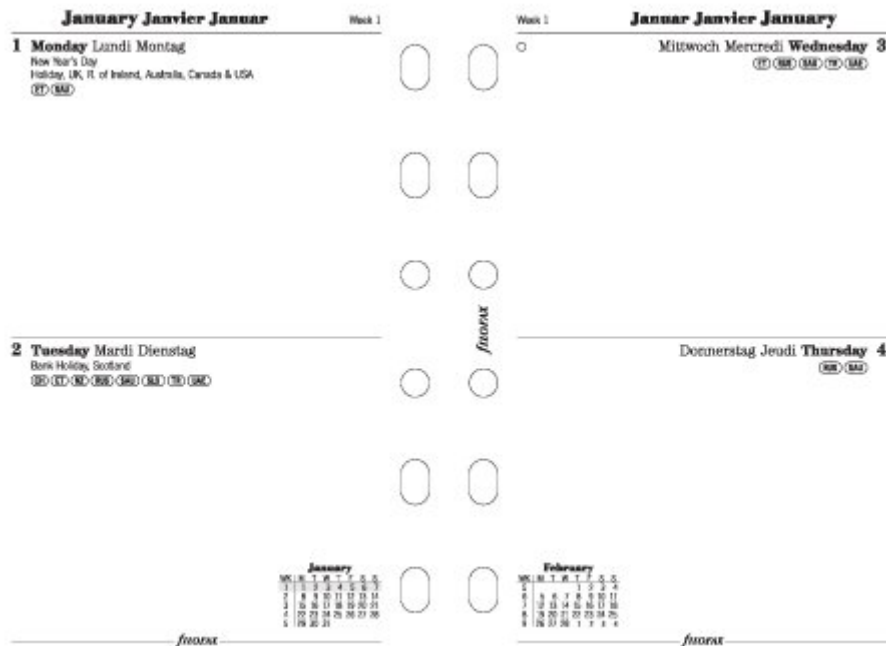
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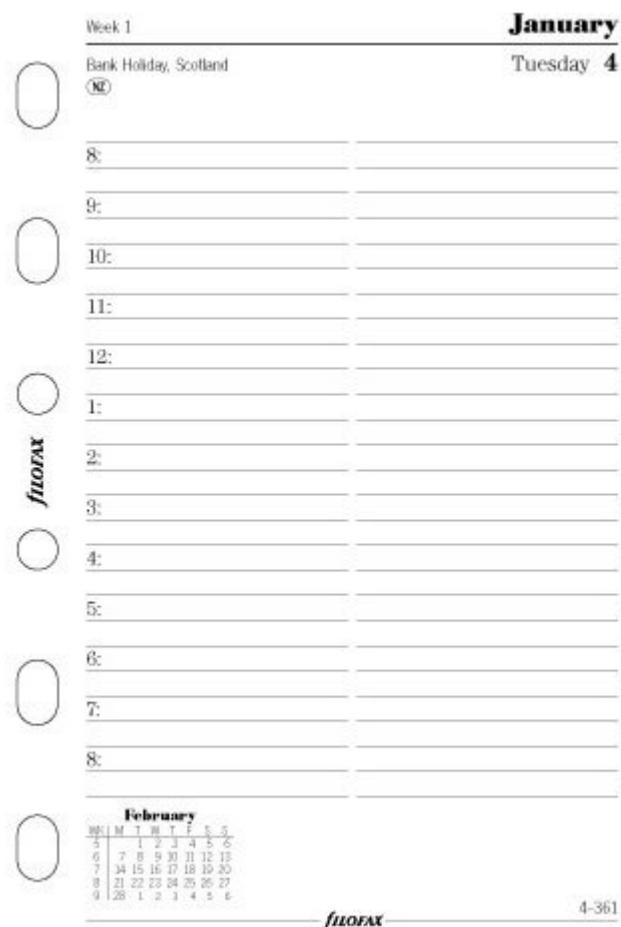
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You will need to look at either of the [17]**French** or [18]**German FF** sites for a 2 day per page layout. Curiously this insert is in French, German and English.



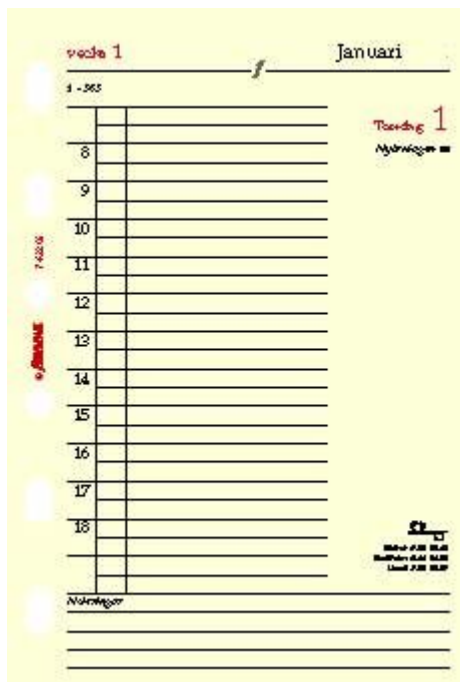
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[20]Day to a Page, but note that this format might have too many pages for the smaller ring size of Pocket Organiser.



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[22]Sweden and [23]Denmark also have this page available, which is a slight variation on the above.



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[25] Monthly pages are available as Month on Two Pages

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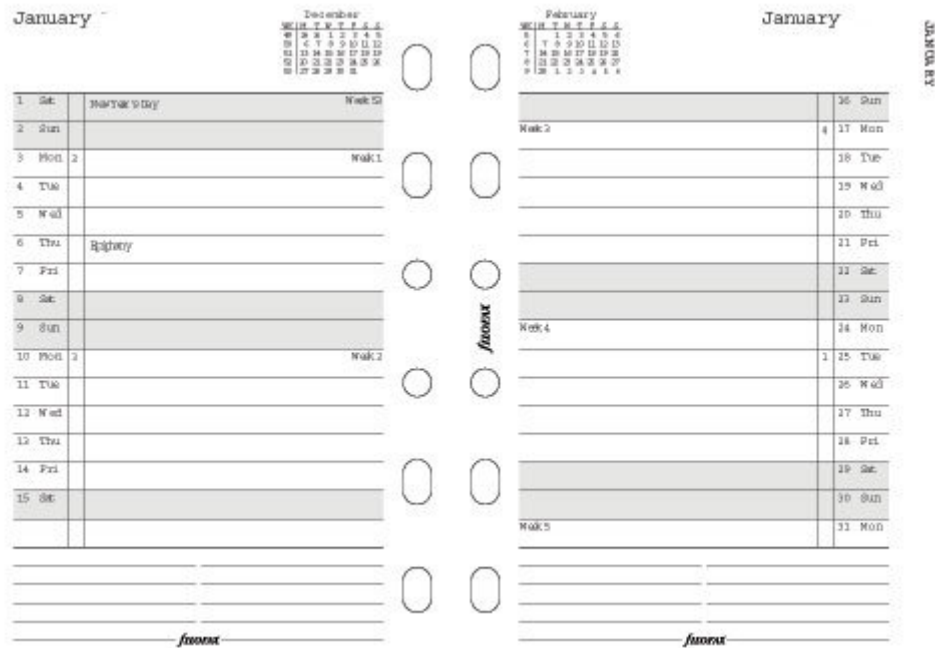
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26	Week 4		
27	31	1	2
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31	Week 5		

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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6 Epiphany	7	8	9
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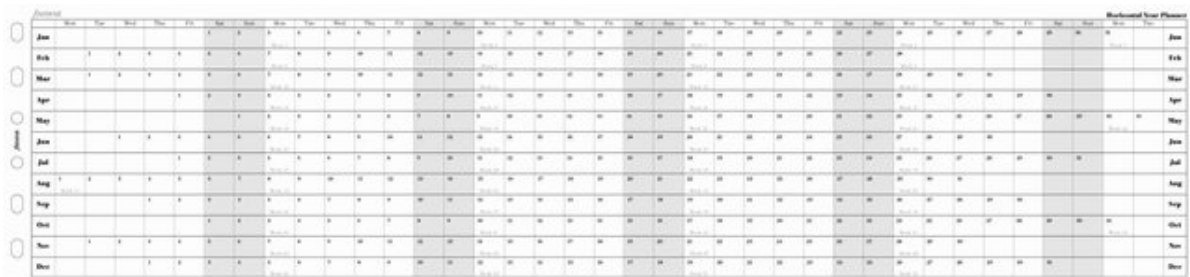
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The [27]French site also has a horizontal format available as well.

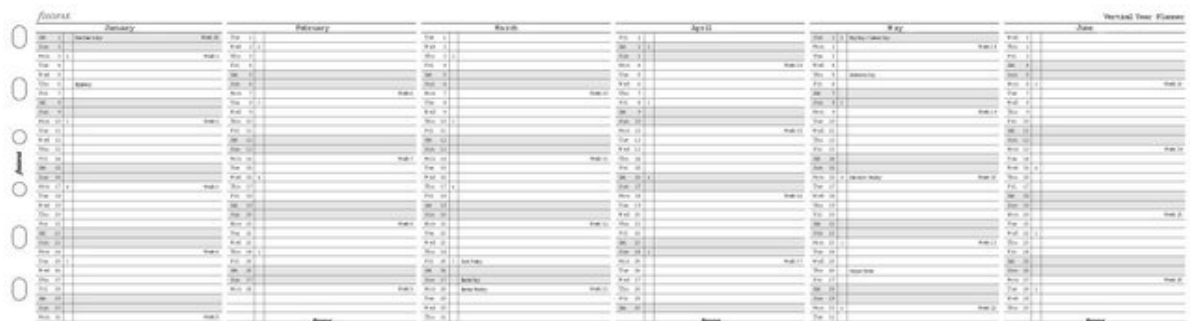


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[29] Year Planners are also available in horizontal and vertical formats



[30]



[31]

There are also some slight variations on the above designs on the [32]Swedish FF site and the [33]Denmark FF site.

In the next part we will be looking at the last size the Filofax Mini size.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-1-of-many.html>
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-2.html>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-3-filofax.html>
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7. <http://www.filofax.co.uk/images/products/refills/line/68221x.jpg>

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Jotje (2011-09-22 03:19:33)

Pity, you didn't cover the inserts from foreign Filofax stores (like Sweden, Denmark, France etc.), because I assume we all know the standard inserts UK and USA offer ...?

;-)

Steve (2011-09-22 04:20:48)

Post updated I hope it meets with your approval... ;-)

Alison Reeves (2011-09-22 09:19:01)

Excellent job, thank you Steve. I use this size for my carry around so very useful. Just have to decide what I want now! I must say the UK seems to have a really boring choice! I'm pleased you have included some from other stores.

Free For All Friday No. 149 (2011-09-23 00:00)

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Image from [2] FreeFoto.com

So today I fly back to UK for the meet up in London tomorrow. By the time you read this my bag will be packed and I will be doing the last minute things before going to the airport at Poitiers for my flight back.

But as it's Friday... feel free to discuss anything Filofax related of course.

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Nellie (2011-09-23 01:15:19)

I have decided to try downsizing to a pocket! I'm not sure which one though. I'd like to get a day per page in and want it to lie flat out of the box. So, those with pocket filofaxes, what do you have and why do you like it?

Thanks!

Nellie

X

Jess (2011-09-23 02:52:28)

So so excited for tomorrow! Have a safe flight and see you very soon :) x

Butanben (2011-09-23 03:10:39)

Have a safe trip Steve, and enjoy the meet up!!!

Laurie (2011-09-23 03:39:57)

Have a wonderful meetup everyone!

gdigesu (2011-09-23 03:44:45)

What is the weather like today for flying?

Anita (2011-09-23 05:19:41)

Have a wonderful time at the meet up! Wish I could be there :)

Daximillian (2011-09-23 06:37:14)

@Nellie - I just got a pocket Imperial Purple Finchley, and it is absolutely gorgeous. The leather is so soft that it opens flat right out of the box, and it's lovely to touch. I also liked the WO2P cotton cream format that came with it.

I also have a rugged little Urban (they're on sale now in the UK site), and it's been my faithful travel filofax/travel wallet for a year now. I recommend it as well.

Tere (2011-09-23 07:26:49)

I agree about the Finchley! It is gorgeous and soft!

olgamenright (2011-09-23 12:02:44)

Enjoy the meetup, everybody!

Nellie: my vote goes to the pocket Chameleon. I've had it for less than 2 months and it gets softer by the day, lays perfectly flat from day one and unlike the Finchley it has the full width back pocket and the zippered pocket inside the back cover, really discreet and useful for money if you want your Filo to double as wallet.

I have it set up with a 2011 and a 2012 vertical year planners, 2 months of the week per page with notes diary, tabbed sections for shopping lists, course notes, job hunt notes, finances and information, which includes important info and passwords. I took away the A-Z tabs and substituted them for a sheet with important phone numbers -the rest are on my mobile phone-. Then 2 credit card inserts that hold 4 cards each, for gas and main loyalty cards,

etc. The ID and bank cards go in the card slots inside the front cover, along with some important pieces of paper. It's pretty stuffed, but I even had room for my own dividers made off Moo cards. Very useful, eye catching and lovely Filo. I have it in raspberry, gorgeous! Everybody asks about it everytime I whip it out of my bag.

Sandra (2011-09-23 12:06:08)

I have a used pocket Finchley that need a new owner—very soft and lovely. I use my Malden pocket as a wallet instead. Not sure how many dpp fit into a pocket...

Sandra (2011-09-23 12:06:48)

Happy meetup, everyone! Will watch for tweets and online updates.

olgamenright (2011-09-23 12:07:44)

Sorry, that is 3 months of weekly diaries you can fit, not 2. You could do the day per page if you skip the credit card inserts and a couple of the tabbed sections.

Anita (2011-09-23 13:42:08)

Result... just received a free Gourmet Society card from Filofax UK :) Think it was leave a review & you could win one of these cards, yay!

SNARLing: (2011-09-23 13:54:22)

yes - looking forward to seeing and hearing about this meetup! imy - a video would be awesome

Filofreak (2011-09-25 22:25:35)

Hello

I am in Central California and about 90 minutes from San Francisco. Would anyone be interested in a West Coast Filofax meetup? I think those East Coasters and London folks are having all the fun!

Philofaxy September Offer (2011-09-23 13:29)



[1]

So if you missed out on the offers in Germany and you are still wanting to buy something or anything on the Filofaxy UK website then now is your chance to get an exclusive extra discount from Philofaxy.

Philofaxy are pleased to offer you promo code: **SEP3** which offers Philofaxy readers 5 % off ANY Filofax product on Filofax UK

Just click on the graphic below, order in the normal way on-line and put in the promo code at the check-out to get an extra 5 % off.

This code can be used once per customer and is valid for the rest of September.

Of course you will also be contributing to the charity donation total as well... win win don't you think.



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Nellie (2011-09-24 13:30:04)

Just took advantage of this... I thought it would be rude not to!

Gareth Buxton (2011-09-24 20:19:54)

Thanks Steve, just used the button and got the 5 %!

Web Finds 24 September 2011 (2011-09-24 00:00)

So if you aren't attending the London Meet Up today, you haven't been forgotten, there are some great posts this week for you to read. So go and grab a tea, coffee or a juice.

- [1]All Stars Blog Tour: Guest Post by Angela!! - Life of the Perpetual Student - All Stars
- [2]Tab Overkill - Filofax Fixation
- [3]Twitter vs. Facebook - Nansense
- [4]The birthday Filofax reveal - Part 1 - Modern Musings
- [5]Guest Post: Men's Health – Caribbean Princess - Steve Morton - All Stars
- [6]Filofax Porn - Five Go Blogging
- [7]Music Makes My World Go 'Round (Steve) - The Zeitgeist of Zoe - All Stars
- [8]What's in My Bag?: All Stars Guest Post from Imysworld - Cat's Corner - All Stars
- [9]The Debate Continues - The Crazy Life of J
- [10]The A5 Dodopad Dilemma - Rapunzel's World
- [11]Paper Calendars, it's 2011? - The New York Times
- [12]What's in My Bag - All Stars Post by Cat's Corner! - Imysworld - All Stars
- [13]Magpie Monday – designer filofax with Gharani Strok print - Magpie Monday
- [14]You are my sunshine - Filomaniac
- [15]A Filofax Fairytale - All Stars Guest Post by Paper Lovestory - Imysworld
- [16]Outlook Tasks and Your Paper Planner - Day Timer Blog
- [17]"Week" In the Knees - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
- [18]What's in My Bag - All Stars Post by SNARLing Post - Imysworld
- [19]The new edition to the Filofax Family. Florance the A5 Finsbury - Rapunzel's World

Enjoy

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Kate (2011-09-24 11:41:05)

Thanks for these regular web finds, Steve. I really enjoy reading them!

Philofaxy Meet Up - London - September 2011 Part 1 (2011-09-24 23:00)

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So the third London meet up was on Saturday. It was a lovely September day, dry and reasonably warm, a slight breeze near the river. I started the day at my hotel

near Tower Bridge and I walked along the Thames path in the direction of Tate Modern, where we meet up for our London Philofaxy get togethers.

As usual, I was a bit early so I had a bit of a wander around the area and took a few more photos, before Thomas appeared. He had travelled that morning all the way from Germany along with a very full rucksack that was piled high with Filofax organisers, that he had bought on behalf of several people attending. They that had ordered them in the recent Filofax Germany €9 sale (Great German Train Robbery!) I'm not quite sure what the x-ray scanner made of all those Filofax organisers in his bag!

Gradually our numbers grew as others arrived. At first we ordered a few drinks and sat chatting about our journeys and some of the amusing things we had seen on Twitter in the last day or two.

Before we had even ordered any food the tables started to disappear under various Filofax organisers!, unfortunately I hadn't been able to bring more and a couple with me... but I will promise to make up for that next time in November.

We tidied up and had our food and enjoyed a lot of good conversation and good humour. As you will see from the pictures people were moving around quite a bit and comparing the contents of their organisers quite a lot, which has become quite a tradition at our meet ups.

Some of us had coffee, then someone, I forget who, remembered the challenge that our friends in New York had set us with their pile of Filofax organisers last Saturday. Steve looked around the table, ok folks let's show them! At first he had his doubts about the stability of our pile. Filofax organisers aren't like Lego bricks. They tend to get a bit unstable when piled more than 10 high. So it was decided to see how much of our long table we could cover side by side. Thomas had his tape measure with him and was given the job of measuring our 'horizontal pile' once we had fully assembled it.

So under the close supervision of Jotje, who was sorting the organisers in to the right sizes and we were also trying to match colours although I don't think we were 100 % successful on both counts, we didn't do too bad a job and judging by some of the odd looks we were getting from other restaurant, I think it's safe to say that we are quite unique... no one quite understood or even dared approaching us to ask us 'what are you doing' as if it wasn't obvious...

So you all want to see our 'pile' Oh all right then if you insist.....



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I think we did quite well don't you think? Click on the picture to see a bigger version of it. Yes there really were that many Crimson Malden's!!! I think I counted 42 organisers there in total running from the Mini's at the left through Pockets, Personals and a few A5's at the other end of the scale.

Then once we had all reclaimed our respective organisers and paid the restaurant bill, we started our walk to Neal Street to see the Filofax shop there. As usual we all chatted along the way as well with a few stops along the way to make sure we hadn't lost any of our dozen attendees.

As suggested most people had 'shopping lists' of what they really 'needed' to buy and they all dived in to the display racks picking out diary inserts and other 'essential' items. Once that was out of the way, They relaxed a bit and enjoyed looking through the whole range of organisers and inserts in the shop.

Oh and of course chatting with Dee and her team. I did try, but Dee's lips were sealed with regards to any news on new products. But I put it to her that it was normally around about October/November that we started to get snippets of news about new products... she just smiled. Oh well we can wait I'm sure!!

With trains to catch our group of happy Philofaxers had to say good bye and make their way via the tube to different stations. But everyone went away with a Filofax carrier bag and a big smile on their face.. so until next time...Thank you to everyone that came along, it was a great day.

Coming up in Part 2 the Meet Up Photos...

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Filofreak (2011-09-25 01:20:45)

These meet ups sound so wonderful that I think we should plan a west coast meet up. I'm located in Central California and maybe we could meet possibly somewhere near San Francisco. Any takers?!

caribbean princess (2011-09-25 02:28:59)

Yay! It was a great day!

Rori (2011-09-25 10:09:36)

Wow that's a great lot of Filofaxes! How neat :D

Saffy (2011-09-25 11:19:53)

Another fun Philofaxy meet up, I just love them. My only complaint is that I don't get to talk to everyone, there is just not enough time.

Schollert (2011-09-25 15:44:21)

It was good meeting some of you "in the flesh". The energy in the shop was amazing. :-)

I hope to be able to attend meet-up lunch in the distant future.

I bought the Flex and the Lyndhurst A5 zipped and I am looking so much forward to using them. I already thought of a way of modding the Flex... ;-)

/Mich

Saffy (2011-09-25 17:44:16)

@Schollert - it was really nice to meet you in the shop.

The Lyndhurst, I was wondering which one you finally went for they were both very nice.

I am keen to see your laminated dividers that you spoke of.

Look forward to seeing you again at a future meet up.

globetrottingcacti (2011-09-26 03:13:37)

LOVE the panoramic picture of the Filofaxes all lined up! SO MUCH FUN!!!

@Saffy sorry we did not get to chat much (except about my beat up, vintage looking Malden!! - hope you get one soon!!!).

Saffy (2011-09-26 10:13:04)

@globetrottingcacti - I want yours, already worn in and looking like it has an adventurous life.

kanalt (2011-09-27 11:04:53)

Wow! That picture is awesome! I don't think we could ever come close to it in New York (unless maybe we had more people). It looks like you all had a great time. Yay for meet ups! So when will the global meet up take place? ;)

Steve (2011-09-27 14:01:07)

Yes an international meet up would be great, may be spread over a couple of days. Even with just 10-11 people, there's never enough time to talk to everyone.

Looking forward and planning the next one now!

SNARLing: (2011-09-28 11:09:15)

awesome! may i ask, is that a vintage pink pocket malden next to the grey? were the photos placed together

or do they have a slim now??? also that pink finsbury pocket next to the black boxed pocket malden - ? slim? what is that (obsessed with anything compact or slim - is it obvious) and what is that ochre malden sandwiched between? that brown leather to the left is gorgeous

Philofaxy Meet Up - London - September 2011 Part 2 (2011-09-25 04:00)

So here are some of the other photos of our great meet up on Saturday in London.



[1]

Thomas looking as happy as ever... most probably because his bag would be several kilos lighter going home!



[2]

The entrance to Tate Modern, it used to be a coal fired power station, before it became an art gallery of rather huge proportions.

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A modest stack...Steve and Sharon's contribution to 'The Line'



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Look at my new bag....made by Filofax



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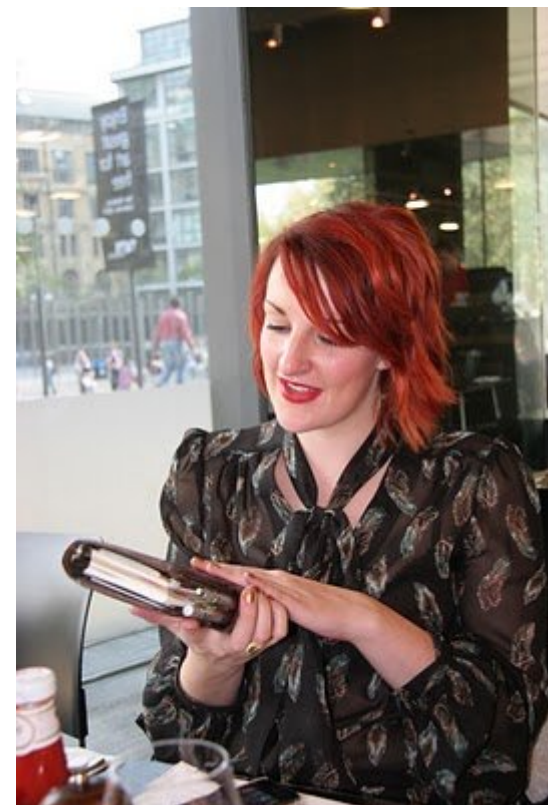
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Dee was crowned as 'The Queen of Philofaxy



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Jotje checking out the raspberry Chameleon Pocket

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CP does not like the Apex... hence the strange look... that is not a smile!!!

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And the three European travelling attendees: Jotje, Steve and Thomas, dined out on Saturday evening at a local hotel.

Once again thank you to everyone who attended.

Also pop over and see some more photos of the meet up at [24]Musings of a Caribbean Princess

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Laurie (2011-09-25 20:30:54)

Looks like everyone had a wonderful time! And, I see quite a few purchases! I would love to know what everyone bought!

globetrottingcacti (2011-09-26 03:10:14)

What a fantastic day - great to meet every-one in person (love the photo of Dee in the crown!!!).

Laurie - I bought inserts including the Travel Pack for Pocket...

Adam R (2011-09-26 05:15:51)

Ahhh so gutted I could not make this meet up! It looked fabulous!

Jotje (2011-09-26 05:40:58)

OMG! I can't believe you actually published those 3 group photo's outside the Filofax store. I look like a complete lunatic!!!!

Tommes (2011-09-26 07:27:19)

Ahh, it's so great to see all these pictures! What a wonderful day we had!!!

@Laurie: Most of the purchases were brought to Tate by me. I transported 11 binders over there ;-)

But we all bought loads of accessories at Neal St and got a big bag of goodies, as well.

Saffy (2011-09-26 10:06:08)

@Adam R - there is another one in November, I missed seeing your amazing classic.

Saffy (2011-09-26 10:09:19)

Oh, gutted I was late and missed the reveal of the 11 binders would love to have seen them all.

Kimierin84 (2011-09-26 15:26:22)

I wish we had the full stores like that here. It looks like you had fun!

terriknits (2011-09-26 21:20:40)

what a treat to see all the photos - it looks like it was a lot of fun!

SNARLing: (2011-09-28 11:04:56)

this looks like so much fun! i would love to go to a london meet-up one day - and the tate is such a beautiful building

Review of Filofax Compact Regency - Guest Post Zoe (2011-09-26 00:00)

As part of the [1]Philofaxy All Stars Tour, Zoe offered to do a guest post about her latest purchase.....



[2] Last Saturday at the NYC Philofaxy Meet-up, we were all surprised to see some of the new catalog selections in the store, despite having been told they would not arrive in the US until later in the Fall season.

We saw the Enigma, the Luxe and the Flex, but to be sure, the belle of the ball was the Compact Regency. Sam Flax had it in both black and brown (as pictured in that dreamy promo shot on the Filofax USA website...drool!)

Although I have ultimately become an avid user of the Personal size, a couple other Philofaxers have made the move to the Compact and I had been experiencing some pretty hardcore planner envy. In addition, I recently performed a major overhaul of my handbag, culling it of all extraneous content that I lugged around “just in case”, so all the recent buzz about the Compact got my mind working on the possibility of lightening my Filofax as well.

So, one of the goodies that came home with me from the NYC Meet-up was the Compact Regency in black.



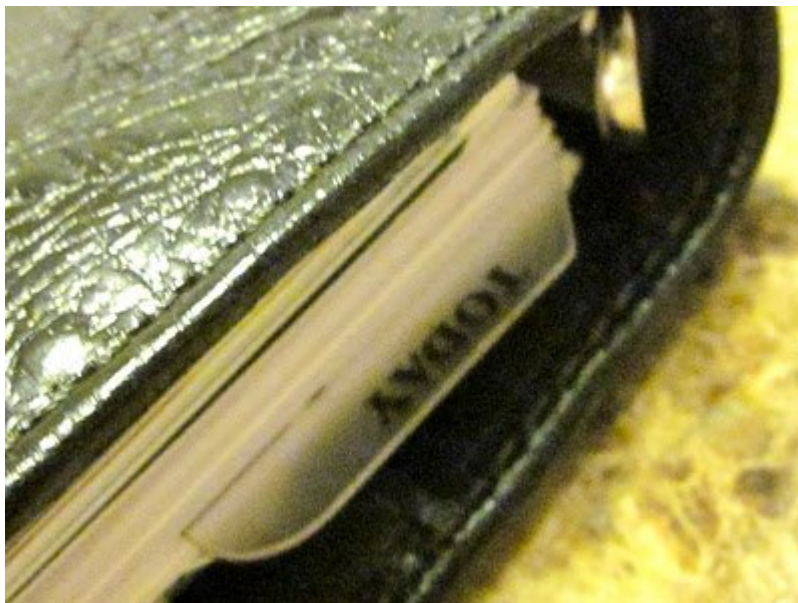
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The stats are as follows...
Ring size: ½" (15mm)

Left side: Left facing full length slip pocket, 4 card pockets, then a right facing full length slip pocket



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Right side: Left facing full length slip pocket, a note pad pocket about halfway up (3" wide), then a right facing full length slip pocket



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And in case you are wondering (and I know you are) it lays flat. Cue Hallelujah Chorus...



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It comes with the standard fare of inserts in Cotton Cream, which I promptly removed. Imagine my horror when I went to pop in my Franklin Covey inserts and they were Way. Too. Wide. As in, the tabs stuck so far out past the edge of the Regency's cover that they would promptly be bent, broken or otherwise destroyed with any real use. Crap.



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This is not the case with any of my personal Filofaxes; the FC 's are wider than Filofax refills, yes, however they do not stick out past the edge of the cover. So, out came the tape measure, and it seems the Personals are about $5\frac{1}{2}$ " from spine to outer edge. The compact Regency is roughly $4\frac{3}{4}$ ". In asking around, it seems all Compacts are narrower due to the smaller ($1\frac{1}{2}$ ") ring size. Note the Differences shown below, which show the Compact vs a Personal Kendal:



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This would have been, you know, good information to have before spending my grocery money for the month. Oh well.

Also, despite having an elastic section to the pen loop, any pen I slid in made it so it wouldn't snap shut...even the normal, non-grippy Frixions. It seems as though the pen loop is attached on the inside edge of that cool right facing slip pocket on the back cover, so it sticks up a bit more than usual to accommodate a pocket being there.

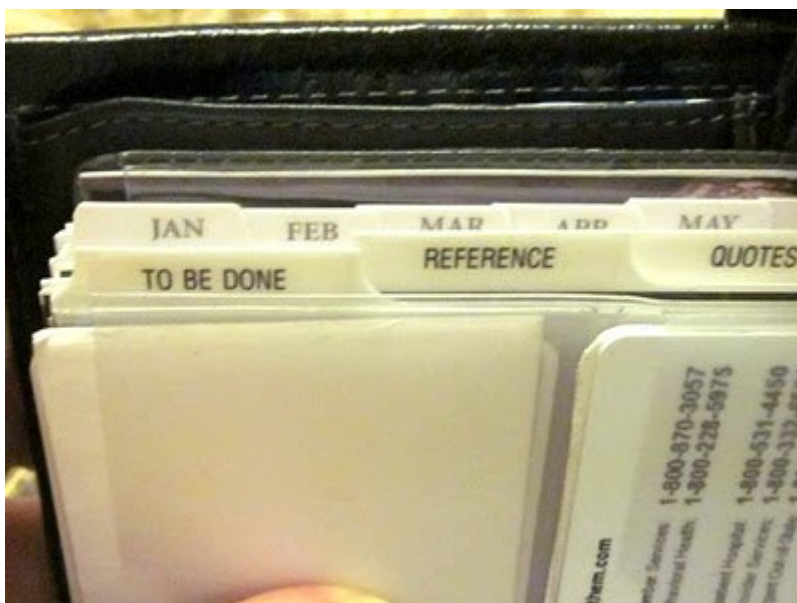
The only pen I happened to have that would allow it to snap shut is the super skinny Frixion Biz (which is beautiful & looks fantastic w/the Regency, but sadly I find it too thin to write with comfortably). The Pentel Graphgear 1000 mechanical pencil also works, so at least I have options. I swore by the Graphgear before I found Frixions.

Here is the Pentel (in the loop) and the Frixion Biz for a size comparison:



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So...no favorite inserts OR favorite pens for me in the Regency. Bummer. However, to my surprise, I found I could fit an entire year of Filofax Week on 2 Page lined inserts (w/monthly tabs...in this case a set of Dayrunner Month on 2 Pages inserts that I had bought to see what they look like but never used because I didn't care for them) AND the 6 tabbed sections I want for the new year (To Do, Reference, Quotes, Goals, New Ideas, Important Info – using DayTimer “Shadows & Light” blank tabs). As long as I don't have too many sheets behind each tab everything fits just fine (I'll get into what goes behind the tabs another time).



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Am I going to duplicate these innards when it comes time to buy my inserts for 2012? I have absolutely NO idea. You know me; I love my Franklin Covey day per page. And I can't use those in the compact Regency. So back to the refill drawing board I go.

For now, though, I am just excited to start using this lovely new Filofax - which I suspect will be well worth the insert effort - and joining the Compact club :)

Thank you Zoe for a very detailed review of the Regency Compact, the price over here in Europe is quite high, but I'm sure there will be a few people that will fall in love with it too.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/all-stars.html>
2. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-uKoKnleu-wY/Tnr3MdsACNI/AAAAAAAAJo4/973QlpKt97M/s1600/IMG_19.jpg
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SNARLing: (2011-09-26 00:34:08)
pant pant pant! want it now!

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-09-26 03:07:52)

Great review (but I gasped out loud when I saw the tabs sticking out of the side!). I can see the benefit of having a compact.... especially to lighten the load in your bag.

Scoot (2011-09-26 05:30:52)

Individually the two types of leather are nice, but they don't match. This is happening quite a bit on modern filofax's, the inside and outside of a Amazona is a good example (though the inside of Osterley and Enigma are examples of mis-match), to the extent that I can't help wonder if the designers are dress themselves like liquorish allsorts.

Resizing most FC dividers and sheets is easy, cut the holes off and re-punch with new holes.

Diary pages with text starting on the left margin can be a problem but it can be sorted by clipping less off each side of the page.

Cathie (2011-09-26 11:25:31)

I think I might have to get myself a Regency!! I need a Filo that lays flat... lol. A very important feature that I hadn't thought about!

SNARLing: (2011-09-26 16:35:35)

I'm thinking you could probably use a slim flex pen holder..

John (2011-09-26 16:45:44)

As a man, I see one positive of the narrow width - this size might fit into an inside jacket pocket. I have a Classic Slimline which I'll use as a jacket-pocket journal/wallet for those occasions when I don't feel like carrying a bag. Fits in some jackets, not in others, usually by about 1/4 inch. Does anyone have a measurement of a Slimline available? I'll measure mine tonight from home.

Scoot (2011-09-26 17:09:30)

Slimline Kensington, Westminster, Executive & Classic all 4 1/2 inches wide.

SNARLing: (2011-09-28 10:53:41)

so i was able to see the flex yesterday up close and personal. the slim size is waay smaller than a personal/compact/slimline - probably more like the franklin covey's pocket size. plus although the pen loop is entirely elastic, it seemed a bit cheap & flimsy to put in a pricier binder and i doubt it will fit even a coletto 5. BUMMER.

also, one of the reasons why i was interested in the regency in the first place (besides the outward ostrich embossed beauty) was because of those outer pockets. i was psyched thinking i could put in a notes/blank for drawing insert perhaps... thinking i could use flex inserts... i also thought this design as well as the holborn was to appeal to the males - those 2 are the only ones that have these pockets and truly seem the most 'masculine' pieces out of the whole collection as they are rather conservatively designed with conservative colour choices - and with the addition of the flex, an interchangeable system...now it's all kind of confusing to me if the slim inserts aren't the same size as the personals... i mean, you could still use them, but,, , i do like consistency and balance (i would NEVER be able to use fc inserts, and i would NEVER be able to cut them down and use them - prepress person here - the balance is WRONG) what else would be their reasoning for those sort of pockets? plus they don't really advertise those pockets as an amenity —WHY??? - not all binders have that - they should really advertise the crap out of it plus show the possibilities of use... unless there are going to be personal sized inserts that would go with those particular binders... arrghh. ok. coffee's starting to course through the veins,, ,

kanalt (2011-09-28 19:01:37)

I'm still very jealous of this binder. Someday I will get my hands on one! I absolutely love those pockets. I'm already planning on what I can use them for...

SNARLing: (2011-09-28 20:16:22)

i think that regardless of coffee induced rant, i too will one day be of regency ownership.
so, how are you planning on using those pockets???

kanalt (2011-09-28 21:03:35)

Mostly for extra accessories, like post-its. But for further details, you must wait until I purchase and post about it. ;)

Free For All Tuesday No 34 (2011-09-27 00:00)



[1]

Well I'm back home in France still recovering from a hectic but excellent weekend.
But as always you can of course ask any Filofax related questions you might have.

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

Alison Reeves (2011-09-27 03:03:10)

I keep meaning to ask this. I have two filofaxes with large pockets in the back. (I have a Special Edition with this and a Deco. I think they add to the bulk of the binder unnecessarily. However I'd be interested in what others use this pocket for in case I am missing a trick!

Tere (2011-09-27 03:31:08)

I suppose you could use it to store sticky notes, receipts in case you use your filofax to manage your finances. I'd use it to keep postage stamps and stickers, you know those colored dots that are used for color coding, and also some labels, that always come in handy, to flag additional sections in my binder.

Lynne (2011-09-27 04:30:13)

I don't have a question, but I just wanted to share how excited I am as my Vintage Rose Malden should be arriving very very soon! I'm already stalking the post van and keep looking out my window..! Will it arrive today, or tomorrow? Eep!!

Nia (2011-09-27 04:44:56)

I'm much more of a lurker than a poster, but I received my Personal Amazona in Almond yesterday (very quick shipping from the Danish 50 % off sale) and I am in love. It just feels like 'the one'!

So much so that there is no point in me keeping the others I am not using, so will be looking to sell my Rose Personal Finchley soon, I was never that crazy about it.

Sirpa-Kaarina (2011-09-27 04:53:59)

I just love love love my new German A4 Logic. The only problem is that it is so huge and heavy.

I have already decided to use Logic as my next planner. I can't leave it in the office and I don't want to leave it home. I'm a one live one planner kind of person and I'm used to keep my planner with me all the time.

Do I have to build up my muscles, hire someone to carry my Logic or teach my beloved FF to levitate?

Firsttimer (2011-09-27 05:34:19)

This will probably seem like a really silly question but I am a filofax virgin and was recommended this site to ask my question!

I need some advice about which filofax to buy so I am guessing some of you will have an opinion!

I am looking to buy my partner a Filofax for Christmas. He likes to have an old fashioned 'paper' diary (as do I) having tried and failed with computerised versions. This is partly so that we can tuck bits of paper in! I wondered what people think are 'good' points of a filofax. There are so many out there and some are very expensive but they all seem slightly different! He likes the finer things in life so I will be looking for a good quality one so I want to get it right!

What are the must have features for a busy buisness man?

thanks for your help!

Vanjilla (2011-09-27 05:41:03)

@Nia - remember and contact me when you decide to sell your Personal Rose Finchley! :) And enjoy your Amazona, aren't they something?...

Steve (2011-09-27 05:48:09)

@FirstTimer. Welcome..

In response to your question. I think you might like to look at may be the Malden, or the Holborn models. Then you need to consider what size. A5 gives you lots of space, but can become quite bulky to carry around. Or may be a personal size which is a good compromise.

Others that might be suitable are the Kendal, and the Cuban.

Go for one that is all leather, they do last a long time. Some are a mix, such as the Finsbury which is leather exterior, but some of the interior is cloth.

What do others think?

Which ever one you buy for him... be sure to mention Philofaxy to him!

Firsttimer (2011-09-27 06:06:42)

his current diary is A5 so I was thinking of going for that again.... is the personal one a lot smaller?

I seem to remember from when my Mum had a filofax when I was a child that the inserts were very expensive.... was this just a reflection of my pocket money?

Steve (2011-09-27 06:25:01)

A5 is 148x210 mm

Personal is 95x170 mm

But the rings take up less of a percentage of the overall page size on the A5 if you look at them.

I'm not sure when you are thinking about in terms of insert costs. The number of inserts available from Filofax is somewhat reduced now compared to the 1990's.

But.... we have reproduced quite a lot of the old inserts, look on the Files page.

Printing for A5 is easier than printing Personal pages, also easy to create your own customised forms and information pages which is where Filofax wins, because you can build up a system that will work for you(him) and he can then swap the contents as the system develops, it's one of the joys of owning a Filofax!

Elisabeth (2011-09-27 07:25:51)

Which personal format has worked best for those of you who attend school/uni?

I've been using week on 2 pages so far and it has worked great for work, but I can't help thinking space might become an issue if I was to use it for both work and study related stuff.

Nia (2011-09-27 07:38:23)

@Vanjilla - Sure I will do! and yes there is something so special about the Amazona in Almond especially, I just love the colour, it's so beautiful.

@Elisabeth - years ago when I used my Filofax for school (yeah I was a cool kid..) I had a plain lined page in the middle of my Week on Two Pages so I could write my assignments in detail, and tick them off when they've been

done.

I'm going back to uni next year hopefully, and think I will do a similar thing but use a Week on One Page insert as I am doing now, and then either have one plain lined page on the other side for study-related tasks, or if I have a very heavy work load I might keep a few plain lined sheets next to each week, so I can have maybe half a page per day to list any tasks that need doing?

Either way, for study I definitely need plain paper in addition to whatever diary I choose.

Firsttimer (2011-09-27 10:05:03)

@steve

Thank you

I've found what appears to be a great deal on the kendal

Holborn only seems to be A4 - is this right?

Like the idea of leather inside

thank you for updating me on the inserts. I seem to remember there was a huge array of options and the worry was that they would stop making the size you needed with the right number of holes in the right place!!!!!!!

Steve (2011-09-27 11:05:54)

Hi

The Holborn is available in Pocket, Personal, A5, in Normal and Zipped formats.

Also there is an offer at the moment until the end of this week to get an extra 5 % off the price. See here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/philofaxy-september-offer.html>

LJ (2011-09-27 14:14:46)

I can now say without a shadow of a doubt that the Great German Train Robbery has been the highlight of my year so far (with the exception of buying my first ever Filofax in March). I saved myself a huge 1,035 Euros in the sale and now have some of the most fantastic Filofaxes ever, along with very posh wallet, travel wallet and a rather nice accessory case. They all arrived yesterday, but they are staying in their boxes until I have time to take photos for the grand unveiling :-)

Lynne (2011-09-27 17:29:09)

My Malden DID arrive today! I will admit here that I took it out it's box and hugged it for a while! Hubby thinks I'm utterly nuts...!! It's so beautiful!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-27 18:47:07)

This isn't about filofaxes, but I know so many of you have blogs that I wanted to ask this question. Have any of you ever got spam comments? I got 4 today from the same place, it was very strange. I have emailed the company. What do you do about this, just ignore them or take action?

Laurie (2011-09-28 02:10:56)

For awhile I was getting a bunch of spam comments. They were mostly on my older posts so I set my Comments security to require my approval for comments on posts older than 7 days. Pretty soon they calmed down.

Steve (2011-09-28 03:19:49)

Kate, Yes we get them too, mark them as SPAM in the comments tab on the blogspot dashboard, don't just delete them, the system will log them as spam and prevent future comments.

Likewise we moderate comments on posts older than a few weeks.

girlinmaths (2011-09-28 03:41:23)

Yay, the filofaxes I ordered from Germany have arrived! The yellow piazza is very nice, I now remember how I love that type of front pocket. And it was so nice to surprise my sister with her pocket one.

I have a small question for you: I do not really like how "boring" my filo looks. I don't do colour coding, so there is only blue ink on the pages, and just cream paper. Does anyone have tips on how to make it more fun or colourful,

without losing all of its professional appearance? I have to use it in front of clients (I am a consultant) and I already have that cute little girl look sometimes, can't make that worse considering they pay for me...

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-28 03:49:23)

Thanks Steve and Laurie, I think I will set up moderation for older posts. Thankfully Blogger did identify them as spam, but it still sent them through to my email as real comments and confused me a bit!

Laurie (2011-09-28 04:43:16)

girlinmaths, I understand what you mean about wanting some color without it looking too cutesy or girly. One option is to use color on your tabs (I use the colored sticky tape flags and trim to fit). Or, you could put in some cool graphic-design tabbed dividers, there have been lots of photos in people's blogs in the past couple of months of diy tabbed dividers that look really cool. You could also use colored paper, Filofax has non-girly colors like blue, yellow and salmon. I'm sure other people can think of ways to add color without looking frou-frou too. Anyone?

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-09-28 07:32:03)

@girlinmaths

i have the same problem. at the moment i use my black ikon. i carry it around with me all day and especially at work i can't have a purple-striped filofax with pink dots all over it. still has to look reputable. but with just have my diary open, no one can see what colours hide in there ;)

i love to use coloured dividers, as laurie already said. there are no pictures of mine on this computer, but imy made a blog about making your own dividers.

<http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-college-week-4-making-dividers.html>

U also can glue satinpaper (very smooth paper with a huge diversity of patterns) on stronger paper for your dividers. or just buy funny/cute/nice postcards, glue them on the filofax dividers and "pimp" all that with deco tape.

great deco tapes at http://www.modes4u.com/en/cute/c129_Deco-Tapes.html

(note that there are many more when you klick through the several categories on top. AND they are from hong kong. so it would last about 2 weeks till you get them. i'm still waiting for them ;))

(almost) no one would ever see your divider fronts. just the tabs of it. so that's a way you can freak out a bit. hope it helped

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-09-28 07:46:32)

There's another "how to make your own dividers" post.

<http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/08/my-new-diy-dividers.html>

(for even more colour you also just chance you pen for a few days. or switch between several colours, each one for one day. you have to choose carefully for not loosing the "reputation" point.

and you also can add some transparent business card holders to your filofax and put some colourful pictures in it.

Estelle (2011-09-28 07:50:02)

Firsttimer,

I would consider size for writing space vs portability (regarding size and weight). Does it fit the bag and would I realistically want to carry it around?

I would also consider the organizers ability to lie flat and the number of pen loops.

What industry is he in? In some businesses like banking only simple black may be acceptable, in others like advertising maybe something like the Scanda would be nice.

In the current collection I'd recommend you look at the Aston and Holborn but there are tons from past seasons. Just look around the web lots.

Paper refills are expensive today still, but thanks to computers and printers or the copyshop we can now make our own. If his company requires him to use outlook he could even print from there.

Scoot (2011-09-28 18:07:14)

Thinking of new markers, I came across these with a digital clock If only it had a date function and calculator!

<http://www.thebookmarkshop.com/shop/markmytime.htm>

I also came across scented page markers....

<http://www.thebookmarkshop.com/scented.htm>

Does anyone have any experience of these? Am I going too far? Can you go too far?

Date For Your Diary - Sunday 2nd October (2011-09-27 04:00)

New York

London

Paris

Jakarta

We are going to run another conference round-table 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 2nd October 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....

Here is my post on how to [2]improve your Skype audio with headphones or a headset.

Hope to be chatting with you on Sunday 2nd October.

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

2. <http://steve-morton.com/2011/07/30/improving-your-skype-audio/>

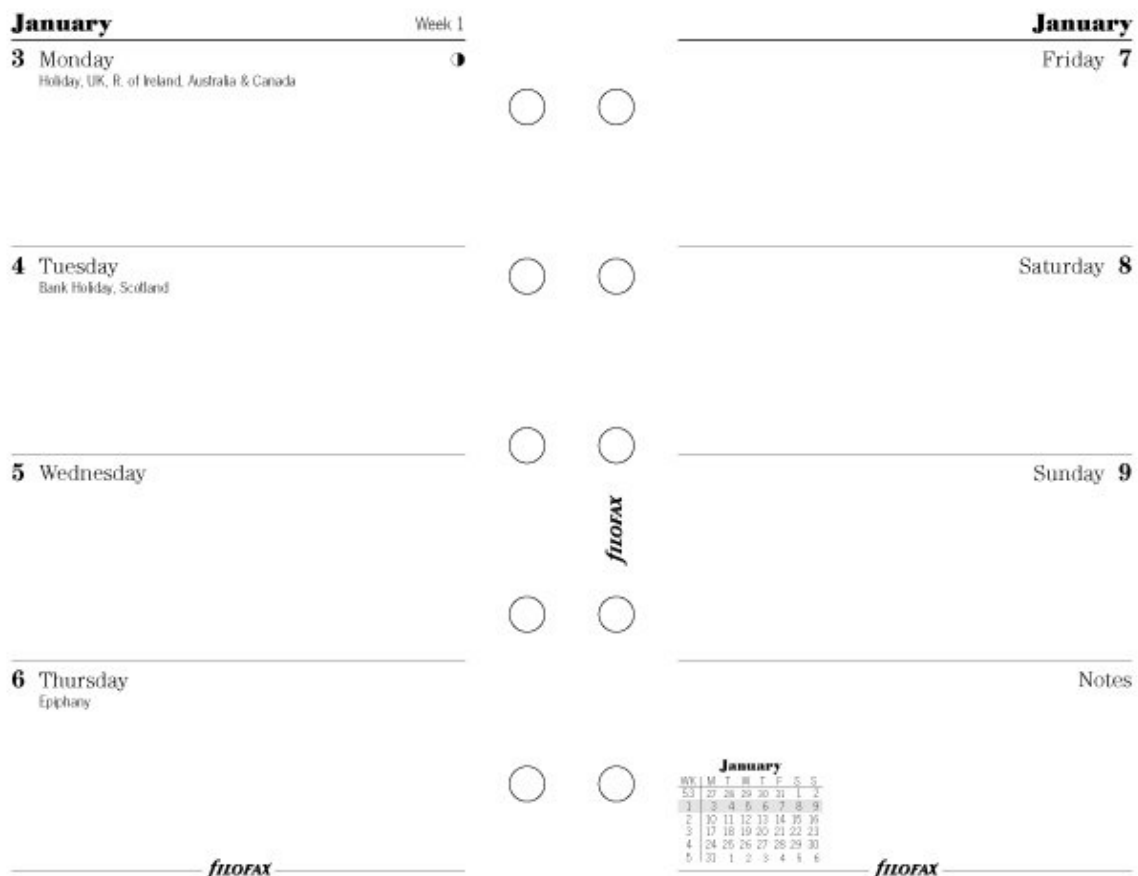
Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 6 - Filofax Mini (2011-09-28 00:00)

This time we take a look at the Filofax [1]Mini size. [2]Part 3 covered Filofax own brand A4 and A5 inserts. [3]Part 4 covered Filofax own brand Personal inserts and [4]Part 5 Filofax own brand Pocket size.

Before you dive in to selecting a diary insert for your Mini Filofax, you need to remember that the ring size for the current range of organisers is only 13mm, this might limit choice of diary insert, depending on what other pages you have in your organiser.

So after that note of caution, let us take a look at what is available from Filofax in the Mini size.

[5]**Week on Two Pages:** Like the Pocket range of inserts the Mini inserts follow a similar pattern with equal space for each day in the week.



[6]

This style of insert is also available in cotton cream (multi language) and in pink.

[7]France has one with appointments:

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Or the [9]Swedish version which is just lined:

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Frederick

Kasper, Malin, Viktor

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[11]**Week Per Page:** Again like Pocket this style comes in Week Per Page and also Week Per Page with a facing Notes page:

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[15]Month On Two Pages: These are available in Month on Two page format.

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[17] Year planners are also available in horizontal and vertical formats in the same layouts as other sizes.

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In the next part of this series we will be looking at printing your own diary inserts.

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The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-28 03:40:07)

Wow, there is much more of a selection than I thought there would be for such a small organiser! I've never investigated the mini size, so it's nice to see what diary inserts there are for it. I never thought there would be DPP for the mini size! Although the £11 price tag is HIGH! I like the WO2P with appointments, I could use that. The WO1P must be TINY!

Jotje (2011-09-28 09:35:19)

Isn't it plain stupid that the Mini gets to have DPP inserts in Cotton Cream, and ALL THE OTHER SIZES NOT??????

What on earth were they thinking when they contemplated this ...????

SNARLing: (2011-09-28 10:36:25)

heh heh jotje!

i have recently been experimenting with the mini - it's just so freaking cute but i'm not sure it's right for me even as i use it for just a wallet/shopping/lists/notes. i'd rather just carry the compact with everything in it - unless i'm going really minimal, then it's good, i guess. i do love that orange though (orange finsbury). as far as the cream goes, my guess is that because you really are limited in what you carry in that thing both in amount of pages and size, ummm,, , well, yeah, actually, you're right not very fair. perhaps they'll be printing more dailies in cream for the other sizes cough cough cough

Future Meet Ups (2011-09-29 00:00)



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With two meet ups in two weeks, New York and London, there has been added interest from other parts of the world to hold similar events.

For those people that have not attended a Philofaxy Meet Up, the first thing to say is 'it is not just about Filofax Organisers' Sure a lot of the discussion is about those and how you use them, but naturally the topic of conversation can drift in to other areas.

So where else.... Erin has emailed us and said:

*I live in Central California, about 2 hours from San Francisco. I'd have to research to see if there is a Filofax shop there, but I know that Spencer's in **Carmel, CA** has a lovely selection of Filofaxes. And, it's in a wonderful shopping center where we could have lunch.*

If you are on the West Coast of the States and you are interested in attending such a meet up then in the first instance please contact philofaxy at gmail dot com and put '**West Coast Meet Up**' in the subject of the email.

Also Kathleen is also interested in organising a meet up near **Michigan**. I know there have been a couple of meet up's in the adjacent state, but I realise it's a big country!

If you are in Michigan and you are interested in attending such a meet up then in the first instance please contact philofaxy at gmail dot com and put '**Michigan Meet Up**' in the subject of the email.

Finally Iris from [2]Filomaniac is asking if there is any new interest in holding a meet up in Germany at some point in the future. Thomas has written an article for the [3]Filomaniac which details her experience this weekend.

If you live in **Germany** and you are interested in attending such a meet up then in the first instance please contact philofaxy at gmail dot com and put '**Germany Meet Up**' in the subject of the email.

I will pass on the emails to the respective organisers.

If you are interested in organising a meet up in your own area, it doesn't have to be a large group, 2-3 people even is often enough to get things started. Take a look at our [4]Hints and Tips document, it's all fairly common sense really, but you might pick up a tip about some thing you might have over looked.

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3. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/09/exclusivbericht-philofaxy-london-meet.html>
4. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/PhilofaxyMeetUp.pdf>

Filofreak (2011-09-29 16:08:50)

Thanks Steve! I look forward to any emails you receive and can pass on to me. I received the one you forwarded early today. Thanks again.

Laurie (2011-09-30 05:52:18)

I'm going to be on Scotland's Royal Deeside from Christmas to Jan 6. We could meet there, or in Aberdeen if any Scottish Philofaxers want to meet up? (Celestiana??)

Philofaxy Meet Up - First Impressions - Imy - All Stars Guest Post (2011-09-29 09:00)



[1]

The delightful [2]Imy has done a post about her first ever Philofaxy Meet-Up

The lovely Steve (or Filofax King as I call him) has let me write this guest post for my first impressions of a Philofaxy Meet up, as it was my first time. I WAS A PHILOFAXY MEET UP VIRGIN!

So before I went I was very nervous but so excited, the whole way I was trying to think about what the meeting was going to be like, how everyone would find me, as I'm a quiet shy person (online I am very loud bubbly and proud, but not in real life).

First of all I had to find everyone at the station, I forgot there was 3 WH Smiths at Paddington, and we were all waiting at a different one, it took some time to find each other. I think better organisation next time!

I was so nervous about meeting the girls, I knew what Diane looked like properly as we had been on Skype with each other so I felt a little less nervous about meeting her but Tali and CP I was more nervous, and first impressions where how beautiful all 3 of them where!

I had all these mad ideas of the meet up not really knowing what to expect on the tube journey!

We finally got to Café 2, It was bazaar just to see all my twitter friends there in person with FILOFAXES!!! People were surprised at my quietness as expected, but I was just so amazed that all these Filofax people were in one place.

The walk was so lovely as I got to chat to more people as I walked along, I got to chat lots to CP which was great as I really wanted to chat to her! I expected the walk to be a lot shorter!

I really feel as if I have made good friends! The sort you dream of!

The shop was not as expected, it looked so cute and small I loved the shop and Dee. I got a hug off Dee!!! I felt very privileged!

If anyone is shy and is thinking of going to a meet up you have too!!!!!!!

I am going to the next one in November, which I'm just as excited about I get too meet a lot of new people!!

I think the only thing that would make the meeting better is, for the time to stop so you get to chat to everyone for 4 hours each! But that's obviously impossible, and also to have a few thousand pounds with you (I wanted to buy all the Filfoaxes)!

Steve's advice of taking a list is very important! Listen to it!

Thank you Imy

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2. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/>

icclewu (2011-09-29 09:19:08)
what a fab post!!!! i can't wait until November!!!!

Tommes (2011-09-29 09:36:28)
Hi Imy,
thank you this great post! I know the feeling since it was only my second meet up.
It was great meeting you in real life. And I wish you a lot of fun in November!
Hope to see you again at another meet up,
Thomas

Anita (2011-09-29 10:16:06)
Oh no, I'm on another course in November! Would really love to meet up with you lovely people some time :)

ninji Elfenfisch (2011-09-29 11:09:48)
hihi i love this post.
so cute. and never imagined YOU as a shy person.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-29 12:18:42)
yayyy!! I'm going to the November meet-up too, I'm so looking forward to meeting you and everyone else! :D

Saffy (2011-09-29 15:41:24)
Hi Imy, great post. My first time I felt sick I was so nervous. It was lovely to meet you but we didn't get time to chat properly, maybe next time? I would love to see your Amazona. ;)

Free For All Friday No. 150 (2011-09-30 00:27)

It's the end of the month! Can you believe tomorrow is October already?
For those of you who do Monthly Reviews, it's time to do those now. Look back over the past month and think about what worked well, what you need to carry over to next month, and what might no longer be relevant and can be eliminated from your to-do list.
This month I have used my Filofax to keep diligent records of expenditures. This weekend I will total up everything by category to see how much I have spent in September on groceries, entertainment, clothes and shoes, etc. I'm bracing myself for the result!
Do you do Monthly Reviews, Monthly Expense totals, or other monthly things in your Filofax (such as monthly maintenance lists, work reviews, etc.)?
As always on Fridays, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related!

UNchecked other (2011-09-30 01:39:32)
I have a monthly budget sheet, which I then compare against a daily expenditures log at the end of the month. I use this system alongside the "money envelope" technique. It's been a great system so far ;o)
OT: Finally saw an Osterley up close and personal. It's gorgeous and elegant– not Kardashians-like like I expected it to be when I received the brochure a while back. I bought the personal-sized wine (as the "plum" is called here).

Steve (2011-09-30 03:40:45)
Don't forget folks today is the last day for the 5 % off promotion code:
<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/philofaxy-september-offer.html>
Also Filofax UK have a 4 for the price of 3 on paper and essentials

Alison Reeves (2011-09-30 03:51:29)

@unchecked other - what is the money envelope technique?

Alison Reeves (2011-09-30 03:52:05)

Does anyone else use an A4 binder? My A5 set up is not working very well for me so I am thinking of a change.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-30 04:11:53)

I have just started using a month on 2 pages spread I printed out from Outlook, for recording deadlines and working out when I will work on which assignment. It's working out really well for me! I really think this will make me so much more organised during my MA!

Steve (2011-09-30 06:32:34)

Hi Alison

I have an A4 Classic. I bought it for less than half price on Amazon last year. It was too good an offer to miss. But if you fully load one of these beasts with paper it's heavy like as heavy as my camera! I'm not currently using it, it's tucked away in the cupboard for the time being. I might refine the set up so it's not so heavy.

But the advantages of this size are of course the space you have for each day in terms of planner, or the fact it's so easy to produce any form or page you care to mention on a standard colour printer or laser printer. 4 hole paper punches are as cheap as chips and it then becomes quite cheap to maintain the A4 because you will rarely need to buy any inserts for it.

As an experiment before you invest real money in an A4 Filofax, grab yourself a standard office A4 4 ring binder and populate it with the pages you need. Not as stylish but give it a try.

Regards

Steve

Gareth Buxton (2011-09-30 07:44:38)

Just as follow up to the discussion about Hole-punches the other day. Today I received a KW-Trio 6-hole punch from Holland that does A5 paper. It took less than a week to arrive. Bought this from www.Hummelman.com. The standard postage on the site is about 18 euros but on the advert they said they do it for 12. The honored the lower price and so the total price was 23.95 euros about 21 UKP. Cheaper than the official filofax model!

Amanda (2011-09-30 07:59:50)

I do both monthly reviews and weekly reviews in my filofax (and quarterly and annual). I have my monthly goals sheet on pink paper (so I can find it more clearly) and have my weekly goals behind it. So today's a busy day as am doing both! Though better than end of August when I also had a quarterly review!

Love using my filofax for it - not least because ticking achieved goals off on paper is SOOOO much more satisfying than electronically. I also like to be able to flick through goal lists and rearrange them. Scrolling through screens just isn't the same!

HW (2011-09-30 08:40:14)

@Gareth Buxton, thank you for the update.

Saffy (2011-09-30 09:09:55)

@Gareth - does the hole punch have a page guide?

Babs (2011-09-30 09:24:52)

@UNchecked other - I'm jealous! I llove the Osterley in plum, but I just cannot justify another binder at the moment!!

@Alison - I got an A4 in the Great German Sale to try it out, and I have to say it's HEAVY! I haven't had the time to sit down and organise it properly yet, but it is very big (sounds silly as I'm sure you know what A4 looks like!! But hopefully you'll know what I mean! LOL!)

Back to FFAF ... Since using my pocket Amazona as a wallet, I've found the diary pages are PERFECT for keeping track of my spend. I'm finding it so much easier to track spends as it's there when I'm getting out cash

or cards. The only downside is I can't keep coins in it, so I keep them separate. But it's no biggie.
Finally ... I have a question ... How many sheets of paper is it possible to fit in a pocket filofax? Is there any way to work it out?!

Alison Reeves (2011-09-30 10:01:54)

Sorry I meant to say I already have an A4 Classic in Red. I rarely need it outside of my desk so it's a possibility. It's a lovely binder and I have more affinity to A4 than A5 for some reason - however I reserve the right to change my mind!!!
Off for the weekend now so see you guys on Monday!

Steve (2011-09-30 10:08:26)

@Babs Your pocket question. Which size rings 15mm or 19mm, both sizes are used in the current pocket range. I can test both sizes for you and let you know how many pages fit each if need be.
Steve

Babs (2011-09-30 10:22:58)
19mm

Babs (2011-09-30 10:24:36)

Oops. Sorry. I'm on my phone and I usually have to go through 2 screens before I post!!
19mm please Steve. Just a rough idea would be great.
Thanks!
Babs

Steve (2011-09-30 10:45:10)

@Babs, in a 19mm Malden Pocket I managed to fit 220 pages which is about 19mm thick. So the rings aren't bulging at that amount of paper. That is without section dividers or A-Z's which would add to the thickness, but 220 pages would still be possible I think.
Steve

Babs (2011-09-30 11:24:33)

Brilliant. Thank you very much Steve. That's very helpful.

terriknits (2011-09-30 12:31:25)

At month end I do my invoicing for my two work contracts. I am pretty diligent about immediately logging my hours each day on a time tracker sheet on my computer, but when I'm going the invoicing, if there's a day that was missed or doesn't look like there was enough hours, I'll flip through both my personal and work FFs to see if I missed something.

I have the financial pages in my personal Malden, but I use them only for allocation of funds in our savings account. The rest of my money tracking is done with MS Money on my laptop and I can click to get a quick report showing whichever thing I want tracked.

Right now, I'm sitting in a beautiful ocean front resort, destressing (trying not to either work or think about work) and enjoying our vacation! woot!

Gareth Buxton (2011-09-30 13:19:32)

@Saffy Yes the hole-punch has a slide out page guide.

Extra info- the holes it punches are 5.5mm diameter. and the widest "gap" between the holes near the centre of the page is 7cm (centre to centre of hole).

For a better explanation with a picture see

<http://www.hummelman.com/details.asp?code=189170 &origin=products>

Anthony (2011-09-30 14:27:24)

Hello Everyone

This is my first tentative effort on the site. I have only one Filofax Metropol Personal in Red (nice colour) which I've owned for quite sometime

Just recently have I discovered Philofaxy web site. I must add that it's so wonderful to find like minded people. I have to confess that I like others are Filofax addicts.

I've read many of the blogs and picked some useful tips and ideas.

Last week I received a letter from Filofax UK in West Sussex thanking me for letting them know my thoughts on Filofax products all very complimentary of course :-)) As a token of their appreciation they enclosed a Gourmet Society membership card. This allows savings at over 3,500 restaurants in the UK. I have read that some members have received a gift pack which included the membership card, not tried out mine yet. On another topic the thought occurred to me how do other members recognise one another at the London Meet Up especially if it's one's first time.

I have coveted for a long time a Deco (Personal) and was astonished to find four on Ebay some as low as £99, almost half price. Is this really the genuine article, the advert does state BNIB (brand new in box) what's that cautionary phrase about something being too good to be true.

Steve many thanks for your guidance.

Saffy (2011-09-30 14:53:49)

@Gareth - thank you for the info.

@Anthony - the Neal Street store has a sale on tomorrow 50 % off Deco, Amazona and Finchley. See newest post from Steve.

Anita (2011-09-30 14:57:06)

Hi every one :)

@ Alison Reeves - yes, I use an A4 Strata. However, it's my backup to my personal Malden, so has reading & project support material, planning notes etc. I had been stalking some Classics on eBay, but am glad I got the Strata as it doesn't weigh that much with a fair amount in.

Just gave in to another filo which I'll have to see in the flesh to make my mind up on, a personal raspberry Metropol. £18 from WH Smiths! Planning on creating a happiness binder.

Scoot (2011-09-30 15:15:04)

After having bought some lavender oil, experimented with the size of material necessary to ensure a pleasant as opposed to overpowering scent, I have now inserted a lavender scented piece of cotton into a spare credit card slot that is inside my main fax. The fax smells lovely, but I get an extra special wave of peace and tranquillity when I open the fax. Maybe I'm mad, but I like it. When the "new leather" smell has gone, what is to lose?

HW (2011-09-30 16:45:44)

Oh I like the Lavendar idea, may I copy please?

Gerard (2011-09-30 16:57:47)

Scoot,

Nice idea with the lavender. I've done the same with Trumper "Ajaccio Violets" cologne - yum!

Scoot (2011-09-30 17:17:04)

Thanks. What an idea. I must have been asleep to have missed using Cologne, so much more appropriate for a cleaner professional environment.

I got the idea from scented bookmarks on the internet, but once I smelt the selection in a shop I thought it was just a re-hash of tacky car air fresheners. I therefore bought lavender oil to try; which I once used on a pillow to aid sleeping.

Saffy (2011-09-30 17:52:38)

@Scoot and Gerard - I have used dried lavender sprigs in two binders that have had a mildew odour to them (bought from Ebay.)

Someone asked about getting rid of mildew smells recently.

I stuff all the pockets and credit card slots with lavender sprigs then air pegged on the clothes line for a few days. So far seems to have worked a treat.

Scoot (2011-09-30 18:19:44)

You can get a alcohol shoe leather spray that kills mildew. I use bicarbonate of soda worked into materials, or a saucer of vinegar left next to/in a plastic bag with said item, to kill cause of smells.

UNchecked other (2011-10-02 04:54:16)

@Allison Reeves: I do a variation of this envelope budgeting system:

http://www.daveramsey.com/article/dave-ramseys-envelope-system/lifeandmoney_budgeting/

One difference is that although my monthly budget is fixed, I allow myself to "borrow" from one envelope. For instance, if I am short \$100 on groceries for the month, I can take \$100 out of, say, my shopping fund. The next month, I "pay back" the shopping envelope with money from the grocery fund.

Some envelopes (house, bills, etc) I leave at home. I use red money envelopes (lai seh) from Chinese New Year, so I can easily tuck five or six envelopes that I do need (shopping, entertainment) into my Filo. I've used this system since my undergrad years and it's worked really well.

@Babs: I highly recommend the Osterley! The leather is much nicer than the Amazona (which my mom has). At the risk of being redundant, the leather is more leather-y than the Amazona. It lay flat right out of the box and despite its glamazon good looks, is able to withstand my penchant for turning Filos into an overstuffed burrito. A minor quibble I have is that you have to be very careful not to expose it to liquids and oils, lest the colour changes. It still rocks, though :o)

Robbiegirl (2011-10-02 15:01:58)

Can you make suggestions for me please? I want to use my personal Filofax to it's max. Some of you had mentioned goals etc and I would like suggestions of websites or articles on how to really make the most of my time and planner.

Gerard (2011-10-02 17:26:21)

Hi Robbiegirl,

Try searching the Philofaxy website for "task and time management" - there's a search window in the sidebar on the left-hand side of the homepage.

Laurie (2011-10-02 20:21:52)

Robbiegirl, you can also search Goals and there are several posts and mentions of goal setting. I wrote a brief post awhile back about using a Filofax for setting and tracking goals: <http://www.plannerisms.com/2010/01/secrets-to-success.html>

There are loads of websites about time management, one of my favorites is Time Management Ninja.

I haven't looked but Franklin Covey probably has some online info about using your planner for goals and task management.

Filofax Neal Street Flash Sale (2011-09-30 09:05)



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News from Filofax Neal Street in London.

Small Leather Accessories (except Malden), certain styles of Folders, selected Bags are reduced.

Also, for today & Saturday Mini Pens plus Finchley, Deco & Amazona organisers are reduced by 50 % off.

Folks sorry we went the wrong week! Or order by [2]phone

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-63ZGkzrf41Q/Tn5z3cLlJ0I/AAAAAAAAAJr8/bIuxJcJHex0/s1600/IMG_0519.JPG

2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofax-delivery-options.html>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-30 10:06:20)

Ooh, is this a sign that the new binders will be released imminently? Exciting!

Saffy (2011-09-30 11:00:41)

Oh no, Alison Reeves has signed off for the day and she is after an Amazona though I can't remember which size. Can anyone contact her to let her know of the 50 % discount on Amazona?

Steve (2011-09-30 11:07:40)

I will try to contact her.

Steve

Steve (2011-09-30 11:15:45)

Sent her a text message and a voice mail message

Saffy (2011-09-30 11:19:17)

Excellent, thank you Steve. I hate to think she would miss out on such a good deal especially as she has been after one for ages now.

Babs (2011-09-30 11:23:32)

Do they have any personal size amazonas? I looked at the online catalogue but could only see pocket (not that I need another binder ... I'm just asking ... You understand!)

Steve (2011-09-30 11:24:21)

Contact Dee by phone details in the post.

Steve

Dollface (2011-09-30 11:43:15)

how much would 50 % off make a personal amazona/deco?

the deco would still be quite expensive right?

i just got my student loan today- and i'm already considering splurging
curse you philofaxy!!

Dollface (2011-09-30 11:49:13)

oh oh and would they have an amazona slimline? and how much? oh god i'm dreaming about it now..
should i get the tube up there tomorrow?
SO TEMPTED

Babs (2011-09-30 11:49:49)

One A5 Finchley in Imperial Purple <3 and one Personal Amazona in Almond <3 later ... I'm going to have to stop reading this blog, Steve!!!!
He he! Roll on Tuesday! :)
(I'm afraid some of the current collection are going to have to go, though, to fund these purchases :'(... but which ones?!)

Babs (2011-09-30 11:50:29)

@Dollface - Personal Amazona is £49.50. She had all colours in stock but I think I got the last Almond.

Cra2yGuava (2011-09-30 14:36:52)

Just bought a new Personal size Filofax at the Conduit store today :-)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-09-30 16:05:51)

@Cra2yGuava- if you haven't started using it yet you could return it and buy one in the sale in the Neal Street store?

Steve (2011-10-01 04:37:47)

Saffy,

You will be pleased to hear that I've made contact with Alison R, so she will be giving Neal Street a call as soon as she is a decent location to get better mobile reception!
Steve

Steve (2011-10-01 05:01:13)

Put the number in to your Speed Dials on your phone !!
+44 (0) 207 836 1977

Saffy (2011-10-01 05:15:57)

Steve, thank you for letting me know. That is great news, I hope Alison manages to get the size and colour she is after.

