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Chapter 1

2011

1.1 October

Web Finds - 1 October 2011 (2011-10-01 00:00)

So October has arrived, and it won't surprise you that we have some great posts for you to read.

- [1]Keeping Up With the Philofaxians (Kanalt) - The Zeitgeist of Zoe - All Stars
- [2]My Heart Belongs to Malden - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
- [3]A Royal One Year Blog-Anniversary Giveaway! - Caribbean Princess
- [4]Filo vacay - Filofax Fixation
- [5]Lessons from A-Z street maps and a Filofax - Cameron Consultants
- [6]Panama Planning: The Birthday Filofax Reveal...Part 3 - Modern Musings
- [7]Filofax Flex, Time to get organised - Lady from a tramp
- [8]Music and My Moods (Imy) - Anita Lim - All Stars
- [9]Analysis of the survey of new organisers in 2011 - Filomaniac
- [10]My gorgeous new A5 Red Amazona! Part 1 - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [11]My gorgeous new A5 Red Amazona! Part 2 - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [12]Millie's Top 5 books - Fennel Books - All Stars
- [13]What's in my bag - Anita - Imysworld - All Stars
- [14]New Electronic Planners vs. Paper Calendars - Quo Vadis Blog
- [15]Very Special Guest Post from Imysworld - SNARLing Post
- [16]New additions to my family - Paper Lovestory
- [17]Studying Around Work (Millie) - Musings of a Caribbean Princess - All Stars
- [18]In Brief - E n j o y e t t e
- [19]Filofax Reorganising - The Crazy Suburban Mom

- [20]The Lord is my Filofax - Jed Stone
- [21]Filofax - Michaelas Skrivarresa
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

Philofaxy London Meet Up Posts:

- [22]A meeting of the Philofaxers Sept 2011 - Globe Trotting Cacti
- [23]Philofaxy London Meet Up Sept 2011 Part 1 - Caribbean Princess
- [24]Philofaxy London Meet Up Sept 2011 Part 2 - Caribbean Princess
- [25]Philofaxy London Meet Up Sept 2011 Part 3 - Caribbean Princess
- [26]A Monkey's take on the Philofaxy meet up - Guest post Tali - Imys World
- [27]Philofaxy London Meet Up - Filomaniac
- [28]Philofaxy London Meet Up September 2011 - Imysworld

And I hope you enjoy Imy's video of Saturday too.

IFRAME: [29]http://www.youtube.com/embed/FpiazXg3_ns

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7. <http://ladyfromatramp.blogspot.com/2011/09/filofax-flex-time-to-get-organised.html>
8. <http://anita-lim.blogspot.com/2011/09/music-and-my-moods-all-stars-post-by.html>
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21. <http://michaelaberglund.wordpress.com/2011/09/24/filofax/>
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27. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/09/exklusivbericht-philofaxy-london-meet.html>
28. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/09/philofaxy-meet-up-september-2011.html>
29. http://www.youtube.com/embed/FpiazXg3_ns

Gerard (2011-10-01 12:40:25)

Steve - Just back from my hols and settling down with a cuppa to read these. Thanks very much!

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-10-02 03:19:40)

Gosh, lots of lovely blogs and a fab video Imy

Maudie Made - New Products (2011-10-01 12:02)



[1]

Our friend Maudie has been in touch again, as promised in her last update, she has expanded her range of Filofax compatible stationary and diary inserts to cover Mini, Pocket and Personal inserts.

You can see the full range at her [2]on-line shop, take a look.

1. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/maudie.jpg>

2. http://www.etsy.com/shop/maudiemade?ref=si_shop

Kate (2011-10-03 13:37:59)

I recommend Maudie very highly. Her work is quick and of high quality and her prices are very reasonable, even for special orders..

Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 7 - Print Your Own (2011-10-02 00:00)

Following on from [1]part 6 in this part I want to cover some of the Do It Yourself options. I know we have covered some of these options recently, but I'm sure you won't mind me drawing them all together in one post.

[2]DiY Planner is a great site for planner templates of all sorts of layouts and sizes.

It is where I started off when I 'came back to Filofax' in 2005. At the time I was using my Personal size Winchester and a A5 Finsbury. There are dozens of specialist [3]templates on the site. With full explanations and descriptions against each one. I've also contributed some templates to the site as well, this was before I discovered Philofaxy and before I became a contributor here and we then started to host our own templates.

They also have some '[4]Dynamic Templates' these are generated from a software application that you can download for the Mac or Windows PC. You select the style and type of template you want as well as the size and it creates the templates on the screen which you can then print out on demand.

Other options for printing your own diary inserts are using Google Calendar, Yahoo Calendar, iCal and Outlook, and any other electronic calendar application you might have, there are almost too many to list.

But here are links to some of our past posts on this topic.

- [5]Print your own A4 or A5 Diary and Year Planner for 2011 - *2012 will be available soon.*
- [6]Monthly View Calendars
- [7]A5 Week to View Diary Format
- [8]Creating Your Own Diary Using MS Outlook - revisited

- [9]Microsoft Outlook > Filofax
- [10]Printing Personal Pages
- [11]Printing A5 pages

I wonder if one day Filofax themselves will sell come form of calendar printing application that you can customise the layouts to your own requirement?

With that thought that ends this marathon series of posts on diary inserts...

I'm aware that I've most probably missed a few. But if I have, please post a link in the comments. Just naming a store doesn't really help if you can't buy them on line. So please help me by posting links to the actual diary inserts you think I missed and I will add these in.

Thank you..

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2. <http://www.diyplanner.com/>
3. <http://www.diyplanner.com/templates/index>
4. <http://www.diyplanner.com/node/6210>
5. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/12/print-your-own-a4-or-a5-diary-for-2011.html>
6. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/08/monthly-view-calendars.html>
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9. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/microsoft-outlook-calendar-filofax.html>
10. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/printing-your-own-filofax-personal.html>
11. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/printing-a5-pages.html>

Babs (2011-10-02 06:38:55)
cough* Dairy *cough*

Steve Morton (2011-10-02 16:36:08)
Thanks... now corrected!

Filofax M2 Format (2011-10-03 00:00)

Originally I was going to include the M2 size into the Diary Inserts series of posts, but as there is only one layout available, I wondered about just adding it to the Filofax Mini post. That is until I had another of my 'bright ideas', so that was when the M2 size became a post of it's own, but covering more than just diary inserts.... read on.

So the M2 size is discontinued as far as binders are concerned. You might find them on Ebay or on Craig's list, but Filofax still produce a dairy insert and other pages for this size.

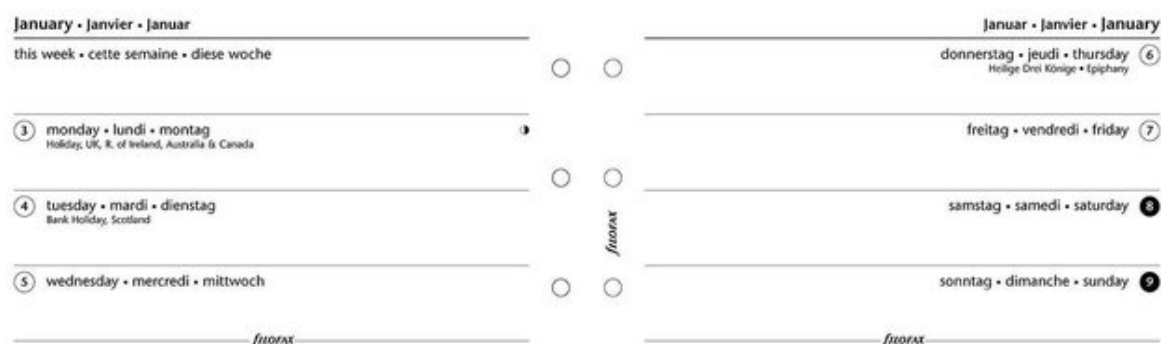
This is a sample of an M2 organiser I found on the internet:



[1]

The page size is similar to Filofax Mini, but in landscape format rather than portrait format. The actual size is 64 mm high by 103 mm wide and it has only 3 rings spaced 19mm (3/4") apart. This compares to the Mini which is 105 mm high by 67 mm wide with 5 rings.

The one diary format available is a week on two pages format:



[2]

When you see this format for the first time it does look a little strange I think you will agree. But it might suit some peoples hand writing style.

As well as diary inserts Filofax also sell, To-Do pages, Name and Address and ruled Note paper in this size. [3]Check out the site for full details.

So this is all very good but why am I telling you about a size format that has been discontinued? Good question...

What else also has ring spacing 19mm (3/4") apart and a page width of 95 mm? Personal size... OK M2 is 8 mm wider, but a normal Filofax Tab is 101mm, so they should fit ok. A5 also has 3 rings magically spaced at 19mm apart but with a page width of 148 mm, so M2 pages will fit the A5 easily.

So you can use M2 in a hybrid sort of way in the same way I suggested using [4]Mini in A5 organisers.... So you could mix plain paper and to do pages in the same view.

You could of course make some 'half size' inserts by cutting Personal or A5 size inserts in half and then may be trimming a little bit extra off, so that there are no page overlap issues.

Please note that the M2 size inserts are available on most of the [5]Filofax On-Line stores, not just the UK one.

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4. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/a5-and-mini.html>
5. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofax-delivery-options.html>

Kate (2011-10-03 05:15:42)

I picked up a Cross M2 binder on eBay for £2.50 and feel very pleased with myself. It is used as my wallet and travelling diary and works very well.

Setting Goals with your Filofax (2011-10-03 01:16)

Reader Robbiegirl recently posted a comment asking for tips on using a Filofax for goal setting and time management. Since goal setting is one of my favorite topics, I thought I'd write a post about how to specifically use your Filofax for setting and tracking goals.

Awhile back on Plannerisms I wrote a post about using your planner to set and track goals, and mentioned some ways to use Filofax for this. ([1]Click here to see the post.) I found the article linked in that post very enlightening.

So, the thing about goals is it's not enough just to set them. Don't get me wrong, goal setting is extremely important. But it's just the beginning.

1. Goal or Resolution? First, let's talk about the difference between a goal and a resolution. In her book *The Happiness Project*, [2]Gretchen Rubin cleared up the whole issue for me by pointing out that a Goal has a definitive end. Her example was, your goal might be to run a marathon. You train for the marathon, then on race day you run it, and it's finished. But if your goal is to exercise regularly for health and fitness, that's a Resolution. That's never going to end. It will be a life-long endeavor. But you can create goals from your resolutions. For example, a goal could be to exercise 4 times per week.

2. Set your goals. This means, really think about what you want your goals to be. What do you want the end result to be? Write down what you want to accomplish, and crucially, by WHEN. Give yourself a deadline, whether actual or artificial.

3. Set milestones. Milestones are steps along the way to allow you to monitor your progress. Most goals are big, multi-faceted things that need to be broken down into tasks. Look at your Goal, and think about all the steps that need to happen to reach the end. Write down each step, and think about how long it will take you to reach that step. From this timeline you can set your monthly and weekly goals and tasks. What do you need to do each week to continue your progress toward your goals?

***4. Record your progress.** This is a step many people miss when working toward their goals. In the article I linked above, one of the most important points was to record your progress. Did you complete your weekly and monthly goals? Have you done those tasks related to your goals? Make sure you write down what you accomplished, and what you didn't, so that at all times you know what you still need to do to reach your goal.

***5. Evaluate your progress!** This is a step very few people do! Yet, it is crucial for successfully reaching your goals. After you record your progress toward your goals, evaluate what worked well and what didn't. If you didn't reach your weekly or monthly milestones, why not? Did something unexpected come up that took up your time (such as an illness or urgent project?) If you did reach your milestones, celebrate! Make sure you write down what worked well so you can replicate it!

6. Adjust your goals. This is yet another step that many people don't do. As you work through your goals, continue to adjust them to suit your needs. You may find as you go along that a goal may need a longer timeline than you have allotted, so you can adjust your timeline accordingly. You may discover that there are things that need to happen first before you can progress, so you can work those tasks into your timeline. You may find that some of your milestones need to be changed. You might even find that a goal you set awhile back is no longer relevant and can be eliminated.

7. Celebrate your success! Reward yourself along the way for reaching your milestones, and make sure to celebrate the completion of your goal!

A Filofax is an excellent tool to help you reach your goals. You can use a Filofax in almost endless ways to help you along the way. Here are some ideas:

Create a GOAL section. Whatever your goal is, dedicate a section to it. Here you can list your monthly and weekly goals, and evaluate them. You can collect information that will help you reach your goal. You can even write inspirational quotes to help keep you motivated. Or, you could even dedicate an entire Filofax to your goal. This works well for exercise or specific projects. If you do use a separate,

designated Filofax, make sure you open the book often! You may find you look at goals more often in your everyday, constant-use Filofax.

Visual reminders everywhere. Put reminders of your goals everywhere you look. Have a page you like to look at in the very front of your Filofax so you see your goal every time you open your binder. This can be a photo (like [3]Femke's photo of herself running a 5k, which she would like to do again), a motivational statement, or a countdown ("only 5 more pounds to go!"). I like to write my goals on my weekly diary pages so they are in front of me all the time. Write or stick reminders of your goals on your pagemarker. Your goals will stay at the front of your mind if you see them frequently.

Record your progress. This is where a Filofax can be especially useful in goal setting and achievement, because of the ability to add in any pages you want. You can use your Filofax to record your progress toward your goal in numerous ways. Use graph paper to make charts or total up figures (such as money saved, miles run, pounds lost, etc). Use notes paper to write lists of accomplishments. On your diary pages, write your daily and weekly goals and check them off as you finish them to get a real sense of accomplishment!

Write evaluations in your Filofax! These can go in your Goals section, or you can put pages into your weekly or monthly section to keep a chronological record of your progress. You might designate a specific color of paper to write your goals progress and evaluations on so you can find and reference them easily. Write reminders in your diary pages of when it's time to write your weekly, mid-month and/ or monthly reviews. Then on your designated pages write what worked well and what didn't, what needs to be continued and what, if anything, can be eliminated. Remember to record your successes and your pitfalls! Both will help you work out a plan forward.

Rewards in your Filofax. How will you reward yourself when you reach your goal? Will you take a trip? Have a party? Buy yourself a new wardrobe of clothes in your new smaller size? Write your reward, plan your party or list your dream clothes in your Filofax. Don't forget to give yourself smaller rewards for reaching benchmarks along the way: after you've consistently completed your weekly goals you might buy yourself a new book, go see a movie or even splurge on a new Filofax! ;D

Your Filofax can be a wonderful motivational tool. How do you use your Filofax to help you reach your goals?

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3. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/09/philofaxy-all-stars-guest-post-femke.html>

gdigesu (2011-10-03 04:09:19)

Laurie, this is excellent material. Thanks.

Laurie (2011-10-03 04:12:41)

Thank you! I'm glad you like it. :)

SNARLing: (2011-10-03 08:37:17)

wow. perfect timing! I went to bed late last night reconfiguring pages for this. I was doing a weekly write up along with weekly journal pages faithfully every week but then I'd also replace them every week so it was hard for me to see any sort of progress whatsoever even if I had a list of the weekly goals that stays in, the weekly review doesn't stick in my head if it's out of sight. also, I wasn't really connecting my weekly goals with my monthly goals... so I would just have a bunch of random weekly & monthly goals and of course I was not very good at accomplishing any of them. I have been rating myself on the weeklies, tho. averaging a 1.5 out of 5! funny that I decided to finally address it when you post this article! thanks for this- it's a great general re-cap. mine are on todo sheets -3 of them for the month. first page is 'inspirations and blessings' (soas to open that section with the positive I encountered for the month) backside - 'what went well' 2nd page facing - 'what didn't', back of that - 'what i learned' - facing - 'what needs to change' and then the last back - notable. i have each page broken down into 6 sections (you'd need at least 5 per month) since I can see everything. I'm hoping I can better understand what I should accomplish and therefore accomplish

more. like this week, I have a meeting to look at a school (gotta get out of this rut so taking the steps to slightly alter career) so this week my goal is 'self' so I need to make more effort to think about myself and focus on my

'career' goals. (I tried this once with 'career' didn't work. gotta apply it to 'self' arrghh. why I have to complicate things so much is beyond me) my monthly goal is 'purge' - in every sense of the word. gotta get rid of tons of baggage so as to move forward! anyway, great post thanks!

gdigesu (2011-10-03 09:20:34)

Snarling, very thoughtful:

- Inspirations and blessings
- What went well
- What didn't
- What I learned
- What needs to change
- Notable

SNARLing: (2011-10-03 10:30:27)

g - these are summaries i've taken from the women's success planner:

[http://www.thesuccesschoice.com/catalog/index.php?main_page=index &cPath=66](http://www.thesuccesschoice.com/catalog/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=66)

i added the 'notable' since i may not have done my todos or gotten closer to my weekly goal but i DID manage to do other things (i get distracted quite easily and tend to follow tangents a lot plus i'm also a major procrastinator...i never give up! but i procrastinate a LOT)

Gerard (2011-10-03 14:29:48)

Laurie,

Thanks for this interesting post. Snarling, thanks also for sharing your ideas.

Jotje (2011-10-04 14:52:46)

Great post, Laurie! I think the weekly/monthly reviews are greatly underestimated. For me it means that I hold myself accountable for what I did and didn't do (especially the latter ;-)). Otherwise, I just transfer undone activities/todo's to the next week or month. But now I actually have to sit down and write WHY the heck I didn't do what I agreed to myself to do. Like looking in a mirror, there's no avoiding techniques, because it's very hard to lie to yourself!

That's what got me hooked on the Woman's Success Planner ;-)

Laurie (2011-10-05 08:48:56)

I totally agree Jotje, that is one of my favorite things about the Women's Success Planner. Charlie Gilkey of Productive Flourishing also does monthly and mid-month reviews, which are very helpful, but the frequency of weekly reviews really make me scrutinize how I'm doing things!

Robbiegirl (2011-10-05 17:48:51)

Thank you so much. This is exactly what I am looking for. I find the comments useful as well. I love this site.

Jy11 (2011-12-18 04:38:15)

This is so great! I am just starting to organize my first Filofax for 2012 and this is just what I needed. Thanks for sharing it!



[1]

So what questions do you have for us this week?

And the picture in case you are wondering is the difference between 25mm rings and 30 mm rings on a couple of my A5's

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-niq6dyj4Jpg/Td1Lr2AIJ1I/AAAAAAAAJgc/6gvAJNuKpj4/s1600/IMG_0022.jpg

emotional pear (2011-10-04 02:18:20)

haha. I was just looking this up yesterday!

How much more can you fit on a 30 mm ring than a 25 mm. I want to get the chameleon A5, but I'm not sure just because its only 25 mm.

Alison Reeves (2011-10-04 03:52:50)

Just thought I would update everyone on my quest for a black amazona personal.

I was spending the weekend in a field in the middle of Wales with friends/dogs etc. The wonderful Steve went to a lot of trouble to inform me about the offer at Neal Street. I ended up with a text message, an email, a mobile message, and an answerphone message. However - because of the vagaries of the mobile phone coverage in Wales I had three opportunities to call Neal Street and on each occasion they didn't answer the phone (must have been busy in the shop) and on one later occasion the call kept dropping.

I can only assume that this was not meant to be. I will keep looking - also I am tempted to call them and see if they would still honour the offer, but I doubt they would.

Alison Reeves (2011-10-04 03:55:08)

PS I shouldn't grumble too much as I already have a cream personal Deco and an ivory Panama - I'd have to sell one or more of these to recoup the cost of the amazona as 'him indoors' is starting to grumble about the quantity of filofax goods around our home!

Steve Morton (2011-10-04 05:11:31)

Thank you Alison, well it was worth a try.

Emotional Pear I would estimate that the difference between 25 and 30mm is about 50-60 pages more.

I've not actually done it by loading both up with paper. But the other day I was ask how many pages a 19mm Pocket holds.

That easily took 220 pages which is about 19-20mm thick. so 50-60 pages must be about 5mm thick?

If I get a moment I will load both the 25 and 30 mm A5's and see what they can take in practice.

Alison Reeves (2011-10-04 05:21:32)

Is it my imagination - Filofax seem to have just started promoting their 2011 collection (from their home page) this seems awfully late for me - I'd be thinking about 2012 by now!

Anita (2011-10-04 05:27:24)

@ Alison Reeves - sorry to hear you didn't manage to get through to Neal Street :(

I'm about to return a newly purchased personal raspberry Metropol. Fab colour, but just doesn't compare to my Malden & I don't need it!

Alison Reeves (2011-10-04 06:08:04)

@Anita - yes the old want versus need! I don't actually need any more filofaxes - I just want them! Although there does seem to be a holy grail - once people find the one they love they suddenly don't need any more. This seems to have happened with lots of people and the Malden!

Scoot (2011-10-04 06:17:58)

Filofax's 2011 collection even includes 2012 Olympic binders! Should we assume they are to be dropped before 2012?

Of Filofax's various discounts, the one I can't understand is the Malden Personal in Crimson, half price at £36. Seems to be another example of them giving away stock, though not as crazy as the German sell off.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-04 09:56:10)

I just saw that my lecturer has a Filofax! I don't know which type, but it's black, personal sized, leather, and with a pen loop on the right so it's not a chameleon. I think he was using WO2P inserts, but I could only see it from a distance. Ooh exciting! It's only the second one I have ever seen in person!!

Steve Morton (2011-10-04 10:04:10)

Just wait until November and you will be spoilt with so many around the table!

But well spotted, is it rude to ask what type it is? !!

justenoughsalt (2011-10-04 10:49:43)

i am just excited to see someone on here with the username "emotional pear" YAY!

Butanben (2011-10-04 13:42:25)

Home sense have some slimline personal Amazonas for sale in black,.... also red ones.... half the RRP normal cost. Hope you're lucky Alison! xxxxx

Gerard (2011-10-04 14:45:09)

emotional pear (if you're still tuned in...),

I'd estimate the difference at about 80 - 100 pages: that's how much extra I've been able to fit into an old binder with larger rings. The 25mm rings hold *a lot* of information - I'm using Personal size, and A5 is much more accommodating. P.S. I <3 your username.

emotional pear (2011-10-04 16:41:48)

Thanks for the help! 80 pages is still a lot though... hmm..

mija (2011-10-05 10:35:06)

Hello!

I wonder if someone could write anything about methods on how use and organize their filofax a5 planner, anything more about time management please. Thanks

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-05 10:59:56)

I blogged on my Paper Pens Ink blog about my time-management system and also did a guest blog on it, a few weeks ago. It's in a personal, but could easily be adapted to an A5.

PPI blog:

<http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/07/time-and-task-management-how-is-tmi.html>

Guest blog post on Paper love story:

<http://www.paperlovestory.com/2011/09/guest-post-time-management.html>

Either of those any use?

CherylE (2011-10-05 11:25:31)

Hello,

I am a new visitor who is looking for a Finsbury personal in aqua. Nothing avail on the filofax site or ebay.
Any suggestions on online retailers? I am in Canada.
-Cheryl

mija (2011-10-05 15:51:40)
Thanks very much Amanda will have a look! :)
Cheryl try Staples I have ordered a5 in aqua from them :)

Deeji (2011-10-05 18:03:34)
I've been into whsmiths to check out the domino filos. I'm not convinced if I'm totally honest. The smooth leather just seems very... scratchable. I know that they are a cheaper filo and the material wont compare to my finchleys but like I said before, I'm not convinced they will be durable. Anyone who has a domino, could you tell me if you have to be very careful with the binder - I would be very disappointed to have a scratched filofax... thanks :)

Laurie (2011-10-06 01:54:38)
Deeji, the Domino covers are not leather, they are synthetic and they do scratch very easily. If you carry your Filofax in your bag and you want the cover to remain pristine-looking, I don't recommend the Domino! But, it's so (relatively) inexpensive that many people deal with the scratch marks.

Laurie (2011-10-06 01:57:33)
mija if you haven't seen Jotje's guest post on Task and Time Management with Filofax I highly recommend it:
<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/12/guest-post-task-and-time-management.html>
Hers is personal size but you could easily adapt the methods with an A5.

Josh (2011-10-06 10:07:46)
I have a personal size domino in red, I use it very heavily and chuck it in my bag, the console in my car, etc. Has not scratched at all. It does have some sort of indentation where I put it down on top of some small object and an impression was left.
I tend to love the look of a well worn filofax.
The elastic band around the domino takes dirt badly.
No real complaints here.

October Offers (2011-10-04 02:00)

Not long until Christmas, yet a mini heat wave has hit UK and Europe in this last few days. Anyway... Christmas is creeping up on us. So what better time to think about buying some Filofax inserts, organisers, diary inserts and any other goodies....
Filofax UK have a 4 for the price of 3 offer for the rest of October, on [1]Paper and Essentials only one order per person attracts the discount.



[2]

Filofax UK also have a Free Delivery offer on UK delivery on all [3]2012 diary inserts. Only one use per person, and again valid until the end of October.



[4]

Filofax UK still have their '[5]Last Chance to Buy' sale page running which includes 50 % off the Crimson Malden Personal and Pocket organisers. This is becoming a popular 'must own' organiser if the recent Meet Up pictures can prove...I counted 5 crimson personals.. and there was only 11 of us there!



[6]

The [7]Filofax Finchley looks as if it is also in its last throws and it being sold off at a discount price. WH Smiths in UK also still have their 'up to 60percent offer' running on [8]Filofax Organisers and inserts and accessories.



[9]

All of the above offers will [10]earn commission, which will be donated to a UK cancer charity later this year.

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ninij Elfenfisch (2011-10-04 04:36:44)

hi there,
there is also a huge sale on the finchley range.
almost every size and colour is reduced by 35 %
<http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/specials.asp?OID=223>

David Popely (2011-10-05 02:51:48)

I'd just like to make it clear that Christmas isn't creeping up on anyone here, and if it tries it may find itself attacked with a length of 2-by-4 :)
Just saying.....
Act now - be radical - keep Christmas out of October/November!

My Malden Family (2011-10-05 00:00)

Well it was bound to happen... having bought an A5 and Personal size Maldens in March this year, I just couldn't resist the Pocket Malden that Jotje announced as being for sale on Twitter, it was instant snap decision. 'Yes I will have it!' And she kindly brought it along to the Meet Up last weekend.



[1]

So the 'family' is as follows, (back left) A5 in Grey ([2]30mm rings), (back right) A5 in Grey (25 mm rings) which was the [3]original one! And in the front row, Crimson Personal (one of many) and Black Pocket.

So of course you are going to ask what am I going to be using them all for... yep thought you might.

- A5 Grey (25 mm) - This is my current desk planner with the [4]day per page (business diary) insert in it and a few other pages. I've been using this set up since about May.
- A5 Grey (30 mm) - I'm setting this one up for use next year with a slightly different set up to this year in the other A5. I will be publishing the details of this set up once I have settled on set up in the forthcoming weeks. But it's handy having the two A5's, so I can leave one as it is whilst I set up the other one.

- Crimson Personal - This is currently used as my carry around Filofax with a Week on Two pages diary which I tend to use as a journal rather than a planner. I use the address section on this one quite a bit too.
- Black Pocket - I'm going to consider swapping my Chameleon Pocket for this one. Again I will be publishing a post comparing the two organisers, because there are some pros and cons between them, so it will be interesting to share them with you in the coming weeks.



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At the moment the Personal and Pocket both have fairly standard fills in them, but they are likely to change in the coming weeks as I set them up for the forth coming year.

Now what about a Mini... hmm tempting. Although I doubt it would ever be used... famous last words!

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Alison Reeves (2011-10-05 04:03:24)

Cute set. I don't have a Malden, but keep wondering of I should get one ...

Lynne (2011-10-05 04:40:54)

I love my vintage pink Malden... So much so that I don't think I will ever buy another filofax (did I say that out loud??)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-05 04:53:27)

I've worked out why filofax have the crimson malden on the endangered list...

it's because once people have bought a malden they say they will never buy another filofax!

So, by making such a stupendously good binder, filofax have shot their sales team in the feet and so have had to discontinue it!

Alison Reeves (2011-10-05 06:19:46)

Although the crimson is on the reduced page it is no longer available on it's own page so I'm thinking they must have sold out.

I wouldn't buy the pink or the grey and I don't like the colours. I wonder if they will bring it out in other colours?

SSA (2011-10-05 06:42:54)

You have a beautiful family Steve...you must be very proud :)

Laurie (2011-10-05 08:35:43)

Amanda that's exactly what I'm thinking!!! LOL!

Kate (2011-10-05 10:20:28)

I resisted the Malden for a long time but finally gave in and bought it in the vintage Rose colour. Gorgeous! Not as good as my amethyst Deco but it's a close second.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-05 13:07:55)

I have a crimson pocket Malden, 2 personal Maldens a crimson and an ochre, and a vintage pink A5 Malden! Long live the Maldens!!

LJ (2011-10-05 14:12:51)

I managed to get the crimson personal at half price, but I'm not allowed it until Christmas as it's my present from my DF. Will be so excited to finally get my hands on it on Christmas day :o)

Anita (2011-10-05 17:17:13)

I agree, long live the Maldens! I visited a shop earlier that had a nice filo display & had a look at a mini ochre Malden, absolutely gorgeous :) Would love some boots that colour.

Kate (2011-10-06 05:00:41)

If the mini Malden had an outside pocket for money it would make a perfect wallet!

Reader Under The Spot Light - Kate (2011-10-06 00:00)



[1]

Hi everyone! I'm so honoured to be able to do a Reader Under the Spotlight! It's really interesting to read about other people's filofaxing, I thought I would try it myself!

I run the blog [2]The Perpetual Student[3], where I write about Filofaxes and studenthood, but mainly about Filofaxes!

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

I bought my first ever Filofax, a raspberry personal Finsbury, this March. I saw it online and absolutely

loved it, and bought it the next day from John Lewis! I have been hooked since then, and have bought many different styles since!

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

I used to use generic diaries that I found in stationary shops, but never really stuck to them. I used an academic A6 day per page bound WH Smith diary successfully during school, and during the first years of university I used dodopad, and my iphone calendar. But none of them worked perfectly for my hectic uni life, until I found Filofax that is!

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

Malden Malden Malden!!! I love my personal sized Maldens, but I don't know if I could choose between the crimson and the ochre! I love them both!

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Cough cough* I think I'm too ashamed to count!! My mum would say too many! Around 10 I guess, maybe more!

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

Here are my 3 most important filox (if I tell you about all of my collection I'll be here all day!):

I use a personal for my everyday planner. I have 3 in the rotation- my crimson and ochre Maldens, and my raspberry Chameleon (I'm currently using my crimson Malden, but I may change in a couple of weeks when I get bored). It serves as my day-to-day planner, especially when I'm not at my desk (which is most of the time), with my DPP insert, and holds my cards, any important information I need when I am out (my 'reference' section with my mum's working timetable, important addresses etc), and some note paper.

My A5 vintage pink Malden holds things that I don't need with me all the time like my housework section, meal plans etc, and most importantly my 'fun' section, where I plan for my blog, list books I want to read etc!

I use my gorgeous new A5 Amazona for my university planner, it has my WO2P columned diary for planning my week, a monthly diary printed from Outlook to plan when I am going to focus on specific assignments, and details of uni work to do for each module! I love it, it's really helping me to stay organised!

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

It has to be its customisability! I can have it set up any way I want, and change it if it's not working for me! It's always evolving, but I hope one day soon I am going to set up my perfect planner, and it will work for me 100 %, unlike any generic planner I could buy from a shop! All because of the genius of the rings!

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

This is quite easy as I LOVE the Malden so I would just tweak that a tiny bit. I would have vertical card slots (because I prefer them), a more fuchsia-pink colour instead of the vintage rose, and 2 pen loops! It would be great if they made a compact Malden (Filofax, please take note!!), and hopefully an A5 crimson Malden!!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

I carry my daily filo in my hand if I can, because I always want it near me. If it rains, I'm afraid it has to go away somewhere safe! The one time I put in my bag when I could carry it, it got a huge scratch on the corner! I can't carry my A5 Amazona in my hand all the time, especially as at the same time I still would be carrying my everyday filo, so that goes in my bag, but I feel really bad putting it in a bag with my keys, or in my backpack, so I might make a protective bag for it to go in when it's inside my backpack!

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

Deary me, this could turn into an essay! Of course I love a lot of them... But if I could own one more, at the moment it would be the compact Osterley in plum... although I don't know if it would really suit me, because I think it's for much more grown-up ladies (read: well-dressed business women) than me (scruffy student)!

Actually... I would LOVE an A5 Malden in Ochre... after seeing some pictures of it, I wish I had bought the Ochre A5 instead of the vintage pink! It's such a gorgeous-looking thing! But I couldn't excuse another one... until my next birthday, maybe!

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

I must confess... £100 on my A5 Malden, but it was my graduation present for myself, and it did help donate £8 to the Philofaxy charity fund! I know that's a lot of money to spend on one filo, but I have saved quite a bit of money with some of my others, and I see all my filox as an investment, I will use them for the rest of my life!

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

Ever since I found the site when I first became obsessed with Filofaxes, I have felt like this is a great community where people are so kind and I really feel like I belong! You guys are the only ones who understand my addiction!! I feel so at home here! For that reason I love FFA Ts and Fs, and I really love reading all the other posts too! Plus I love the Flickr group!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

I wish you would stop enabling so much! My bank account can't handle it!!!

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

It was Adele 21, I love her, she is so talented!

Thank you Kate for agreeing to be our latest reader under the spotlight.

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Gerard (2011-10-06 08:05:26)

Hi Kate

It's nice to see you profiled here - thanks for your post.

Scoot (2011-10-06 08:38:33)

And thanks for making such a positive contribution to this "community".

Anita (2011-10-06 08:41:30)

Hi Kate, lovely to read your turn in the spot light :)

Josh (2011-10-06 09:54:30)

I am new to Filofax land, but can see how one can become somewhat addicted! Great to read your piece!

caribbean princess (2011-10-06 10:55:47)

Kate it is lovely to see your feature here. Congratulations on graduating!

Filofreak (2011-10-06 20:45:43)

Welcome

Filofreak (2011-10-06 21:03:44)

Welcome to the Family Kate!

Saffy (2011-10-07 04:13:39)

Hi Kate, lovely to read about you. 10 Filo's in such a short time is exactly how my 'collection' started - after I discovered Philofaxy of course ;)

terriknits (2011-10-07 12:01:06)

Hi Kate - I was -shocked- to see that you only got sucked into the Filo madness since March! And ten already?!

Wow!

SNARLing: (2011-10-08 12:30:01)

nice to formerly meet you! i enjoy your blog very much and will be referring back to it once i start my classes...and yeah - i thought you've been around for awhile - also surprised it's only been since march. if it makes you feel any better, since march, i have purchased 6 (that i KEPT heh heh) ...so... we'll see what happens next year... heh heh

Free for All Friday No. 151 (2011-10-07 00:01)

At the [1]New York City meetup last month, we talked not only about our Filofaxes, but what we put them in.

Some people simply hand-carry their Filofaxes. I do that on quick errands. Women, of course, carry their Filos in a handbag or totebag. More men are starting to carry an organizer bag (Mr. Morton), and that's an obvious place to carry a Filo.

A few people asked me, with some concern, how I carry around my A5, the one I use for work. The answer is – I don't! I take it to and from work in a wheeled laptop case. If I worked only in an office, I'd simply leave it in my office.

The subject of carrying is on my mind now. By the time you read this, I'll be traveling in Ireland. And I'll have a Filofax in my backpack.

Where do you put yours?

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/philofaxy-new-york-meet-up-live-update.html>

David Popely (2011-10-07 00:10:45)

I carry mine in my hand, or if I have my briefcase with me, in a pocket on the front, which is almost a perfect size for it. If I'm in the car it lives in the side door pocket, so its always handy, because I use it for my debit cards and for capturing receipts as well.

Like you, Nan, I've quite given up carrying my A5, it's just too big, which sadly means it's out of service at the moment.

All of which leads me to my (supplementary) question: how do you manage two filofaxes? I'm self-employed, and my work and personal lives intertwine in terms of appointments (although obviously not often in terms of to-do items). How do you run two diaries effectively? If I worked a strict 9-5 and then walked away I could understand it, but for most of us that's no longer the case. Do you 'synchronize' diaries? That seems far better done electronically to me. Or is there some other clever 'trick' you employ?

I'd be really interested to hear from you, as the A5 would actually be far better suited to the volume of 'stuff' I have to work with - but at the moment, as soon as I do that my diary management goes awry - and I *do* have to be able to trust my diary implicitly, which is why I gave up electronica and went back to Filofax in the first place.

I'm in London all day today, back late tonight, so I'll respond to any comments tomorrow, or this afternoon *if* I can get near a PC.....

Happy Friday, everyone!

David

Steve Morton (2011-10-07 04:00:35)

Mine go in my 'Man Bag' which in fact is sold as a camera bag in UK but with removable dividers so it can take all of my stuff (two Filos) and other bits and bobs.

It's lined with a soft padded material, so I never have to worry about damaging the leather of my Maldens. It will take my A5 as well if I need it.

I've grown used to just grabbing the bag when I go out, I hate things in my pockets. Man bags are very much the norm here in France.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-07 05:35:25)

My work A5 stays on my desk most of the time unless I am going to meetings, in which case I just carry it in my hands.

My everyday filofax (for everything except work) travels in a bag but the bag is lined so it doesn't get bashed. I sometimes use my Old Bag Company bag which has a filofax-sized inside pocket which protects it from all the other junk I throw in there. I try to keep my keys in a separate pocket so they don't bash the filofax, whichever bag I use.

@David - if you just need to be aware of when your appointments are, without necessarily having huge details in the appointment, could you switch to one, small, bound diary that you can tuck into either of your filofaxes - then you would have it with you wherever you were. Obviously, if you need to know more than just time/date/location that wouldn't work, but if you kept the detailed notes and plans for meetings separate from the diary, it might. I work part-time, but thankfully my work and home times don't overlap and all I need to know is what I'm doing at work in very basic terms when I'm away (and work makes us have an electronic diary which I use as well as my filofaxes).

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-07 05:48:45)

nothing to do with carrying filofaxes etc but as it's FFAF...

I have just bought (another) A5 domino... Contents will be on sale here soon (once it's arrived) - I just wanted the binder.

That would take the total to... 11 (not including non-filofax brand organisers). Eek.

Alison Reeves (2011-10-07 06:44:15)

I don't carry my work one anywhere - it tends to stay on my desk. I have a small pocket one I keep in my bag.

@David - I share your dilemma - in fact syncing more than one diary manually just doesn't happen for me. I have most things on outlook, so am wondering if it is viable to print out the outlook calendar and pass it between filofaxes? Also my iPhone syncs with my outlook so technically I have my diary with me when I go out, although I prefer to not enter stuff on the run as I usually enter it wrong and it doesn't sync properly!

I see the A5 as more of a planner so I can plan out my dy.

Josh (2011-10-07 08:32:15)

I have a small messenger bag which carries the filofax. Not perfect but it works.

I use my personal for everything, work and play, planning my day, appointments and reminders, to do lists (which usually just get jotted in with the day planning pages), addresses, etc.

Dollface (2011-10-07 08:35:55)

i'm a girl who likes a small bag.. so getting a filofax has made me sacrifice my nice big purse..

the lack of card slots is driving me nuts but i've slotted a plastic card holder thing into the front flap.. it's being held in place with a hair pin (it's quite something to behold) BUT it makes my little filofax quite bulky.. and i've had to remove the a-z section.

has anyone got any tips about this? the three card slots in the amazona is just not enough.

Josh (2011-10-07 08:36:03)

Oh, and I carry in my hand a good bit too, especially when walking around at work.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-07 08:43:29)

@Dollface

What size is your filofax? I use my baroque personal as a wallet/filofax and it works really well. I have the plastic business card holder/credit card holder in the back (on the rings) and it holds 6 cards (3 on each side), and I have 4 cards in the slots on the inside cover.

Dollface (2011-10-07 09:19:12)

@amanda

I have the pocket amazona, can you buy special filofax card holders for that size? i just tried to DIY it with a card thing that came with my railcard

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-07 10:55:17)

@Dollface

You can - they hold cards in the vertical orientation (because of the width of the pocket size)

John (2011-10-07 13:11:16)

I have a Personal Durham Zip (23mm ringed) that stays in the office with a day-per-page. I have one of those 9-5's that I can thankfully walk away from every day.

I carry a "personal" personal-size (varying between a Guildford and a 30mm-ringed Durham zip either in hand or in a bag. This serves as diary, project archive and wallet all in one. A lifetime commuting on the NYC subway or by bike gets you, even as a man, accustomed to shouldering something in a strange survival metaphor.

I look forward to autumn and winter, because I can stuff a Slimline in my jacket pocket, and with luck lose the bag, if only occasionally.

Filofreak (2011-10-07 13:53:09)

I put mine in my Filofax briefcase of course! A question for all the readers out there: In buying gift for friend (Osterley) do you think the plum or the gray looks better?

Alison Reeves (2011-10-07 14:09:14)

@Filofreak - lucky recipient of an Osterley! I would definitely go for the Plum, however if it is for a bloke, I'd probably get the grey. I'm not into grey so it would never be my first choice - but the plum looks so ... well ... delicious!

Anthony (2011-10-07 15:18:45)

I have a messenger type "man bag" why is it called that? it measures 33x39x10 and it carries quite a lot. On another topic The thought occurred to me how many of our readers/members are retired and for what purpose do they use their Filofaxes.

I know Steve is and I am too (it's best job of the lot). Someone was once heard to say "I'm retired having a good time is my job"

SSJ (2011-10-07 16:23:50)

Has anyone compared the Osterley to the Amazona? I'm particularly interested in how the leather finishes and interiors compare. Thanks.

Nan (2011-10-08 05:07:21)

@David, I just wanted to respond to your question....how do I sync the 2 Filofaxes? Ah, synchronization, a subject near and dear to my heart. If this were ancient Greece, we'd have a goddess devoted to it.

I gave up electronica for much the same reason you did—specifically, because the software that synched my Palm Pilot and computers didn't work. I was spending 4 hours a week just troubleshooting software to achieve that elusive goal of typing something once and being able to see it everywhere.

These days, I don't spend energy worrying about synchronization. I don't have one unified schedule to look at every morning, and I find I don't need it. I don't work a strict 9-5, but I also don't have a lot of appointments. My work meetings happen on a predictable schedule (meeting with my boss at 3:00 on Mondays, department meeting at 1:00 on Fridays, every week), as do my personal appointments (choir practice at 7:30 on Wednesdays, workouts at 4:00 at Tuesdays and Thursdays, every week). I can remember those without seeing them in writing.

[to be continued]

Nan (2011-10-08 05:22:54)

When I have a random appointment, I write it in the A5 if it's for work, and in the Personal if it's personal. One defining aspect of my system is that I keep the two spheres completely separated in the different organizers. Yes,

that means I have to check two different organizers every morning. And I've made peace with that, as they say. There is no trick. There are times when I have to write an appointment in both places to make sure I see it when I need to see it. When my schedule is more complicated, I synch it every day in writing by copying personal appointments from the Personal to the A5. The Personal still contains only the information I need as I go about the day, and capture receipts, as yours does.

For me, what worked was to let go of that fear of writing something more than once. Spending a few minutes a day (and really, it's only a very short amount of time), copying my schedule is beneficial. It helps get my appointments into my memory and discover conflicts in my schedule. I consider this "manual synchronization" to be a good daily practice. It helps me focus my mind.

So there you have it. My system is not perfect. Once in a great while, I miss an appointment. I'm still not good at tracking projects on paper. And there are times when I look longingly at the iPhone and Levenger's Circa system. But every day I take a look at what's working for me and how I can use my Filofaxes to improve upon it.

Nan (2011-10-08 05:36:16)

A few more words about my system:

1) I don't work a strict 9-5, but I do divide my time between working in an office and working in a home office. The company I work for has technology that lets me connect to the computer network from my home computer, and attend meetings by conference call.

2) I use one day per page in my Personal and the business one day per page in my A5. This layout lets me write more details about each appointment or task, helping to jog my memory.

For example, I write "Talk to Jack about Sally's birthday party" instead of just "Talk to Jack."

Klaus (2011-10-08 07:00:19)

@David: the synching problem seems to be common. One solution could be to use the removable yearly planner with a month per double page. It can be ordered with a plastic cover that slots into the rings of your A5 file.

In there you can keep the appointment overview and it slips into your jacket pocket without any trouble. The disadvantage is the synching required.

I use the A5 with a day per page calendar where all the detailed information resides. The removable planner will only show buzzwords for any appointments I might have.

But if any kind of work is required I have to take the A5 with me. Exception: for errands I will either take out the relevant page or jot the information on a small piece of paper.

Yes, sometimes the lure of a one size fits all smartphone like the iPhone is getting stronger...

Best regards,

Klaus

UNchecked other (2011-10-08 10:06:49)

@Filofreak: I agree with Allison Reeves; definitely go for the plum/wine if it's for a female friend. I have it in a personal and duuuuude...the colour is so breathtaking! I love how the plum and the texture make the Osterley both stylish and professional, youthful yet timeless.

When I had the Malden (before my mom fell in love with it and permanently borrowed it ;oP), I stashed it in my bag with my other things. However, the Osterley is more delicate, so I put it inside a spare dust bag before stashing it.

kanalt (2011-10-09 19:38:31)

Now that I'm using the compact, it fits into more of my bags. Well, I was always able to fit it into any of my bags, but since it's smaller it fits better. Sometimes I will carry it by hand, mainly if I'm doing errands, but then it will stay in the car while I run into the stores. And I carry it with me just about everywhere when I'm at work, even though I have a non-Filo planner for work items, which stays at work at all times.

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And some more posts for you to read:

- [1]Filofax Love - Joshua Buffum Laporte
- [2]Filofax College - Autumn Term - Imysworld
- [3]Living Abroad (Steve) - Delighted - All Stars
- [4]What's in my Filofax (Imy) - Delighted - All Stars
- [5]Guest Post - The Great German Train Robbery - LouLou's Modern Musings
- [6]Filofax Reveal - Imysworld
- [7]Cool Vacation Finds for my Filofax - Filofax Fixation
- [8]I love it - Moleskine Vs Filofax - Friday is Forever
- [9]Pocket V Personal - Diary Comparison - 2 Days To a Page - Imysworld
- [10]What's in my bag (Tracey) - Imysworld - All Stars
- [11]Staying Organised During London Fashion Week - Fashion Foie Gras
- [12]In need of some crafty relief - Susannah Conway
- [13]The Great German Train Robbery I believe - Imysworld
- [14]For he's a jolly good Filo - Filomaniac
- [15]2012 Diaries now available - Maudie Made
- [16]Name Change - ~~Life Well Planned~~ Well Planned Life
- [17]Opening the box-The Pocket Malden in Crimson - Rapunzel's World
- [18]My seven day challenge - Rapunzel's World
- [19]Readers Review - A5 Kendal - Filomaniac
- [20]Monstrous Barbie-like Pinkatude - Crazy Suburban Mum
- [21]Another Filofax is on its way! - Paper Pens Ink
- [22]My Pocket Filofax - Sally's Daze
- [23]New Set Up - Paper Lovestory
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

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luminosity6 (2011-10-08 13:12:05)
thank you, steve! =D

Millie (2011-10-08 14:19:41)
Gosh, a very varied one this week, good work everybody!

Sarah (2011-10-08 16:49:08)
Good mix, thanks for including me!! :D

Steve Morton (2011-10-08 17:33:31)
Our pleasure Sarah, I like sneaking up and finding posts and then wondering what we have done to your blog stats for a day or two!

Sarah (2011-10-09 10:30:14)
Hahaha I was shocked to discover a hundred hits from this place, haha!! Thats what you did hehe! x

kanalt (2011-10-09 19:45:12)
This question is for Joshua Buffum Laporte (first item on the list) - you're a fellow Filofax-using librarian? May I ask what branch of librarianship? I am a public librarian myself... Glad to see I'm not the only Filo-loving librarian out there!

Filofax Pocket Review (2011-10-09 00:00)

We all know how [1]popular the pocket size has become in the last year or so. I have recently bought a Malden Pocket Filofax, I'm now the proud owner of three Filofax organisers in this size. So I thought I would do a comparison of the three that I have.

So the three in question are the Pocket Finsbury, a Pocket Chameleon and the latest edition to my collection a Pocket Malden.

Pocket Finsbury:



[2] The Finsbury range spans all sizes of Filofax Organisers from the cute Mini through to the big A4. They all come in a generous range of colours and have good size rings. New colours are added each year so there is always quite a variety of colours available. So they are perfect 'First Filofax' for people today.

I have the Finsbury in Pocket, Personal, Slimline and A5 size, the oldest being the A5 which I bought in about 2005, it's still wearing well so no complaints about the quality of this organiser.

The Pocket currently retails for about £43, but with a bit of shopping around you can pick up the pocket size for as low as £18 (new)

The Finsbury is made of soft grained leather. Part of the interior is a textile material which I'm told can wear in time, but none of mine are showing any signs of wear. I suspect you will get bored with the colour before it shows signs of wear and tear inside! The textile interior can attract paper dust over time, the trick to remove this is a bit of sticky tape, sticky side down to easily remove the dust, simple, but it works.

The Finsbury Pocket in common with the Chameleon and the Malden has a full width rear pocket which if you are using it as a wallet can hold a passport, paper driving licence, bank notes etc. The left hand interior doesn't have a huge number of card slots, which might not matter if you are just using it as a planner.

The Finsbury Pocket comes with the larger 19mm rings, which gives you plenty of capacity for any diary format and plenty of other pages.

Pocket Chameleon:



[3] The Chameleon range has only been out about a couple of years. It comes in Mini, Pocket, Personal, Compact and A5 sizes.

In the Pocket size the simplicity of the construction of the Chameleon organiser, gives this particular model its suppleness and light weight. In the chart below it might not look a big difference in weight but when you compare the Chameleon with the Malden you can see where the Malden gains its weight.

One feature I like about the Chameleon is the elasticated leather pen loop that is attached to the front cover rather than the back cover. In that location it doesn't get in the way of the zipped pocket in the back cover of the organiser, which means removing change isn't too much of a problem.

The Chameleon is all leather with a pattern printed in to the surface. Only the interior of the pockets are textile lined.

The rings on the Chameleon are the smaller 15mm size, which might constrain some people, when I moved from the Finsbury to the Chameleon I had to reduce the number of spare pages I was carrying, but I was still able to carry most things, as well as using it initially as a Filofax/Wallet.

I have used my Chameleon as a wallet/note book, it works great for that, plenty of capacity for bank cards and coinage. The smaller rings make it easy to slip in to your jeans pocket or the pocket of your coat or jacket.

The Chameleon Pocket retails for £50 but shop around and you might find one for a little less than that

[4]

Pocket Malden:



[5]

The Malden is the heavy weight of the three, not only in terms of weight, but also what it offers with its internal features. As you know it started out in just Pocket and Personal size, but it can now be found in Mini and A5 sizes as well.

The bigger rings of the Malden certainly give it a bigger more meant presence than the Chameleon, on its own the Malden feels much bigger, but in fact it shares the same foot print on the desk as the Chameleon. The quality of the contrasting stitching on the Malden, makes it stand out. OK it is not hand stitched, but it certainly adds a feel of quality to the organiser.

There is a slot for a note pad in the back cover as well as a large pocket. This slot will in fact take a Flex Pocket notebook or year planner, which could be a useful addition.

The Pocket Malden has been used by a few of our readers as a combined Wallet/Organiser, it has the capacity to take a full diary and a host of other pages, yet still function as a wallet as well. Although I would think it would be best suited to carrying in a hand bag/man bag in my case! or a heavy coat pocket, a fully loaded Malden Pocket will be quite a weight to carry.

Some people might find the zipped pocket a little small for carrying change, but I've found it easier to get coins out of it compared to the deeper pocket of the Chameleon. Also I like the lighter overall weight compared to the Chameleon, all of those extra coins really do add a lot of bulk and weight to the Chameleon organiser.

The pen loop on the Malden is not elasticated, but it takes my 0.5 mm Frixion pens snugly and the pen is a fraction shorter than the length of the side of the Pocket Malden.

Feature Finsbury Chameleon Malden

Ring Size 19mm 15mm 19mm

Colours Several, changes each year Generally 3-4 colours available at all times Generally 3-4 colours available at all times.

Weight (empty) 135g 115g 145g

Credit Card Slots 2 plus ID card window pocket and full height pocket behind 5 plus full height pocket behind 3 full height slots behind zip pocket with storage for 6 cards over lapping

Zip Pocket Large in the back cover Large in the back cover Small in the front cover

Leather Soft leather printed with traditional 'rambling' grain. Full grain leather exterior and interior. Vintage-look buffalo leather.

Back Cover Zip Pocket Zip Pocket Notepad slot

Penloop Fixed leather on back cover Elasticated leather on front cover

Fixed leather on back cover

Price £43 - but can be found as little as £18 (WH Smiths for the black or grey models) £50 - but some colours available for as little as £37.50 (WH Smiths) £60 but some colours as low as £30 (Filofax UK Crimson)

Also check out the review I did of the [6]Pocket Aston earlier this year. Personally I like all three models for different reasons.

- The Finsbury for it's no nonsense design, it does the job, great value for money, big capacity rings, good range of colours for most peoples likes.
- The Chameleon, for it's light weight, all leather design, it's suppleness, the card slot capacity, the left hand side pen loop.
- The Malden, because of the luxury of it's leather, the large rings, the rear note pad, the detail in the stitching and design, and what isn't there to like about a Malden!

At the moment my Finsbury is used as my [7]Car Log book, and I'm switching between the Chameleon and the Malden as my wallet/Filofax, well like shoes it's nice to have a change and they say you shouldn't wear the same pair of leather shoes constantly.

Do you have one of these models, we would love to hear your thoughts and opinions in the comments.

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7. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/car-o-fax.html>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-09 07:23:50)

I have the pocket Malden in crimson; at first I was going to use it to put my day planners in for university, but then I realised why am I using a whole 'nuther filo (in addition to carrying around my main personal filo) just to use 1 sheet in it a day? So I regretted buying it (at the full price!!) and it has been sitting forlorn on my shelf ever since, with nothing to do. But I think I have an idea of something to use it for now. With regards to the quality and use of it, I love the leather, and the design, although generally I prefer the proportions of my personal Maldens (the pocket is squarer and therefore looks fatter!), the rings accommodate a good amount of pages, but I do find the zip pocket way too small for the amount of coins I usually have on me. The notepad pocket is very handy :)

olgamenright (2011-10-09 08:49:51)

I love my pocket raspberry Chameleon. It was my first Filofax and it is beautiful and very practical. I've used it as my only diary and wallet for 2 months, until I got my Domino snake bronze in the A5 size. Now the Chameleon holds credit, ID, health and most important loyalty cards in the cc slots and 2 plastic card holders, transportation cards in the vertical pocket, coins in the full zipped pocket in the back, bills and coupons in the full width rear pocket and 2011 and 2012 vertical year planners to track appointments and important dates. I still have room for a few tabs for notes, shopping lists and wishlists.

Really nice and very tactile organizer, and the raspberry pinkish shade is beautiful to look at, really feminine and girly but elegant at the same time. I have not seen the other colors in person, but I imagine the red must be magnificent with this print and also the brown and black, specially for men.

I use a small Papermate ballpen that is supposed to be pink but has the same exact colour as the organizer, with

the ink cartridge of the same pen in the purple shade, which also matches. The ink from the pink pen was way too light.

If I ever get tired of the color, I think I will go for the pocket Malden in crimson -if it's still available or I find it on Ebay-.

lisa (2011-10-09 09:13:00)

As you well know steve, ive just ordered the pocket crimson Malden, and after reading this review i feel live made the right choice. It will be my main filo for appointments, school dates, lists, financial planning. Im so excited for it to come, so i can play with it!!!

Just hoping im ok with the pocket size as at the moment i flirt between finsbury slim and domino personal only time will tell

lisa (2011-10-12 09:44:45)

ARgh, ive got a mini barley ff pen, and whilst changing the refill, ive lost the stopper, that stops the refill sliding through the spring/pen, i dont suppose anyone knows where i could get a replacement from ?

Thankyou xxx

Kara (2011-10-20 22:12:44)

Hi Everyone! I want to buy the pocket chameleon but I'm not sure which color to get. I haven't seen any of them in person, so I'm just going by pics on the computer. It's between the black, aqua, and spring green. Are the colors true to what you see on the filofax website or lighter/darker? Suggestions are welcome :-)

Two diaries one Filofax? (2011-10-10 00:00)

For most of this year I've been using a[1] page per day A5 Business Style diary along with a Personal size week on two pages diary in two different organsiers. The A5 size has been great for me because it has lots of room for to-do lists and reminders. But the downside is, it is a lot of paper in my A5 Filofax.

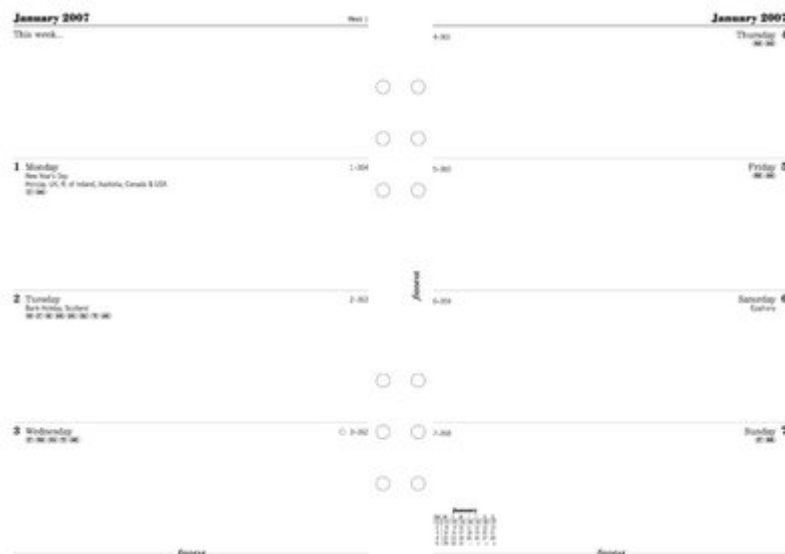


[2]

As I don't have that many appointments in any one day, so I was looking for something in a Weekly format rather than Day format. However, I like the constant reminders about things I need to do today or this week.

It would also be nice to have everything in one Filofax rather than two. At the moment my A5 deals with future events and the personal acts as a journal for past events. I like the idea of keeping the future and past separately, often my plans do change, so what I planned and what happened might be different. So after a bit of thought I came up with this idea; a Week on Two pages, but in A5 for past events. I

chose this layout because of the equal spacing for each day and also the English only format.



[3]

And for my future planning, appointments, to do lists and reminders. I'm going to use a Week on Two pages, but from the [4]Time Management Filofax range, it looks like this:



[5]

At first I wasn't sure about this layout, but then looking at what I've been entering in my page per day in the last 6 months or so, I think this weekly layout will work quite well for me. It will allow me to prioritise to-dos and tasks better put in reminders for birthdays. I will most probably use the Phone, Write, Fax, Email area for Blog posts as well.

Both inserts are in A5 size so they will both go in to one A5 Malden and I will use two today markers to bookmark the current weeks in each diary.

For the rest of my set up for 2012 I have quite a choice, I could go Pocket with a simple week per page diary and also use this as my wallet. Or stick to my current set up of Personal with a Pocket as just a notebook/wallet.

Endless possibilities I know, but I have the organisers and the inserts for what ever I decide to do for my portable set up. I realise that there will be the need to synchronise my diaries between the A5 and the portable set up, but I do that now so no extra work really.

So do any of you use two diaries in the one organiser like I'm planning to do in my A5?

I almost can't wait until 1 Jan 2012 to get started using this new set up...!

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/06/a5-day-per-page-business-style-diary.html>

2. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-kXNBdXeMhuc/TpGnvTTQ_8I/AAAAAAAAAJtE/hkkze_nqVts/s1600/68519x.jpg
3. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-0wfs88374XE/TpGnv25DdxI/AAAAAAAAAJtI/G-hgIjsz_P8/s1600/68522x.gif
4. <http://tidd.ly/f1ac74c6>
5. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-h-CPFtFs09Q/TpGwnUlhci/AAAAAAAAAJtM/ZXH9RVQK2i0/s1600/TMR70X06.gif>

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-10-10 01:26:19)

I had had a closer look at the Time Management sheets at the Sept meet-up. I like the design on them.

My pocket filofax is my main diary (appointments, scheduling etc) but my A5 is my to do list (in diary form) so I can brain dump when things will get done which works for me (work only). This way I only have to carry my Pocket with me (and I leave my A5 on my desk at work). I archive my pocket and bin my A5 sheets (literally just lists!).

Looking forward to hearing how you get on..

My Little Rabbit (2011-10-10 03:52:17)

I use 2 diaries in my A5 Malden- for everyday stuff like work, events etc I use a week on 1 page with blank notes on facing page. I also use another diary, week on 2 pages column format as a health & exercise journal to plan my diet & gym sessions in. I use a today marker for each diary.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-10 05:05:01)

I use 2 diaries in my personal - a week on 2 pages for an overview and a day to page for detailed planning, with 2 today markers - one in each.

Cathrine (2011-10-10 12:13:49)

I just happen to check out the danish filofax site today, even though I am Norwegian and living in the UK, just to check the selection... And they now have 90 binders for 90 kr :)

Cathrine (2011-10-10 12:25:19)

Or I should edit that, they have 90 offers for 90 kr, but quite a few binders among the offers :)

Joline van de Kuijt (2011-10-10 16:22:37)

What I use is a week on 2 pages (vertical setup) in my black A5 Identity with a ruled sheet in the middle to jot notes on. The first half of the week I jot on the right side of my layout, the second half I flip the page and write on the left side. That way I always have paper to write notes on and I can see my diary. I also use a pocket sized todo list in that same view, it fits the lower set of rings perfect and I just move the list along during the week or use a new one on top of the ruled sheet.

Scoot (2011-10-10 17:20:52)

Thank you Cathrine, your tip-off is appreciated.

Dollface (2011-10-10 18:18:01)

wow... just battled through the language barrier (can't even recognise most danish words ha ha) and bought some christmas presents for my brother and sister!

(mode in blue/pink for my sister and finsbury in orange for my brother to match his hair haha!)

i bought two 90kr filofax -including packaging this cost me about £31

yay excited!

Filofax Denmark (2011-10-10 18:14)



[1]

You might have already seen the comments about the 90kr sale on the [2]Denmark site... well here are the links [3]<http://www.filofax.dk/>
Delivery details can be found here: [4]<http://www.filofax.dk/delivery/>
And here is a currency converter to help you decide

[5]Currency Converter

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-Cv-0H797R8o/TpNuISmgLnI/AAAAAAAAAJtQ/tLasJ-pMZ_M/s1600/309589_242400519141721_100545549993886_605166_1999993769_n.jpg
2. <http://www.filofax.dk/>
3. <http://www.filofax.dk/>
4. <http://www.filofax.dk/delivery/>
5. <http://fx-rate.net/>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-10 18:33:17)

I'm not going to buy anything. I'm not supposed to be buying anything I don't need at the moment, I don't really like any of them that much, and I don't want to get messed about like I did with the German sale

Steve Morton (2011-10-10 18:48:03)

Don't shoot the messenger ;-)

Saffronia (2011-10-10 22:07:33)

Could I be overlooking something or does the Denmark site not ship across the ocean? Such a bummer. :(

Daximillian (2011-10-11 02:00:52)

@Saddronia - no they don't ship everywhere. I was disappointed too. But my bank account feels relieved :)

They also have conference folders and a Cross pen for sale, and a large selection of binders for 50 % off

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 02:47:06)

I was tempted by a conference folder, however I don't really need it. None of the binders they had on sale were on my list. Wish my friends and family shared my addiction and I could get Xmas sewn up! Thanks for letting us know Steve.

Steve Morton (2011-10-11 03:47:48)

Delivery details here:

<http://www.filofax.dk/delivery/>

LJ (2011-10-11 04:47:51)

Thanks Steve - I have now found an A5 to replace the one that I lost on the train last week (along with my work laptop - obviously losing the FF is far more distressing)x

Deeji (2011-10-11 08:31:29)

I am sooooo tempted. I don't know what to doooo :(

I've placed 3 finchleys in my basket, 1 pocket in rose, 1 pocket in mustard and a personal in mustard... I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D USE THEM FOR!!! I've just got a new job starting at the end of this month so I can justify the cost... and I'd planned on trying to sell the personal in mustard but what if I like it too much when I see it... Plus I'd already considered buying a personal deco to congratulate myself on my new job. I have 3 filox already, an A5 finchley, a personal songbird and a pocket finchley. I use the A5 for my Uni stuff, the personal as my main organiser and the pocket as my purse.

I'm so addicted though. I already bought 4 from the great German train robbery to give away as Xmas presents so I don't think any of these from Sweden would be given away... aarrgh, but I'm so addicted to finchleys!! What would you do? xx

Daximillian (2011-10-11 11:19:30)

@Deeji - I also love finchleys, and was tempted to buy another pocket one, but once I realized the site doesn't ship overseas, I was actually relieved. You sound like you already know that you don't need these binders, so I'd just make an effort and close my browser and fix my mind on something else for a while - a walk, a talk with a non-filox-addict friend, a bout of reading, watching a TV show. Once time goes by, reason usually wins, at least for me.

Steve Morton (2011-10-11 12:24:40)

Filofax Denmark does ship overseas,
<http://www.filofax.dk/delivery/>

First column is Denmark, second is EU, and the third is international. Assuming of course that Google Translate is doing its job... you will understand my understanding of Danish can be written on a postage stamp!

Dallas (2011-10-11 14:49:19)

(aka MyriadPens)

I didn't buy anything in the German sale and, despite the fact that I missed out on some fantastic deals, I didn't regret it much. There were simply too many people left disappointed because of poor stock control. Because of this I clicked on the link provided with only mild interest and no intention of purchasing anything.

Then I saw it, the personal Finchley in mustard. Not the most amazing Filofax I've ever seen, but it's completely different from all of my others (most of which are black) and I've been longing for a splash of colour. I sat debating with myself for a while and used to currency converter to check approximately how much it would cost me in £s. Before I could talk myself out of it I set up an account and placed the order, which worked out at a very reasonable £24.17 (including postage to the UK).

I really, really hope that there aren't any problems with this order. I have absolutely no desire to deal with what so many others did during the German fiasco.

Daximillian (2011-10-11 16:02:45)

@Steve - when I came to checkout, my country didn't appear in the drop down list, so I'm assuming they don't ship to it. That's OK, just disappointing that not all FF shops ship everywhere.

livingwithliisa (2011-10-11 17:43:10)

Four Finchleys (2 pockets in Vintage rose and 2 personals in Mustard) are on their way! :)

These will be Christmas presents for friends.

Saffronia (2011-10-11 23:25:21)

I had dreamed of a new Personal Finchley... but I guess it wasn't meant to be. **sigh**

Deeji (2011-10-13 17:57:15)

I didn't order. The rose pocket finchley has disappeared and I'm devastated... *sigh*

The two mustards are still available. I KNOW I don't need another, I have no idea what I'd use them for other

than to smell them and stroke them. I suppose the mustard pocket could alternate with my teal pocket as my purse, but the personal would just be sat in it's box until I could think of something.

Oh I feel rubbish. It works out at £35 for both including p & p to UK which is cheap considering the pocket alone should be more than £40.

I've even got my bank card sat in front of me... but it was the rose one I reaaaally wanted. Plus this is the 2nd country to do this sale so do I wait for another to jump on the band wagon and get something I really want?

Right. Decision made. *throws bank card to DH* I'm NOT buying from this sale - I'd rather spend £100 on an ivory Deco for my wedding planner than waste £35 on something I wont use!

Now to wallow in self pity for a few weeks :(

Free For All Tuesday No. 36 (2011-10-11 00:00)



[1]

So what Filofax related questions do you have for us this week?

Yes I have already asked when UK will be getting a 90 products for 9 days at £9 sale.... no I didn't get an answer....

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

Daximillian (2011-10-11 02:03:27)

Has anyone had the chance to use the Filofax registration thingy? Did you ever lose a Filo and have it returned to you through the registration program? I'm wondering if and how it really works.

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 02:43:34)

I am going to join a slimming group this week as I want to lose weight and need all the help I can get. Does anyone use their Filofax to help with diet, health and fitness? If so what do you record and how? Just got to decide which size to use. I'll only use it at home and to take my class.

Helen (2011-10-11 03:26:08)

Does anyone know of any filofax sales (on any website) coming up or going on at the moment?

I'd love to get a new (or another) one, however I'm not sure my bank balance can take it!

Saffy (2011-10-11 03:37:04)

For those who switch and change their diary formats or who like me have a collection of Filofaxes - what do you do with all the unused diary pages?

Do you bin them in the recycle or re-use them for scrap paper or cut the dates off and use as to-do's/notes between the diary pages?

lisa (2011-10-11 03:37:18)

Awaiting arrival of my pocket malden, im thinking of the dividers and what topic each will have, im thinking of my banking tab, are you carefull what information you put in this?, where do you all store banking logs on codes etc?

Saffy (2011-10-11 03:40:21)

@lisa - I have a separate filo that stays at home near the computer with all my logons and passwords including bank info. I don't carry that kind of information around with me.

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-11 03:50:39)

@alison

Tali is blogging about her diet here <http://honeyishrunk.blogspot.com/>

i could imagine that she also uses her filofax for her diet. maybe u should ask her.

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filofax.dk has a little sale. u can read more about it, in the last post here on philofaxy.

@lisa

i also have a finance-tab in my current filofax, that joins me everywhere. the logon details are on a little post it. just the 2 numbers for my onlinebanking login. but they are not in my finance section. they are "somewhere" in my filofax. so nobody could use them, or even know for what they are.

in my finance tab there's a list of all my expences and my overheads.

Rabbit (2011-10-11 05:42:58)

Heads up - 2012 catalogue on Filofax Sweden :)

<http://www.filofax.se/katalog/>

PS - Love this blog so much!!! I have fallen very quickly and deeply in love with Filofax because of it...this really is the only place to come if you have no choice but to buy online (Australian prices are pure evil! lol) and need to base your choices on reputation alone.

Rabbit (2011-10-11 05:45:43)

Just had a glance at the new Malden colours in the Swedish catalogue...to die for!! ^ _^ (Yes, my first purchase was a crimson Malden - everyone had such positive things to say about it, and I adore it.)

Steve Morton (2011-10-11 06:00:02)

@rabbit For a minute I thought I had missed something.. but look here from last month:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/filofax-sweden.html>

Also I don't see any new colours in the Malden range in the catalogue those are the colours we currently have as far as I can see?

Rabbit (2011-10-11 06:03:08)

@Steve - oh perhaps it's just the colours displaying on my PC - look much richer than present colours. Here I was getting all excited haha

kpreddie (2011-10-11 06:52:15)

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CatB (2011-10-11 07:24:35)

@Alison Reeves I am a slimming world consultant and I am also trying to set mine up to use to keep me on track as the weight has started to creep back on. I would be very interested in anything you find. I know there are some WW printable downloads on here but not so helpful for SW... I am thinking of creating my own.

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 07:59:38)

@CatB - Oh perhaps we can come up with something and I know Steve would add any templates we come up with onto the files area of the site. I've been told that SW encourage its followers eat as much 'free' items (eg veg) as possible so you need plenty of room for recording your food diary - so I am leaning towards using an A5 binder (which of course will be easier to make templates for as well!).

CatB (2011-10-11 08:03:38)

Those were my thoughts exactly! I kind of want something for menu planning and then something for actually recording it all. We have our own 'Food Diarys' which you will get in your pack when you join but they are to hand into your consultant but they are A5... (my brain is ticking away at ideas)

On another note I am completely obsessed by the Osterley in Plum and I have just been given £50 John Lewis vouchers meaning I would have to pay £69.... I already have a malden in vintage pink and crimson in personal sizes though... AHHH!!

Cat xx

Scoot (2011-10-11 08:19:14)

Osterley in plum?

Don't you think Aspinal's Purple is nicer? Matching leather and suede lining with their's, lovely.

<http://www.aspinaloflondon.com/ajax/eshop-catalogue/showcase/2194>

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 08:22:46)

@CatB I had a menu planner given to me last Xmas which has been useful for planning for shopping - you can decide on all three meals (but I don't think it does snacks. If you send me your contact details, I'll see if I can scan it in and we can see if we can come up with something a bit more tailored, then we can share with everyone else. My personal email is ali at alisonreeves dot co dot uk

Regarding the Osterley - sounds like the perfect excuse to get an A5 for your diet and fitness goals! I'd love one in Plum but can't justify at the moment!

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 08:31:14)

@Scoot - I've long loved the Aspinal binders. I haven't seen one in person so not sure how they compare quality wise with Filofax - but I imagine the quality would be very good.

CatB (2011-10-11 08:35:27)

Oh scoot what have you done to me.... now I need to save even more money!! I was going to get the Osterley in personal as I have a black domino A5, although I would like something more luxurious. I find I use things more if they're more of a treat and luxurious. Not sure about the £195 price tag in A5 though....

Steve Morton (2011-10-11 08:38:55)

A5 Malden... half the price!

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-11 09:22:24)

does anyone know if aspinal and filofax belong together??

the binder is looking almost the same.

in my opinion it doesn't have the same smooth interior as filofax. it's looking more like cardboard.

also it doesn't lay flat ^^

so grab the Osterley! or the Malden for only 100 pounds!

ooooor the Finchley A5 in Imperial Purple (now just £81.25), if it's just the colour of the Osterley u want ;)

i'm really looking forward for your Filofax-diet-papers

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 09:53:32)

@Steve - I'd love a Malden - but I just don't like the colours!

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 09:58:01)

Only thing about the Osterley I don't like - why have what looks like a 'brass' popper on the front and 'silver' coloured rings inside? Why not match and put the 'gold' coloured rings inside - much more classy. I really don't like things that don't match - especially when spending that much!

Also what is going on with the tiny 'pen loops' at the top and bottom on the A5? I know you are supposed to put the clip of the pen through this (which of course wrecks your pen), but the positioning seems odd as well.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-11 10:36:09)

@Saffy - unused diary pages...

I have 2 complete 2011 A5 diaries (as a consequence of buying binders for things other than using for a diary!). The diary doesn't 'come around' again until 2022 though (ie next time Jan 1st is a Saturday) so I will probably just use them for scrap paper. My tiny brain gets confused by having the dates on them so I'll turn them upside down!

I re-used the WO2P that came with the City Organiser pack (too grey to be used as a diary!) as weekly planner pages (turned upside down). I'll probably use the personal size 2011 WO2P I have (it's another complete spare!) in the same way.

Scoot (2011-10-11 10:57:56)

The inside of the Aspinal's fax's isn't cardboard, its suede. Aspinal's lay flat, no design fault there. Luxurious, classy and helps hold paper or card in place. I have found the front and back slots far more practical than either the zips or full length pockets on a Filofax.

The Executive size has six rings of exactly the same size as Filofax A5, they even sell some map inserts which are those same ones made by Filofax, which hold A5 paper though Aspinals standard size of paper is the international standard of 215mmx140mm rather than normal A5 which is 210mmx148mm. I don't notice the difference, but then I made my own custom sized ivory inserts using cut down A4 card that had the tab names printed both sides using terracota coloured font using a colour laser printer.

Aspinal's range of "Compact A5 faxes" actually hold paper to match the size of "filofax's personal size", though they have an even smaller sized fax ... which if I were a woman I would immediately have a "need" for the gold Bijou ...just because I think it is the hottest looking fax available anywhere.

<http://www.aspinaloflondon.com/ajax/eshop-catalogue/showcase/4571>

I would say the quality of Aspinal's leather is slightly better than Filofax, though the crocodile print fax's are probably the same ... only differs in design of the inside. Their use of gold rings in some fax's adds a real touch of class. The gold badge on Aspinal's fax's does get noticed by a lot of people, they are invariably very impressed by it.

S/H Aspinal fax's are on ebay a few times a year, though the company themselves often sell end of line/slight seconds on ebay.

(I don't work for Aspinal's, just love their fax's. Unfortunately they don't do slimline's, but if they did one in gold I'd just have to bite the bullet and turn gay!)

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 11:11:22)

OK here is another question. Does anyone know of an A5 month to view with month tabs on them? Sadly Filofax only do these in personal size - and then in a vertical planner type format. I can't go with Franklin Covey as we can't get them in the UK any more and the postage from the US is astronomical.

I'm thinking of using the month to view as my main 'look what's on' then the day to view for planning.

enjoyette (2011-10-11 11:26:34)

Anyone know if Saturdays and Sundays have their own separate pages on the "Day On Two Pages" personal size diary insert from Filofax?

Filofreak (2011-10-11 11:53:45)

Does anyone reading live on or near to the West Coast of the US? I'm in central CA and would like to do a Philofaxy meetup. Please let me know if anyone is interested!

mywormy (2011-10-11 12:01:15)

Hi Alison: I too am on a constant diet! I want to join WW this week and although I buy their journals, I would much rather log in my Filo. I make a breakfast/lunch/dinner/snack template and printed them on the pre-punched Filo paper. It didn't work because the prepunched holes did not match up with the rings!!! Whatever ideas any of you come up with - please let me know. Thank you in advance.

Alison Reeves (2011-10-11 12:43:37)

To all diet/fitness interested people. I am signing up to this - probably for Thursday nights. I'll get the 'instructions' and see what I think may be appropriate to record. I'll report back on one of the Tuesday/Friday free posting days and share any templates I come up with. If I do make templates it will most probably be in A5, but there is no reason why others might not take the ideas and create personal or pocket sized ones! If it turns out to be not much more than a decent diary page for recording food and some other blank sheets, then of course this could be done in any size! Also of course others may prefer to follow a different plan where they may want to tweak things to suit.

Do you know I had a flu injection yesterday and feel really rubbish today - I've hardly done any work (might as well have stayed in bed) so I've spent time trawling the internet which has made me feel even more useless! At least it explains my several posts here today! I thought I'd try and figure out my 2012 diary set up, but even that seems beyond me!

Dollface (2011-10-11 14:35:59)

This post has been removed by the author.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-11 14:52:00)

@Steve, you are now even more famous! <http://ttpatton.com/2011/10/10/how-do-you-flex/>

Gerard (2011-10-11 15:20:53)

Hah - great find Kate! Steve's fame spreads far and wide.

The reader under the spotlight series always interests me - including your own recent post - and I was thinking only last night about question 11: Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?

I think the best aspect is that the site is *always* kept vibrant and up to date by Steve, Nan and Laurie.

Here's to you Steve - the Philofaxy King.

Jill V. (2011-10-11 15:38:08)

I got my Ocher Malden last week and have been using it for almost a week now. LOVE!! I ordered some printable week per page with notes along with some other things from an Etsy shop (if you want the info, let me know, didn't want to "spam"). I printed them off on regular office paper, but now I am re-thinking and wanting to print off on some nicer cream paper. Hmm.

I also re-did all my tabs with both new side tabs and top tabs! WOO!

I also "had" to order another Pilot multi-pen b/c my 5 color would not fit in the pen slip in the Malden. So now I have a 2 color and a 3 color! If you want to check out pics, I posted them to the Philofaxy group!

TOWELNTEXAS (2011-10-11 16:34:11)

I have a mid-1970's Filofax that I have carried every day since I first bought it. It has a fantastic look and I wouldn't trade it for anything. However, the "button cover" is gone.

Does anyone have a clue how to get this repaired or to repair it myself? Any suggestions would be welcome.

Thanks in advance!

Anita (2011-10-11 17:37:21)

UK enabler alert...

Popped into WH Smiths earlier & they had pocket Classics for £15! Guess it must be as they only have a 2011 diary in. Didn't succumb, but a real bargain :)

Elisabeth (2011-10-11 18:02:02)

Has anyone tried printing on the plain Filofax notepaper?

I bought a pack of the computer paper but I found it to be very thin so I'm not sure how my printer will handle it.

Steve Morton (2011-10-11 18:22:03)

Yes I printed on personal size Filofax paper, I've even let it do double side printing and it worked fine.
This was using an HP Laserjet printer.

Tamara (2011-10-11 18:34:33)

How do I print Personal pages in Word?

Roanne (2011-10-11 18:34:49)

TOWELNTEXAS - Any photos you'd be willing to share of your beloved Filo? I would love to check it out!

I believe Steve know all the ins and outs of repairing that snap/button cover

Steve Morton (2011-10-11 19:09:56)

@TOWELNTEXAS yes I did a short post on press studs here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/07/filofax-press-stud-or-popper.html>

But it doesn't cover their repair. Is it just the plastic cover that has broken? May be take a photo of it and email it to us.

If you are left with a shiny metal button I know people that have painted these with enamel and the results are quite good.

It is possible to buy the different parts of the press studs at dress making shops, that is most probably your best bet for getting a replacement cover.

On my wife's 1980's Filofax that suffered the same problem we glued a synthetic gem stone the right size to the top of the press stud, it gives it a bit of a different look!

enjoyette (2011-10-11 23:30:05)

@Tamara There's a link on the Files page under the Personal Templates section titled: "printing personal pages"

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/files.html>

terriknits (2011-10-12 00:53:29)

@Daximillian - I haven't yet had to test it, but I have registered my Filos and I rest my hopes upon the kindness of strangers to do the right thing.

@saffy - I have used some of my dated pages (i.e. I started in May with my FF but had Jan-Apr in dated pages, so I just whited out the dates and used them as blank note pages) but after reading @Amanda's post about just flipping them upside down and ignoring the date/writing, that's what I'll do from now on.

@Elizabeth, yes, I've printed on it with an HP Colour Laser printer; I find it seems to absorb pen ink more than the stock FF insert pages. At least with my pens.

We're winding down a three week vacation and while I've used my Work A5 quite a bit, I haven't used my personal Malden that much - at least not the diary pages. I knew that I'd be switching back to Wo2P for my personal when we got back (and that makes, what ... four? five? changes this year). BUT that's also one thing that I love about Filo - I can change mid year or every few months as my needs change and I don't have to start a new book/planner.

Scoot (2011-10-12 03:59:01)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/blackberry/8820842/Second-outage-deepens-BlackBerry-crisis.html>

For those Blackberry users who still can't access their appointments etc, a Filofax is always there to be depended upon and doesn't depend upon batteries, coverage, software, technical issues, supposed synchronising etc etc.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-12 15:15:31)

A compact Osterley in plum for VERY cheap on ebay right now!! http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/250907220674?ssPageName=STRK:MEWAX:IT&_trksid=p3984.m1438.l2649#ht_500wt_1287

Raych (2011-10-13 10:15:27)

Hello fellow filofax obsessives.

As I have been lurking on here for many months, I thought I would introduce myself. I'm Rachael from Grimsby,

and just bought my sixth filo, I am completely addicted and planning my seventh.

kanalt (2011-10-13 20:09:45)

@enjoyette - Here in the US, the Filofax personal size 2 pages per day do have separate pages for both Saturday and Sunday. However, they're both more like day per pages - so neither has the second page with the to-do and notes sections.

Share your Filofax Memories (2011-10-12 07:00)



This October, Filofax and Philofaxy would like to invite you to share your favourite Filofax memory. Whether it's a tale about your first Filofax, the story of your first visit to the Filofax store or even a moment when a Filofax played an important part in your life, we want to hear from you!

Over the next two weeks, you will be able submit your cherished Filofax memories by 26th October at 23:59(UK time) to **philofaxy at gmail dot com** This can be beautifully handwritten, typed or even drawn onto the special Filofax diary page template which you can download from the link below Philofaxy will then choose the top 10 memories to be uploaded onto the official Filofax Facebook page for fans all over the world to read and 'like'.

On the 4th November, the three memories which have the most 'likes' from the Philofaxy will receive brand new Filofax organisers as a very special thank you for participating in the challenge.

Interested in sharing your Filofax memories? Here's how to take part:

1. Download the Filofax diary page template from this link [2]PPT format [3]PDF Format
2. Write, draw or type your 300-500 word memory onto the Filofax diary page template
3. Send your memory back by 26th October at 23:59(UK time) to **philofaxy at gmail dot com** who will then select their top 10 stories to be uploaded onto the Filofax Facebook page. Maximum of 3 entries per person. Competition open to all Filofax users worldwide.
4. Filofax fans will then be encouraged to 'like' their favourite memories
5. The three memories that receive the most 'likes' from the Philofaxy album will receive brand new Filofax organisers!

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Kryn2pi7MXY/TpSFL5wXY2I/AAAAAAAAJtU/pXm7oq9tLWM/s1600/filofax.jpg>

2. <http://www.philofaxy.com/FilofaxDiaryPageTemplate.ppt>

3. <http://www.philofaxy.com/FilofaxDiaryPageTemplate.pdf>

ninjj Elfenfisch (2011-10-12 07:40:41)

wow. that´s a great idea!

i´m a very new reader of philofaxy. so are there any qualifications to join this? or is everyone invited?

Steve Morton (2011-10-12 08:18:03)

Everyone can join in... no qualifications required

Your First Filofax encounter... buying your first Filofax etc etc

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-12 08:32:42)

okay great. thank you ;)

Anita (2011-10-17 17:21:20)

I think this is a lovely idea, thank you :) I'm trying to keep to just 2 filox, but will have to use all my willpower when I go to Neal Street in November!!

Reader Under The Spotlight - Tracy (2011-10-13 00:00)



[1]

Hi everyone.

I was thrilled when I received an email from Steve asking if I would like to do a reader under the spotlight post. I love reading those of others!!

Anyhow, I'm Tracy and I live in Lincolnshire. I am a full-time mum of two girls, and also a full-time student at the University of Lincoln reading Psychology with Forensic Psychology. I am a big fan of Filofax and have never got on with technology.

I have my own [2]blog which I only started a couple of months ago.

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

The first Filofax that I bought and still own was a Mini Identity. I found it the other week whilst having a sort out. I used to love it, and felt very sorry for it when I looked inside and it was empty. So now it has spare diary pages in.

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

I always cringe when I think of this question, as I feel like a traitor to Filofax. I have used Moleskine diaries numerous years but have never stuck with them. I have also used normal diaries that come out at Christmas time. But, I always come back to Filofax.

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

I absolutely adore my Vintage Pink Personal Malden. I saw people on Philofaxy ranting about how great the Malden was and I never believed it until I looked on the Filofax website. I immediately thought, "wow, I have to have one".

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I currently own 10 Filofaxes.

- Mini Identity

- Mini Lyndhurst
- Mini Malden (currently on sale on eBay)
- Pocket Urban
- Pocket Adelphi (currently for sale on eBay)
- Pocket Botanic
- Personal Songbird
- Personal Malden
- A5 Finsbury
- Flex

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

My personal Malden is used for everything. All day to day stuff and information I need to remember. It has my diary, to do's, cards, and plenty of note paper. My A5 Finsbury is used for my uni work. I take it to lectures with me and take notes. My mini Lyndhurst is taking a well earned break, and the pocket urban has just temporarily come out so I can update the diary.

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

I love the flexibility the Filofax can offer. You can put as much or little into it as you want. Then if you want a change, you can.

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

I would be more likely to design the refills for a Filofax rather than the binder itself. I would like to see more funkier diary refills and subject tabs. I find they are very plain. They need more colour and patterns.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

I usually carry my A5 Finsbury in my hand when going to uni. All other Filofaxes generally go into my handbag.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most?

Are you going to buy it? Mmm. This one has been quite a subject of debate for me. I love my personal Malden but was finding it hard carrying that and the A5 around with me. It seems that no other Filofax can match the expectations of the Malden so I have just ordered myself a pocket Malden in crimson.

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

Ooh I hope my other half doesn't read this. The most I have spent was £35. It was my personal Malden, bought from a lady on Philofaxy [3]adspot page. It was a good purchase. I tend to look for bargains, and will very rarely pay full price.

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

I love reading Philofaxy full stop. I take a look every day to see what is new. I love reading about what other people keep in their Filofaxes. I get some good ideas from it. I also like reading the comments to the posts. Everyone has a story, hint or suggestion to share, and they are all passionate about Filofaxes.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

Are you joking????? What is there not to like????

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

Since getting an iPhone I don't buy cd's any more. Which is quite sad in a way. The last album I downloaded was the latest Red Hot Chili Peppers album "I'm with you". It's fantastic.

Thank you Tracy for going under the spotlight and we look forward to meeting you at next months London Meet up.

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/--VSYCouAfdw/TouEHoODgEI/AAAAAAAAJs0/GWJkftYbbAg/s1600/photo.JPG>
2. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/readers-ads.html>

Millie (2011-10-13 04:42:55)

Hi Tracy! I'm from Lincolnshire too - small world!

Alison Reeves (2011-10-13 07:18:37)

Hi Tracy - good to 'meet' you! Thanks for sharing! Very glamorous picture of you!

Raych (2011-10-13 10:02:52)

another from Lincolnshire too!

globetrottingcacti (2011-10-13 10:15:49)

Great choice in music as well as planners!!!

icclewu (2011-10-13 10:57:49)

hello fellow Lincolnshire ppl. :)

@Alison. thank you. i hate having my photo taken so found it hard to pic a photo to go on here. :)

@globetrottingcacti i love the rhcp. i cant wait to go and see them in november :)

xx

Anita (2011-10-13 13:25:26)

Lovely to hear more about you, Tracy :)

luminosity6 (2011-10-14 22:45:37)

nice to meet you Tracy! and yes, agree with Alison, that is a glamorous snap :)

Free For All Friday No. 152 (2011-10-14 00:00)

So the weekend is nearly here again. It couldn't be a better time to sit down and start thinking about your entry for our [1]Filofax competition...

But as it is Friday you are of course free to discuss anything Filofax related.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/share-your-filofax-memories.html>

mija (2011-10-14 02:01:08)

Hi!

Just got my new a5 planner and have no idea how to organize it. I am a student, will be a mom soon and working part-time. Anyone would like to share any ideas, please? :)

I have already read Jotje brilliant post about time management, but still looking for some more ideas :)

lisa (2011-10-14 03:20:12)

Hello,

Ive just received my pocket malden (((love))), is there a notepad that fits in the back slot ?

Thankyou,

Lou x

Steve Morton (2011-10-14 04:57:04)

Lisa here:

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId= 61>

But buy via a link on Philofaxy ok

Thanks

Steve

Sharry (2011-10-14 06:10:54)

I've just ordered the songbird, and am thinking of collecting the canvas designs... do they change them quite often? Thanks Sharry

Sharry (2011-10-14 06:28:36)

Also, sorry- im on a roll here... do the family lifestyle packs still exist? Or are there similar pages available- these would be a godsend to me!!

Thanks again,

Sharry

Alison Reeves (2011-10-14 07:00:51)

Does anyone use Day Timer, Franklin Covey, etc diary pages? I'm thinking of getting them in A5 size for business use. I know I will have to repunch them, but just wondered if it worked or if they were a real mess? I've been pondering for a while as sadly the filofax inserts don't cut it for me. The filofax binders are 'prettier' but the inserts don't suit. I have some of the filofax 3 hole re-enforcing strips which would probably help!

Estelle (2011-10-14 07:09:31)

Sharry,

I wondered that, too. I noticed that the city dweller pack is only available with a diary through December 2011. It should be July 11 to December 12 by now.

You can find the family lifestyle pack if you put family in the search box on the UK site then click add to basket. There are lots of other pages but I'm not convinced it is worth it with only 3 months of diary left.

Sharry (2011-10-14 08:05:59)

Thanks Estelle-

I think i'm a bit confused- its not the diary bit i need really- its all the other notes bits that looked useful... maybe i shoul'n't be so lazy and create my own sections in my filo!

thezeitgeistofzoe (2011-10-14 09:55:07)

@allison reeves: i use franklin covey and love them! i use them in a personal size binder, but if you are willing to re-punch they will work in the A5 as well. i love the paper and the designs. i agree...FF inserts don't do it for me either.

Mrs. Grievous (2011-10-14 11:44:49)

Alison: The only thing I found I didn't like about using other companies' inserts in my Filo is that they all seem to be wider than the binders. I haven't tried A5 size though.

I love Franklin inserts. :)

Helen (2011-10-14 12:26:10)

Hi!

I was just wondering if anyone knew offhand what personal (or perhaps A5)size filofaxes have 30mm rings? My filo at the moment has the smaller size and I struggle to fit everything I want to in it.

Also - are there any other students here? Perhaps organising a research project? I'd really like to hear about how you organise your filo to correspond with uni as I've not found a system that really works for me yet...

Thanks! H :) xxx

Elisabeth (2011-10-14 13:50:22)

@Estelle: According to Filofax UK they are giving up on the City Dweller pack due to poor sales so it won't be available with a 2012 diary.

Josh (2011-10-14 23:54:26)

Hello everyone! I have been thinking very carefully about what diary format will work best for me for 2012. I don't need to buy anything, as my Domino came with July 2011-December 2012 in a week on two pages format, but that format is really too small for my needs, and I need time slots or things end up out of chronology. I was planning to buy day on 2 pages, for optimal space, but opted instead for day per page for my day to day, plus month on two pages for planning out in advance. I already type up day plans for the following day on my work computer and cut them down to personal size and stick in the diary as a running to-do/time map for the following day, so I think that will fill the needs without needing all the paper associated with 2 pages to a day. Let's hope this works well! All the posts and comments here on Philofaxy were incredibly helpful in making my decision. Thanks to everyone!

Deeji (2011-10-15 07:16:50)

I was wondering whether anyone knows where I can get some english cotton cream diary inserts which are lined? I bought 4 filofax from the great german train robbery and they all came with a beautiful wo2p lined cotton cream diary. As some of these were gifts, I have bought some cotton cream english diaries but these are not lined... Just like the lined idea, it may keep my filofax a bit neater. I have pinched a few of these, from the filofax I bought, for 2012 but it looks like I'll be ordering my diary from Germany in the future. Has anyone else encountered this? :)

Technology will be our downfall (2011-10-14 16:16)



[1] Anyone who has been on-line in what ever form will have experienced some incredible changes in the last 10 days.

- The announcement of the new iPhone
- The sad death of Steve Jobs (Former Apple CEO)
- Blackberry Messaging system failing for three days
- The release of iOS5 - the new iPhone, iPod, iPad operating system
- Release of the latest Ubuntu 11.10 operating system.

The announcement of any Apple product always brings an avalanche of press comment. This was closely followed by the sad death of the co-founder of Apple Steve Jobs at the young age of 56, not old at all. At the start of this week the messaging system on that Blackberry phones use suffered some failure or

other for over three days... it would be quicker to write a letter and post it in most countries!

The release of iOS 5 globally at the same time nearly brought the internet to a grinding halt with people trying to download the latest release.

The release of [2]Ubuntu 11.10 will have less of an impact I'm sure, but it's still a sizeable download.

At home here in France as well as all of the above, although we don't use Blackberry thank goodness... my wife's PC suffered a problem the other night after a Windows update. So she is now using her netbook with an external keyboard, monitor, mouse, until we can get her a replacement machine (most probably an iMac).

So I sit here on Friday night thinking back over this last week or so and think how crazy all of this is. Technology is supposed to make our lives easier. Judging by the messages I have seen on Twitter this last week from Philofaxy readers and from some of my old friends in UK, it's hardly been a 'walk in the park' with downloads failing and devices not updating.

Then, I opened my bag after a day over in Angers and take out the paperback book I've just finished reading today, then I pulled out my Malden and I unsnap the closure and open it at my diary page to think of a few notes to jot down about my day. The rich aroma of the leather wafting out of the bag. I look at it... then I look at the various electronic devices I have around me and I think...

Thank goodness for Filofax

- You can update it at any time in the year with a new diary,
- You don't have to rely on some hidden central server somewhere,
- The only delay in updating it is the queue for the cash till at a Philofaxy meet up,
- It's a pleasure to hold in your hand and be seen to be using.

I mourned the death of Steve Jobs last week... I will not be [3]mourning the death of my Filofax for a long long time to come.

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-cGVqSMSaXhA/TZ20fKnNBjI/AAAAAAAAJGI/9Kr7ncxQW2k/s1600/IMG_9909.jpg

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

3. <http://www.thefirstpost.co.uk/85945,news-comment,technology,blackberry-is-going-the-way-of-the-filofax>

icclewu (2011-10-14 16:58:08)

Here here. That is very true. Although I don't know what what Ubuntu is?? Will google it now! Lol.

As much ribbing as I get from my other half for my love of Filofax, I love carrying them around and being seen with them.

Long live the Filofax!!

:)

mywormy (2011-10-14 19:10:30)

Everything you said is true....but if not for the technology that we have today - there would be no Philofaxy group!! LOL

Josh (2011-10-14 21:09:36)

Too true, @mywormy! Thankfully was not impacted by any of these events. Must have been maddening to lose the messaging functions of one's blackberry, or try to update your iphone only to have it become a very expensive paperweight.

I embrace technology, and as my boss said once of my filofax, "filofax is a technology!" I totally agree with her. I spent years avoiding paper only to find, when I finally switched to filofax, that it works perfectly for the way I do things! So easy to use, appropriate to bring to, and use during, meetings. Utterly reliable. I still love my laptop and my blackberry, but I don't know how I lived so long without filofax!

Roanne (2011-10-14 22:31:59)

Steve, just want to tell you that I think this post is fabulous. Thank you.

Sandra (2011-10-14 22:58:58)

Love your timely post. The more I read about updating iPhones, the longer I can tolerate my clunker Blackberry. I still know people who eschew Filofax yet fail to keep their online calendars updated. Or, worse yet, do not keep a proper planner at all!

Off to Google Ubuntu as well... ;-)

michele (2011-10-15 12:26:13)

Very eloquent Steve

David Popely (2011-10-15 13:03:58)

hi Steve

May I also add my 100 % agreement. Yesterday afternoon, my laptop was compromised by a trojan, and as a result I've spent hours reconfiguring and migrating to another machine. If I change Filofaxes, at least it's a matter of choice! Like you, I will mourn the passing of Steve Jobs, a true visionary and inspirational speaker, but rumours of the death of the paper organiser are happily completely false!

caribbean princess (2011-10-15 13:53:36)

Steve that is so true! I will never have my diary held hostage to an electronic calendar. Also while we spend so much time on technology, many of us forget to actually live life which is actually quite sad.

Fabulous post.

terriknits (2011-10-15 15:49:44)

The recent BlackBerry outage affected me - for email messages, mostly. I use my BB for texting and monitoring emails when I'm away from my laptop. My calendar, even though I have it on my BB/Google doesn't really matter because I use my Filo for all that. Contacts are on the BB, but I could access those while the outage was going on. So while it didn't impact me in a huge way, I still did pause for thought, and was happy for my paper-based Filo!

Miss_Oakden (2011-10-15 16:06:49)

Hi Philofaxy, Iv only recently found you after trying to hunt down the perfect diary for my domino in 2012(why are weekends always smaller??) it took me 3 days to read your entire Blog and I'm hooked. Since last week I have

1. Successfully tried printing my own pages
2. Purchased a hole punch for my pages
3. Subscribed to your blog
4. Found new Filofax related blogs
5. Purchased a new Filofax (butterfly in my local W H Smith £73 but with current offers and money off vouchers Iv purchased it for £45!!!) so glad Iv finally got a leather Filofax

Thank you for your inspirational blog and keep up the hard work. (will be doing a post on my blog about my new Filofax in the next week!!)

Louise

Scoot (2011-10-16 06:41:53)

And ...

You don't have to make it inoperable, ie switch it off, during a meeting and can therefore use it in whatever way. You can use a fax in private/security restricted areas.

You can use a fax into a court room.

A fax gets you noticed, especially when you are the one who is first with facts/details from your fax.

My Little Rabbit (2011-10-17 20:15:36)

so true! my email account (my personal one) got hacked recently and i was without email for 2 weeks and it made life hell!

Web Finds - 15 October 2011 (2011-10-15 00:00)

Take a seat, get comfortable and have a read of some more excellent posts we have found on the web this week:

- [1]Top Tab Dividers for Pocket Filofax - Rapunzel's World
- [2]New location, same obsession - Filofax Fixation
- [3]Stationery Love - Cazlon's Life
- [4]Set up of my Pocket Malden - Rapunzel's World
- [5]My Classic Items - Paperlove Story
- [6]What's in my Filofax (Femke) - Cat's Corner - All Stars
- [7]Return of the Filofax - The Cherry Pie
- [8]New Filofax and top tabs - Paper Pens Ink
- [9]What's in my Filofax (Cat) - Delighted - All Stars
- [10]How do you Flex? - TT Patton - *err I've seen that face before somewhere!*
- [11]My Finchley Family - Paper Lovestory
- [12]Meet up in Hamburg - Filomaniac
- [13]Malden excitement - Living with Lisa
- [14]Filofax and Food - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [15]Moleskine madness and Filofax fun at Kinokuniya bookstore Singapore - Plannerisms
- [16]Cuban Zipped Filofax - The Life of a Perpetual Student
- [17]Pocket Filofax Malden Revisited - Imysworld
- [18]I'm an American P.O.T. - Steve Honig
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

Enjoy

1. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/2011/10/top-tab-dividers-for-pocket-malden.html>
2. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/10/08/new-location-same-obsession/>
3. <http://cazlonlife.wordpress.com/2011/10/08/stationery-love/>
4. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/2011/10/set-up-of-my-pocket-malden.html>
5. <http://www.paperlovestory.com/2011/10/my-classic-items.html>
6. <http://www.cathryncook.co.uk/blog/2011/10/whatsinmyfilofax-femke/>
7. <http://thecherrypiefamily.blogspot.com/2011/10/return-of-filofax.html>
8. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/10/new-filofax-and-top-tabs.html>
9. <http://delighted.blogspot.com/2011/10/philofaxy-all-stars-guest-post-by-cat.html>

10. <http://ttpatton.com/2011/10/10/how-do-you-flex/>
11. <http://www.paperlovestory.com/2011/10/my-finchley-family.html>
12. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/10/meet-up-in-hamburg.html>
13. <http://livingwithliisa.wordpress.com/2011/10/10/malden-excitement/>
14. <http://www.crazysuburbanmom.com/2011/10/filofax-and-food.html>
15. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/10/moleskine-madness-and-filofax-fun-at.html>
16. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/10/cuban-zipped-filofax-d.html>
17. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/10/pocket-filofax-malden-revisit.html?>
18. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/steve-honig/technology-addiction_b_1005738.html

terriknits (2011-10-15 00:06:04)

yay! this is the highlight of my week, to see the new list of web finds! I'm going to "save" this for tomorrow (still Friday night here in Canada). Thanks, Steve!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-15 12:58:27)

I always look forward to these posts! Normally I settle down with a cup (or pot) of tea but have had a hellish week so I'm afraid it has just turned wine o'clock.

Anita (2011-10-15 15:43:49)

I agree, love reading these with a cup of rooibos tea :) My treat rather than buying a magazine or some thing.

@ Amanda - sorry you've had a hard week & hope things will get better for you soon.

luminosity6 (2011-10-15 15:46:36)

I agree - these are so enjoyable.

and to Amanda... cheers to wine o'clock and to feeling better.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-16 16:05:50)

@Anita and @luminosity6

Thanks guys! Weekend much better than the week! Only sad it is drawing to a close. But, have a good friend arriving tomorrow for a week which will be great fun!

Have a good week everyone.

Share Your Filofax Memories - FAQ (2011-10-16 00:00)

We announced on Wednesday a [1]competition that we are doing jointly with Filofax UK and other blogs ([2]Plannerisms, [3]Imysworld, [4]Musings of a Caribbean Princess and [5]Filomaniac)

I hope the questions and answers below help to clarify any doubts you have and it will encourage you to enter the competition.

Q1: Who is the competition open to?

A1: Everyone, no matter where you are in the world, you can enter this competition and you stand just as much an equal chance of winning one of the prizes.

Q2: Do I have to be identified in my entry?

A2: No, you can enter under a nickname if you wish, Philofaxy (and I'm sure the other blogs) will maintain the confidentiality of your real identity.

Q3: How can I enter if I don't have Powerpoint on my computer?

A3: Print out the PDF version of the file, and write your entry on the page in your own hand writing. If you have a scanner, scan in the full page and email it to philofaxy at gmail dot com, If you don't have access to a scanner, then I'm happy to accept entries by email, your entry will need to reach me by which ever route by the closing date.

Q4: Can I enter the competition at more than one blog?

A4: Filofax have suggested a maximum of 3 entries per person, I don't see any harm in you may be

spreading those three entries between the blogs listed above.

Q5: I have tried typing my entry in to the Powerpoint page and I've noticed that the text doesn't line up with the lines on the template picture.

A5: We have noticed this and we will make sure your entry is readable before it is entered on to the Facebook page.

Q6: Do I have to have a Facebook account?

A6: No you don't have to have a Facebook account yourself.

We look forward to receiving lots of entries.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/share-your-filofax-memories.html>
2. <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/10/win-filofax-share-your-filofax-memories.html>
3. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/10/share-your-filofax-memories-competition.html>
4. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/10/share-your-filofax-memories-competition.html>
5. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/10/share-your-filofax-memories.html>

What Colour? (2011-10-17 04:31)



[1]

What influences you in deciding what colour Filofax to buy? Some models come in quite a range of colours, the Domino and Finsbury seem to have a new colour added every year, replacing a previous colour, so there is always quite a range of colours available.

Do you like to match colours between sizes, if you use more than one. Or do you match the colour of your organiser to your bag or desk accessories?

As you can see in the picture above taken at the recent [2]Philofaxy London meet up, red stands out as being a popular colour, all those crimson Maldens! Yes we did get our own back again!

So if you were to be a **winner** in our [3]current competition, and you were given the choice of colour of your prize, how would you decide?

'Got to be in it to win it....don't delay enter today'

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-ZIf_iVDzsb8/Tn5oHGMiTQI/AAAAAAAAJqI/tOMjkbYhZno/s1600/PhilofaxySeptember11Challenge3.jpg
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/philofaxy-meet-up-london-september-2011.html>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/share-your-filofax-memories.html>

Imy (2011-10-17 04:50:25)

PINK PINK PINK

As it makes the boys wink ;-) hehe

icclewu (2011-10-17 05:30:48)

I must admit I'm a sucker for pink and purple. I only bought the pocket Malden in crimson because of the price. If funds had permitted, it would have been the vintage pink :)

saphiria (2011-10-17 06:04:57)

A dark red one or light beige :)

Alison Reeves (2011-10-17 07:18:51)

Well, I started off by being a bit fan of red, then moved over into other bright colours. However for some reason now I am more inclined to go for black or the dark plum - I see these as much more glamorous! Happily for all of

us, Filofax do a wide range of colours, sizes and layouts, so we all have plenty of choice!
Would be interesting to see their sales figures to see what is most popular in the different sizes.

Lynne (2011-10-17 08:08:14)

I love the pewter of the Butterfly and the aqua of the Finsbury. Would love to see some new colours for the Malden.

Laurie (2011-10-17 08:20:39)

Normally I like anything purple. But sometimes purple can be too dark even for me. Lately I prefer lighter, brighter colors for my Filofaxes. When it's something I'm going to look at so often every day, I like to see a cheery color. I love my Aqua Finsbury! I also have an Aston in Orchid on the way. ;D

Alison Reeves (2011-10-17 08:58:00)

Forget to say I like the Ivory / mushroom colours too. I really like the new Aston in Mushroom.

terriknits (2011-10-17 11:20:47)

My Malden is red; I was just drawn to it! I don't like pink or purple ("don't like" is a euphemism for "hate") and pale beige shades leave me cold. I also don't like matchy-matchy and for that reason my pocket Malden is black. I am quite fond of the "ink" colour that is my A5 Cuban. So I guess I tend towards the darker hues. I quite like the looks of the Cuban's chili and saddle brown as well.

Anita (2011-10-17 11:31:13)

Hmm, red, pink, purple or possibly aqua. Definitely not one for brown or black filofax, but my A4 Strata was a bargain. I only have the two, so it's just based on my favourite colours.

Tere (2011-10-17 12:36:11)

Ohhhh colours! I like all colours. I love ivory and browns, all those natural shades. The Aston for example looks astonishing in mushroom, but somehow the ochre malden seems too...artificial? Not like natural leather, which is what I would be looking for.

I'd like to see some more navy and dark blues Filofaxes though... Oh and I am lusting over a tangerine Finsbury, it is such a fresh colour!

(now I am drooling all over!)

John (2011-10-17 13:48:11)

As a man, I feel I have a choice of any color so long as it's black...

Gerard (2011-10-17 15:01:35)

Just now I'm using an old navy blue blue binder. I also have a lovely green Winchester, but apart from those they're mostly black and brown.

Elisabeth (2011-10-17 16:15:53)

I don't really have a preference when it comes to color. I bought the vintage pink Malden because I thought the color would be easier to spot in the black hole that is my handbag, but I also have a brown Kendal which I adore. I do however tend to stay away from the lightest colored Filofaxes because I'm afraid they'll get dirty

Dollface (2011-10-17 16:56:11)

I loveeeee red- (what can I say i'm a scarlet woman).. but i rate texture as being more important than colour.. (I have an Amazona)

I just got my delivery from Filofax Denmark 90kr sale and I am surprised by how much I love the orange Finsbury I bought for my brother.. the pattern on the leather is so pretty!

My Little Rabbit (2011-10-17 20:08:29)

i try not to get FF in the same colours, or even styles. Like to taste a little of each! so when im researching a new FF to buy whatever style & colours I already have are not options! (unless i really really want it!)

mstraat (2011-10-17 21:43:21)

I guess I am an anomaly in choosing a Filofax based on functionality rather than color. That said, I don't like either pink or purple personally (and I am female), and also don't like the more "faddish" colors. One Filofax that works well in a color that wears well is "enough" for me.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-18 03:54:28)

I don't like the grey or the beige/mushroom etc colours. I prefer strong or dark colours. I have quite a range, but my least favourite colour is the lightest green one.

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-18 06:50:08)

@laurie

i got a question to your orchid aston. are the stitches really as pink as they look on the pictures??

and i totally agree with alison. the mushroom aston is gorgeous!! i'm very sad it's not available in a5 :(

my daily filo is a black one. cause i'm a reception secretary and it's not "business" enough when there's a neon pink dotted filo on my desk ;)

i'm really missing a dark green one. a very rich grass-green would be great!

Laurie (2011-10-18 07:30:06)

Hi ninijj, my Aston isn't here yet but when it arrives I'll let you know about the stitching. There have been lots of questions about the Orchid color because some online images make it look more pink and others more darker purple, so I'll probably do a post on it when it's here. :)

Butanben (2011-10-18 11:17:06)

My black A5 Finsbury is my day to day Filofax of the moment, along with a slimline black Amazona for a 'hand-bag' diary. My mini pink zipped Finsbury is now used for shopping lists and recipes. I feel like black is more business like..... especially as I use stickers and postcards to jolly up my Filofax inside!!

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-19 03:55:56)

@laurie

great! i'm very nosy now ;)

Jana (2011-10-19 06:22:58)

I like pink, purple or something like this. I also like blue and green. My filofax this year is in raspberry. The filo for 2012 is green oder vintage pink - i dont know already.

best wishes from germany

Jana

printaddiction (2011-10-19 11:41:23)

I have clearly defined color priorities for every long living accessory I buy (that of course also applies to filox):

- 1) dark purple
- 2) red
- 3) grey
- 4) black

So it's not a surprise that my first filo was a red metropol and now I use a crimson piazza – and I love it.

caribbean princess (2011-10-20 02:31:25)

I like purple and related shades, raspberry, even burgundy! But I do have a few red ones and of course my gorgeous aqua finsbury!

Oh and pink of course!

Katie (2011-10-23 06:26:13)

My choice would always be between red and green, but of course nice green filofaxes just don't exist (why?!?!) so I would normally go for red. My new A5 Finsbury is in aqua though - a colour that seriously brightens my day :)

Free For All Tuesday No. 37 (2011-10-18 00:00)



[1]

Did you know that according to Wikipedia; 'Tuesday is a day of the week occurring after Monday and before Wednesday. According to international standard ISO 8601, it is the second day of the week, although in some traditions it is the third.'

But in terms of Filofaxy, Tuesday is the day you can ask any Filofax related questions!!

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

Chloe (2011-10-18 02:18:26)

I'll kick things off today. Long time reader, very sporadic poster. :)

I was wondering if there is an A5 diary option with 2 days per page (preferably lined too) available? I need something between day-per-page and week-on-two pages.

Thanks.

Nellie (2011-10-18 02:41:02)

I was wondering whether anyone has fully converted to Flex from a Filo binder. I keep wondering about them, but the binder has a very strong pull for me.

I recently bought a pocket Amazona, but i am really struggling with it. The size of the paper is ok, but the size of the pockets for things like stamps, cards etc is a problem. What do others do?

Thanks!

Helen x

Sharon (2011-10-18 05:03:24)

Chloe - why not print off your own from Outlook?

Nellie - I am being pulled to Flex or Moleskine right now, because am finding I carry too much unnecessary stuff in Filofax when out! Flex doesn't have the diary layout I want to trial though!

Tim (2011-10-18 06:02:40)

Hi Nellie and Sharon

I tried to convert to A5 Flex - based on Imy's fantastic video demo and my positive experience of the Time Manager Planner Wallet years ago (of which the Flex binder is an almost identical copy!).

As a binder to carry at weekends with just a diary, year planner and note pad Flex works well. However, I quickly found that having become used to being able to open a binder ring and find/add/take out/shuffle pages, Flex has it's drawbacks. Instead, you've got a fixed notebook and a full year diary to carry around.

This will work fine for many folk, but I'm currently experimenting with the A5 Holborn which is like Flex but also has a binder ring. I did a review on the Filofax website. The biggest problem here is that the outer pockets are not full width, so you can't just slot in a Flex product. Also - for me - a 25mm ring is too big, so I'm hoping

to acquire an A5 Adelphi secondhand - purely to swop rings!
(Anybody got one to sell?) Tim

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-18 06:06:41)

hi there,

just a minute before i was "stalking" for the 2 days per page diary on the several filofax sites.

sorry chloe, i didn't find one in a5.

BUT, i found this!!<http://www.filofax.co.uk/personalise/>

personalised diaries o.O does anyone have experiences with this service??

Dollface (2011-10-18 10:27:14)

HELP

okay, i ordered this filofax

[#974](http://www.filofax.dk/store/organiserdetails.asp?rangeId=132 &sizeId=2 &dsizeId=2 &spId=974)

and if you look at the bottom it says this

"Ringbindet leveres med en 18 måneders ugeplan 2011/12."

which means it comes with an 18 month 11/12 diary.. but it only came with a 12 month 2011 one.. this was going to be a christmas present for my sister..

i want to email them but i don't speak a word of danish? can i just write in English?

Does anyone who speaks Danish want to help me?

aaaaah so confusing!

HELP!

Imy (2011-10-18 12:01:41)

Tim - Just saw your comment about my video, THANK YOU!!!! (i deleted it as it felt VERY unnatural lol)

Nellie - have you tried the credit card slots for the Pocket and also the plastic wallets for stamps? thats what i use for any cards i carry :-)) xxx

terriknits (2011-10-18 12:51:00)

@Chloe I usually check filo usa, filo uk and pens & leather to see what different inserts are available. They seem to carry different ones. I was looking for one particular one (can't remember now what it was) and while filo usa didn't have it, the UK did and because it was just a couple of inserts, shipping to Canada was very reasonable - and shockingly quick!

Tim (2011-10-18 14:12:46)

Imy - Of course I would not want to offend Steve; a fine, upstanding guy, a font of Filofax knowledge and producer of a useful Flex video. But... YOUR Flex video Imy, just oozed enthusiasm, excitement and delight. I put my order in the same day as I watched it! You should retrieve it from the Recycle bin right now! LOL

Elisabeth (2011-10-18 15:52:29)

@Dollface: I'm sure English will do just fine. If not, I might be able to help. I'm Norwegian, but the Scandinavian languages are for the most part mutually intelligible.

Dollface (2011-10-18 17:01:58)

@Elizabeth do you know what i should click on the website to tell them about it? i'm completely clueless

Steve Morton (2011-10-18 17:16:50)

@Dollface, email filofax@filofax.dk and explain the problem in English I think they will understand

Regards

Steve

Peg (2011-10-18 19:02:05)

terriroyea & iris30606: I love your tabs. How do you make them? Are you laminating them, printing on thick paper?

Thanks,

PeggyLake09

Chloe (2011-10-19 08:19:20)

Thanks everyone. I have looked on the various sites and it seems like what I want doesn't exist. I will have a play around and see if I can print something. Will let you know how I go.

Imy (2011-10-19 10:40:12)

TIm - HAHA I dont actually know where in the recycle bin it is :-(I would need to find it on my external hard drive whcih could take days, weeks years lol :-) will look especially for you

Share Your Filofax Memories - Competition (2011-10-19 00:00)



This October, Filofax and Philofaxy would like to invite you to share your favourite Filofax memory. Whether it's a tale about your first Filofax, the story of your first visit to the Filofax store or even a moment when a Filofax played an important part in your life, we want to hear from you!

Over the next two weeks, you will be able submit your cherished Filofax memories by 26th October at 23:59(UK time) to **philofaxy at gmail dot com** This can be beautifully handwritten, typed or even drawn onto the special Filofax diary page template which you can download from the link below Philofaxy will then choose the top 10 memories to be uploaded onto the official Filofax Facebook page for fans all over the world to read and 'like'.

On the 4th November, the three memories which have the most 'likes' from the Philofaxy will receive **brand new Filofax organisers** as a very special thank you for participating in the challenge.

Interested in sharing your Filofax memories? Here's how to take part:

1. Download the Filofax diary page template from this link [2]PPT format [3]PDF Format
2. Write, draw or type your 300-500 word memory onto the Filofax diary page template
3. Send your memory back by 26th October at 23:59(UK time) to **philofaxy at gmail dot com** who will then select their top 10 stories to be uploaded onto the Filofax Facebook page. Maximum of 3 entries per person. Competition open to all Filofax users worldwide.
4. Filofax fans will then be encouraged to 'like' their favourite memories
5. The three memories that receive the most 'likes' from the Philofaxy album will receive brand new Filofax organisers!

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Kryn2pi7MXY/TpSFL5wXY2I/AAAAAAAAJtU/pXm7oq9tLWM/s1600/filofax.jpg>

2. <http://www.philofaxy.com/FilofaxDiaryPageTemplate.ppt>

3. <http://www.philofaxy.com/FilofaxDiaryPageTemplate.pdf>

Alison Reeves (2011-10-19 06:29:23)

I'm not sure why this has been posted a second time?

Also I think more entries would be forthcoming if you could just type in your entry somewhere. The options

both required printing out and writing, then scanning in before emailing over. I guess not everyone would have a scanner - I'm really busy at the moment, and whilst I may have typed something into an on-line entry form, I really don't have time to do all this.

Maybe I'm just being a kill joy - feel free to tell me if I am!

Dollface (2011-10-19 08:23:35)

@Alison if you use the Powerpoint template all you have to do is type it in then email it

I entered on Imy's site (sorry philofaxy!) it was super easy

xxxxxx

Alison Reeves (2011-10-19 09:00:27)

Oh, I'll take another look then.

Scoot (2011-10-19 10:05:15)

The Filofax memory I'd like to relate is about the time period in which they once produced 1st rate leather products with a good selection of inserts on decent paper, but I doubt they want to hear that.

Imy (2011-10-19 10:50:58)

Alison - you can enter on imysworld but just emailing me the text and i will sort the rest out for you ;-) hehe

Alison Reeves (2011-10-19 12:03:23)

@Imy - are you trying to steal all the entries from Steve and CP? Ha Ha!!!

Imy (2011-10-19 12:09:47)

Alison - No lol i was pulling your leg :-) im sure Steve will do the same, i havent seen if anyone has commented on CP's post :-) just saw the comments on here :-)

Alison Reeves (2011-10-19 16:29:46)

@Imy - don't worry I was joking!!!!

caribbean princess (2011-10-20 02:28:59)

No one has entered mine as yet. Sniff, sniff. I am happy to paste the text onto the template too.

Imy (2011-10-20 08:55:56)

I know!!! Alison, i recon you should enter with CP :-) she deserves it :-)

Nellie (2011-10-22 12:48:35)

I am working on my entry now!

Nellie (2011-10-22 13:51:09)

I did something a bit different... not sure how it will go down... :)

Size matters... (2011-10-20 00:00)

Anyone who knows me well enough, will know that I love playing around with spreadsheets to look at things from a different point of view, to see things from a different angle and may be to discover something new I hadn't realised before....

So yes you guessed it, I couldn't resist plugging some numbers in to Excel the other day in connection to Filofax organisers, to see if there was something I had over looked or may be explain why some sizes are more popular than others.

So I decided to use the page area of the different sizes to see how they compare to each other between

the different sizes.

Size	H x W (mm)	Area (sq mm)
A4	297 x 210	62370
A5	210 x 148	31185
Personal	171 x 95	16245
Pocket	120 x 81	9720
Mini	105 x 67	7035

Then looking at the page size in terms of percentage of each other and say 'converting' from one size to another size. In the table below, lets say you are using a Personal size and you are going to A5. You start on the top Personal and go down to A5 on the left hand side. This indicates that A5 is 192 % in page area relative to Personal size (nearly double the page area)

Current Size	Future Size	A4	A5	Personal	Pocket	Mini A4	100 %	200 %	384 %	642 %	887 %	A5	50 %	100 %
% 192 %	% 321 %	% 443 %	Personal	26 %	52 %	100 %	167 %	231 %	Pocket	16 %	31 %	60 %	100 %	138 %
Mini	11 %	23 %	43 %	72 %	100 %									

Another example, this time Personal to Pocket, your page size would be 60 % of your current page size. This got me thinking... if people are tending to cycle between A5 and Personal size. The sort of thing we hear is people like the extra space that A5 gives them, but they don't like the additional bulk of an A5 organiser.

Seeing the figures above it doesn't come as any surprise really as to why the A5 has such an advantage over the Personal size, but people are swapping too much between sizes.

There's almost a case for another size between A5 and Personal, one say that in the same ratio as an A5 page 1:1.4142. This ratio is the same as the square root of 2, or the inverse of Sine 45 degrees, so there is some magic about the ratio of the height versus the width of the European paper sizes.

So I picked a page area roughly between the two sizes about 23000 sq mm, in that ratio you get a page size of 180x127mm or put another way, slightly taller than personal, but about a third wider compared to Personal size or 41 % bigger than personal size. This page would look something like this in blue:



[1]

So I compromised slightly and made it the same height as Personal (171mm) in the same ratio as A5 that gives a page width of 121 mm and a page area of 20691 sq mm Or 27 % bigger than personal size. This is what it would look like and how it compares to Personal and A5 size. An organiser in this size would need to be wider, but it would be the same height as a Personal size... think of it as Personal +



[2]

I doubt if we would ever see organisers available in that size, but it might prove to be a more popular size if it ever did go in to production.

1. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-xXBYSa8Q7hM/Tp90urw6kGI/AAAAAAAAJto/HQxPx21nPCY/s1600/sizes.jpeg>

2. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-q141606mQU0/Tp9J1eDiPPI/AAAAAAAAJtg/YBfwW1fNPDk/s1600/size.jpeg>

gdigesu (2011-10-20 01:40:36)
Steve, excellent!

katka (2011-10-20 02:18:54)
great post Steve....thank you

caribbean princess (2011-10-20 02:27:23)
Excellent post Steve. I would definitely benefit from personal plus! However they will probably never create that size to encourage us to keep swapping and buying more organisers.

caribbean princess (2011-10-20 02:33:05)
Oh and I love the title of this post! Haha.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-20 02:37:24)
Are people up really late or really early today?
I've never really understood the rationale behind the personal page size - it always feels too narrow for its height. Personal plus would be great!
Does anyone know why filofax went for A4 and A5 but not A6 for any of the sizes?

Alison Reeves (2011-10-20 03:48:03)
Really interesting Steve. My theory is that the original personal sizes may have been based on some division of a standard size that was current at the time.
Of course the opposite may have been true - create a binder size that customers *have* to buy inserts from you. I can see the appeal of A4 and A5 because they are a division of our current paper sizes.

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-20 03:59:01)
hahaha. that's the perfect breakfast-post! excel and filofax <3
thank you steve ^^
and that brings a question in my mind:
the width/height ratio from personal is 1,8 and the ratio from A5 is 1,4189...
In comparison with the GOLDEN RATIO (1,61803) personal is closer to it.
when the golden ratio suggests us subconscious beauty in nature, then why doesn't the golden ratio work on paper sizes???

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-20 04:17:07)
If you divide the height of personal paper (171 mm) by the Golden Ratio, you get 105.7 mm.
A page 171 x 106mm would be a great size to work on!
(Hang on... isn't that about the same size as the Time Manager paper?)

Scoot (2011-10-20 04:36:58)
A6 is a popular/useful notebook size/paper ratio that has the extra width for actual writing as opposed to notes/facts/lists of personal sized paper, for me that extra width appeals. However, as a user of Slimline size for wallets (all currencies fit in their length of pocket) I'd hate to see the height go ... but then I have enough of the older Slimline Fax's to last a lifetime.
It is if Filofax's decision to continue with both mini and pocket sizes that amazes me as there seems to be little between them. Just look at how many were left unsold and ended up being dumped for 9euros.

Laurie (2011-10-20 05:27:08)
Steve what you have described as Personal+ is very close to the Franklin Covey Compact size. Same page height as Personal but a little wider. Their binders though are notoriously chunky with larger rings and a wider body.

What I want to know is the ratio of the Personal binders' size and weight vs. the A5 binders'. Even though people love the extra page space of the A5, the bulkiness and weight of the binder does them in. Seems like the A5 binder is over many people's threshold of what they are willing to carry on a daily basis. (It's certainly over mine!) Yet the personal size binder is tolerable for many people. I wonder what size binder would give a larger page size than the Personal but would still be tolerable for many people to carry?

There's got to be an algorithm for that! ;D

Steve Morton (2011-10-20 07:21:25)

Hi All

I don't know the origin of the original Personal Page size, but like you I do find it odd in proportions from time to time.

The height is ok but the width too narrow, if that makes sense.

I hope I got my maths correct! In working out the height and width for a specific area, I did it by trial and error. There has to be formula for the length of the sides of a rectangle in a given area and ratio of height to width but I couldn't figure it out correctly last night... so I did it the quick and dirty way with a formula in Excel and kept varying one of the numbers until I got the right area!

That little bit of extra width I'm sure would benefit the design of diary inserts...

Tim (2011-10-20 07:38:40)

I could never get on with Filofax Personal. As a left-hander, it's bad enough struggling to write around the ring mechanism let alone the narrowness (95mm) of the paper. Time Manager (TMI) original is 180mm x 110mm and has always (to my mind) been a better size. It is also easier to print sheets as just folding a trimmed (lengthways) and punched sheet of portrait A4 (210mm width), 10mm off-centre fits a TMI binder perfectly.

Printing and trimming to fit Filofax Personal is much more fiddly than A5.

Scoot (2011-10-20 08:06:23)

In consideration that the personal sized paper and original Lefax binders fit (like a slimline) into a jacket pocket, I assume that the Lefax file of facts was intended to be carried around by those professionals who wore a jacket.

Therefore, was not the width of paper decided by the width of jacket pockets?

Alison Reeves (2011-10-20 08:25:53)

I think that the width of the personal page per-se is not so much the problem, it's when it is added into the binder and the rings get in the way that you find the useable width is in fact much less than you thought.

My writing is quite large so the A5 suits me better - added to which it is easy to make my own inserts or just punch and file something I need. I'm lucky that most of my work is done at home - and if I go out I would take a briefcase or laptop bag.

I can understand that those who have to cart their filofax around everywhere would have an issue with A5 - even some personal binders can be a bit too large for this.

I really like the idea of the personal plus and would consider it if it ever made the drawing board!

For me, I have decided to commit to the A5. I have ordered some Time Manager index tabs (they make so much sense to me and only have 4 holes so easy to re-punch). I've also decided to go for a month on two pages and the daily business pages for my planning. I'm thinking of colour coding the todos with different colours for each of my clients. We'll see about that. However next year is the year I start goal setting properly so my trusty filofax will hopefully help me with that journey!

Saffy (2011-10-20 08:56:13)

It was always my understanding that the personal size was originally designed to fit into a men's pocket of some description. I was told the filofax was originally designed for scientists (or army personnel or some other profession) where they might wear a jacket, lab coat or cargo (army) trousers with pockets in the knee/legs.

My memory is a bit dodgy on the exact details but I think Scoot is correct; the size was to fit into some kind of professionals' jacket pocket.

Very interesting post Steve, the extra width would be a much better size.

Imy (2011-10-20 08:59:46)

That was very good but i thought size doesnt matter its how you use it HAHA!!!!!!

Sorry i just had to try a bad joke!

Was very interesting to see the variation in sizes though :-)

Thank you and sorry for lowering the tone!!!

Tim (2011-10-20 09:13:48)

Alison - don't forget that Time Manager (TMI) Original has 6 holes and has the same spacing as Time Manager A5 (4 holes = 6 minus the middle holes) and that Filofax Personal (6 holes) has the same spacing as TMI Original (6 holes). BUT Filofax A5 (6 holes) has a completely different spacing! So, if you're buying TMI A5 dividers to use with Filofax A5 paper, you'll end up with 10 holes! If you're looking for decent plastic tabs to use with Filofax A5, then Filofax Time Management tabs are the way to go. Hope that's clear(ish)! Tim

Scoot (2011-10-20 09:56:28)

As an experiment, I have just holed 20 sheets of A6 paper and popped it into a slimline. The extra 1cm width, in reality not much, actually looks quite dramatic and appears to give so much room to write. I will use it as notepaper in my slimline for a week or two. The downside is that the side of A6 paper sticks out the side by 2mm, though soon to be cut off, and you can't see tabs down the side though I can use lots of tabs at both top and bottom!

SSJ (2011-10-20 10:56:57)

Alison, TMI offers an unpunched version of their regular size dividers (to be used in their storage box). You might want to check if they have an unpunched version of the A5 dividers as well. That way, you won't have 10 holes.

Tim (2011-10-20 11:14:41)

As someone who has been switching between Time Manager (TMI) original, compact and A5 and then to and from - Filofax A5, I know the issues well. The TMI box dividers can be punched and used in binders but are not the same colours and subjects as the binder dividers. In particular there are no numbered key areas. They have never made unpunched binder dividers in any size.

A5 Filofax Time Management dividers are sold in one pack, punched and include numbered key areas (but only 1 to 7).

A5 Time Manager (TMI) dividers are wider than Filofax ones and will protrude from some Filofax binders. Oh and the holes are a bit wider than TMI holes!

The 10 hole thing does work - it just needs careful punching and aesthetically isn't great. It's also just about possible (because TMI dividers are wider) to cut off a few millimetres to make them the same width as Filofax dividers and then punch holes to suit Filofax binders.

This is all sounding a bit "anoraky". If only the different manufacturers had agreed common standards in the 1980's!!!

Hephzibah Bride (2011-10-20 11:35:03)

Hi, I'm new here - just bought an A5 Domino yesterday as a trade from my neglected Personal Classic (I had a go with ff mini and then Organised Mum Life Book). I'm going back to work after maternity leave and also have a blog and business to keep organised so I didn't think the Personal was big enough for my needs. I love the extra space in the A5 but couldn't help but look longing at my Personal one. I thought, 'if only they had a size in between' and here you are suggesting the same thing. Great minds, as they say, think alike! :)

J (2011-10-20 12:16:20)

Wow, that was a lot of math!!! But in the end it totally makes sense- I FF+ binder would be great!

But I agree w/ Laurie- the page size is very similar to Franklin Covey Compact which is why I'm switching over to them in 2012. The Malden's flexibility should allow this to happen flawlessly!

Scoot (2011-10-20 12:40:50)

My view about Personal sized paper (and my Lefax paper matches filofax paper) being based upon fitting a professional's suit pocket is based upon the original LEFAX front sheet ...

"LEFAX

(LEAF+FACTS)

A pocket-size system of loose-leaf data sheets and blank forms for keeping facts at your finger tips"

terriknits (2011-10-20 12:44:03)

I, too, thought of FC pages when I saw the illustration for the "personal plus" page. Very interesting post, Steve! Lots of food for thought! (But I'm still in the honeymoon phase with both my personal and A5)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-20 13:30:54)

I love this! My hand wants a bigger surface area than the personal paper to write on, but my shoulders don't like the A5 heavy/bulkyness! But I love the squareness, and additional size, of the paper you designed! I would definitely buy a filo that was that size!!

Alison Reeves (2011-10-20 13:39:05)

@Tim. I don't like the Filofax professional dividers. I have a set and:

1. I don't like the colour (mostly grey) and
2. The key areas don't nest as they do in TMI
3. I don't like the divider tab names -i could probably use my labeller to rename but that would probably look messy with white tabs on the coloured plastic dividers.

They aren't very expensive really so I'll either put up with more holes or trim them to suit. The TMI ones just seem more intuitive. It's a shame really that Filofax don't do better inserts (or at least more variety in A5) or TMI or others don't do nicer binders! I'll let you all know how I get on.

Estelle (2011-10-20 14:40:21)

I would like a binder that takes Din A6 paper.

Tim (2011-10-20 14:59:14)

Alison - I agree, but we'll have a long wait for any new Time Manager products! They were streets ahead in the 80's and 90's, but there has been absolutely no product development since Hans Moeller (the time management guru) sold the company a few years back. The UK arm has closed down it's online shop and everything now has to be ordered directly from Denmark. I was a Time Manager devotee, but the product range is tired and very dated, whereas Filofax is continually revamping theirs with products like Flex.

Anyway, to avoid boring other folk, who'll want to get back to chatting pure Filofax, we should stop talking about other ranges now! Good luck with your dividers!

Free For All Friday No. 153 (2011-10-21 00:07)

Happy Friday everyone! Got any big weekend plans? If you haven't already, spend some time this weekend submitting your entry to our [1]Filofax Competition! Don't miss your chance to win a new Filofax!

Halloween is coming soon, autumn is in full swing for those of you in the Northern Hemisphere. And shockingly, Christmas is barely two months away!

How are you using your Filofax to plan the last two, ultra-busy months of this year?

And as always on Fridays, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related. :)

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/share-your-filofax-memories.html>

Kelliejo (2011-10-21 01:26:02)

I discovered the Filofax just four months ago and am obsessed! I have 8 now. I ordered several to begin with because I couldn't decide which one I liked best or which size I wanted.

Today I received the Osterley personal in wine. I LOVE it. This is it, the one I will carry with me everywhere. Beautiful.

Now, is there somewhere here on Philofaxy to sell filofax? I think I need to lighten the shelf a bit.

Steve Morton (2011-10-21 03:42:24)

Hi Kelliejo

Yes there is a page for selling Filofax

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/readers-ads.html>

Steve

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-21 03:47:46)

@kelliejo

8 filofax in 4 months??? wow!

just a question to your sales before everyone gets the chance to buy them: are all of them personals?? or do you also got a A5? ;)

Imy (2011-10-21 05:30:59)

Kelliejo - What ones will you be selling :-D and 8 in 4 months sounds AMAZING i reckon you should keep them and EXPAND!!! hehe x

michele (2011-10-21 05:39:54)

Hi All, I haven't been on for ages (due to overwhelming work and personal stuff) but I do have AMAZING filofax news.. My boyfriend handed me last Saturday (via ebay) a (perfect condition) emerald Green personal Tejus Filofax made in England with a bunch of unused Filofax insert papers from the early 90's!!! I am in Filofax Nirvana right now!!! So I do have a few questions.. @Steve, any idea of when the Tejus was actively sold? What did it sell for? It's calf leather with a lizard skin finish to it.. I literally spent all last weekend just petting it!!! (much to boyfriend's weird stares at me!) Miss you all - will be on regularly now!

PrincessK (2011-10-21 08:28:12)

Hi,

This is my first post and I wanted to say a big thank you! I discovered Philofaxy by chance and I have to say you have helped me and my poor brain massively.

Im a single mum with 2 young kids (3 and 1), I work part-time and im also studying part-time at Uni. Life can get very hectic. I was trying to be organised with scraps of paper and random notes and it was a nightmare. I was always forgetting appointments, shifts and shopping was trouble too! I often forgot bread, milk, toilet paper, but I would come home with some marshmallows and a smelly candle (I really am that scatty).

After discovering Philofaxy I decided to take the plunge and get organised. Im now the proud owner of a A5 Aqua Finsbury for uni/home things and a red pocket Deco for appointments and shopping lists which doubles as my purse.

I've gotten so organised its scary and I love it. No more ringing the doctor cause I forgot appointment times again or forgetting what my daughter needs for school.

So a big big thank you Philofaxy, my poor brain thanks you too x

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-21 09:47:30)

@princessK

it's so lovely to read your comment! and i'm feeling very happy for you right now. i truly can understand your situation. although i'm no mum and half-time-student, i needed to organise all my life. without my filofax my first "alone residence chance" and the "gaining back the control of my finances and debts" wouldn't probably be possible.

i send you a great thumbs up!

Firsttimer (2011-10-21 09:56:15)

I posted a few weeks ago asking for advise for a gift for the other half.

thank you

the finsbury arrived a few days ago and is LOVELY.... I want one!

Decided to go fabric innards and if it gets worn out (ie used plenty) I will get an all leather one in a few years time!

One disappointment

I wish the diary pages came out sooner. he gets dates for the diary up to a year in advance so it would be great to have 2013 on stand by..... any ideas?

Thanks again

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-21 11:43:42)

@Firsttimer, you can print your own using microsoft Outlook, it's pretty easy for A5, you can do it for any year and any format you like! lots of options, just have a play around and print out 1 page's worth to see if it works, then you can print some more months/rest of the year if he's happy with that format! have fun!

Steve Morton (2011-10-21 11:45:30)

Michelle, I'm not sure when that model was in production. Have you looked through the photos on the Filofax UK Facebook page, they have some scans of 1990's catalogues there.

Welcome PrincessK

Firsttimer.. how about using a year planner or 4 year planner for those far reaching dates, and if you need more detail to be recorded use an undated planner page with the details on it.

J (2011-10-21 12:01:49)

Firsttimer- the vertical year planners are great- they provide one line per day for the whole year. Not too much room for details, but enough to map out days that have events, appointments, etc.

I know that the 2013 is also already available... just an idea!

Laurie (2011-10-21 12:10:52)

Just noticed the crimson Malden in Personal and Pocket sizes on Filofax UK's Last Chance sale...

Alison Reeves (2011-10-21 13:03:46)

@Laurie They have been advertising the personal Malden in Red for ages now, but when you click through they are sold out. I wish websites didn't do this - when they are gone they should disappear from the website! Not sure about the pocket as I haven't checked.

LJ (2011-10-21 13:41:16)

@ Laurie Personal crimson Malden was reduced quite a while ago and sold out, but it's worth checking back each day. I thought that if they got anymore then the price would be back up to the usual, but when I checked back they had more in stock at £36. One very happy bunny here. It's in the cupboard ready for me to have as my Christmas present.

@ Kelliejo If you really want to make some room on your shelf I will definitely check out the readers ads and see if I can get myself some new ones. My DF will just give up on me as he thinks I have too many already, but I believe that you can never have too many ;-)

LJx

Ian (2011-10-21 14:28:12)

Hey all,

Love the website. Quick question for you Filomanians;

I have a Topaz Mini, in use as a wallet, which is very handy considering the full-length pocket to the rear. However, the mini in size is quite restricting, so my question is this - Are there any pocket sized models that also have this full-length rear 'pocket'?

Steve Morton (2011-10-21 15:08:58)

Hi Ian

Yes I recently reviewed three pocket size Filofax organisers with the rear pocket.

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/filofax-pocket-review.html>

Others also include it as well

Regards

Steve

Lisa Lucas (2011-10-21 15:59:41)

Hi everyone!

I found this website after I bought my FIRST Filofax here in Hawaii a week ago. I LOVE it!! I have a personal Finsbury in Raspberry.

I've had FC, Day Timer, Day Runner in all different sizes, too!

Now, I'm wondering if I need to expand to the pocket or the A5 size!!! :) Hubby might faint, though.

Do you folks use notebooks in addition to your Filofax?

Thank you!

Lisa

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-21 16:57:34)

Hi Lisa! Be assured, that won't be your last filo! We are all addicted here!

In answer to your question, I use notebooks too, I have to because if I used my filo for my university notes I would go through thousands of filofax notepads a term! But mostly I use a fake-Moleskine (bookshop brand, not the real thing, and half the price!) as a brain dump, for uni and assignment ideas, and also for general other notes, e.g. ideas for Christmas presents. The reason I don't write the latter straight into my filo is because sometimes, I don't have my filo to hand, but also, they are ideas I might want to develop later as I read them back, and therefore don't want to put them in somewhere concrete in my filo yet. Hope that makes sense!

Lisa Lucas (2011-10-21 17:14:42)

@TPS - Thank you!

I use a composition notebook at work - that stays at work. I put all voicemails, requests, some meeting notes in there. It is working out well.

Trying to decide if I need a personal notebook, too. (for brain dumps, misc notes, etc.)

(I have a notebook that I use for church for sermon notes and meeting notes.)

I've been eyeing the pocket and the A5 size....not many stores here carry filofax so am left to drool at my computer. hahaha.

Love the Deco filofax. Sigh.

Hubby said I could pick up a pocket filofax as our gardening journal. :)

Hmmmm...so many options and decisions!!!

Web Finds - 22nd October 2011 (2011-10-22 00:00)

I hope you enjoy these posts on Saturdays and this week is no exception. So grab a drink of your choice and sit down enjoy:

- [1] Won the Filofax Battle - Imysworld
- [2] Time Management for university with 3 Filofaxes! Part 1 - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [3] Semilolon A5 - Filofax Fixation
- [4] What's in my Filofax(1) - Filomaniac

- [5]What's in my Filofax(2) - Filomaniac
- [6]Inbox Zero Using Gmail - Anita Lim
- [7]Show me your stationery: Filofax Topaz - Molly and the Princess
- [8]Maudie Made (me some inserts) - Living with Lisa
- [9]Printables Giveaway - Life's a Journal
- [10]Whats in your Filofax - Girl from Mars
- [11]Finchley Vintage Rose - The story so far - Imysworld
- [12]Rejigging the personal Malden - Filofax Fixation
- [13]DiY tabs with pockets - Living with Lisa
- [14]Filofax + Collage = Happy - Julie Gibbons
- [15]'My Osterley' revisits a Wonderland of Imaginary Characters, Beautiful Art & Nameless Fashion!
- Anita Darling
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

Now before you shut-down your computer and get on with your tasks for the weekend... read about our [16]Filofax Memories Competition and download the entry files and get writing your entry this weekend.....

Enjoy

1. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/10/won-filofax-battle.html>
2. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/10/time-management-for-university-with-3.html>
3. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/10/16/semikolon-a5-hack/>
4. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/10/whats-in-my-filofaxes-1.html>
5. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/10/whats-in-my-filofaxes-2.html>
6. <http://anita-lim.blogspot.com/2011/10/inbox-zero-using-gmail.html>
7. <http://mollyandtheprincess.com/2011/10/05/show-me-your-stationery-blue-topaz-filofax/>
8. <http://livingwithliisa.wordpress.com/2011/10/18/maudie-made-me-some-inserts/>
9. <http://www.lifes-a-journal.com/2011/09/05/printables-giveaway/>
10. <http://fevverwords.blogspot.com/2011/10/whats-in-your-filofax.html>
11. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/10/finchley-vintage-rose-story-so-far.html>
12. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/10/19/rejigging-the-personal-malden/>
13. <http://livingwithliisa.wordpress.com/2011/10/19/diy-tabs-with-pockets/>
14. <http://www.juliegibbons.com/2011/10/20/filofax-collage-happy/>
15. <http://www.anitadarlingubhi.com/2011/10/my-osterley-revisits-wonderland-of.html>
16. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/share-your-filofax-memories.html>

LJ (2011-10-22 00:19:01)

Ooh, fabulous. 6:15am and the web finds are already up. There was me, going to be good and try to get some of my work done before the day gets fully underway, and now I may have to postpone the work... Or can I be really good and save the web finds for later? Decision, decisions.... Oh go on then, just a sneaky peek :-). Thanks Steve, love the web finds each week. xxx

Kate (2011-10-22 05:15:31)

I echo LJ's comments.. I love reading the web finds over breakfast. Thanks, Steve, for a weekly treat. On another note, does anyone know whether thevSmython planner refills will Filofax personal. I love the paper and think that my amethyst Deco deserves a treat.

Alison Reeves (2011-10-22 09:37:41)

Me too - I lay in bed this morning and read them on my iPad! What a treat. My other half is here this morning (usually playing golf!) so was downstairs with the dogs so I had a delicious peaceful time with my guilty secret (i.e. filofax web finds!!!)

mstraat (2011-10-22 11:26:58)

@Liisa Folding heavy cardstock is easier if you score it first. Use a sharp knife and *very gently* go along where you want it to fold, using the straight edge of a ruler for a guide. Hope this helps.

Anita (2011-10-22 11:56:51)

Thanks again for including one of my posts :)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-22 15:37:08)

um... is the link for TPS right? It wouldn't link through for me...

Oh, please don't let that happen with all of them! I need my web finds fix!!

Steve Morton (2011-10-22 15:41:19)

Amanda

Link updated, should work now. Not sure what happened there.

Steve

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-22 16:02:59)

Still not working for me but I went via the links page and read it.

All the others were fine (phew!!) so I can now enjoy my weekly fix! I do love these round-ups!

Steve Morton (2011-10-22 16:18:22)

Works for me... but I've now re-entered the link and tested it just in case...

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-22 16:30:32)

yay! works for me too now!

Thank you!

ninij Elfenfisch (2011-10-24 08:03:38)

:D that's another reason why i chicken out on posting my "what's in my filofax". first of all my readercounter would explode with all of you guys and i'm so new on blogging, that i'm very scared of "do they like my blog?"....
oO

Steve Morton (2011-10-24 08:18:29)

Nina

We love your blog... and I don't know a blogger who would not want readers... !!!

Steve

ninij Elfenfisch (2011-10-24 08:52:17)

yes of course you're right. that's like a singer's saying "no, please don't listen to my songs"

but... i'm just nervous. for a newbie it's a little more important how people rate the own side, than for an routiné
;)

Making Your Own Organiser (2011-10-23 00:00)

Have you ever woken up in the morning and thought '*I wish I could make my own organiser*'? After my post the other day about [1]page sizes. Wouldn't it be great to make your own organiser for what ever

size paper you wanted.

At first I thought the main problem would be finding a ring mechanism, people wouldn't want to wreck one of their existing Filofax organisers just to get a set of rings, with the possible exception of an Apex!



[2]

So I did a few searches on the Interwebs and discovered a few suppliers:

- [3]Bensons - US company selling a variety of ring mechanisms
- [4]Loose Leaf UK - UK company
- [5]Prefs UK - UK Company

Then I turned to the leather part of the organiser. Now I'm no craft expert my self, but I'm sure there are plenty of local firms in your part of the world that might be able to make a suitable organiser in leather if you gave them a suitable design or 'example' idea.



[6]

Again a quick look on the web I found this small UK company making various leather goods of good quality and size to an organiser.

- [7]Edwards Leather Craft

But I also found this useful guide for buying leather on another website

- [8]Tandy Leather Factory
- [9]Le Prevo Leathers

They also have a range of tools and thread etc. So you could finish your organiser in what ever colour you wanted.

So it might be feasible to make or have made an organiser to your own design. But before the legal people at Filofax start sharpening their pencils... I don't think they need to worry about us going in to competition with them with an aptly named **Philofaxy Organiser...** just yet!

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/size-matters.html>

2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-p2Rw1E-vEZM/TqMiEyC7YiI/AAAAAAAAJuQ/3uykcwb7u6s/s1600/rings.jpg>

3. <http://www.bensonsusa.com/>
4. <http://www.loose-leaf.co.uk/products/ring-binder-mechanisms.php>
5. <http://www.prefsuk.com/location/50>
6. <http://leathercraftleather.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/zora-black-chap-hides-9389-.jpg>
7. <http://edwardsleathercraft.co.uk/index.htm>
8. <http://www.tandyleatherfactory.co.uk/en-gbp/home/infoandservices/leatherguide/leatherguide.aspx>
9. <http://www.leprevo.co.uk/index.htm>

Louloudorset (2011-10-23 04:43:36)

I'm not creative enough to make my own dividers but I love the idea of ordering a customised binder. Maybe Filofax could start a bespoke service like Anya Hindmarch offers leather goods - you could choose from a set of templates, leathers, colours, sizes, bespoke inserts of course plus you could have it personalised. I mean it would be horrendously expensive but it would be amazing!!!

Lx

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-23 07:47:53)

What a good idea!!

I've heard some mentions of swapping rings over, i.e. putting a 30mm mechanism in a smaller binder, could you write something on that please Steve? thanks!!

gdigesu (2011-10-24 10:44:10)

Sent quote requests to 3 manufacturers mentioned. Will let you know what happens.

Tim (2011-10-28 13:10:13)

Hi TPS,

I'm waiting for a used A5 Adelphi to become available just to swop the ring with the one in the Holborn. 20mm would be a good size for me. The ring mechanisms are held in place by two rivets and it's straightforward to carefully open each rivet and remove the mech. Sadly Filofax won't just sell you - or swop - a replacement ring mechanism and the company that makes them in China (World Wide Stationery) needs a minimum order of around 10,000! Tim

gdigesu (2011-10-31 17:55:36)

One week has passed. No answers to the requests for quotations.

gdigesu (2011-10-31 17:56:59)

It is OK. They are probably not into small orders, I guess. Will look into other alternatives.

Share Your Filofax Memories - Update (2011-10-24 00:00)



[1]

This October, Filofax and Philofaxy would like to invite you to share your favourite Filofax memory. Whether it's a tale about your first Filofax, the story of your first visit to the Filofax store or even a moment when a Filofax played an important part in your life, we want to hear from you!

You will be able submit your cherished Filofax memories by 26th October at 23:59(UK time) to **philofaxy at gmail dot com** This can be beautifully handwritten, typed or even drawn onto the special Filofax diary page template which you can download from the link below.

Interested in sharing your Filofax memories? Here's how to take part:

1. Download the Filofax diary page template from this link [2]PPT format [3]PDF Format
2. Write, draw or type your 300-500 word memory onto the Filofax diary page template
3. Send your memory back by 26th October at 23:59(UK time) to **philofaxy at gmail dot com**
4. Filofax have kindly offered further organisers for this activity, so the first 6 to enter will receive a lovely personal organiser.

So do not delay let us have your entries by Wednesday.....

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Kryn2pi7MYX/TpSFL5wXY2I/AAAAAAAAAJtU/pXm7oq9tLWM/s1600/filofax.jpg>
2. <http://www.philofaxy.com/FilofaxDiaryPageTemplate.ppt>
3. <http://www.philofaxy.com/FilofaxDiaryPageTemplate.pdf>

Scoot (2011-10-24 08:47:21)

If I could be a little naughty and hijack this threadfollowing on from peoples memories of faxes...

It is two years since the various polls requesting users to identify sizes and quantity of faxes owned.

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/11/poll-result-what-size-filofax.html>

Could these be run again? Would be interesting considering all the chopping and changing that everyone says they do.

Perhaps another poll could be added ... if you could only own one size of fax, which would it be?

Keeping an eye on the prices of faxes on ebay, mainly slimline/A5/A4. It is surprising that some go for prices very different to their original suggested retail selling price while others hold their value very well. The A5 Kendal, to me simply lacking gold rings, appears to be a modern classic. The popularity of some faxes appears to be due to their rareness or people replacing an old "friend", sometimes just colour or quality of leather ... or even the fact that it isn't leather! I once had a lovely silk covered fax.

Perhaps we could have various polls to learn the popularity of individual features that make us want the faxes? A poll for cover material, a poll on whether we want a design imprinted, a poll for features such as credit card slots, a poll for zip pockets (something I have always thought a complete waste of space), a poll for type of fastener ... press stud/buckle/lock with key ... or my all time favourite... a magnetised button (on a WH Smith fax).

What about a poll to see which features would you like? Elasticated pen loops? A USB stick holder? A coin holder? Make-up accessory with mirror?

Alison Reeves (2011-10-24 12:29:03)

Good idea Scoot - perhaps filofax may read and take note!!

I can't remember where you are so based, so not sure if you follow UK or US ebay - but I too find it interesting to see what sells and what doesn't. Of course the best thing is if you see something you love, but that others don't value, then you get bargain!!!

Scoot (2011-10-24 18:21:13)

Alison,

I'm in the UK. I don't understand Filofax choosing to field the range they do, so many are alike and yet old solid favourites like the Winchesters achieve good prices on ebay yet are no longer made. You'd think they's have an "old favourites" range in limited editions, which should be a good money spinner.

Free For All Tuesday No 38 (2011-10-25 00:00)

We are inching closer to the end of October, but what ever you want to ask questions about Filofax.... this is the place to ask them.

David Popely (2011-10-25 03:14:57)

Hi all

Just resurfacing after the Big Move, and I have my lovely new solid wood desk (which I bought pretty much by accident!) to work from now.

'Boxed' filing system is working well, and I plan to continue it into the foreseeable future and beyond. Just a few issues getting used to the precise location of each box within my new (much smaller) office. I'm discovering that smaller office size works well for me, so no complaints there.

As regards organisation, I have yesterday ordered the TMI 2012 refill pack (including all the dated daily/weekly/annual plans), and I shall be using the TM as my primary organiser for 2012. Much as I love my Filofax Malden Personal, it's just too small, and requires too much extra structural attention, to make it work for me, whereas the TM is mid-way in size between the Personal and far-too-bulky A5 FF sizes, offers me enough page space, but is a sensible size to carry out at the weekend. Also it has that very nice detachable wallet for times when I really *don't* want to arrive somewhere (usually at the weekend or on an evening) carrying a full organiser. I'll be setting it up along classical TMI principles, not according to GTD (so far as I know at this stage). I used the TM system for 20+ years before GTD came onto the scene, and it seems to have always worked well for me in the past. Although the 'world has changed' argument can be levelled at this, I think putting the emphasis on pro-activity (which TMI certainly does) is the right way to go for me. Best of all, the TM system allows me to see simultaneous daily, weekly *and* monthly views side by side, with an annual view right behind, and my full 'decision base' (TMI jargon) right behind that. Having thought long and hard, I don't think I can beat that with any other system.

So there it is....for now! Watch this space, and I'll report back on how it's going. Maybe worth a blog?

katka (2011-10-25 03:18:09)

I've just bought Kindle and must say....I'm in love. So I downloaded all Philofaxy yearbooks and started to read from beginning. Then I realised, that this blog was started the same month of 2005 as I bought my first Filo :o) Strange I found this blog many many years later.

Good Tuesday to everyone.

terriknits (2011-10-25 09:30:03)

Has anyone heard that the Cuban Zip in personal size is being discontinued?

Lynne (2011-10-25 09:51:17)

Does anyone know the largest ring size available in Personal? I am currently using a Finsbury A5 and am considering trying to downsize as I give up my full time job in December. I love a fat filo! Thanks.

katka (2011-10-25 10:10:28)

@Lynne...I think it's 30 mm, but only for zipped filos....e.g.Cuban zipped personal.

Jen (2011-10-25 13:23:32)

Brand new Filo owner here, just started using it yesterday. I'm in love. I got the Personal Cuban in Saddle Brown. I love the organizer. However, it doesn't lay flat. Now I have a debate. Should I switch to one that does or be patient and hope mine loosens up?

If my impatience wins out, other than Malden, which ones are supple enough to lay flat?

Daximillian (2011-10-25 16:45:50)

@Jen - the Finchley lies flat. And so do my urbans.

Tim (2011-10-25 17:14:43)

Hi David,

As a fellow TMI devotee for many years (25 in my case), I keep drifting back to the Time Manager structure too - even though I'm currently on a Flex by Filofax based system (in a Holborn binder with amputated ring mechanism - but that's another story!). Hope it works well for you. Tim

Alison Reeves (2011-10-25 17:25:45)

@Tim - you mentioned in a previous post about the hole positions in the A5 TMI pages. My A5 TMI dividers arrived today - they are wider than the filofax ones - if you trim off the excess you can repunch with just the Filofax holes. Therefore you can get only 6 holes and not the ten you feared.

If you are interested in talking TMI (or any other system) you could join us on Yahoo groups. Let David or I know if you want to join in.

Tim (2011-10-26 03:49:19)

Hi Alison,

I too shaved off the excess width from the left of a set of A5 TMI dividers, repunched and successfully used them in a Filofax A5 binder. For some reason, it wasn't a success for me though and I forced myself to use Filofax Time Management dividers instead.

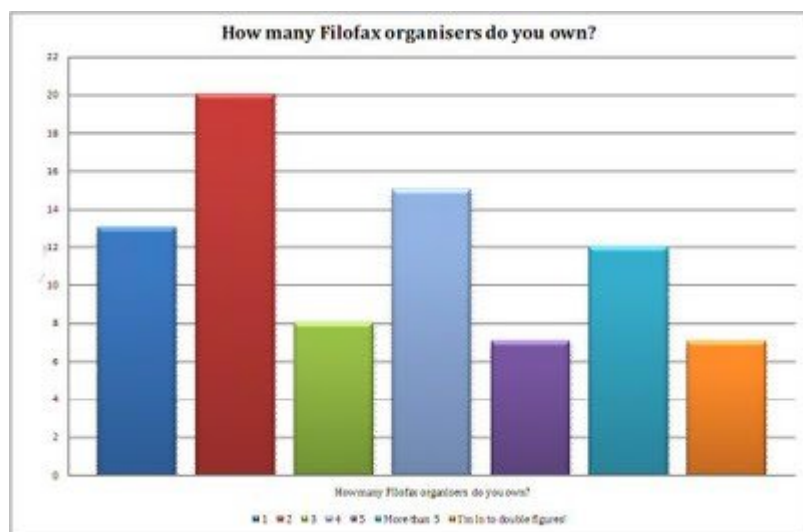
A few months ago, I did try joining the discussion group that you and David are involved in, following its mention on Filofaxy. But it still says my application is "awaiting approval"!

How Many Filofaxes Do You Own? (2011-10-25 01:30)

We have asked this question before, but it was about 2 years ago, it will be interesting to see how things have changed in that time!

As you will see I've expanded the number of categories this time, so we can get a slightly more accurate picture...

Here is the graph from last time.



[1]

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-bqJdc3GmTOU/Sto41ZUIp2I/AAAAAAAAAHm8/DNt433izo8Q/s1600/ownpoll.jpg>

Alison Reeves (2011-10-25 04:30:46)

Oh dear - this has made me realise that I need to sell some. There is probably no point keeping ones I just don't use!

Laurie (2011-10-25 04:34:13)

My Filofax total has gone up significantly since the last poll!!

Scoot (2011-10-25 04:40:06)

While the brand name of "Filofax" has become synonymous with any bound planner, could we perhaps clarify that the poll is for any "fax" and not just those of the actual Filofax brand? Is that what you meant Steve?

Quite a lot of votes already, there are obviously a lot of sleeping Filofaxy users who don't ordinarily post.

LJ (2011-10-25 04:46:49)

@Alison, you don't need to sell any, unless you really want to. I'm currently just sneaking under the 21 radar at the moment, but not for long as there are more on the way this week and 3 more on the Christmas list (including the personal Malden in crimson). They are all so beautiful that you are totally justified in having as many as you like :-)

Steve Morton (2011-10-25 04:51:34)

Scoot, I will not be strict in terms of saying you should only count Filofax branded organisers.

If people want to include other organisers then that's up to them.

Filofax is often considered to be a generic term for organiser a bit like Hoover is for vacuum cleaner

Don't forget Europe wakes up before the US... hence the votes climbing as we speak.

I would think we will get considerably more votes this time compared to last time.

Two years ago, the 'I'm in to double figures' was very much tongue in cheek... hence expanding the categories a bit more this time.

Steve

Minnie (2011-10-25 05:20:51)

I have tried hard not to count despite my sister's persistent interrogations after the recent arrival of my personal Malden(that I really luv!! I get it now!) "Seriously, just tell me, how many do you have now??!!"

Minnie (2011-10-25 05:25:54)

just did... that wasn't easy... not a pretty number! *deep breath*

ninji Elfenfisch (2011-10-25 05:44:11)

i think it's much more interesting to count just the originally filofax branded...

Rich (2011-10-25 06:52:16)

As of 2 minutes ago when the postman arrived, 3!!

Anita (2011-10-25 08:07:47)

I think I took part in the last poll of this type, & my filofax collection has actually reduced in number! Probably more unusual, I would imagine :)

UNchecked other (2011-10-25 09:31:50)

Right now, I have five: Osterley (McAbby), Ostrich (PETA), Classic (Kamehameha), Finsbury (Tempe Brennan) and Topaz (Hermione). Used to have an Amazona and a Malden, but my momma permanently borrowed them as payment for letting me stay in her stomach rent free for nine months, one week.

I'm currently waiting for a Finchley and will be getting a Deco as a present, so that number will rise to seven by the end of the year.

Lynne (2011-10-25 16:29:19)

Crikey, 146 votes and 10 % have between 11 and 15.

Steve Morton (2011-10-25 17:31:34)

I wonder how many are holding off voting!

Thinking back, I think 2 years ago my total would have been 5 or just a bit more than that. It's now in the 11-15 slot... opps!

It's all those Maldens you know!! Oh and a couple or three others!

My Little Rabbit (2011-10-25 21:56:42)

i only own 4 but I have about 8 on my wishlist hahaha! hopefully by the next poll ill have them all muhahaha :)

terriknits (2011-10-25 23:18:35)

ha - my count is a +1 from when I voted earlier today. I panic-bought a Cuban Zip personal, in case they get discontinued. LOL!

Roanne (2011-10-26 01:27:26)

Still just the one. It works for me, plus I am loyal and content.

caribbean princess (2011-10-26 05:44:30)

I won't answer this question! hehe but I have sold 2.

katka (2011-10-26 07:07:42)

It's interesting to see that Pareto principle works for filox too :o) 80 % of filox are owned by 20 % of all owners :o)

Sydney (2011-10-26 11:38:25)

Aaarghh! Having just gained my first full time employment for a number of years (children...) I decided my system of a diary with bits of paper stuffed in the back would not be sufficient to keep track of work, kids, husband etc.. therefore decided that a filofax was in order. I then thought to myself 'what is the best way to organise this?' Cue google search and philofaxy. After spending far too many hours reading post after post I now suddenly feel that my life is not complete until I buy at least 2 more for essential purposes (wallet and travel) How did I ever survive before?! Already have my eye on reduced urbans and malden. sigh. Will be working just to feed my filofax addiction at this rate. Darn you philofaxy...

daniani19 (2011-10-26 16:37:20)

My very first one just arrived, a personal adelphi in black! I filled it with inserts from the FC leadership line. Now I may need a secondary philofax for personal uses as this one is strictly for work!

Steve Morton (2011-10-27 02:22:46)

I think we might have a new champion to beat 83 including 56 Winchesters...

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-27 03:52:37)

Who has 56 Winchesters??

Steve Morton (2011-10-27 03:59:56)

Seen here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/7595192695/>

JJ Hitt (2011-10-27 10:27:58)

I've about 10 or 12 Personals.

2 Slimlines

5 or 6 Pockets.

2 A5's

3 Minis.

I've told myself "no more Personals", at least not until I find a Mini I really like.

In active use: two Personals, one Slimline and one Mini.

Katie (2011-10-27 14:09:58)

Technically, my count has tripled since the last post! (But I only had one the first time round, so it's not as bad as it sounds)

printaddiction (2011-10-27 14:57:59)

A question to all who own several filofaxes: How many of them do you use at the moment?

I've got only two: A personal Metropol and a pocket Piazza, but I only use my Piazza, because of the handy size.

More than one Filofax? (2011-10-26 00:00)



[1]

If you have only one, you have a **Filofax**.... but if you have more than one then what do you have?

Several **Filofaxes**? **Filos**? what is the correct spelling for the plural of **Filofax**?

You might have noticed I often skirt around the problem by writing '**Filofax Organisers**' putting the plural on the organisers part... cheating I know, but heh I was an engineer, who had two attempts to pass his English Language O Level, so what do I know about these complicated rules of languages!!

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-cu6qQSy46nE/Tn5oM8coZKI/AAAAAAAAAJqM/_ofHgrU63pw/s1600/PhilofaxySeptember11Challenge3.jpg

Beverley (2011-10-26 02:38:41)

My personal preference is that Filofax is singular and plural - one Filofax, two Filofax etc. - like sheep. However, since Filofax is actually a company name it is up to them to tell us how to make it plural.

katka (2011-10-26 02:42:39)

One Filo, two Filos....or....one darling, two darlings :o)

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-26 02:52:28)

great question....

it's file of facts, and facts is already the plural, isn't it? so when there are more "files" then maybe the correct form is "filSofax"... :D

but to be the diplomatic part i would say leave the language rules aside! as different and unique our filso, filSofax, filofaxes, organisers and darlings are, as different and unique our plural should be ;)

Laurie (2011-10-26 03:33:26)

ninijj I love your idea! Files-o-fax. King of like Mothers-in-law.

Personally I say Filofaxes. Probably not correct, but gets my point across! :)

Laurie (2011-10-26 03:33:53)

That typo should say KIND of like Mothers-in-law!

Alison Reeves (2011-10-26 04:01:49)

If an individual one is a Filofax then the plural should surely be Filofaxes?

As a business writer I do think English grammar matters for a lot of reasons (the most important being that sometimes people - rightly or wrongly - do judge you on your command of English). Sometimes I blush when I read back my comments though - I am so excited to post and put my point of view across that I don't think about the rules!

Of course on an international forum like Philofaxy this can open a huge can of worms - for example US English Grammar differs from UK Grammar on some points!

For the sake of harmony (between ourselves) we may just have to beg to differ (and not worry too much about the niceties of the English Language)!!!

Raych (2011-10-26 09:03:25)

I say Filofaxes, also added two more to the collection today along with some paper and diaries for the others.

UNchecked other (2011-10-26 13:03:21)

Wow! Flashback to my undergrad years; in a linguistics section (a study group requirement for some classes; usually 4-6 people plus the TA) we spent a good 20 minutes debating whether or not it is "Filofax" or "Filofaxes." I totally agree with ninjij. Just as there exist a myriad ways to customize our babies, so too exist different names. The correct one is whatever feels right, just like the correct Filo system is what works for us.

Tansy Hutcheson-Lovett (2011-10-26 14:50:50)

I'd say "Filofaxes" for plural! And I just have the one Filofax so far, so personally I don't have the problem of needing to say more than one...

Jasmine (2011-10-29 20:09:00)

I don't know about the plural. "Filofi" came to mind!

If you live in Halifax, you are a Haligonian....and we live in/through our filofax...es.....

So are we Faligonians?

J

Share Your Filofax Memories - The Winners (2011-10-27 07:00)



Well after a hectic two weeks, the entries have been checked, the judges have sat through until the early hours of this morning looking over all the entries and we are now pleased to announce the *Philofaxy* 'winners' as follows:

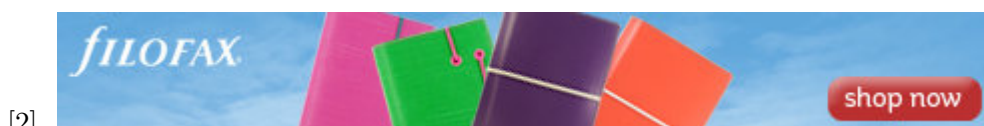
- Sandra Kramer
- Jes
- Lorraine Ross
- Sandy Masters
- Kate (TPS)
- Jotje

The entries will now be forwarded to *Filofax*, who will be getting in touch with the people named above regarding your prizes, which we hope you will enjoy and tell us how you are using them.

Thank you to everyone who entered, it was fun reading through all of your entries.

Also a big thank you from me for the huge support given by Laurie, Imy, Kyla, and Iris. They have worked tirelessly behind the scenes this last week or two to make this competition 'work'.

Thank you.



1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Kryn2pi7MXY/TpSFL5wXY2I/AAAAAAAAJtU/pXm7oq9tLWM/s1600/filofax.jpg>
2. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=251847&v=2457&q=90346&r=97790>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-10-27 07:25:45)

AHHHHHH!!! I'm so happy and excited!! Thanks so much Steve, Laurie, Nan and Filofax!!! :D

Jotje (2011-10-27 07:42:37)

Wow, my first ever win! Thank you so much !!!

Healthier And Wealthier (2011-10-27 07:55:10)

Oh another Filofax person! I hope to join the ranks one day! LOL. Found you on Carib Princess's blog. Congrats to all the winners! Sandra

Anita (2011-10-27 08:14:30)

Well done, you guys!!! :)

Alison Reeves (2011-10-27 08:35:24)

Well done everyone.

Imy (2011-10-27 08:49:56)

CONGRATTS EVERYONE :-D

Cara Franta (2011-10-27 10:24:22)

This post has been removed by the author.

Sandra (2011-10-27 10:31:04)

Wow! I never win anything-yay! A monster-sized thank you to Filofax, Nan, Laurie, and Steve. :)

Josh (2011-10-27 10:35:16)

Congratulations everyone! I did not participate as I am so new to filofax and planners in general I literally could not think of any memory interesting enough to share!

Louloudorset (2011-10-27 14:52:10)

Congratulations everyone fab competition can't wait to read the winning entries Lx

MsPencil (2011-10-31 09:16:08)

This post has been removed by the author.

MsPencil (2011-10-31 09:17:58)

Oh my, I meant husband. In my excitement I made a spelling error. Forgive me. OOps

MsPencil (2011-10-31 09:52:23)

I know it took me a while to respond but I cannot believe my name is on this list. I am really excited. Thank you, Thank you. Also, My husband will NOT believe this. He is a Franklin Covey guy. We have been jokingly debating the benefits of Filofax vs FC for years. Also he joked that it was about 5 members in Philofaxy. Boy was he wrong. Thanks so much Everyone. I enjoy reading everyone's comments. Have a Great Day! Lorraine

jes (2011-11-02 12:17:23)

Hello filovers...I've just realized that the names posted as winners here differ from the winners I saw on Planerisms and on Imysworld. I'm new to this blogging world and was hoping for some clarification please.

Steve Morton (2011-11-02 12:44:53)

Jes

Yes different winners for each of the five sites, so all 30 will be contacted by Filofax to receive their prize. We had to make sure there was no duplication...so if someone entered on more than one site only one entry was counted, and might have even been moved to another of the sites to balance things out...
Steve

jes (2011-11-02 12:53:44)

Thanks for the clarification! Let the excitement begin as I wait patiently for an email from filofax! OH...and I do believe my URBAN I won on Ebay should arrive in my mailbox today!!

Free for All Friday No. 154 (2011-10-28 00:29)

I've always appreciated, and been fascinated by, Filofax's effort to provide its diaries with reminds of all important dates for people around the world. Even the moon cycles are indicated for those who need to know (or just like to know) that information.

Another case in point: Time-change reminders. This weekend, your Filofax will tell you that, if you're in Europe, it's time to turn your clocks back an hour. "Summer Time" is over. In the US and Canada, "Daylight Saving Time" ends next weekend.

One important date that's not indicated is the end of the world, although according to some, it was supposed to be May 21, 2011, until it was changed to [1]October 21, 2011.

Has anyone checked their Filofax for December 21, 2012?

1. <http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2011/05/23/doomsday-leader-flabbergasted-that-the-end-didnt-arrive/>

guccee (2011-10-28 01:09:07)

A while back there was a design competition in filofaxusa. Just wonder anybody actually won? What was the winning design?

terriknits (2011-10-28 01:24:21)

Actually, it annoys me that FF puts all that extra junk on my page! I don't need it cluttering up my page and robbing me of writing real estate. (I live in the one part in Canada where we don't change our clocks ever.)

Laurie (2011-10-28 02:09:01)

I extremely appreciate all the holidays and reminders in the Filofax diary pages. When I lived in Scotland I loved that UK (and even Scotland-specific) holidays are printed in the day spaces. Having the US holidays there remind me what's going on back home. And now that I'm living in Indonesia, I find it extremely helpful that Indonesian holidays are indicated (with the symbol RI). And, I love the moon phases too. Thank goodness daylight savings time/ European time changes are indicated, because I wouldn't otherwise know! We don't change our clocks here in Indonesia (because we are so close to the equator there's no real seasonal shift in the times, 12 and 12 all year round for us) so our time will change relative to everyone else's when you all change your clocks and we don't. Whenever I'm using something other than a Filofax as my planner, I refer to my Filofax diary pages to fill in holidays!

Jotje (2011-10-28 02:43:06)

Terri, I want to live there, too! Time changes are a real pain with small kids...

As for indicating holidays, I'd rather have the day spaces uncluttered aswell. I really don't need a reminder that Christmas is on the 25th and 26th of December. I mean Duh!!!

SSA (2011-10-28 02:51:58)

Having lived and worked in 5 countries I also find the national and international holidays useful. Knowing when (and what) the national holidays are but also knowing when my friends and family around the world are having

holidays too.

However, I do not find a use for moon phases....not only on FF but calendars in general. I don't understand why it would be useful to know the moon's phase?

And regarding time change... I have lived in countries where it doesn't happen at all, for most of my life and I much prefer it. At the moment I am living in an EU country where it will happen and I am not thrilled.

Good weekend everyone and speaking in national holidays, here in Bavaria, Germany Tuesday will be a holiday and Monday is a "Bruckentag" (bridge day) at work so 4-day weekend for me. :)

Louloudorset (2011-10-28 03:48:09)

I love the date information/reminders as I find them really handy especially when looking ahead to the next year and planning holidays, trips (weddings...)

Lx

globetrottingcacti (2011-10-28 04:07:43)

I find the national holiday section useful (& always check before booking travel). Steve helped me out this week as I could not find out when the clocks "fall back" in the States (I am based in the UK) in my pocket diary (but he had the info in his A5... I needed to know for a work phonecall so useful info to have!

My French Pocket diary tells me the name of the Saint of the day (which I like!!!) but no info like Christmas Day (which I do know any-way!!!).

Agree with @Jotje, time changes are a pain with small children....!!!

David Popely (2011-10-28 04:30:23)

Hi Nan

re that 21st December 2012 thing, I have a long and growing list of people and organisations (mostly book publishers) I'm planning to email on 22nd, asking them how they sleep at night given all the weak minded people they've swindled out of money with that Mayan nonsense.....I'm not expecting any replies.....

Have a great weekend y'all....

Scoot (2011-10-28 05:25:16)

"I don't understand why it would be useful to know the moon's phase?"

The gravitational effect of the moon has many effects to this planet, nature revolves around the moon phases and the obvious one is tide times the less obvious are periods in which plants grow/wane at different rates or pets that act differently. If you have need to be out at night then the light from a full moon can be beneficial, or be a sign of trouble ... as in avoiding bars etc at times of full moon; if you don't believe me, ask a police officer! It is amazing just how many people act out of character at times of full moon.

I created my own diary for the first 6 months of 2012 and included moon phases and sun rise/set times, which are also important to me, which can be sourced from:

<http://dawnsun.net/astro/>

<http://astro.ukho.gov.uk/surfbins/first.cgi>

<http://www.largeformatphotography.info/sunmooncalc/>

The following site is, apart from being great fun, a good source for diary info!

<http://www.timeanddate.com/>

Laurie (2011-10-28 06:00:05)

My mom has been a psychiatric nurse for 12 years and she says the phase of the moon really does make a difference. Beware of the full moon!

And besides, I just like knowing what's going on with the moon, for some reason. I like it so much I have a Current Moon Phase image in the sidebar of my blog!

lucyclio (2011-10-28 08:27:10)

I also love the date reminders, as I am not originally from the UK and still can't remember when things like bank holidays occur.

I am also feeling very proud of myself and super organized. I used the personal-size pre-punched and -perforated

FF computer paper and have printed out all sorts of essential info (addresses, cover info page, peak train times, basic sock knitting pattern). So I've replaced the messy handwritten pages with neatly printed ones. It's scary how happy that makes me...but I know you all will understand.

SNARLing: (2011-10-28 08:32:21)

guccee - i've been wondering the same thing. i even chanced across couple of the designs back when they were having this thing (i think the deadline was about a year ago) of course did i bookmark them or report them to my local philofaxy rep for additional sharing? nope. shame on me.

world holidays are a good thing to know. they do take up space on my wpp and i barely look at them, but when i do, i'm glad it's there.

the moon phase is very important. it is too bad we are so far away from our beings that we disregard natural information right in front of our faces. there are also cultures that follow lunar calendars and have holidays that are very specific to certain phases of the moon.

2 things i need on my weekly/monthly diary pages: 1) monday start 2) moon phases.

man, i didn't know the world was supposed to end last friday! if i'd had known i would have prepared for it! oh well. what can you do

Alison Reeves (2011-10-28 09:06:03)

I must admit I don't have family and friends in other countries so am less interested in their holiday dates, but given that ours never seem predictable (at least to me!) I appreciate knowing when Easter and bank holidays fall. When I worked in an office the first thing I did when my new diary arrived was to highlight the bank holidays! Probably because I'd try and make my personal holidays revolve around them so my hols lasted longer!

Don't some people plant their plants and veggies according to the moon phases? I keep meaning to read up about this but I run out of time ...

Scoot (2011-10-28 10:01:09)

I trim some hedges at the wrong phase of the moon, end of June/early July, to ensure that I hinder plant growth so that I only have to cut them once per year.

Each plant has there cycle when sap production goes up/down, it is just a case of taking advantage of it to ensure good growth/crop.

A google search will reveal lots of info online.

If there is "junk" on a filofax diary page then it is surely the days of the week in four extra unnecessary languages!

Laurie (2011-10-28 10:08:51)

I agree, I'd much rather have holidays than extraneous languages! I don't see how the multi-language versions are needed at all because it seems like all the languages the multi-language inserts have also have their own diary versions (French, German etc.).

terriknits (2011-10-28 11:25:02)

oh yeah - that's another thing; the multi-languages! I like to have a lot of wide open space on my filo pages.

Anita (2011-10-28 14:08:27)

Roll up, roll up...

Competition time on my blog :)

<http://anita-lim.blogspot.com/2011/10/competition-time.html>

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-28 15:14:40)

re: moon phases

I have a DH who is a keen photographer who sometimes asks about the phase of the moon.

As for the other info - I don't mind the small holiday info but the multi language can annoy me when it starts encroaching, specially with long weekday names like Wednesday!

Jotje (2011-10-28 17:18:49)

"there are also cultures that follow lunar calendars and have holidays that are very specific to certain phases of the moon."

Hello? You don't have to look very far, because Easter is "scheduled" each year according to the lunar phase!

I know when I was pregnant that my midwives were all saying that most babies are born at full moon. Needless to say, MY kids were not impressed and didn't care to wait (or rush) for full moon ...

KJ (2011-10-29 06:22:28)

I exercise outside at night twice a week, so the moonphase thing is good for knowing which nights are brighter. I still have to look up the moonrise times.

Has anybody ever had a metal zipper replaced? I got a supposedly unused Compact Portobello. That's the one that was compact in that it had smaller rings, but not as small as slimline, and it zipped up. It may have been unused, but the zipper was abused, so a few teeth are broken out at the bottom, and the pull is on one side.

Any idea how much a new zipper runs? I paid as much for the Filofax as for shipping it. I could return it. A zipper might cost as much as I already put in, but might be worth it.

FILOFAX Announce a New Design Collaboration With Alice Temperley (2011-10-28 05:00)

The web was buzzing yesterday following this announcement....

Exclusive Temperley London for Filofax "Your Life in Your Hands" Collection to arrive in 2012

Today, Temperley London's innate fashion style joins forces with Filofax's elegant form. The British heritage brand Filofax is proud to reveal a fitting partnership with the British renowned designer Alice Temperley, MBE heralding the forthcoming arrival of a unique and exquisite collection by Temperley London for Filofax, "Your Life in Your Hands".

Famed for her timeless, feminine designs with beautiful prints and elegant lace detail, Alice Temperley brings her signature style from the catwalk to the palm of your hands.

The accomplished womenswear designer has partnered with Filofax to create two stunning limited edition organisers to be launched during London Fashion Week A/W 2012.

With a self-confessed magpie like approach to finding inspiration for her fashion designs, including a penchant for collecting memories, notes, photos and sketches, as well as keeping a hectic schedule organised, Alice Temperley finds the perfect companion in Filofax; another British icon that puts originality, creativity and achievement at the heart and enables the creation of a unique and personal record.



[1]

The new Temperley London for Filofax Collection is designed to provide a private space for originality and creativity, in a timeless accessory to treasure. Each individual Filofax will be handmade from the finest premium leathers and fabrics, bringing to life two original and distinctive designs, making them a must-have fashion accessory for the upcoming season.

Alice Temperley recently marked her tenth anniversary in fashion by launching a new coffee table book, True British - where Alice Temperley tells her story over the last ten years. Eclectic, rich in content and personal, Alice delved into her archives including her old Filofax to collate the material. Alice was inspired by this journey to create a new bespoke Filofax, with a distinctive tailored design inside and out, which others can use to capture the defining moments and hand written detail of their own lives.

Alice Temperley says, "I was inspired to create a beautiful functional organiser that could be used and treasured daily, year after year. Over the years, I have always kept them to keep sketches, notes, scribbles, pictures, recipes, and personal notes in. As you have them on you throughout your working days I wanted to have something bespoke and luxurious."

Filofax, the original word in paper-based organisers, marks a fashion focused step with this creative partnership. Recently seen on the laps of leading fashionistas at London Fashion Week this season, Filofax is enjoying a timely renaissance in the hectic digital age, as self-fulfilled creative individuals hark back to the privacy, importance and simple pleasure of making handwritten notes. The "Your Life in Your Hands" Collection brings forth a unique and desirable fashion accessory that can be used to capture the minutiae and inspirations of daily life.

Gordon Presly, CEO of the Filofax Group, comments, "Our collaboration with Temperley London for Filofax was a natural development given Alice has a real passion for Filofax and importantly shares many of the qualities of our customers, as a creative individual, successful business woman and mother with a busy and fulfilled personal and work life. We were intrigued to give Alice full rein to create a bespoke collection that would give birth to her vision of the perfect Filofax for others to use when juggling busy lives, yet with a desire to look stylish. We take a long term view to our partnership with Temperley London as part of a wider fashion focused strategy, positioning Filofax as the ultimate lifestyle accessory for creative and self-fulfilled individuals."

We can't wait to see the finished products! Will you be buying? Let us know in the comments section below...

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Cz8oIU8AfKA/Tqpva2Yy67I/AAAAAAAAJuw/E6vNYxa5Ykg/s1600/2011_10_alice-temperley-filofax.jpg

caribbean princess (2011-10-28 05:13:28)

Oooh I am intrigued. But remember that I am not buying any more Filofaxes!

michele (2011-10-28 05:33:14)

Excellent news for the Filofax brand!! Congratulations to all!

Steve Morton (2011-10-28 05:36:58)

I'm told that they will be on sale early next year... launch will be Feb/March

gdigesu (2011-10-28 07:19:31)

There will be "male" products, you think? Or just for the Ladies?

fluffyferret (2011-10-28 07:20:23)

Looking forward to seeing the new range and the launch is just in time for my birthday too :o)

Susannah Conway (2011-10-28 07:37:17)

ooh, yes, i'll definitely be buying one! :D

Imy (2011-10-28 08:00:03)

I WANT THE LEOPARD PRINT ONE!!!! BRING IT OUT EARLY hehe

lucyclio (2011-10-28 08:17:07)

oooooh, beaded lace. (insert Homer Simpson noise here) Depends on the sizes available and price, though - I can't deal w/ pocket size now that I've gotten used to personal (and am kind of wanting to switch to A5). And I am a one-filo woman, and am trying to stay that way.

Miss_Oakden (2011-10-28 08:51:11)

OOOOOOOOO As a fashion teacher I am very excited by this news, Depending on how expensive this is I will be purchasing one without a second of a doubt!!

Alison Reeves (2011-10-28 08:58:18)

Depends on price and size. I hope she does at least one design in each size and that the A5 size (my preference) doesn't get left out (which it usually does!). Why oh why doesn't filofax recognise that we want glamorous in A5 as well!

Louloudorset (2011-10-28 09:56:37)

Oooh these look stunning! Filofax really are pushing the fashion/creative angle aren't they :0)

Depending on how they feel/look in the flesh I'm very tempted by the leopard print but it would take something amazing to outstrip the Deco!!

Lx

mstraat (2011-10-28 11:13:19)

But then they will put the same poor quality paper inside?

J (2011-10-28 11:21:05)

Very intriguing! But I'd have to see more pictures/the inside set up before deciding!

UNchecked other (2011-10-28 12:45:11)

Leopard!!!

I think I'm gonna start my Fab Frugal 3-month shopping ban now so by the time the collection comes out, I'll be able to get the Leopard and her sisters as a reward.

LJ (2011-10-28 14:52:52)

Ooooh!!! More designs - will have to try to be good until then so I can justify having some v luxurious Filos :-)

Tracy Reinhardt (2011-10-29 08:55:48)

I'm going to guess, no because of this line: "handmade from the finest premium leathers and fabrics" They look great but I really am sad to see filo go in the direction of fabric on so many planners. I have a 20 year old filofax - How many made in the last few years will be around in 20 years? This new one included?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-30 14:33:54)

Like Crazy Suburban Mom, the phrase "handmade from the finest premium leathers and fabrics" puts me off - I too don't like fabric in my filofaxes! As well as that, it all sounds *incredibly expensive!!!*

I too have some 'vintage' filofaxes (with nary a scrap of fabric in sight) and they are butter-soft and absolutely glorious.

Web Finds - 29 October 2011 (2011-10-29 00:00)

So the last one of October... but I think you will enjoy them more than the 'Trick or Treaters' knocking on your door tonight....

- [1]A Quick Tour Around My Filofax - We're gonna need a bigger boat
- [2]My Work Filofax Set Up - We're gonna need a bigger boat
- [3]Siri vs. Filofax - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
- [4]Filofax + Erin Condren=love in my book - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
- [5]Guest Post Robotic Dogs (Helen) - Planet Mille - All Stars
- [6]The not so compact wallet - Filofax Kendal A5 - In the Dutch Mountains
- [7]Goodbye, Old Friend - Sir Benfro
- [8]Filofax Flex review - Madhouse Family Reviews
- [9]Pen/ink test on Filofax Paper - Filofax Fixations
- [10]Filo Newbies - Chaotic Perfectionist
- [11]The A5 Finchley Twins - Chaotic Perfectionist
- [12]What's in my Filofaxes(3) - Filomaniac
- [13]Home Working Pleasures - Stationery - How To From Home
- [14]Yes, another one!!! - My Little Rabbit
- [15>Welcome home Mini Domino and Pocket Finsbury - My Little Rabbit
- [16]What is in your bag - Honey I Shrunk
- [17]Filofax - My Little Rabbit
- [18]Let the fun begin - Princess Tyger
- [19]The Tale of Two Inserts - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
- [20]All Change For Autumn - Paper Pens Ink
- [21]My Filofax Overfloweth - When Pigs Fly

- [22]Top Tabs Update - Paper Pens Ink
- [23]Competition Time - Anita Lim
- [24]So... what's in your Filofax - Filofax Fixation
- [25]Filofax + Collage - Julie Gibbons
- [26]S &L Filofax Dividers - The Life of the Perpetual Student
- [27]New Set-Up: Personal Filofax Finsbury in Red - Write Where I Stand
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

Enjoy.

1. <http://clairejoannehuxham.blogspot.com/2011/08/quick-tour-round-my-filofax.html>
2. <http://clairejoannehuxham.blogspot.com/2011/10/my-work-filofax-set-up-and-new-member.html>
3. <http://thezeitgeistofzoe.wordpress.com/2011/10/22/siri-vs-filofax/>
4. <http://filofanatic.blogspot.com/2011/10/filofax-erin-condrenlove-in-my-book.html>
5. <http://mslogica.com/2011/10/guest-post-robotic-dogs>
6. <http://rene.raggl.me/2011/10/not-so-compact-wallet-filofax-kendal-a5.html>
7. <http://sirbenfro.blogspot.com/2011/10/goodbye-old-friend.html>
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9. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/10/22/penink-test-on-filo-paper/>
10. <http://elfenfisch.blogspot.com/2011/10/filo-neuzugange.html>
11. <http://elfenfisch.blogspot.com/2011/09/die-a5-finchley-zwillinge-und-der.html>
12. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/10/whats-in-my-filofaxes-3.html>
13. <http://www.workfromhomewisdom.com/2011/10/24/home-working-pleasures-stationery/>
14. <http://mylittlerabbit.blogspot.com/2011/10/yes-another-one.html>
15. <http://mylittlerabbit.blogspot.com/2011/10/welcome-home-mini-domino-pocket.html>
16. <http://honeyishrunk.blogspot.com/2011/10/30-days-of-blogs-day-25-whats-in-your.html>
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21. <http://whenpigsfly.squarespace.com/when-pigs-fly/2011/10/19/my-filofax-overfloweth.html>
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23. <http://anita-lim.blogspot.com/2011/10/competition-time.html>
24. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/10/27/so-whats-in-your-filofax/>
25. <http://www.juliegibbons.com/2011/10/20/filofax-collage-happy/>
26. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/10/s-filofax-dividers.html>
27. <http://findingandromache.blogspot.com/2011/10/new-set-up-personal-filofax-finsbury-in.html>

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-29 07:13:54)

ooh... I *love* these posts. It's wet and grey and dull outside but I can be magicked away to a world of filofaxes and paper and stuff.

Yippee!!

And thanks for featuring me too!! :-)

Minnie (2011-10-29 10:50:40)

I agree with Amanda! It's like an alternate filofax universe !! :)

Thanks for including me too!

Anita (2011-10-29 12:23:51)

Thanks again for adding my link!

Hope you don't mind me saying - I'm selling a Winchester filofax on eBay, details can be found on my blog :)

terriknits (2011-10-29 16:28:55)

We're having our first snow of the season. A good day to snuggle up with my heating pad on my sore back, my laptop and read some Filo posts! (Thanks for linking me, too!)

My Little Rabbit (2011-10-29 18:20:23)

thanks for the multiple links to my blog! Web finds is always my fave post, i lose a few hours reading these blogs!

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-31 03:50:56)

wow! almost 500 clicks this weekend.... oO

that's 1/3 from the full amount now haha

thank you for adding my posts!

and thank you for the web finds every saturday. you made my day!

Filofax Neal Street Sale Promotions (2011-10-29 12:09)



[1]

Just had news of some great promotions on offer at Neal Street that might be of interest to anyone.

- Flex - Purchase a Flex & receive a complimentary pack of Jot pads.
- "The Generous Seasonal Reductions" has started - All colour & sizes of Finchley, Amazona, Deco, Siena & Adelphi are all half price... so are all sizes of Chameleon Black & Spring Green.
- Halloween - spend £60 or more on full priced items & receive a Bromley Jot pad (worth £26)

You can contact the Neal Street store as follows:

T: +44 (0) 207 836 1977

E: [2]dyau@filofax.co.uk

Filofax Shop 68 Neal Street Covent Garden London England WC2H 9PF

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-UTK-JfrnFZQ/Tn5zncMeE0I/AAAAAAAAAJr0/L-XUnm2XubY/s1600/IMG_0517.JPG

2. <mailto:dyau@filofax.co.uk>

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-29 12:34:15)

Love the labels for this post!!

:-)

Jotje (2011-10-29 13:51:11)

Why didn't we have this sale in September?! Argh...

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-01 12:12:58)

Does anyone know the email address of the shop on Conduit Street?

Steve Morton (2011-11-01 12:15:05)

You could ask Neal Street for it??

Date for your Filofax - 6 November 2011 (2011-10-30 00:00)

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 6th November 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. Don't forget that the North America or some states go back an hour on the night of 5th/6th November.

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....

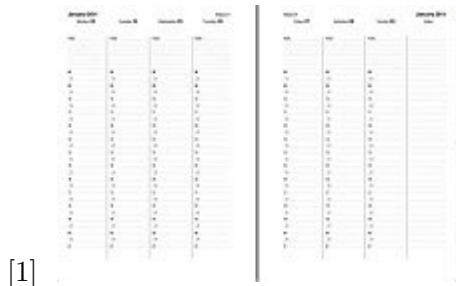
Here is my post on how to [2]improve your Skype audio with headphones or a headset.

Hope to be chatting with you on Sunday 6th November.

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

2. <http://steve-morton.com/2011/07/30/improving-your-skype-audio/>

Print Your Own A4/A5 Diary Insert (2011-10-31 00:00)



[1]

Last Christmas I came across a site on line that created an [2]A4 diary as a PDF, this you can also print in A5 using [3]booklet print.

I made the files available in the files area. I've just added the 2012 files to the page as well.

There is also my own year planner which I created in Excel, which has been updated for 2012 and 2013 dates.

2012 Print Your Own Diaries

- [4]A4/A5 - 08:00-21:00 - Hourly Intervals + Notes+To-Do
- [5]A4/A5 - 08:00-21:00 - Half Hourly Intervals + Notes+To-Do
- [6]A4/A5 - 08:00-19:00 - Hourly Intervals + Notes+To-Do
- [7]A4/A5 - 08:00-19:00 - Half Hourly Intervals + Notes+To-Do
- A4/A5 - 2012 - 2013 Year Planner - [8].xls [9].pdf

Hope you find these of use along with the other templates available on our [10]Files page.

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-n-5cTKK5DpQ/TRdzRTiYGLI/AAAAAAAAIzc/b0Hu_eWNpQw/s1600/calendara4.jpg
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/12/print-your-own-a4-or-a5-diary-for-2011.html>
3. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/08/printing-a5-pages.html>
4. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A42012Diaryhour.pdf>
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8. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/planner2012.xls>
9. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/planner2012.pdf>
10. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/files.html>

Schollert (2011-10-31 07:02:00)

And then, of course, there is the very flexible "Dynamic Templates" program from DIY Planner:
<http://www.diyplanner.com/node/6210>

Very inspiring to play with.

/Mich

Steve Morton (2011-10-31 07:04:25)

Beware that no longer works with OSX Lion as it uses the old PPC code. One reason for keeping my old Power PC running with Tiger on it...

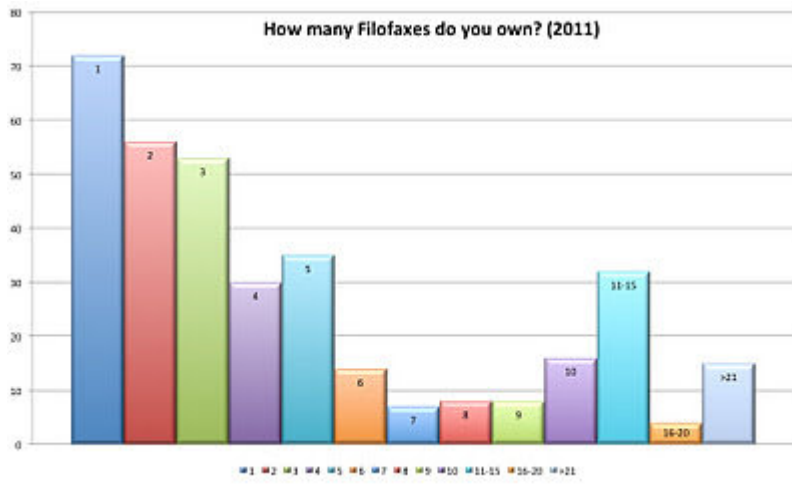
Steve

How Many Filofaxes Do You Own - Poll Result (2011-10-31 12:55)

We asked the question again about **How Many Filofaxes Do You Own?**

Thank you to the 350 people that responded, quite a turn out. Two years ago we asked the same question and got 82 people to respond, so a big increase and a more representative sample size to look at.

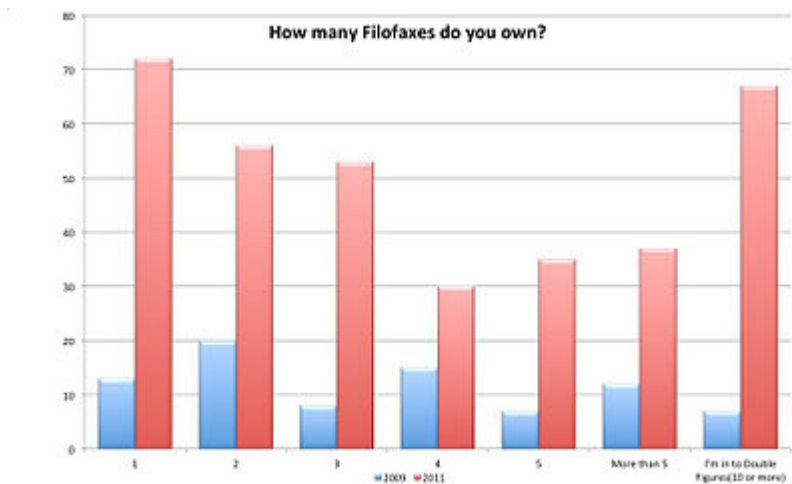
This year I increased the number of categories to improve the accuracy of results. So here are the results, click on the picture to see a full size version.



[1]

As you might expect people owning only one Filofax outnumber the rest and it drops off more or less as expected, but then starts climbing back up again once you get to 10 Filofaxes!

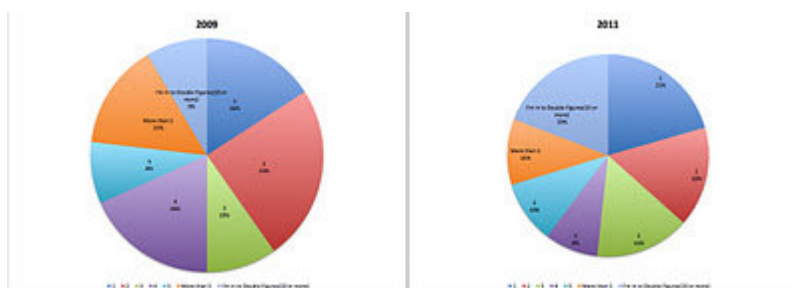
I then recalculated the numbers based on the categories from two years ago so we could compare the two results more closely. This produced a few surprises!



[2]

I know you can prove anything with statistics, but you have to admit it is interesting to see the 'upward' trend in ownership....

Here it is in percentage terms, only having 3,4 or 5 is decreasing!



[3]

Thanks again to everyone that took part and please take part in the new poll in the side bar. Again a rerun of one we did 2 years ago.

1. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-25MYlrR33cQ/Tq7UdirKoxI/AAAAAAAAJvM/b10Ny6LELzk/s1600/howmany2011copy.jpg>
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3. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-pRN9rKTMMrE/Tq8h24-6DeI/AAAAAAAAJvk/x-rkUUkafdQ/s1600/howmanypercentcopy.jpg>

Imy (2011-10-31 13:12:55)

Amazing the difference between 09 and 11 :-D WOW!!!!!! :-D

Scoot (2011-10-31 13:21:47)

Any chance of re-running the poll on size of fax?

Steve Morton (2011-10-31 13:54:03)

Scoot: New poll added.

Jen (2011-10-31 13:56:08)

Since taking the poll I've gone from 1 to 2. You guys are a bad influence. I imagine a 3rd in the very near future.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-10-31 15:12:49)

@Jen

Since taking the original poll I've gone from 2 to 10. Prepare yourself!

:-)

girlingmaths (2011-10-31 15:52:51)

Really interesting result. Especially that last time around the two-fax-owners outnumbered the rest.

And maybe this is the math-nut in me speaking, but I think you should do a comparison in percentages, not actual numbers as the sizes of the sets of votes are not equal. You know my email address if you want me to do it for you.

Steve Morton (2011-10-31 16:02:17)

@girlingmaths, Sorry I've forgotten your email address. Email Philofaxy please... and I will send you the spreadsheet so you can have a play with the data yourself.

Thanks

Steve

Steve Morton (2011-10-31 18:34:38)

Percentage results now added. Thanks for the request, I will do the same on the next one too.

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-31 19:06:56)

thank you girlinmaths!! what a great

juggle with figures.

in my opinion the percentage comparison points out not only a growing filofax community (the rise in 1 filofax)

it also shows that once somebody bought a filofax, you never get loose of it. But you get so heavily convinced by the quality of the products and their use for you, that you can't stop to get another and another and another (growing amount of over 10s) ^^

filofax <3 and all of you

What Size Filofaxes Do You Own (2011-10-31 18:17)

Following on from 'How Many' we are again running another poll, but this time it is What size Filofax Organisers do you own. Again we ran this a couple of years ago.

Tick as many sizes as you own before you press the vote button.

Again thank you to everyone taking part in this poll.

David Popely (2011-11-01 03:16:57)

Where's the poll?! I don't see it....

David Popely

Steve Morton (2011-11-01 04:09:22)

David, In the side bar on the left... scroll down a little bit... you might also find lots of other stuff further down the page!

David Popely (2011-11-01 04:30:19)

Ah, thanks Steve....enjoy your Bank Holiday!

Steve Morton (2011-11-01 12:34:26)

All this talk about how many and what size... I think we should remind folks about 'The Philofaxy' unit of measurement... it is after all a fairer way of measuring how many you own...

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/02/filofax-organisers-how-many-do-you-own.html>

1.2 November

Free For All Tuesday No 39. (2011-11-01 00:00)

We are waiting keenly to answer your questions on this Bank Holiday here in France.... fire away with your Filofax related questions, in English please!!

UNchecked other (2011-11-01 00:25:00)

I wonder-IF ever-when Filofax USA will have a version of the Great German Train Robbery? Will Filofax USA come up with a more diverse variety of gift boxes, or offer Lifestyle Packs? Will there ever be a retina-searing pink organizer for those of us who like brights?

Why doesn't Turkey have a Filofax retailer?!?!?!?

guccee (2011-11-01 01:19:22)

I wanna the German Train Robbery here in the States! Would be nice to have the lined week on two page in cotton cream here too!

Another thing I wanna say is that I just received the Osterley in Grey today. Loved everything about it except the smell. It smells like odor to me. Wonder if anyone else has the same problem. I'm gonna have to return it.

The only other leather smell bothered me was my pocket Finchley in vintage rose. I loved the supple leather and the color but the smell is too strong for my nose.

So far I love the smell of Chameleon line the most.

David Popely (2011-11-01 03:21:13)

Bank holiday? You have a Bank Holiday? Enjoy!

Question of the day...does anyone know of a manufacturer of Filofax inserts who use a decent grade of paper which will take gel and fountain pen ink without the wretched bleed-through engendered by the rubbish paper used by FF themselves? I'm no longer interested in shopping around constantly to find pens which will work with FF's substandard paper products; if FF can't be bothered to make them merchantable, I'm not going to buy them. Any advice appreciated - I'm sure there must be a more upmarket insert supplier out there *somewhere*!

ninji Elfenfisch (2011-11-01 05:08:55)

good morning david popely.

i'm not sure if the paper is for your named purpose, but the first manufacturer comes to my mind is maudie
<http://www.maudiemade.com/>

Scoot (2011-11-01 05:48:13)

Diarpell use paper that is fine with fountain pens, but the paper is internationally std in size and therefore not quite that of filofax. They don't need to be re-punched. Lots of sheets to a pack. A turnoff is that many are multi-language though the design is far better than filofax.

http://www.diarpell.it/ricambi-per-organizer_en.asp

Some versions of inserts also available at Aspinals, though it is more expensive.

<http://www.aspinaloflondon.com/eshop-catalogue/homeware-and-gifts/product-accessories/personal-organiser-accessories>

But always far cheaper to make your own (and you control quality) with paper trimmer, hole punch and a ream of decent copier or pads of other paper. I gave up waiting for filofax to change paper, I don't think they care about inserts or the quality of them.

Dollface (2011-11-01 06:59:53)

maudiemade and filofax cotton cream will take a fountain pen...

Steve Morton (2011-11-01 07:06:09)

David also consider Quo Vadis

But I would also favour making your own, you get the right quality paper and the layout/size you really want with no compromises.

Steve Morton (2011-11-01 07:08:59)

@guccee: I've asked the same question of Filofax UK, but obviously they were tight lipped....

If you don't like the leather smell, a small amount of leather care cream will neutralise the smell over time.

David it's All Saints Day here in France, a day traditionally that families get together and also the tender the graves of loved ones too.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-01 07:43:15)

I know this seems like a strange question, but would it be possible to remove the ring mechanism from a malden (pocket?) Or what are the files where it is possible to remove the rings? Thanks!

Steve Morton (2011-11-01 07:46:37)

TPS: Sorry I missed your question I think on this from last week....

A quick guide.. if you can see the rivet heads on the ring mechanism, then it will not be easy to change the rings. Older Filofaxes have a plain cover which just unclips you can then remove the rings and replace them with ones of a similar size or bigger.

I don't think any of the modern era are so easily removed... I can show you this at the meet up in less than 3 weeks time if the above doesn't make sense....

Steve

KJ (2011-11-01 08:03:05)

TPS, how much of the binder ring mechanism do you want to remove? Find that old post about somebody disassembling the mechanism in his old Filo. I tried it with a pocket model from either the late '90s or last decade. You pop off the top plate, then slide out the rings and tabs. Then on mine, the spring channel thing slid off the slots. Then you're left with the plate inside that's riveted in.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-01 08:10:07)

Thanks Steve and KJ, unfortunately my Malden's rings are riveted in so I won't be able to remove them! Never mind!

Ok, 2nd question: If anyone has both a Flex and a pocket Moleskine, could you tell me if a) a pocket Moleskine fits in the pocket Flex;

Or if anyone has a 'Slim' Flex, b) what thickness can the 'slim' Flex take at the most- I want to put my Moleskine daily planner (which I use as a notebook) in it, which is 400 pages.

Thanks!!

Laurie (2011-11-01 08:11:57)

David I would second Steve's recommendation of Quo Vadis inserts. The paper is designed to be fountain pen friendly and the diary layouts are great. Search Quo Vadis here on Philofax and see Steve's post about the inserts.

katka (2011-11-01 10:28:01)

Two questions...

First is for Mac users. Have you ever seen any Filofax icons?

Second...I've probably missed it, but is it possible to read those Filofax competition stories?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-01 11:52:33)

@Scoot

Thanks for the diarpell link - not seen them before and the sheets look great. Any idea whether the A5 size (with what looks like multi-fit holes) would need re-punching for the A5 filofax? It looks like probably not. And do you know when they might start selling 2012 stuff? I actually have my 2012 inserts already, but next year I may well put the order in there! I wondered when they would start to sell the new year though (November's kind of late to have to wait for).

Scoot (2011-11-01 12:31:42)

Diarpell size is 140mmx215mm, as opposed to A5. They fit Filofax A5 without any problem.

The previous Aspinall's link has the 2012 diary, though they charge more! Aspinalls, like many other retailers, have their inserts or bound diaries made by Diarpell. They do CIAK notebooks also.

Some of their products are here...

http://www.intempo.it/sito/Articoli_linea.asp?flgr=&IDSettore=1&IDMacroFamiglia=8066&CodFamiglia=B13PB&Ricerca2=

Anthony (2011-11-01 12:57:44)

Hello Everyone

This topic is a little different.

I have a record collection LPs CDs etc with over 1900 entries on MS Excel. I'd like to have a printed copy in my Filofax Personal. I've tried reducing the font size down to 7pt but cannot reduce the overall number of sheets. At A4 there are 26 sheets in total. Reducing down to the Filofax page 171x95 will increase the number of sheets. I'm sure someone will have a list of their book collection or similar maybe not as many but this will be a similar problem. Has anybody experienced this little difficulty.

Anthony (2011-11-01 13:00:10)

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Scoot (2011-11-01 13:09:51)

When there isn't a custom page size available in a program, I use the Scale function to reduce the size of page to print on Monarch size envelopes ... which is so near to personal sized paper that the result is good.

If re-formatting doesn't help, even printing horizontally, then scaling (also, printing on both sides) appears to be your only options.

Anthony (2011-11-01 13:17:04)

Thanks Skoot I'll give it a try

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-01 13:21:37)

Where can I get some good calender stickers? I've got the filofax ones but I'm not that keen on them.

tdashna (2011-11-01 15:29:31)

When you first use a new Filofax with the stiffer cover (i.e. not lie flat), do you go ahead and press the sides down and start training them right away? Or do you have to use them a while to sort of loosen them up then start training? I usually get used Filofax but got myself a new Classic personal recently. If I press the covers flat on the table, the top rings would gape open a little. The rings close tightly otherwise. How do I train this Classic without ruining the rings?

Thanks!

Butanben (2011-11-01 16:14:14)

@Lost without you. Accessorize online do some good stickers. Also Google The Market Gallery, Poole. They do thousands of stickers.... I buy mine there. Think they do online orders. They also have a links section to other stickery sites. I got a few at the post office too recently. Smaller the better... as it looks more professional and not like the diary of a 2 year old I find!!! I also use coloured circles from WH Smith, which I label with codes like PO- for post office, eg important letter to post, BH Bank Holiday, etc. Good, as the Filofax ones are expensive. Hope this helps.xx

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-01 18:16:31)

Thank you, Butanben. I've had a look on accessorize and they all seem to be Christmas stickers at the moment. I typed 'stickers' into the search box on The Market Galley and over 1000 have come up! I have a lot to look through!!

Butanben (2011-11-02 07:00:24)

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Butanben (2011-11-02 07:10:00)

@Lost Without You. Forgot to say, try to buy flat stickies, as the slightly raised foam type ones interfere with your diary lying flat and can be a nuisance. I bought some lovely birthday present stickers from Accessorize, which have been the handiest of the lot. I also bought some small cake stickers which I use for lunch meetings or coffees out with friends.... again handy and fun!! You can refine your searches by typing in say Birthday Stickers, instead of just stickers..... saves time searching. I also use the Filofax ones, but they can be expensive and are a little small for birthdays especially. Those I need to see in BOLD so that I don't forget them!!!!xxxx

Anita (2011-11-02 12:29:01)

@tdashna - sounds like my Classic personal was quite similar to yours when I first got it. I just used it for a while & it did eventually start to loosen up. I guess training it would be a bit easier then?

Filofax Festive Gift Sets (2011-11-01 01:01)

Filofax is getting all festive and today have announced the launch of their [1]Festive Gift Boxes:

Each gift set comes with:

- a pocket-sized personal organiser
- Filofax Mini Pen
- luxury gift box with bow

The gift sets are priced between £30-£55 (a 25 % saving compared to buying the products individually) There are only a limited number of each set available so get one ordered today.

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1. http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?awinmid=2457&awinaffid=97790&clickref=festiveboxset&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.filofax.co.uk%2Fstore%2Fpage.asp%3Fid%3D166%26awc%3D2457_1320162034_43d2d9e641f9f7b5a43e87756ab24442%26cm_mmc%3DAwin-_-%21%21%21id%21%21%21-_-DEEPLINK-_-PAGE
2. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=276546&v=2457&q=131260&r=97790>

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-10-31 20:05:27)

:D

sometimes i almost hate you ^^

<http://elfenfisch.blogspot.com/2011/11/spontankauf-happy-halloween-1ittle.html>

icclewu (2011-11-01 03:39:19)

Do you have a link to them please? I can't seem to find them in the website?? :)

Steve Morton (2011-11-01 04:04:23)

Click on the advert in the post, it takes you to the page on the FF UK site

Lynne (2011-11-01 05:51:16)

Hi icclewu,

My adblock is not allowing the filofax ad through on Steve's post. Link to offer on site -

http://www.filofax.co.uk/search/search.asp?search_string=christmas

Regards, Lynne

Steve Morton (2011-11-01 06:03:56)

Turn off Adblock and then if you do purchase, the commission will be added to the charity donation...

Make an exception allow adverts on Philofaxy :-)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-01 12:03:00)

Phew - don't like pocket-size and HATE the filofax mini-pen. (Got one free with the Gourmet gift set thing and have used about two words' worth of ink from it. I should/shall probably sell it!). Credit card is safe!

[Hee hee hee... my word verification is "bumpokes". Sorry - being childish!]

caribbean princess (2011-11-01 14:06:27)

It is great that they have more options this year. Of course I would NOT want the Apex gift set! ;-)

mywormy (2011-11-01 20:56:50)

I ordered the Chameleon gift set - the pen it came with never worked.

Zipped or Clasp? (2011-11-02 00:00)



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This [2]question has been asked before I think, but in relation to the smaller size organisers. I would like your opinions on the advantages and disadvantages of a zipped Filofax compared to a normal clasp closure Filofax?

Please pop your thoughts in the the comments below.

Thank you.

1. http://www.filofax.co.uk/images/products/organisers/large_new/cubanzip-pers-chilli.jpg

2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/03/reader-question-finsbury-mini-zipped-or.html>

Laurie (2011-11-02 00:29:04)

My very first Filofax-like binder was zipped, and the same size as a Personal size Filofax with equivalent size inserts. I really liked the security of the zip. I haven't bought another zipped organiser since then, but am planning to move back in that direction.

One thing I really liked about my zipped organiser is that it had a pocket on the outside to tuck random papers into for easy access without having to open my binder.

One thing I do like about slasp or snap closures is it's easier to have papers sticking out of it. For example, fold full-size pages in three letter-style and stick in the back of my Personal Filofax. The pages stick out the top and bottom a little bit but it's an easy way to carry the papers I need (and don't mind getting slightly bent).

As with everything it's personal preference, and what you prefer depends on your needs. Security and streamlined outline of zipped vs. one-hand access of snap.

katka (2011-11-02 04:16:16)

I tried zipped filofax once and I didn't like it. I found it quite bulky. But I like the idea that the zipped version usually got bigger rings.

Sharon (2011-11-02 04:23:42)

Does anyone know of any zipped pocket designs available?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-02 04:46:44)

My preference is for the clasp closure, but that said, I have no experience of the zipped. I just don't fancy them - they look a bit bulky and although there would be the extra security of having the zip (and the larger rings) the fiddle of the zip would annoy me I think.

Anita (2011-11-02 04:53:15)

I don't fancy zipped for all the same reasons as Amanda, & also much prefer how the clasp ones look.
Happy Thursday :)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-02 05:25:13)

@Anita

Happy Thursday? You ahead of the dateline from me? Sadly, 'tis only Wednesday in Scotland.
Happy Whateverday.
:-)

Tim (2011-11-02 05:44:53)

I would much prefer zipped - for security of loose documents, to look more professional and to save the paper contents getting wet. Who has never dropped their organiser in a puddle or spilt a jug of water - followed by a hasty drying out of contents!?!
But zipped versions are always bigger and bulkier and, for some reason usually come with a larger ring mechanisms making them even fatter and ungainly to carry around - especially at A5.

I reasonably purchased an A5 Holborn. This has 25mm rings - still too big for my liking. I would have loved to wait for the Holborn Zip version but that has 30mm rings and is bigger all round - with no obvious benefits Not for me! (I notice that the A5 Holborn Zip is not currently listed on the UK site)

Butanben (2011-11-02 06:49:48)

I loved the security of a zipped folder, the fact that you can leave it on a desk zipped up. But it adds to the weight so much, that I went back to a clasp file. I take care to put any rare pieces of confidential info in my briefcase now. I would love a magnetic closure on a Filofax, just for a change.

girlinmaths (2011-11-02 07:25:36)

I have never had a zipped filo, because I think the zip adds to the size of the filo. Also, the ones I like best don't come in a zipped version.

Vanjilla (2011-11-02 09:54:20)

My first Filofax was Graphic Zip in A5; I used it for university and it served me well - it became more of a carry-it-all-bag for me! Later, when at job, it was clearly too bulky to carry around in my handbag and I switched to pocket size. But I missed the space and the zip and when I had a chance to get a Finsbury Personal Zip at a reasonable price, I didn't think twice! I don't find it bulky or restricting at all and it lies perfectly flat despite the zip - I heard people have trouble with their Cuban Zip ones. The reason I like the zipped version so much must stem from my inclination to cram my filofaxes full of things - a great abuser, I am! Zipping it all in feels just like closing the door of my cosy room!

terriknits (2011-11-02 10:16:02)

I'm breathlessly awaiting my personal Cuban Zip's arrival. I know it's going to be bigger and bulkier than my Malden. For me, getting the larger rings is the attraction. We'll see how I manage the size/weight. I like the idea of the outside pocket, though.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-02 10:48:51)

My cuban zipped personal is very good on the practical side, definitely useful for university as I feel my papers are safe and it's good for being able to carry with me as I'm not worried it will get wet when it rains. But it's not as pretty as my non-zipped versions. Also, it doesn't lay flat :(I'm getting a bit bored of it, as I do every few weeks, so soon I'm going to swap over to another filo in my rotation, either my raspberry Finchley or my crimin/ochre Maldens!

joffreyca (2011-11-02 10:53:13)

A lot has already been said about function & preference. My comment is about aesthetics.

In my opinion, clasp is more stylish than zipped. I also feel a zipped binder is more masculine.

Personally, I prefer a clasp closure or a slide in "belt", like a Scanda. It's my impression that a zipped binder doesn't last as long as one with a clasp.

J (2011-11-02 11:30:12)

I too prefer a clasp binder over a zipped. I've never had a zipped Filo, but I did used to carry a zipped off brand. While the larger rings and outside pocket on a zipped binder are appealing, I know myself and as I can barely keep a clasped personal looking presentable, I can only imagine what the inside of my zipped binder would look like! All I can think is that a bajillion little slips of paper + a pretty zipper to hide it all = a small atomic bomb every time I open the book!

Nope, my Malden is still the way to go for me!

thezeitgeistofzoe (2011-11-02 11:31:40)

like @laurie, my first planner was zipped and it was also A5 sized, so it was one heavy hunk of leather. but very secure and at the time, in the job i had at the time, that mattered to me a LOT.

now i prefer the snap closure...mostly for aesthetics, as i don't they make zippered closures like they used to - across the brands.

actually, if given my druthers, i would go for an open binder (no clasp) so i could stuff the living daylights out of it...but there aren't too many of those around to choose from.

Scoot (2011-11-02 13:06:14)

When a zip breaks, and boy can they break easily, because of the costs of repair it usually means that the fax is lost.

Claire Joanne Huxham (2011-11-02 15:44:19)

I've used an A4 zipped Metropolis for work before which was okay as I just had it round the office.

I liked the idea of the personal Cuban zip, but when I actually looked at it, in the flesh, it was just so bulky. The zip's a great idea though - but it does encourage you to be messy and just shove everything in!

I'm for the clasp.

Louloudorset (2011-11-02 17:41:27)

I'm not a fan of the zip look mself. I can appreciate the added security factor - having dropped mine before and everything came tumbling out nightmare - but they just look a little bit masculine to me like others have said.

Lx

JJ Hitt (2011-11-02 19:20:35)

I prefer snaps. And I like "alternative" closures like the Dominoe's strap.

The extra few seconds of unzipping a binder is enough to maybe make me think twice about writing something down. I one who prefers ease of use to the security of a zipper.

MsPencil (2011-11-02 22:05:05)

Snap, Snap, for me.

Petra (2011-11-03 00:38:01)

My carry-everywhere filo is a pocket Durham, zipped, that I found on eBay when I first started acquiring Filos. It is slim and compact, with only 5/8" rings, soft black leather, and no "extra" bulk - everything fits snugly around the inserts. I have since bought "prettier" pocket filos, but always end up carrying the Durham. Most of my snap pocket filos are bulkier than the zip Durham.

I like the pen being zipped up neatly and not getting caught on things in my purse, or other things in my purse getting stuck between the covers of the filo (and bending the inserts). The smoothness of the zipper and relatively short length make it easy to unzip. And when unzipped, it lies totally flat. I love it!

But I do prefer the snap closures for anything personal size or larger - the size difference between snap and zip in those sizes is truly monstrous (and unnecessary).

John (2011-11-03 10:23:53)

This year, I've been changing between my Zipped Durham Personal and my Guildford of the same size every few weeks. As a bike commuter, I appreciate the zipped Durham for its security while in a bag. Literally toss the little guy into my bag on my way out the door – I don't have to worry about losing a pen (I always carry a fountain and ballpoint, clipped to the pen loop) or having a pen open and leak all over my packed clothes. I'm able to extract it from the bag after considerable jostling without worry about bending the edges of the organizer or dogearing pages.

The clasp Personal I carry when I'm not on the bike, and particularly when traveling, as the Guildford has a flap pocket on the left side that's perfect for carrying boarding passes and other tri-folded papers, sticking out of the top edge.

I've been considering another A5 to complement my A5 Durham zip, but one thing I've noticed about most of the leathered clasp A5's is how once the organizer is properly "stuffed," there can be pinched-in look to the cover at the clasp that I find unsightly. This is where I find the zip finds its true elegance, presenting a cool and unruffled face to the world, no matter how much is inside.

icclewu (2011-11-03 11:10:08)

I only have one zipped filofax and that is the mini Lyndhurst. that was my second ever purchase. i love it and would never part with it. contemplated many a time of buying a pocket one.

:)

Rori (2011-11-06 15:52:16)

I'm late to the party BUT. I love my Cuban Zip, because I know I never have to worry about my cards/ID/pens falling out! Throw it in my bag and go. (I use my Filofax as my wallet) With the Malden, I'm always really worried that stuff will fall out!

Rori (2011-11-06 15:54:12)

I totally disagree that the Cuban Zip is not as pretty as other binders. In fact, it is made of GORGEOUS leather, smells divine, and is super rugged.

My Set Up for 2012 (2011-11-03 00:00)

I've been doing a bit more on my set up for 2012. However, before I get stuck in to describing the new set up, please realise that I'm not advocating that this is the perfect configuration for everyone. We all have different requirements and needs in our Filofax configurations; this is just my own personal set up. It is really a development of what I've been using this year, but with some differences. One of the advantages of Filofax is you can tailor the contents to your own personal needs.

So where to start... OK well the organiser I am going to be using is my Malden A5 with the 30mm rings. You will see why the larger size Malden has been brought out of its tissue lined box to be pressed in to service, when I get in to the detail of each section of the set up. Then you will see how much paper is going to be in this organiser, which would be a struggle for the 25mm one, which I've been using this year.



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Why A5? Well my organiser is mainly used when I'm at home in our home office, I don't go to meetings or travel around a lot or need to take my main Filofax everywhere with me. So my own preference to using an A5 is great, as I can create pages for it easily and there is plenty of room to work in it.

I'm using 6 standard cream blank dividers, which I've labelled up myself with my Dynmo Letratag labelling machine. I left these blank when I was sorting out the sections and put them in to logical places when I was dividing up my content and thinking about how I work. However, even now there's one section that might just get moved, I will have to see how it works out in the year.

So first up, my first section, is my **Notes In** section, this is a fairly thin section, it starts off with a [3]year planner, that I printed off myself. It is the same format I've been using for about 6/7 years now. I created it on Excel and it prints nicely on to A4, which I then 'Z fold' to fit in to the A5. I use this year planner mainly to highlight trips and holidays, also visitors etc and a handy first reference for dates etc. I normally have another of these stuck on the wall next to my computer because I'm terrible at working

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My next section is my **Planner** section, for this I'm going to be using a [5]Filofax Time Management Week on Two Pages diary insert. This has spaces for notes/action points, priority activities, phone email etc, and appointments.

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To keep my 'place' in both diaries I'm will be using two 'Today' markers, one in each diary insert to indicate the current week. So I will be able to flick between each one fairly easily.

I then have a **To-Do** section, this will only be a few sheets, it is really to capture long-term stuff, like in the 'next 6 months' or 'Future Purchases when I'm in UK'. The more detailed week on week tasks will go in to the planner section.

After the To-Do section I have a **Notes** section, which consists of lined paper and square graph paper and some plain blank paper. If I'm doing some website design or any alternations to a website or blog I like to jot down the things I've changed for future reference and this section comes in very handy for recording that type of detail.

My **Information** section is mainly maps, ones I've printed off myself, including my [9]A3 size London street map, these have nearly all been transferred from my current A5, but I will have a review of them and source more up to date ones in the next few weeks.



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I will also be adding my [12]reading list page to this section. I like to keep a note of the books I've recently read, so I don't mistakenly buy the same one again!

[illegible]

The final section isn't labelled as such, but it is my **Address section**, in it I use the two letter A-Z dividers, and I have a page for each letter of the alphabet. I've printed off the sheets from the [14]Filofax address book software, the sheets are printed on to A5 paper and then punched.

That is more or less the bulk of the set up. Of course I know it won't remain static during the year, one of the joys of Filofax ownership is the ability to adapt and change during the year. I suspect you are the same, adding and changing pages as your requirements change.

And if you are wondering, I put it on the scales and it weighs in at 1.3 kg!

Here are some of the things I used to put my set up together.

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Alison Reeves (2011-11-03 06:13:18)

I really enjoyed reading about your set-up thanks Steve and got some really good ideas for myself. Although I have also added some goals/projects/key areas info as well and currently don't journal - although perhaps I should!

I wonder if you have made the internet template available? Also could you share the (London) map idea with us? I'm sure many of us would want to do that, or similar for somewhere we visit often. I have all the UK maps Filofax have produced, but this would be a useful addition. I only have an A4 printer not A3, but I'm sure I could stick two together to get the same effect, or get it printing somewhere as a one off.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-03 06:15:31)

Nice set-up. I think my set-up has just about settled now too. I've got a notes-in bit (like you), then my goals and next-actions as a section, then my diary (a week of page per day and about 6 months of week to view), then lists, then information.

Just downloaded the DIY planner thing and having a play (as I am off work, sick... thank you to all my students for so 'generously' sharing your germs!). Looks very interesting!

thezeitgeistofzoe (2011-11-03 08:17:50)

hmmm....i don't recall seeing those time management refills before and i confess i am intrigued! i recently received a lovely domino snake in a5 as a gift that i wanted to use as a giant "me binder" and track all my (new) healthy habits, workouts, foods, etc in and these might be just the thing for it!

great post steve :)

Steve Morton (2011-11-03 08:35:44)

@Alison R

Yes the internet site info template is in the Files page already in the A4/A5 section.

And the London Map idea is in an earlier post.

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/07/want-to-use-bigger-pages-in-your-a5-its.html>

It also works reasonably well with an A4 version which will fold in to A5 ok. I have one that size as well!

@Amanda Sorry to hear your not well, get well soon and have fun with the Dynamic Template app, I loaded it on to my old Powermac G4 the other day, as the app won't work under OSX Lion

@Zoe Many thanks, I really enjoyed writing this one. There will be a follow up in new year to show you all how it's working out.

John (2011-11-03 11:10:31)

Steve, thanks for the inside look. I'm already looking at transitioning from a Personal to A5 for my primary carry in 2012. I've found myself writing more than ever this year, happily. I've chewed through hundreds of Personal pages with journaling and project ideas, to the point where it was difficult to keep everything I want to currently work on in the same book. The A5 will, in a sense, provide a sturdier foundation.

Like you, I will have a 2DPP single-language calendar to track daily creative activities (like a training log; a journal section of white ruled paper; and a projects section of printed drafts and handwritten fragments, on blank and quadrille paper.

One thing I've found - Rhodia Jot Pads in A5. Fit perfectly in the notepad pocket, excellent look and feel paper.

J (2011-11-03 12:29:34)

Ooooooh! I LOVE these pages! Too bad I love my personal Malden and already have my set up for next year.

Plus, at almost 3 pounds, I don't think I'd be carrying that thing anywhere!

Thanks for the look at your 2012 set up, Steve :)

Butanben (2011-11-03 19:16:08)

Thanks Steve. Love the set up. I would be very tempted to move to a time management diary when back at work. Do the pages always lie next to each other like you showed, ie side by side, or do they annoyingly split them. I like the hourly appointments one.... a lot bigger, but would be good as a pure diary A5. Would not bother if the pages split though..... but love the side by side day at a glance idea. Thanks for your advice. xx

Butanben (2011-11-03 19:22:13)

PS....Apologies. Late at night,so I'm tired.... forgot the question mark above..... ooops!! Typo errors creeping

in....so.... time for jimmy jams and cocoa methinks!!!! Let me check.... Did I Filofax that in? Heee Heeee!!

mywormy (2011-11-03 20:48:02)

I bought myself a Mulberry and although I really like it - I miss my Filofax!!!

Jill V. (2011-11-03 22:30:36)

I am so jealous of that Wo2P insert! That is the one I really wanted for next year, but could not justify the shipping cost for the UK. Sigh.

Anyway, looks great! I like the idea of journaling day to day as well. Looks like a great setup!

Minnie (2011-11-04 10:47:02)

love the post and set up! I am gonna take a few ideas for myself too.. made me want an A5 Malden too, but I will hold back from any more purchases this year! Plus I still want to give it another go at making a personal work for me for every day use.. I loved the book reading template and printed some for both my A5 and personal! thanx! :)

Anthony Mark Schellenberg (2011-11-04 17:31:20)

I'm very interested in the time management week view, but it seems I cannot order from UK to Canada? The address forms appear to work, when I select Canada I get a list of provinces etc to choose from, everything seems to work, but I cannot advance to the next page - the "continue" button does nothing. I remember this happening a year ago when I was thinking of ordering something from the UK site. Grrrr. Any chance someone might be willing to get the time management weekly 2012 and mail it to me? I could do paypal. my-user-name + @ + gmail + .com

Free For All Friday No. 155 (2011-11-04 00:00)

So last weekend it was the UK and most of Europe that put their clocks back to Winter time, this weekend it is the turn of North America.

Don't forget we have a Skype Chat this coming Sunday details are in last [1]Sunday's post. Hope to chat with you then.

But in the mean time as it's Friday, so feel free to discuss anything Filofax related.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/date-for-your-filofax-6-november-2011.html>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-04 05:24:27)

Hi! Quiet today so far! So I'll kick it off with an easy question!

Does the Files section has a week on 1 page file? I'm sure I saw it somewhere, but can't find it now! Just need it for the end of 2011 :) Thanks!

Steve Morton (2011-11-04 05:26:29)

Kate

There's one in the ad spot page FREE

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/readers-ads.html>

in Personal size...

Steve

CatB (2011-11-04 05:27:23)

Well I would really love some help choosing my next Filofax. I want an A5 and am going to buy from Neal street in the sale. The options are: adelphi in black, amazona in black, finchley in imperial purple or sienna in cinnamon. there are a few things I needed from it: to lie flat, to look and feel luxurious so its like a real treat and to last.

Your thoughts are very much appreciated. The use for this filo will be my everyday planner. I need to get organised

and i need the space of A5.

Thanks, Cat

Scoot (2011-11-04 07:12:10)

Cat,

Staples advertise the A5 Finsbury in Aqua as part of their national Xmas sales. £38.50

What are the colours you aim for in clothing and makeup?

What kind of environment are you working in? Creative and free like marketing, fun, or serious professional like accounts, legal or banking?

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-04 07:50:04)

@Cat - I bought a sienna from neal street this week, it's beautiful, the leather is so soft and supple and it lies flat straight out of the box.

Deeji (2011-11-04 08:46:13)

My bottle of Ribena leaked in my bag yesterday allll over my beautiful purple songbird and my pocket finchley. I was DEVASTATED! My laptop was in there too but seems fine. Allll of my diaries and important info in my filos were destroyed. Anyone else had something like this happen? How did you recover? I have literally just bought a new wo2p cotton cream diary which was in my personal songbird.. Up to april 2012 is now an ugly purple colour and most of the other pages have an ugly wet border. :(I'm so upset...

luminosity6 (2011-11-04 10:02:28)

@Cat - plus one more vote for siena. my a5 is the espresso color. they are super soft leather, lie flat, have 2 pen loops and super-cool gold rings inside. I now use 3 siena filos - pocket, personal and a5. one thing I notice is that the only cinnamon color one is the pocket and its leather is soft but I really think the leather on my espresso ones is even softer, perhaps just a little more oily. anyway, my other a5 models were the balmoral and the sandhurst which I loved for many years but now I love my siena the best. I even replaced my previous pocket model of 11 years with siena! oh, and I never use that little zip pocket on the front, it seems impractical for me but it makes a cute decoration :)

all of the models you are considering seem very nice - anxious to hear which one you choose!

katka (2011-11-04 10:04:58)

@Deeji...same happened to me few years ago. I just bought new insert and rewrote everything :o(At least I had black leather filo, so no damage on the filo itself. But I can imagine what spilled drink can do on fabric filo.

luminosity6 (2011-11-04 10:05:16)

@Deeji - so sorry to hear this... am feeling for you!

:(

Imy (2011-11-04 10:08:29)

TPS KATE - I have a week on 1 page diary spare i can send it to you or give it to you at the meet up!! <3

Scoot - That A5 Finsbury seems to be sold out i tried to find it when i posted it on my blog yesterday but it seems to not exist, i emailed them and heard nothing :-(

CatB - do they still sell the Adelphi?? As they had it on clearance at beggining of september?? But i recon you should go for A5 Black or Red Amazona if they still have it?

Deeji - I have a German week on 2 pages 2012 diary that i dont need? if thats any help email me filofaximy@live.com I cannot wait until the round table this weekend :-D

CatB (2011-11-04 10:11:51)

I have 3 jobs, hence the need for an A5 but my main is creative, I am a luxury bathroom designer. My other jobs are self employed but for slimming world, other managers and consultants will see it. I wear mostly neutrals with the odd splash of colour, often a purple or teal or green. I can't find the aqua on staples website, I may drive over

tomorrow to my local, or give them a call.

I do like the sienna, but the zip on the front puts me off, I'm not sure I like it... I wish I lived or worked in London cos then I could just go and see them lol

Thanks everyone, still undecided....

CatB (2011-11-04 10:13:44)

Thanks imy, is the amazona nice? Does anyone know if it lies flat? I am leaning towards that or the finchley, but not sure why

Deeji (2011-11-04 10:34:12)

@Imy Thanks so very much for your offer Imy but my lovely partner has just opened one of my Christmas prezzies for me. He's bought me a personal finchley in imperial purple :) I'm not allowed the binder until xmas but he's taken the inserts out for me to use now :) aww!

Just glad he understands, hehe!

I do really appreciate your caring though, thank you very much.

@Katka It looks like my finchley is fine but after blow-drying my songbird all night & leaving it on the radiator it looks like there is some staining. Luckily it was a purple pop on a purple filofax so it's not toooo obvious. It's just a slightly deeper purple in places, but at least I know what i can use to refresh it in future if it starts to fade :/ We'll call it "character" for now lol. *sigh*

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-04 10:37:17)

@CatB the A5 amazona is gorgeous, it lies flat and it so luxurious, I love it! I have it in red :)

@Imy thanks again!!

terriknits (2011-11-04 10:48:21)

Why did I buy two versions of the Wo2P for my Malden?

Petra (2011-11-04 11:29:39)

Cat, I have personal size Finchleys in jade green, in purple and in red. Although I haven't seen the A5 version, I would highly recommend the purple Finchley, given your description of your dress and jobs. The color is creative yet subdued enough to look "professional," the leather is luxurious but durable – it just has class!

I have paired my purple one with Flavia inserts and a lilac pen, and I smile every time I look at all those gorgeous colors. I originally hesitated getting the purple because I am not a "purple person," but am so glad I did :-). The shade is truly lovely and versatile.

Butanben (2011-11-04 11:56:54)

@Deeji... oh no!!! What an awful thing to happen. It always seems that it is the things we love that break or are ruined, unfortunately for us! I broke a little statuette the other day which I just was so very fond of.... tried to replace but seems it was unique. TK Maxx and Homebase have loads of Filofax planners in at half RRP.... including the Songbirds. Worth a look????

Alison Reeves (2011-11-04 12:16:33)

@Deeji - so sorry to hear about your accident! It's so annoying and upsetting isn't it? Glad to hear you have a lovely partner who was pleased to ride to the rescue!

@CatB - I have the Black Amazona and truly love it - it is luxurious and glamorous. For business I have a handbag in a similar finish so I use the two together which look great. Having said that I also have an A5 Finchley which I use as my home binder - it is a Rose Pink - a softer colour. However the leather and feel of it are wonderful! In purple it would be lovely. One of these two would be my choice. I have the Adelphi in black also which I like, but it is much slimmer (I bought it for that reason, but haven't actually used it - probably one for ebay when I pluck up the courage to part with it!) Both the Amazona and the Finchley lay flat so no problems there. However I shouldn't leave it too long before you buy in case your chosen one is out of stock.

Imy (2011-11-04 13:20:08)

CatB - my personal amazona lies flat so it should do :-)

Deeji - awww that is so sweet :-) what a lovely man xxx

terriknits (2011-11-04 16:05:57)

Isn't there a page/file on Philofaxy that shows which FF sites ship internationally? I've worn out my google-fu after this week that I've had and can't find it! Can someone point me in the right direction? Thx!

Steve Morton (2011-11-04 16:09:33)

Hi, it's here:

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

It's mentioned and linked to from the suppliers page...

Steve

Sydney (2011-11-04 17:42:17)

Does it usually take an age to receive orders from the filofax website. My order still says 'processing'!

TomHanson (2011-11-04 17:46:35)

Hello all,

Does anyone have any tips or techniques on writing on the left pages (I'm right handed) in a Personal Kendal without the rings getting in the way as I approach the right edge of the page i.e. my writing gets messy as I have to change the angle of the pen and my hand hits the rings.

OR are there any Filos at there where the rings are less 'intrusive'? :)

I know that I could take the page out and write on it, but I want to keep the pages in the binder as much as possible.

Many thanks.

Savannah (2011-11-04 18:22:51)

Tom-

1. Front load your binder with a post it note accessory, blank note pages, extra forms, your telephone directory, etc.
2. Buy one or two slimline personal organizers instead of using a standard personal. Use the standard personal for storing and filing only.
3. Buy a compact personal organizer if you can get away with less pages in your main filo.
4. Use a page lifter on the left side of the binder rings. They are usually made of plastic. You then manually raise the left hand side as you write.
5. Buy a Flex.

Good luck!

gdigesu (2011-11-04 18:23:34)

TomHanson,

Certainly!

Do as the Americans - hole punch your pages on both sides, and flip them when necessary!

I do it and it works wonderfully!

FC sells stationery that is already punched on both sides, if you don't want to do it yourself.

Cheers, Giovanni

terriknits (2011-11-04 19:03:49)

@Steve - thanks! I looked at that page, too, but didn't see it. I'm fried. Wonder if that's why it's called FRIday? :-)

ETA - my captcha code is "fardropy" That's how I feel right now!

Helen (2011-11-05 07:35:50)

I'm thinking about buying the domino a4 folder (as it's so cheap at the moment) but was wondering how easy is it to find other notepads that will fit into the slot in the back?

From the pictures on the website it's hard to see how the notepad it held in.

Thanks, Helen.

Steve Morton (2011-11-05 07:38:14)

Helen

On my A4 Classic, it's a standard A4 notepad punched with 4 holes the type you can buy in any shop... On mine it is just held in by the cardboard backing card, I would think it's the same with the Domino

Steve

michele (2011-11-05 09:52:29)

Cat, I have an A5 Mustard Finchley and I love it! It's perfect as it sits flat.. has great pockets, zip pocket up front, note pad in the back.. The Amazona is very beautiful, but I just love the colors the Finchley comes in.... The purple does look quite nice!

Anthony (2011-11-05 16:20:22)

Hello Everyone

Philofaxes on tv. There were two on the bbc 1 programme "The Case" two barristers were carrying them in the office. From the distance it looked like "Pocket" in Black. On another subject great advice from Imy on the subject of Philofaxy meet up particularly tube and bus journey

Friday News Update (2011-11-04 13:00)

Hi Everyone...

Just a quick news update on a few things that have popped up in the last day or two.

- Staples have got some excellent in-store deals on the A5 Aqua Finsbury at half price, and a few other models at half price too... Check your local Staples for details as these aren't showing up on-line. You can [1]find your nearest store here
- We have at least one place available on the Philofaxy November Meet Up on Saturday 19th, if you would like to attend please contact philofaxy at gmail dot com as soon as possible, it's only two weeks away....
- Neal Street have just taken delivery of a batch of Guildford Zips & Extra Slim organisers.
- And finally, you will see our Cancer Charity Donation has leaped up in the last 24 hours. Thank you all for your continued support. What do you think of me doing a poll later this month as to which of the cancer charities we should donate to at the end of December? Several have been suggested so far, I can find them again in the email archive and list them fairly easily.

Thank you and have a great weekend.

1. <http://www.staples.co.uk/wrapper.aspx?param=StoreFinder>

Butanben (2011-11-04 16:58:28)

A poll sounds great Steve. Are the MacMillan Nurses on the cancer charity list?? They help young and old and all cancer groups.They'd get my vote!! Know that there are other charities that help cancer patients too, and it would be great to see a list and vote away. Everyone knows someone who has had this awful disease in one form or another. So the HUGEST hug and thank you Steve for promoting cancer charities through Philofaxy here.

Vanjilla (2011-11-04 20:06:02)

True, Steve, such a great work you do... a big thank you!

gdigesu (2011-11-05 09:20:50)

Steve, what is an "extra slim"?

Steve Morton (2011-11-05 09:53:36)

I assume it's a slimline...

Steve

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-05 15:57:52)

City Organiser also have up to 40 % off (at least some of) their filofaxes at the moment...

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-05 17:47:42)

Following up Amanda's comment, if you type october in the voucher code box on the city organiser website, you get an extra 15 % off, I got a grey malden for £55 last week :)

Deelitefully_dee (2011-11-06 04:42:06)

gdigesu - Steve's right (as usual) by saying the Extra Slim size is a Slimline. However, it's "slimmer" than the Slimline. The leather has been scaled back to only hold paper/diary (dividers are too wide to be used in the organiser & there isn't a pen loop)

The Guildford Extra Slim range are available in Mini, Pocket & Slimline.

Web Finds - 5th November 2011 (2011-11-05 00:00)

So Guy Fawkes night in UK tonight and only a week and a bit until I travel back to UK. But there is still plenty of time for some more web finds and here are some excellent ones as always for you to read. So put your homework to one side, pull up a chair, ignore the weather outside or the pile of ironing and dig in.....

- [1]New Set-Up, New Me? - Part 1 - Princess Tyger
- [2]Planner Fail - A Filofax Update! - LouLou's Modern Musings
- [3]Organisation of research projects - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [4]More Filofax Fiddling - Paper Pens Ink
- [5]Songbird Travelfax in Korea - The Lowlife of the Party
- [6]Filofax Songbird + Travel Journal Pack - The Lowlife of the Party
- [7]Filofax Dividers (Poll) - Paper Pens Ink
- [8]Filofax Embargo - Anita Lim
- [9]This weeks Filofax Spottings - Imysworld
- [10]I love Harpers Bazaar - Loulou's Modern Musings
- [11]Tabbed Week on Two Pages for Pocket - Rapunzel's World
- [12]Dummies Guide to a Philofaxy Meetup - Imysworld
- [13]Filofax cover - Hooked !!

- [14]Pocket Finsbury as a Wallet - My Little Rabbit
- [15]Philofaxy Dreaming - SNARLing Post
- [16]It's going to be a good day - Filfoax Fixation
- [17]A Little Tab Therapy - Princess Tyger
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

Enjoy

1. <http://princesstygerouttatheblue.blogspot.com/2011/10/new-setup-new-me-part-1.html>
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Anita (2011-11-05 05:39:59)

Great, & thanks for adding a link to my post! Gonna get a cuppa & read these before I get on with my day.

Cuban slimline for £25 :) http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Filofax-Cuban-Organiser-Slim-/280754064444?pt=LH_DefaultDomain_3&hash=item415e3f0c3c

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-05 16:36:10)

Thanks for linking to me!

I always love these round-ups - many a happy hour reading through!

Philofaxy Yearbooks (2011-11-06 00:00)

As with the previous years, we are making the blog posts for 2011 available in pdf and Epub formats. With the files in these formats you should be able to pop them on to most eReaders (Kindles etc), net-books, tablets and be able to read, search and browse through the posts from the very start of the blog back in 2005.

I was just checking out the site I use to convert the blog in to pdf files and uploaded the file for January to the end of October. It converted it ok, but oh boy '*Houston we have a problem*' the pdf file that came back was over 1100 pages in total and over 24 MB in size... '*We're going to need a bigger boat*'

Hmmm interesting! So to get around the problem I could have cut out the comments... but then again there's a lot of useful information in the comments. So instead I've split it up in to Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4. This reduced the file size of each download considerably! Q1-Q3 (January - September) are now available to download and enjoy... and Q4 will be along early in the New Year.

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- [1]2005 0.5 MB
- [2]2006 2.9 MB
- [3]2007 1.0 MB
- [4]2008 2.8 MB
- [5]2009 3.0 MB
- [6]2010 10.0 MB
- [7]2011 Q1 7.2 MB
- [8]2011 Q2 6.6 MB
- [9]2011 Q3 8.6 MB
- 2011 Q4 < Available soon

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- [10]2005 0.25 MB
- [11]2006 2.2 MB
- [12]2007 0.6 MB
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- [16]2011 Q1 4.9 MB
- [17]2011 Q2 4.5 MB
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- 2011 Q4 < Available soon

As you can see some of the files are still quite big, so please be patient downloading them.

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18. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/PhilofaxyJul-Sept2011.epub>

Nellie (2011-11-06 02:20:15)

This is great Steve! Which site do you use to make the pdfs?

Alison Reeves (2011-11-06 03:44:49)

You are a star - thank you Steve! It is a testament to the popularity of this site that the files are so large! (Or do we all 'talk too much'?)

Steve Morton (2011-11-06 05:20:43)

Hi

The site is here:

<http://www.blogbooker.com/>

It's a free on line service and for those size files it did take a few minutes for it to process the files, so be patient, just leave it to run.

There are other sites about that provide similar services including some that offer to print to paper too.

Steve

Gerard (2011-11-06 06:03:41)

Steve - thanks for your work on these - much appreciated.

Butanben (2011-11-06 07:02:52)

Steve, there is a free download package called Nitro a PDF one I discovered, which allows you to fill in PDF forms at home. Not really relevant to your needs I think, but thought it worth the mentioning anyway, in case it is useful to you in other ways. What a brilliant idea to split the year book into quarterlies. Thanks for all your hard work. Just LOVE Philofaxy. xx

Steve Morton (2011-11-06 07:08:01)

Thanks Jane

On the Mac you can do most things with PDF's within it's own Preview application.

I think we might end up doing quarterly updates if we continue to be able to do as many posts per year as we currently are about 500 may be this year! Obviously subject to being able to think of things to write about!

Steve

Schollert (2011-11-06 07:55:43)

Brilliant work! The PDFs are a great reference resource.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-06 09:28:17)

Steve - if you start to run out of steam with articles you can always ask us for ideas - I'm sure we could all come up with several ideas and of course some of the older topics may need refreshing as new things develop.

Rori (2011-11-06 15:49:14)

Wow, thanks Steve! I would love to have these on my Kindle to read and re-read! I totally appreciate your dedication and hard work that make this blog so wonderful. xx

kpreddie (2011-11-06 21:13:45)

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Anita (2011-11-07 02:26:01)
Thanks a lot, Steve :)

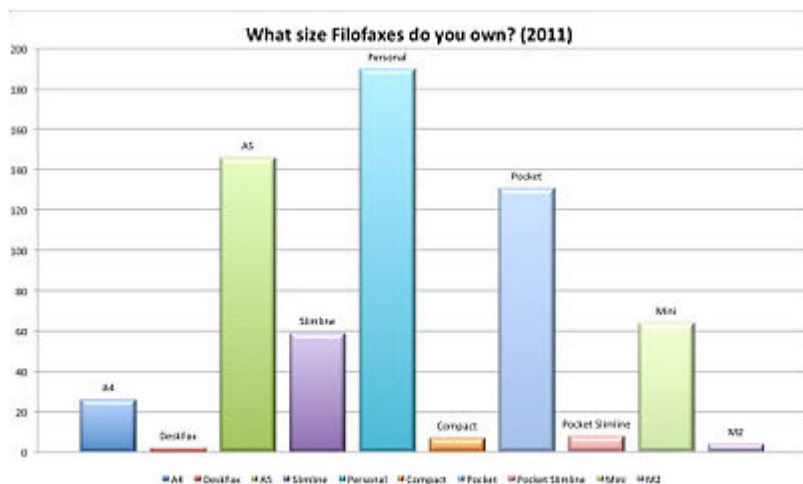
What Size Filofax Organisers Do You Own? Poll Result (2011-11-07 06:00)

Thank you to the 247 people that took part in this weeks poll.

We asked the [1]same question two years ago and it was interesting to see how the results compared to then. Like the previous poll on [2]how many Filofaxes people owned, there was a considerable increase in the number of people taking part so the statistics I think are more representative.

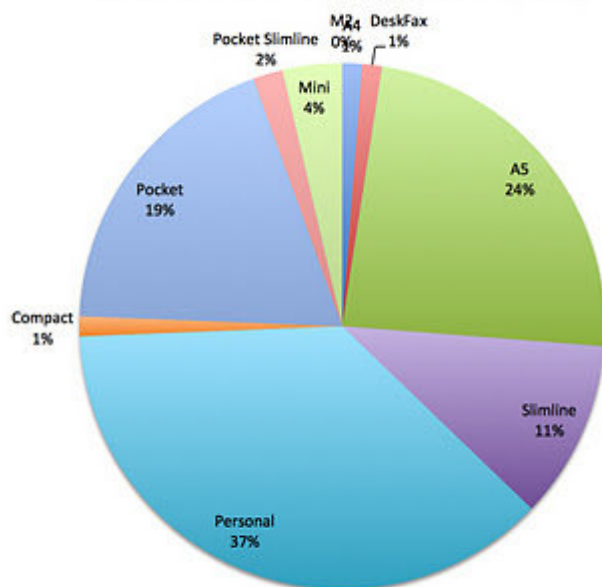
I wondered if we would see a shift in the statistics say from Personal to Pocket, but I'm not convinced that the changes we are seeing in this poll compared to the one two years ago are due to the change in what people are using compared to then. A rerun next year might be more accurate in terms of trend spotting.

Click on the images to see a bigger version of each one.



[3]

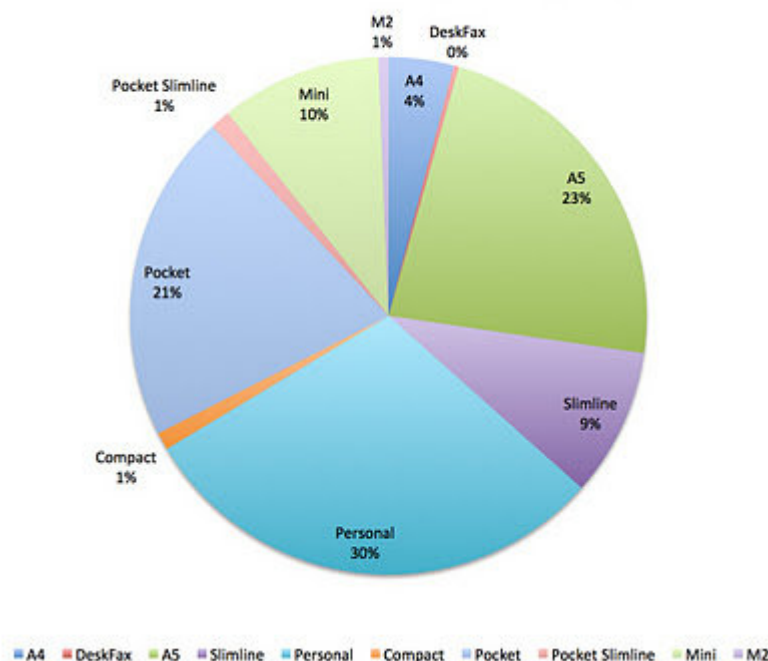
What size Filofaxes do you own (2009)



[4]

A4 DeskFax A5 Slimline Personal Compact Pocket Pocket Slimline Mini M2

What size Filofaxes do you own (2011)



[5]

Once again many thanks to everyone that took part.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/11/poll-result-what-size-filofax.html>
2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/how-many-filofaxes-do-you-own-poll.html>
3. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-uZo26VisfPs/Trezj-Bb1RI/AAAAAAAAJw4/hpa0n4S8Dkk/s1600/size2011.jpg>
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5. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-CM4UhBsCFE0/Trezk0-aY2I/AAAAAAAAJxA/XN7woVo7FCc/s1600/2011size.jpg>

Imy (2011-11-07 06:08:54)

the results seem quite similar really dont they :-) Pocket has risen though :-D

Steve Morton (2011-11-07 06:13:42)

Likewise the Mini, but Personal has decreased slightly... but I don't think a lot of people have moved from Personal to Mini?? !!

Alison Reeves (2011-11-07 06:14:06)

The surprise for me is that the 4 has gone up quite a bit from before! Perhaps those who used to use a deskfax are moving over to A4 due to the ease with which they can print and punch their own paper. Shame in some ways as the deskfax is a great size.

The rise in the mini and pocket is something we could have probably predicted.

I wonder if Filofax would be interested in these figures to inform their choice of inserts in the future? It seems that the personal size is a shrinking market!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-07 07:08:59)

Hmm... stats head on here...

You asked which ones we *owned* ("tick as many sizes as you own") not which one was our main filofax. So, I have pretty much every size under the sun, but my *main* filofax is personal sized... My pocket and mini sit in my desk a bit unused and unloved at the moment.

Maybe re-run the poll for which is the main one?

gdigesu (2011-11-07 09:01:38)

Steve, excellent! Amanda's point is interesting. May be you could run the survey as she suggests in 2 or 3 months?

JJ Hitt (2011-11-07 13:59:55)

Since the poll was taken I have won an M2 on Ebay... I bet that makes it the "fastest growing" category of the poll.

My Filofax Memory Competition (2011-11-07 10:00)



Just to let you know that the 'My Filofax Memory' competition entries are now starting to appear on the [2]Filofax UK Facebook Page.

Only the people that have given permission for their story to be published are going to be put on to Facebook.

Log on and take a look. Well done everyone.

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-Kryn2pi7MXY/TpSFL5wXY2I/AAAAAAAAJtU/pXm7oq9tLWM/s1600/filofax.jpg>

2. <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150384354403357.377553.97875648356&type=1>

Alison Reeves (2011-11-07 12:26:38)

So what did the winners get? Did they get to choose their Filofax, or had Filofax reserved some specifically for competition? Come on - spill the beans!!!

Jotje (2011-11-07 12:31:37)

Alison, we won an APEX organizer! Yay (not!). I emailed them back, asking about colour or other options, but never received a reply.

I (and others who won it) am really disappointed. Truth be told, if I had known that the price would be an Apex, I would never have entered to begin with LOL

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-07 13:47:44)

Oh no! You're JOKING! An *APEX*!?!? Bleugh!

Well done for winning and all, but, commiserations as well!

:-)

LJ (2011-11-07 13:54:45)

Gutted!!! Do you think they're having trouble shifting them? I'd probably have loved one as my first ever FF when I was at school, instead of carrying around a huge A4 thing everywhere I went. But at that age I wouldn't have been spending £26 for the privilege...

Nellie (2011-11-07 15:09:37)

I didn't know I had to give permissions for my entry to be used on facebook. Nobody asked me (unless I missed it). Happy for it to be posted up.

I thought the finalists were going up on facebook to be voted on for a final winner. Did I get that wrong?

Scoot (2011-11-07 16:47:43)

Well, the winners certainly have a new filofax memory!

I challenge the winners to use the Apex, at least salvage the rings, as a basis for designing your their own fax....whether it be Temperley leopard skin or whatever.

gdigesu (2011-11-07 16:52:05)

The Ladies and Gentlemen at Filofax will read this blog.

They know first class customers deserve first class prizes

Scoot (2011-11-07 17:08:07)

My view is that the winners should get a choice of any current fax, also that it should be personalised with their name; by Filofax.

To think that they recently "gave away" faxes for 9 euros!

Rabbit (2011-11-07 17:19:08)

Hah! I was worried about appearing ungrateful, but as a fellow winner of this competition I have to admit I've never been more disappointed at getting a free filofax! I mean....an APEX?! Like Jotje I too would never have bothered entering if I'd known it was the prize. Ick. The first thing I did (honestly) was check ebay for the resale price, but unfortunately Apex are lucky if they even sell. ;) Let's just hope we get a colour we might actually like...as a storage FF.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-07 18:42:17)

I'm disappointed too, I seriously thought they'd give us some sort of choice :(I also wouldn't have applied if I'd have known the prize was an Apex! Also, I haven't been asked for permission to show my memory, I guess it's because mine was hand-written, not typed

Alison Reeves (2011-11-07 19:03:06)

Ouch - sorry I asked! With so many lovely Filofaxes knocking around their stores on offer I imagined you would have got something special. However they went from giving away one to giving away 6 so perhaps they just gave away more cheap ones instead of one more expensive model.

Regarding the Facebook thing, I seem to remember that the original rules of the competition stated that the entries would be posted on Facebook for people to vote for the best - -so I guess no one can really object when they do post them up.

MsPencil (2011-11-07 19:38:34)

Yep. APEX. LOL. I am still glad I entered my entry is not up yet. Maybe tomorrow. I love reading what you guys wrote. I felt the same way when I discovered the prize. But maybe after reading these posts they (filofax) may upgrade. Wishful thinking. I am really happy to know that so many others like filofax as much as I do.

MsPencil (2011-11-07 20:09:39)

@ Scoot That is a novel idea. I wish I were creative. That sounds like a challenge. You guys have a great night.

UNchecked other (2011-11-07 22:18:17)

@Scoot: An altered book (altered 'pex) sounds like a brilliant idea!

My first reaction after reading that we'd won the Apex was laughing. Poor CP's fears came true. Granted, the Dominatrix Pollyana Raver/Rainbow Brite Hannibal Lecter design of the Apex is...unique...but I figure it'll come in handy when I go on the field to do genocide/honour crimes research; I raise it up as a shield, and its garishness repels unsavoury people! I think I'll nickname mine "Aegis Liberace." ;0P

SNARLing: (2011-11-08 00:14:17)

heh heh UNche-0 you crack me up

ps: word verification: ingrate

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-08 04:20:26)

@UNchecked other

LOL!!! Brightened my morning! The image of someone advancing, holding out an Apex to repel things!
hee hee hee!

And my recollection of the rules was that they were going up on Fb and then people were voting for their favourite too... Just looked back at the update and it says for part 4:

"Filofax have kindly offered further organisers for this activity, so the first 6 to enter will receive a lovely personal organiser."

NB: *a lovely personal organiser*

LIES, LIES, LIES!

Alison Reeves (2011-11-08 05:13:09)

Interestingly the Apex gets really good reviews on the Filofax website. Perhaps it has an appeal to the right people. I'm thinking it is the younger market (i.e. teenage) that seem to love it.

Steve Morton (2011-11-08 05:16:35)

And there might be another 30 reviews in the next few weeks....

Anita (2011-11-08 06:08:35)

Oh my goodness, these comments have made me laugh :) I agree, an Apex?? I could've imagined having one when I was at school, but certainly not now.

I just feel Filofax have missed the mark with this one unfortunately & misjudged their customers some what!

Cara Franta (2011-11-08 09:55:50)

We could send them each to Iris-she likes the Apex...

...I, on the other hand, may make the Apex my camping Filo as if it gets trashed it may be more attractive to me. Maybe. Or not...

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-08 10:08:24)

They didn't tell us what size the Apex was. I'm hoping it's a personal size, since I've been wanting to try that out. I don't particularly like the design of the Apex, but it'll only be my second Filo so I'm still pretty excited.

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-08 10:09:22)

I don't particularly like the design of the Apex, but it's only my second Filofax so I'm still pretty excited. I'm hoping it's a personal, since I've been wanting to try that size. I admit I will probably be a bit disappointed if it's only a pocket.

Dollface (2011-11-08 11:15:56)

i'm a teenager and i still think the apex is hideous..

i wanted a beautiful leather one because that is what filofax really means to me :/

oh well.. i'll probably give it away as a present

kate (2011-11-08 13:31:27)

Filofax PR emailed me ask which colour I would like? ummmm..too difficult to consider choosing from Apex....(BLACK maybe) Anyhow I bought the Filofax Cuban slimline in chilli from Ryman £25 (Thanks Anita for great infomation) as the reward for myself. I really love Cuban Slimline. A GOOD filofax memory :D

Ray Blake (2011-11-08 13:34:54)

What the heck? It's a free Filofax. The real prize is reading everyone's stories and having people read mine. I'm happy. My glass is half full of a lovely cool drink.

Rabbit (2011-11-08 15:26:11)

I'm waiting for the moment when the Apex arrives, I take a look at it in person, and then think "huh - not so bad after all" lol

However with only one card slot on the interior I really can't see it being useful (this must be for student cards...?). I'll end up gifting it if it's an appropriate colour. Start the FF fever in someone else perhaps.

Steve Morton (2011-11-11 13:21:09)

The winners prizes will start to be despatched next week. You should hear from SlamPR to confirm it is in the post to you.

Free For All Tuesday No 40 (2011-11-08 00:00)



[1]

So if you didnt manage to get to the Skype chat on Sunday to ask your questions, now is your chance to ask about anything related to Filofax...

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

LJ (2011-11-08 02:27:28)

I ordered some FFs from the Denmark 90 year celebration sale and when I got them was unbelievably pleased with the inserts. The dividers are all black, which just looks so luxurious compared with any of the others I have, and all the other inserts that come as standard seem to have actually been thought about. Looking on the FF Denmark website I see that they also do top tabs (all with categories included so not perfect, but thay have some). Is it just FF Denmark that have really nice FF inserts? I am going to go out now and by some metallic pens in different colours to use with my new black dividers - so pleased!!!

Rabbit (2011-11-08 03:21:19)

I noticed this also - I bought an FF for my father from the Denmark store, and the diary inserts are so beautiful that he's not at all concerned about the foreign language (I believe he said "Torsdag - Thursday...simple enough!") I was hoping he'd reject the foreign inserts so that I could keep them! They're cream WO2P with mostly black text but also striking red week numbers and Sundays...it is also ruled with appointment times instead of blank boxes - fantastic!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-08 04:24:25)

ooh - they sound really lovely. Anyone posted any pics anywhere??

Missus Aka (Christa) (2011-11-08 06:34:49)

does anyone know how much the adelphi a5 was when filofax were selling it please

Anita (2011-11-08 07:12:17)

Hello all :)

Does any one use the filofax storage binders? I think they're quite expensive for what they are, but just in case they're reduced when we visit Neal Street.

Steve Morton (2011-11-08 07:14:59)

Hi Anita

I picked up a Pocket size one on Ebay a few years ago along with a pocket punch which was what I was after really.

Yes they are expensive... cheaper to buy another organiser in a sale (TK Max, WHS etc) Use for an Apex may be!

Steve

LJ (2011-11-08 07:27:28)

@ Amanda - there are some pics at <http://ljsblogofstuff.blogspot.com/2011/11/work-filofax-more-decisio ns.html>, but not the full range, and only the A5 ones. If you want to see more I can add another post showing all the inserts for both the A5 & the personal.

Kelliejo (2011-11-08 09:44:03)

Oh happy dance. I received my Deco Personal Ruby filo yesterday!!! Love Love Love it! Has any used one for awhile and how do they wear? I am scared to use it! Hahaha.

stoko77 (2011-11-08 10:59:43)

Hi, @KellieJo -

Heartfelt congrats on your Ruby Deco! Gorgeous binder - yahooey! =)

I've used an ivory personal deco for @ a year and a half. I'm a grad student; Deco goes with me everywhere, and her usual home is either in the back pocket of my messenger bag or in my purse (or I'm holding her and using her as a wallet). It's real life use. Through it all, Deco still looks fantastic, which is a testament to how well it's made. The only wear is on the metal clasp and release button, where there are some scratches (not a bunch), perhaps due to my lack of care when I throw her into the messenger bag (uh, oopie). I don't see them deterring from Deco's look. I added some Swarovski crystals around the clasp mechanism when I first got her, and when I look at the clasp, I see the crystals - not the scratches.

If scratches on the clasp concern you, perhaps be more present and gentle with Ruby vs. my rough and "whatever" attitude - be more careful on how and where you put Ruby in your purse or bag.

The leather (both outside and inside) is still beautiful and gorgeous!

Enjoy your new baby! Hehe - I guess like most babies, she's more durable than you think. ;)

Oh - and be prepared to get a ton of compliments!

Tim (2011-11-08 11:27:51)

Hello Christa

The A5 Adelphi in the UK was £90.00 inc VAT.

Steve Morton (2011-11-08 11:38:00)

Last year we didn't quite make the '1 post per day' average... we came very close with 363 posts in the year... this year we have already exceeded that target by quite a long way....just under 450 posts so far this year.

I don't want to sound any alarm bells... I'm not running out of topics to write about, but are there any topics you would like us to cover, which we haven't covered or you would like us to cover again in more detail or may be in a slightly different way?

I don't mind going back over previous topics, may be explore them in a different way, more pictures or more up to date information etc.

So add your requests to the comments, or if you wish email us at [philofaxy at gmail dot com](mailto:philofaxy@gmail.com) and we will see what we can do

Many thanks

CatB (2011-11-08 11:49:38)

To those of u in the US, what is the shipping cost from the website? I ask as I am in Florida in December for a week where my parents have a rental property and I'm thinking of ordering a few bits and pieces..

Thanks, Cat

terriknits (2011-11-08 11:59:19)

This post has been removed by the author.

terriknits (2011-11-08 12:00:32)

dang - can't edit comments; let's try again:

@LJ - I was looking on some of the international FF sites on the weekend at Week-on-2-Pages formats and I was quite enthralled with the Danish black index/dividers. Hmmmm. I need to revisit the site and look at the W02P format again.

Because, you know, the three diary refills I already have for 2012 might not work ...

Vanjilla (2011-11-08 12:25:49)

Sorry to change the topic, but am really wondering...

Has anyone ever used a Filofax pen? What is your experience with it?

I haven't seen any such posts so far, but I thought I might give it a try since nothing fits my mini Balmoral... Thank you!

LJ (2011-11-08 12:46:33)

@ terriknits - I totally understand, size layout - you can never be completely sure that it won't fail - so it's always good to have backups ;-)

@ Vanjilla - I bought the Filofax Mini Organiser pen in pink to go with my first FF and it now sits on my desk looking pretty, and not doing a lot else. I loved it because it looked so lovely, but as far as writing goes, give me a BIC biro over that any day... It's not very smooth and the line it gives is a bit broken. Personally I'm almost tempted to try another one, but when there are so many other great pens out there that perform better for less I find it hard to bring myself to get another one...

Missus Aka (Christa) (2011-11-08 15:10:50)

Thanks for letting me know the price of the adelphi Tim

Tonya (2011-11-08 15:53:03)

I ordered a personal size Chameleon in aqua and it arrived yesterday. I hate to say that I am not loving it. Maybe it is because I am used to the pocket size? Anyway, I am thinking of trading it for a slimline, but I want a really supple leather and I want one to lay flat out of the box. Any suggestions?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-08 16:32:24)

@LJ

More pics??? Yes please!!

Re: filofax mini pen - don't waste your money - they are really, really nasty - uncomfortable and as someone else said, write with a broken line. I used mine for a few words then have given up. My Zebra diary pen/pencil combo is slim enough to fit in the teensy pen slot in my filofax.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-08 16:39:29)

Hi all, I know we've all been slagging off the Apex, but I'm trying to look on the bright side... just wondering from anyone with experience, does it at least lie flat? thanks!

John (2011-11-08 16:44:09)

Speaking of pens, I thrilled with a fountain pen and ink combo that will work even with that onionskin-like paper in my Day Per Page: Kaweco Ice Sport with an Extra Fine nib, with Pelikan black ink. I've filled the pen eyedropper-style to hold an enormous reservoir of ink.

Kelliejo (2011-11-08 16:46:05)

stoko77!

I want to see a pic of deco with crystals. Oh my sound awesome.

stoko77 (2011-11-08 17:43:39)

Hi, KellieJo! =)

The crystals surround the clasp mechanism, and are on my rulers.

The best part about blinging out your rulers - easy to change the color.
Info on crystal colors and sizes are included. (yes, they stay on remarkable well!)
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/filofaxdecobling/4126156452/>
xo! :o)

Vanjilla (2011-11-08 17:54:50)

@ LJ, Amanda and John - thank you so much for your information, I so appreciate it!

Laurie (2011-11-08 19:35:26)

CatB do you mean ordering from the Filofax US website or UK? Unless they have changed recently, the UK website calculates its overseas shipping rates based on value, not weight. So if you buy an expensive binder the shipping will be more than for a cheaper binder.

I'm not sure about the Filofax US rates but I think they are by weight?

Butanben (2011-11-08 19:50:55)

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Butanben (2011-11-08 19:53:30)

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Butanben (2011-11-08 20:01:48)

Apologies about deletions... just so many typos!! I must be tired. @Vanjilla, the Zebra pens are just great. Come in a range of fabulous colours, are telescopic and the smallest fit into your mini filo brilliantly. Next size up fits the pocket. Got mine in a shop in Bournemouth. The Filofax ones I don't find as good. Highly polished and slippery in your hand, and write scratchily. Hope this helps!!

MsPencil (2011-11-08 21:01:13)

Hi Guys, Filofax USA has free shipping for anything over 50.00. Hope that helps. Have a great day.

MsPencil (2011-11-08 21:12:07)

My apologies I checked back with Filofax USA and I did not see the Free Shipping for 50.00 and up but they usually offer this around Christmas time when you may be in the states. Sorry for the inconvenience.

LJ (2011-11-09 10:59:47)

@ Amanda - will take photos of all the inserts in both sizes and put them on my blog in the next few days x

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-09 14:20:54)

Thanks LJ! I'll keep a look out!

A.x

Petra (2011-11-09 15:06:46)

Filofax USA is free shipping for over \$55 and they offer that all the time: <http://www.filofaxusa.com/delivery/>

Diary/Planner Year Overlap? (2011-11-09 00:00)



[1]

As you know I've already set up another [2]Filofax organiser for 2012.

I hit on a minor inconvenience this morning when Mrs M started booking flights or I should say tried to start booking flights in January and July 2012. I like to make sure key events like this are recorded in my Filofax to make sure we don't go and clash with other events or someone wants to come and see us etc.

Not a big problem, but having yet another Filofax A5 out on the desk along with the other two (my normal planner, and my work one) was the tipping point!

So what to do... apart from clearing the desk to allow for another one! Then I had a brain wave. When I get to December I will move the last month of my current planner in to the 2012 organiser and then I will have an overlap period. I have just checked and there is enough capacity in the Malden to take the extra pages for the month they will be in there.

So what do you do about up and coming events in the next year in your Filofax? Do you start putting in next years diary insert in to your Filofax before you get to the end of the year and remove some of this years (say the first 6 months) to accommodate it?

1. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-6KZWLxWy-Dc/TrL-yFFpgvI/AAAAAAAAJwo/fNdy31PPsag/s1600/diary.jpeg>

2. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/11/my-set-up-for-2012.html>

girlinmaths (2011-11-09 03:01:07)

that is exactly what I did yesterday. I removed the old 2011 diary, put in the new 2012 one and replaced the last two months of 2011 between the information pages and the first weekly view. It is only about 10 sheets extra, so it doesn't take up that much room. Might be different for page-a-day calendars of course.

Laurie (2011-11-09 03:47:30)

When I used a Filofax for my planner I rotated inserts every few months to have several months past and at least 6 months future. I never did do distinct years only with my diary inserts.

Tommes (2011-11-09 04:07:13)

My dates for the next year usually appear around October. So I change the calendar, removing October to September of the "current" year and add the whole next year. This makes me carry 15 months all year long. But it fits in my Personal and gives me the chance of keeping forthcoming appointments in my view.

Butanben (2011-11-09 07:06:00)

I have a plain notes page just for future diary and I list all important events which need to go in the next diary and even 2 years ahead... ie my 50th party to arrange in 2013, my prescription card to update in 2013 etc etc. As I've got a mid-year diary I am already able to schedule 2012 dates ahead. But any from Sept to Dec I can't.... so those go on my future diary page. Seems to work well for me. All dates are copied into the next diary and the page updated when the new diary is in place.

Minnie (2011-11-09 07:47:52)

I struggle with the amount of diary inserts I have specially when the new year rolls around and it gets too bulky when I add the new inserts but I really like your method Butanben!!

Amanda (2011-11-09 08:29:04)

I used to stuff entire years into my planner, and then I read a comment here...I can't remember if it was an actual comment, or part of an article. Basically it stated that you were suppose to use ALL the inserts-have a year planner, a few month pages, fewer week pages, and even fewer day pages.

So my solution has been to put in a year of month at a view pages, which I use for planning actual solid dates, plans, appointments etc. Then I also have a month or so of day per page-these are what I use to record to dos and notes.

Right now I have the last few months of 2011 and all of 2012 in month on two pages, and this week of November through the end of December. I usually keep about 6 weeks of day per page for future to dos and notes.

SNARLing: (2011-11-09 09:11:10)

i put in a 2012 vertical planner and have been putting new year's appointments and events in there. i like having month on 2p in my filo as the mainstay calendar but for some reason i didn't want to put 2012 in yet. i might use this insert instead... or in addition...not sure yet... of course since i already have both for 2012 i'll probably interchange them every so often depending on need/mood at the moment. filofax is so cool like that

SNARLing: (2011-11-09 09:25:30)

oh right - sorry forgot to finish. i'm similar to amanda - i start off with the full year in month o2p, a month of wpp with todos in between and a bunch of graph paper for free dailies (some days need more space than others) plus i have my couple of month pages to log daily mood, best things, etc and a couple of pages to recap the weeks of the month...hmm... off to take pics for a blog post forgot i was gonna do that awhile ago...

katka (2011-11-09 11:05:00)

I use same system as Laurie. Usually 4 months past and 6 months future.

J (2011-11-09 11:52:39)

I'm using the FF vertical year planner to record New Year's events and appointments. Usually I'd just start putting in some of the 2012 monthlies, but since I am switching to the FC inserts next year, there is really no good way to deal with two different sized calendar inserts.

So, for the time being, next year's events are going into my every day Filo on the year planner, and if I have time I also record them on the monthly/daily FC pages which are sitting at home, waiting to be used! Since my fiance is spending New Year's Day shooting a wedding this year, I'm hoping I have a few spare hours to perfect my 2012 system :)

Butanben (2011-11-09 13:21:08)

Thank you Minnie! It seems to work for me until the new diaries roll around, and I can check I am not double booking on any day.Also means that if there is an event in say 2013,(even got an important family birthday one in 2019!!) I know it is going in the future diary and won't be forgotten!!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-09 14:35:50)

[the other Amanda... from Paper, Pens and Ink]

I do a bit of a combo of several systems on here... I have a month or so of WO2P that have passed (though I rarely need to look at them so I may realise that real estate soon), then I have about 6 months of WO2P. I only ever have the current week of day per page diary (for detailed planning) and I don't really use month to view or longer. I do have a few sheets of paper at the back of the diary for 'future planning' with separate years on them (so a sheet for 2012, one for 2013 etc) - largely reminding me when all my vaccinations for Malawi are due!

Gerard (2011-11-09 14:42:49)

I use one or other of the undated monthly planners - these ones:

<http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4MonthPlanner.pdf>

<http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4MonthlyTimePlanner.pdf>

These cover the start of the year, and for scheduling blocks of committed time further ahead I use an Annual

Overview form <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/A4AnnualOverview365.pdf>

This avoids splitting the current year's week to view diary, which goes intact into archive over the Christmas holidays.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-09 15:52:29)

Do any of the others in academia on here find it easier to work in Sept to Sept (or equivalent start of academic year date) years? I can get really confused when people say things will happen at the 'start of next year' because quite often I am assuming they are happening 9 months after the person I'm talking to is meaning!
Or is it just me?

Virelai (2011-11-09 16:48:43)

I already archived most of 2011 and now there are the last 3 month of 2011 and the first 3 month of 2012 inside - thats when my semester ends and i already had a few deadlines and exams to fill in.

Butanben (2011-11-10 03:04:02)

@Amanda from Paper Pens and Ink. I use a mid year diary, being a teacher. I find the WH Smith one to be the best layout, as I can use the notes section at the side for birthdays etc. I like the separate evening appointments section too. What I don't like is the paper quality a bit thin!!!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-10 16:12:59)

@Butanben

I don't know that layout, but if the paper's thin, it might bug me... Do you have any pics?
I use standard years of Filofax, but work in academic years (across the standard years).

Steve Morton (2011-11-10 16:23:54)

Thanks for all your comments, I've taken the plunge and moved my last two months in to my 2012 set up yesterday and I will use it and then I will take it out a the end of the year.

Filofax France Offer (2011-11-09 17:29)

I'm not sure how many readers we have in France... apart from me obviously! But tonight I received an email from Filofax FR with the details of their current offers.

From now until 18th November 2011, there is free delivery in France for orders over €20 by using the code fs1153. They also have 3 for the price of 2 offers on diary refills and paper and essentials.



[1]

Pour préparer vos achats de Noël, [2]Filofax vous offre les frais de ports à partir de 20 Euros d'achats *.

Agendas, maroquinerie, carnets et stylos, découvrez toutes nos [3]idées cadeaux.

La fin d'année arrive vite, n'oubliez pas vos recharges! [4]Calendriers, recharges [5]papiers & accessoires pour agenda, choisissez en 3 au prix de 2**

offre valable sur toute la boutique en ligne [6]www.filofax.fr pour une livraison en France Métropolitaine à partir de 20 Euros d'achats.

* la gratuité sera appliquée sur l'article le moins cher des 3.

Tres bien?

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Helene (2011-11-11 12:10:39)

I'm here from France reading your blog.

I own a new grey personal Malden and think to use this offer to buy refills ; thanks :-)

Filofax Facts (2011-11-10 18:06)

Another two copies of Filofax Facts have 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.

I paid £9.99 for mine in December 2010

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1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/book-review-filofax-facts-ian-sinclair.html>
2. http://rcm-uk.amazon.co.uk/e/cm?lt1=_blank&bc1=000000&IS2=1&bg1=FFFFFF&fc1=000000&lc1=0000FF&t=pemburyvillag-21&o=2&p=8&l=as1&m=amazon&f=ifr&md=0M5A6TN3AXP2JHJBWT02&asins=1853461067

Scoot (2011-11-11 04:32:50)

Yet again, proof that there is demand for an updated version of that book. But, it doesn't appear that anyone at Filofax is listening.

Just thinking about that book, and the topics of organising and organisers, just why isn't there any such brief guidance with a Filofax or on their website?

Free For All Friday No. 156 (2011-11-11 00:07)

Today's date is 11/11/11! How cool!!

Today is also Remembrance Day in the UK and Veterans' Day in the US, so today please remember those who fought for our freedom and if you can, thank a veteran.

What's going on in your Filofax world these days?

gdigesu (2011-11-11 01:31:21)
Waiting for Filofax Facts ...

katka (2011-11-11 02:38:13)
we have St.Martin's day. We say, that Martin is bringing snow, but doesn't look like it's going to snow.
Otherwise, my filo is getting too fat and I can't take anything out. If somebody from Filofax reads this, please I'll need bigger rings ! And I'm sure I'm not alone. Personal with 35 mm, please, please, pretty please :o)
Have a good friday everyone.

Kate (2011-11-11 02:57:10)
I'm reorganising my Filofax at the moment and huffing ver diary formats. Has anyone used the Filofax computer paper and can comment on how well it works?

Jotje (2011-11-11 03:35:10)
And on a positive note: I finally found a use for my soon-to-arrive pink Apex. It will gift it to my 10 yr old who will be starting secondary school next summer. She decided, she would need something more "serious" in sec school, and her pocket filo is too small. I had offered her my Lavender Domino, but she replied: "You hate the pink one (=Apex), don't you? So you won't have a fit if it gets beaten and scratched, right?"
Smart lady. She'll do great in secondary!

Anita (2011-11-11 07:12:11)
I saw a filofax 'in the wild' the other day! A lady was taking notes in one at a course I was attending. It was a black personal size & looked vintage, not sure which model. I mentioned I loved them too & she agreed, saying you can't beat writing down stuff even though she has an iPhone.

Dollface (2011-11-11 08:22:22)
I moved house in the summer and when I emptied my desk I found some dog postcards that had come out of a funfax.. i'm so gutted I don't have the binder anymore! how cute would that have been!!
were funfaxes pocket sized?
if yes I could have had a dog binder for when my filo was likely to be mistreated.. (i'd rather have had cats but beggars can't be choosers)
hehe
xx

Steve Morton (2011-11-11 08:29:32)
We have been to the service down in the village this morning, quite a low key affair, no more than about 25 people there.
But we were made very welcome and I think it was noticed that 'the English' made an effort to join in.
We are the only English people in the village... so we are 'different' or the minority if you like!

Alison Reeves (2011-11-11 10:19:13)
Nice you went to the service Steve. I think recent conflicts have brought this more to the attention of younger people. I don't know how they found/find the courage to be so brave - I know I couldn't do what some of them have done. We also try and support Help the Heroes as many soldiers come home with mental and physical disabilities that make life very difficult for them and their families.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-11 10:25:18)
On a lighter note - I am thinking about replenishing my pocket filo diary. In an ideal work I would like a cotton cream week to view, with times/lines as in the French (white) version. Does any know:
1. What is the white French paper like?
2. Is there anywhere that may have this version in cotton cream?
I really like the idea of lines and times for entering appointments etc

terriknits (2011-11-11 10:35:40)

@katka - personal with 35 mm rings - MAMMOTH! I'd have it crammed full, even with that big of rings.

I'm waiting (most impatiently) for my personal zip Cuban to arrive. Pens & leather's website was crapping out, so I ordered from Filofax USA. Unfortunately because I'm in Canada, orders from FFUSA get routed via Letts Canada and they are sooooo slow.

I ordered over two weeks ago and I finally sent an email yesterday. I got a reply this a.m. from Letts Canada saying it had been shipped yesterday. YESTERDAY!!! Over two weeks since I placed the order. Not too happy about that.

I had sent an email to Pens & Leather saying that their website kept crashing and that I couldn't complete my order. A day or so later I got a nice reply with a coupon code for my trouble. I should have cancelled my order with FFUSA. I know this and I'm mad at myself for not acting sooner. I want my big rings!!

Missus Aka (Christa) (2011-11-11 10:57:30)

does anyone know if they made the a5 amazona in the ivory colour?

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-11 11:02:42)

@Jotje - Were you given an option for the color? I received my email from them about getting an Apex, but they didn't ask me which color I would like. They just said I would be getting an Apex and please give us your mailing address. :/ I'm really hoping my Apex is pink or green, since I think the other two colors are rather ugly.

MsPencil (2011-11-11 11:23:01)

Happy Veterans Day. I am thinking of getting a filoFax personal. I have been looking at the Osterly how does this compare to the Malden? Be Well Everyone.

Josh (2011-11-11 11:31:51)

@terriknits, I LOVE your dogs! Maddening about the slow shipping. I get so aggravated about things like that.

I am still trying to find a personal size leather filofax which pleases me aesthetically and fits my needs:

-Must have plenty of card slots

-Must have full height pockets front and rear

-Must lay flat out of box

-Ideally will have two pen loops

-Ideally will be made of a nice saddle type leather, not glossy.

Looks like the Malden is the closest match. Sadly I am just not that pleased with it's appearance. I love the looks of the old Hamilton, I may just keep an eye on ebay to see if one turns up there. But I don't think that has full length slip pockets front and back.... May need to compromise!

Iris (2011-11-11 12:03:16)

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Iris (2011-11-11 12:05:29)

@Alison:

As for the cotton cream diary: how about this one from Filofax Sweden:

<http://www.filofax.se/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2556>

Butanben (2011-11-11 12:37:58)

Just wanted to say, to those of you going to the London meet up on 19th November, have a grand time!! So sorry I can't be with you this time round. I imagine Covent Garden will be lovely with the Christmas lights and decorations.

So glad you went to the service Steve. More special this year somehow, as it is at 11am on 11/11/11. The people in your village sound just lovely.

Michele (2011-11-11 12:58:30)

I'm in bliss right now with my vintage green personal Tejus .. The person who had it never used the blank papers inside! I have sheets in here copyrighted as far back as 1986 and '94! As much as I love the new Filofax models, there's something special about the "Made in England" gold stamp! As I'm flying to London next month, are there any Filofax stores around Heathrow?

terriknits (2011-11-11 13:17:43)

@Josh - thanks, we love them lots! They're hilarious animals.

So in a fit of pique, I've ordered the Cuban Zip from Pens & Leather using my lovely coupon code and I will be returning the FiloUSA order when it arrives. They pissed me off one time too many with their dilatory shipping to Canada.

Nellie (2011-11-11 13:17:59)

Has anyone recieved their Apex yet? I am not sure what I will use mine for. I recieved an Ivory Deco this week to go with my ruby and ebony. Very, very happy!

Sandra (2011-11-11 15:40:49)

No Apex here yet. Probably take a month knowing Royal Mail. ;)

Nikki france (2011-11-11 17:51:06)

having problems with filofax software printing. Just had a good session of printing lists of email, then phone numbers. Was about to print address book and all contacts have gone off somewhere!!! sigh!!

PS first time I have written here, have been lurking for ages, and researching. Just in the process of swopping my pocket Waverley to a second hand (ebay) A5 Hamilton, which I love though it is a big jump from a pocket, and quite heavy!

BTW Steve, I am in France also, English my birth, but lived here 9 years. Also went to the village service. Small village but many attended, and we had Kir after in the mayors office. One French couple were even wearing poppies in respect of the English here :)

Steve Morton (2011-11-11 17:54:47)

Hi Nikki

We wore our poppies today as well. But we had to explain why to our French counterparts!

I'm in Deux Sevres near Thouars, where about in this big country are you?

I'm also using the address book software, not sure why your addresses have vanished

Steve

Nikki france (2011-11-11 17:54:51)

1st time commenting on here, though I love the site and info here, so thank you all :)

having problems printing from filofax software. Had a good time printing phone numbers and email addys, but now have come to print address book, and all contacts are not showing in print preview, ugh!!

Just changing over from a pocket Waverley (which I LOVE) but need more space, and now I have a A5 Hamilton from ebay. Very big and heavy change!! Hope I can get used to it :(

BTW I am in France, though English. Also went to our service in tghe square today. Was a great turnout, and Kir for afterwards :))

2 french even wore poppies, sweet :)

Nikki france (2011-11-11 17:57:55)

oh sorry, think I posted twice!!!

I am in Vienne, nearest big town is Poitiers dept 86 :)

Yes I have had to explain the relevance of the poppies many times!! Not that easy in French actually!

Steve Morton (2011-11-11 18:01:08)

Nikki, you are 'just down the road then' !! Poitiers is about a 45 minute drive for us.

Here's where we...

<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?q=Thouars,+France&hl=en&sl=46.968876,-0.182573&sspn=0.008405,0.01193&vpsrc=0&hnear=Thouars,+Deux-Sevres,+Poitou-Charentes,+France&t=h&z=14>

Steve Morton (2011-11-11 18:01:43)

Looks like there is the potential for a Poitiers Philofaxy Meet Up may be one day!!

Nikki france (2011-11-11 18:02:18)

it is something to do with the label pages option, when I click on start every page with an odd number, or something like that, page 1 and so on disappears. sorry hard to explain, but when I take off the label then I have my contacts from LETTER A on page 1

Very odd ??

Steve Morton (2011-11-11 18:04:29)

Nikki,

Email me (address in 'About Us' page) and I can send you a copy of my settings.

Steve

Nikki france (2011-11-11 18:05:02)

oh yes a poitiers meet up would be wonderful!!!!!!!!!!!!

I have a lot of trouble to find "filofax in person"

There is only 2 stockist listed in Poitiers, one is rubbish (altho a lovely papeterie, the other is a pen shop and he has a few there to see, but not the whole range :)

Nikki france (2011-11-11 18:13:45)

Thanks Steve, will email you about the printing problems :)

Just looked where you are, google tells me you are 129 km from me, approx 2.5 hrs drive :)

You are Northwest of Poitiers, and I am a little south, but pretty much due East :)

Steve Morton (2011-11-11 18:16:28)

I'm sure we can arrange to meet up sometime in Poitiers.

Yes finding stockists here with any stock is impossible. I tend to buy on line or in person at Neal Street in London

Laurie (2011-11-11 18:35:13)

Josh the Holborn might suit your needs, although I haven't seen one in person so I don't know if the leather is shiny. It does have full length slip pockets front and back, which is hard to find in Personal size. And the leather is buffalo leather so it's rugged yet soft.

I don't know of any Personal size binder in the current collection that has two pen loops. You could always stick in a Leuchtturm pen loop if you don't mind adhering something to your binder. Alternatively you could also stick the pen loop to a clear overleaf sheet so you could remove it if you wish and use it in another binder.

Steve Morton (2011-11-11 18:36:21)

May be add a pen loop from a Flex

Steve

Alison Reeves (2011-11-12 05:44:20)

Thanks for the Swedish link - very interesting products there!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-12 15:40:22)

@Josh

What about a Cavendish? There's one on eBay at the moment:

<http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem>

&item=170726873672

&cssPageName=ADME:B:SS:GB:1123

Does that fit the bill??

Rich (2011-11-14 16:25:49)

Is the Ranger filo leather as stated on ebay or soft vinyl as I had thought?

Web Finds - 12 November 2011 (2011-11-12 00:00)



So you looked out the window this morning and you saw all those leaves on the lawn that you should really sweep off the lawn, but then you saw this post and you looked again at those leaves... oh they can wait... besides there's still some more leaves to fall off of the trees... decision made.. grab a tea or coffee and take a seat.....

- [2]Filofax the perfect travel assistant - In the Dutch Mountains
- [3]Happiness Binder - LJ's Blog of Stuff
- [4]Week on Two Pages Conundrum - Filofax Fixation
- [5]Still loving my book planning Filofax - Paper Pens Ink
- [6]Filofax on the U-Bahn - Michaels Space
- [7]Work Filofax - More Decisions - LJ's Blog of Stuff
- [8]Total Filofax Rethink - Joshua Buffum
- [9]New Set up - Filofax Finsbury - Write Where I Stand
- [10]The Mini Gainsborough Filofax Meet Up - Rapunzel's World
- [11]Owning a filofax - the sign of being a grown up - It's all so Scarlett
- [12]My Personal Domino - Sally's Daze
- [13]Still having divider angst - Paper Pens Ink
- [14]As a rule - Filofax Fixation
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- [19]The oldest Filofax in Town - TiaraHelen
- [20]Filofax + Doodles - Things to make and doodle

- [21]Oops I did it again... - The Crazy Life of J
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

Who needs Google Reader when you have Philofaxy...

Enjoy.

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20. <http://thingstomakeanddoodle.blogspot.com/2011/11/filofax-doodles-filodoodles.html>
21. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/11/oops-i-did-it-again.html>

LJ (2011-11-12 00:41:27)

Thanks Steve for another great selection - time to make a cup of hot chocolate and sit down for a good read :o)
Thanks also for including my posts on here x

Scoot (2011-11-12 05:13:34)

Another thank you for the links. I have a link, but will so many links I doubt that people will get much done.
[http://www.davidco.com/forum/forumdisplay.php?5-PUBLIC-Discuss-Getti](http://www.davidco.com/forum/forumdisplay.php?5-PUBLIC-Discuss-Getti&s=e427ea82e9c67cd57618db11bbc341dd) ng-Things-Done
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Alison Reeves (2011-11-12 09:08:26)

Is there a problem with the first link? For me it goes to a mobile me gallery and says the album is unavailable?
Am I doing something wrong?

Steve Morton (2011-11-12 09:13:03)

It was available when I put the link in last weekend. I will remove it.
Thanks
Steve

J (2011-11-12 10:33:43)

Man, EVERY time I sit down and think "Hmmmm, maybe I'll just browse a post or two" I look up and realize that at least an hour has gone by! Not that I would have it any other way :)
Oh, and thank you for the link!

Anita (2011-11-12 11:59:48)

Thanks, Steve :)

This will be my treat once I've finished listing more stuff on eBay!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-12 13:56:30)

Ooh, happy evening ahead!

Thanks for linking to me!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-12 16:00:34)

I've just posted a new post! <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/11/filo-problems.html>

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-12 16:46:29)

Ahh... just finished! Time for bed (said Zebedee).

An excellent selection as usual! Thank you!

ellen (2011-11-12 21:57:42)

I recently found Filofaxy, and am overwhelmed by the wealth of great info here..I love it!

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-11-13 02:24:28)

This post has been removed by the author.

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-11-13 11:06:45)

Thank you for including my blog. I've just spent several blissful (but interrupted!) hours reading them.

Filofax 2012 - News (2011-11-13 00:00)



[1]

I have been asked a few times when the new ranges/colours will be revealed by Filofax.

I have some news... it will not for a while... The next catalogue isn't scheduled for release until April 2012 with the new models/colours going on sale in July or September 2012.

So a little different to previous years in recent history. But the cover of the current catalogue (right) does say 2011/12 in the bottom right hand corner.

And before you ask... no I don't know what new colours or models we are likely to see in the new catalogue, but you can be sure as soon as we know we will be telling you...

Watch this space!

1. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-UheLOZHB3Lo/TVRfPHB1tyI/AAAAAAAAI68/Kr6MAFzdkrM/s1600/Filofax+1+001.jpg>

taka (2011-11-14 14:14:32)

A5 Aston just hit the Filofax USA web site, so I can understand the late 2011 release of new styles.

I lost my Filofax..... (2011-11-14 00:00)

A heart stopping moment for anyone wouldn't you agree? But it's a statement I've seen very often on Twitter.

However, Filofax offer a simple personal organiser registration scheme, you register your name and address and contact details on their website. Then you are given a unique number, you write this number on the form in the diary insert (see below) and if found the person rings one of the numbers on the form and they are given details about where to send the organiser and they get sent a Freepost envelope. In return they receive a free gift.

If you aren't using a Filofax diary refill, why not print out the forms below and put them in the front of your Filofax...

Now after reading this you will go and [1]register won't you..... now.... please...

FILOFAX

Personal Organiser Registration

Protect yourself from losing your personal organiser by registering it with us straight away. All you need to do is visit our website at www.filofax.com and complete a short registration form. You will immediately be issued with a registration number that we will keep on our records. We can then identify you as the owner in the event that you lose your organiser and it is returned to us



Once you have registered your organiser, please turn this page over and replace it on the rings

PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE ENTERED YOUR
REGISTRATION NUMBER IN THE BOX OVER THE PAGE

Register today
www.filofax.com



**Free thank you gift if you find and
return this personal organiser***

If there is a registration number written in the box at the bottom of the page, please telephone the relevant number below. We will advise you how to claim your free gift and if you live in the UK or US we will send you a freepost envelope to return the organiser. If you live outside the UK or US, we will arrange for a courier to collect the organiser

Denmark	45 43 717600
France	33 (0)1 49 21 12 70
Germany	0800 8788376
Italy	39 (0)55 646 32 01
Sweden	46 19 205900
UK	0800 072 1666
USA/Canada	1 800 345 6798
Rest of world	44 191 501 3676

Registration Number

*Free gifts are offered only if we are able to return this organiser to its owner.
In order for us to do so, there must be a registration number in the box above
www.filofax.com

[3]

And before you ask... no I haven't lost any of my Filofax organisers... that was just to grab your attention....

1. <http://www.filofax.com/>
2. <http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-K2w-znTKX44/TruRyThgJUI/AAAAAAAAJxQ/5TqTaIqiunw/s1600/regsheets1.jpeg>
3. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-XqDkU80g470/TruR0b4FN0I/AAAAAAAAJxY/aeAX-C4YR9E/s1600/regsheets2.jpeg>

UNchecked other (2011-11-14 00:33:57)

Yes, registering your Filo—or at the very least filling in the Personal Information form—cannot be stressed enough. I once left my Filo when I was on a backpacking trip to Europe. It had my itinerary and all sorts of info, my passport, some money and key, but I was more concerned about the fact that the Filo was my da's and it still had some calendar pages from the last year of his life. Luckily, I left it at Il Pizzaiolo del Presidente in Napoli, and one of the waiters, Giovanni found it. He was kind enough to read through my Filo to find where I was staying. He went to my hotel, waited for me for like two hours and handed me my Filo when he saw me walk in, all panicked and teary. Giovanni said he also used the same Filo design (Classic), and that when he saw my dad's funeral service program, he said he felt the urge to give me the Filo in person to suggest that I should go to his hometown in Sicily...where there'll be a concert featuring 'O Sole Mio' (da's favourite and the theme of his service). So, yeah...That's my story of a lost Filo, which strengthened my belief in the kindness of strangers ;)

icclewu (2011-11-14 01:57:09)

Is the free gift an APEX by any chance???????? ;)

katka (2011-11-14 03:29:25)

NZ post had beautiful add in this matter....<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hnomj-pGHc&feature=related>
Sorry if it was mentioned here before, as I can't remember how I found this video.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-14 04:05:43)

I was just adding new addresses into Outlook for a couple of business contacts and couldn't help wondering if I should start to keep a copy of my quite chunky contacts list offline. You can lose something electronically just as easily as a physical filofax. I do back up everything online but I do wonder. I don't want to carry it all around with me, but I could keep it in a filo at home.

I'm off to register mine now as I haven't - so thanks for the nudge in the right direction!

SNARLing: (2011-11-14 09:24:20)

unche-0: beautiful story. i lost my sketchbook while travelling europe - i'm pretty sure i left it on top of a payphone in france somewhere on the way to england...or maybe it was the other way around... at any rate, i wasn't as lucky as you. i used to carry a sketchbook in my hand with me at all times and that incident sort of changed it for me. although if i were able to talk to my young 19- year old self as a young 42 year old, i would say, DUDE haven't you ever heard of a bag? crossbody perhaps? cha!

MsPencil (2011-11-14 10:20:11)

I used to register them when I first started using them back in the 90s showing my age but I stopped after a while. Since I am expecting 2 new ones: The Chameleon Personal and the A5 Finsbury I will register them. I wanted the Osterly but I just could not justify the expense. The deciding factor was when I saw that it came with week on one page. I am a week on two page kinda girl. Anyway, Have a great day everyone.

terriknits (2011-11-14 10:52:20)

I automatically register every once as I receive them. Just the thought of losing one (or losing track of one) sends me into instant panic mode.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-14 15:12:23)

I'm a real muppet - I have registered them, then swapped the contents.. and can't now remember which code goes with which filofax.

Maybe I need to re-register them...

Filofreak (2011-11-15 12:39:21)

UNchecked other,, ,that is a sad but beautiful story. How wonderful that he took the time to go through the Filo and find you where you were to return. It is amazing the kindness of strangers and gives me hope in this sometimes not so kind world,, ,

Filofax Sweden - 90SEK Sale (2011-11-14 11:20)



[1]

You might remember a certain sale by Filofax Germany a couple of months ago that caused a slight stir... well with thanks to Filomaniac for pointing it out, Filofax Sweden have got a similar sale on at the moment.

90 years, 90 products until 9 December, for 90 SEK... which is less than £8.50 at current exchange rates.... And this marvellous sale is..... [2]here... whoosh and you all dashed off to look!

1. http://www.filofax.se/images/custom_page/banners/se_90banner.jpg

2. <http://www.filofax.se/store/page.asp?id=169>

icclewu (2011-11-14 11:36:29)

Been there, done that, ordered :) xx

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-14 11:39:24)
whoosh indeed!
:-)

Clara (2011-11-14 12:07:08)
just ordered a personal finchley, a personal domino and the amazona large purse!

Femke (2011-11-14 12:23:02)
Just ordered, Bond personal red, Amazona purse, Domino A4 folder, Finchley personal and A5 personal! Woohoo!

Dollface (2011-11-14 13:03:41)
i DO NOT need anymore filos.. 2 is enough for any girl!

Tali (2011-11-14 13:09:36)
how much is the postage? I can't figure it out? :(

Alison Reeves (2011-11-14 13:17:18)
Whoops - me too. I ordered the red Amazon purse, a purple A5 finchley and an interesting week to view vertical pocket diary with appointment times. Didn't want to be greedy and didn't need a lot. I've fancied an A5 purple finchley for some time now.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-14 13:18:41)
My postage was around 50krona. The total was 305 Krona which according to an online converter was around £28 - £29. So according to that the postage was very reasonable.

Femke (2011-11-14 13:19:45)
Think postage for me was around 50 krona too

Aventez (2011-11-14 13:45:07)
Whoosh off I went and ordered my mum's Christmas present and got something for myself with some of the money I've saved.

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-14 13:48:18)
So when is the US going to do a sale like this? That's what I want to know...
I guess I should go look at the sale just in case!

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-14 14:08:57)
I just clicked "order" on an imperial purple personal Finchley!! This is my first time ever ordering from a non-US site, I believe. My shipping was 100Kr, so about \$15-16 US I think. My total order is going to come to over \$30 US I think, but it's still half the price of the Finchley from the US site.

Tali (2011-11-14 14:11:13)
ahem* ordered *ahem* :o)
What WILL hubby say..... :oS

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-14 14:13:14)
Also, thank goodness for Google Translate. It made it possible for me to order!

Tonya (2011-11-14 14:57:25)
I just ordered the personal finchley in purple. My filofax family has grown from zero to 3 in a matter of months!

Tonya (2011-11-14 15:01:23)

@bluebonnetreads - I got the personal finchley too, and am also in the US. According to the conversion calculator the total price is just under \$30.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-14 15:04:32)

Oh well... I *wasn't* going to ... but then the A5 finchley in purple just beckoned me... I have a jade green one I use for work, but I'm going off the colour (I did love it but it now seems insipid..?)

And at that price...

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-14 15:07:01)

Oh and some side opening plastic pockets (not seen them in the UK).

Becca (2011-11-14 15:11:29)

How do you get the files delivered to the UK - am filling in the shipping information at the moment & there doesn't seem to be an option for England...

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-14 15:15:39)

@Becca

after filling in the zip code (post code) choose UK on the drop down menu underneath.

Becca (2011-11-14 15:18:19)

@Amanda from Paper, Pens and Ink - thanks for helping me, but there doesn't seem to be an option for UK. Does that mean I've registered wrongly on the Swedish website?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-14 15:23:13)

@Becca

Ooo. I didn't have to register at all... other than my email address which wasn't specifically UK. UK was in an odd place on the drop-down menu and I did have Google-translate on.

According to an online translate thingy, United Kingdom is

Förenade kungadom

if that helps???

Hope you get there soon!

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-11-14 15:35:12)

Sticks fingers in ears (imagine Golum in Lord of the Rings), rocks backward and forwards stating "I'm not listening" repeatedly.

Steve Morton (2011-11-14 15:36:43)

But you are reading.... HH..

Steve

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-14 15:46:10)

Becca - you managed to complete your order yet??

Ray Blake (2011-11-14 16:06:55)

Seemed like a good opportunity to buy my first A4 version.

LJ (2011-11-14 16:07:46)

See, I got some from there sale a few weeks ago, and now I'm looking again - must stop... but the A5 Finchley is sooo tempting (although I won't be allowed to use it as I have the personal in the same colour already...) and the slate personal domino... it's a good job I have banned myself from buying any pockets or minis...

LJ (2011-11-14 16:12:15)

So many sales and Filofaxes I'm getting confused - it was the Denmark one last time!!! I get so excited seeing bargain FFs that I get all confused :o)

Elisabeth (2011-11-14 16:15:03)

Hm. A purple A5 Finchley just "fell" into my basket...Imagine that...

Can't beat the price though. Paypal calculated it to 130 Norwegian Kroner(22-23USD)

fluffyferret (2011-11-14 17:07:48)

Thank you for the info :o)

The A5 Finchley seems popular so I hope I'm lucky this time.

Becca (2011-11-14 17:30:08)

@Amanda - yes I did thank you!! Finally figured it all out, the A5 Finchley is on its way (hopefully!).

Nia (2011-11-14 17:32:10)

I just ordered a small black Amazona purse, the black travel wallet and a red Domino A4 zip for uni next year. I very nearly bought yet another filofax but I know I won't use any other filo than my Personal Almond Amazona so I resisted :)

Virginia (2011-11-14 18:48:49)

I'm another one who bought an A5 purple finchley! Let's hope they don't cancel it as soon as they see I'm in Australia!!!

Butanben (2011-11-14 20:37:43)

I've been yearning for a Crimson pocket Malden, to try as a wallet.... but it's not there!!! Phew!!! Saves pennies. Any good as a wallet purse folks????? Anyone tried it for that use??? Have a pocket Urban for that at the mo, but a crimson Malden is my dream boat Filofax!!!

Sandra (2011-11-14 21:56:01)

Hope I get what I ordered! Love that Imperial Purple.

wswaterlily (2011-11-14 22:20:47)

I ordered a personal Finchley and an A5 Finchley, both in purple! They'll be my first Finchleys!(hopefully)

LJ (2011-11-15 03:42:58)

Resistance was futile!!! My friend and I have just ordered 10 items at the total price of 800SEK including delivery to Switzerland - bargain. I can't wait for them to arrive, and yes, I did succumb to the A5 Finchley :o)

Elisabeth (2011-11-15 05:15:43)

I see the A5 Finchley is gone from the site. I guess we cleared their stock. :-D

Alison Reeves (2011-11-15 06:54:07)

Yes, the A5 Finchley seems popular. Lets hope that their stock levels reflect on the site and that there are not a lot of disappointed people like with the German sale.

Deeji (2011-11-15 07:32:30)

I can't believe I nearly missed this!! Last night at around 00:20 I was browsing for xmas presents when I thought "ooo, I'll just have a look on philofaxy before bed!" I've been checking the site daily to see when the next 9euro sale arrived. I bolted to the swedish site and saw the beautiful imperial purple finchleys. I ordered 2 A5's - one for myself and one for a friend - and I resisted the personal one because I know my partner has already bought one for me for xmas.

I look this morning and they are gone. THANK YOU Steve for bringing us these amazing savings!! x

fluffyferret (2011-11-15 08:33:14)

Just had an email to say the A5 Finchley is out of stock :o(but they are sending the rest of my order - Personal Finchley :o)

Femke (2011-11-15 08:45:55)

I also got the out of stock email for the A5 finchley. I feel like a sad panda now. The rest will be send, though!

Becca (2011-11-15 08:52:21)

I've also had an email saying that I won't be receiving my Finchley as they are out of stock... Oh well!

fluffyferret (2011-11-15 08:52:24)

@Femke

I think you placed your order a while before me too. It looks like they ran out of A5 Finchley's very quickly.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-15 08:56:16)

Me too - I have cancelled the rest as well (some side-opening plastic pockets) as the P+P for just them is too much.

Boo!

I put my order in fairly early!

Boo!

Femke (2011-11-15 08:56:29)

@fluffyferret I thought I was quite fast with ordering, but sadly not fast enough. I was looking forward to another A5, but alas.

Deeji (2011-11-15 09:23:54)

What time did everyone order? Mine was around 00:15 last night. The times on the posts are wrong... I haven't had an email yet saying they aren't sending my order. I did only order 2 A5 finchleys... I'll be gutted if they don't arrive :(

Femke (2011-11-15 09:29:36)

Also got an email saying the personal Finchely was sold out as well :(

Femke (2011-11-15 09:34:54)

Deeji, I ordered at 6.30pm last night.

Deeji (2011-11-15 09:40:34)

:(:(I've emailed them. It can't hurt to send a begging letter I s'pose. I did only order those two, so they may be nice to me... maybe..

icclewu (2011-11-15 09:46:34)

I was first to comment on this post and had ordered before the post was put on. I have had the dreaded Email cancelling my A5 finchley. Very annoyed as my German finchley got cancelled too :(

Femke (2011-11-15 09:51:13)

Seems like the demand was higher than they expected. The other stuff I ordered it still on the website.

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-15 10:20:43)

On the regular Filofax site, the personal Finchley is now listed at its regular price, sans imperial purple...Hopefully if anyone ordered a color besides that they will still be getting it.

Joline van de Kuijt (2011-11-15 10:33:40)
Also just received an email cancelling my A5 finchley.....

katka (2011-11-15 12:49:41)
Of course they didn't expect so many orders. They are not aware of Philofaxy :o) Also they sent out the newsletter at 4 pm yesterday. I don't think they had so many of Finchleys on stock, so it was out within few hours.

Jotje (2011-11-15 13:09:01)
Awwww, I also ordered the A5 Finchley. And only this morning, so I expect the cancellation mail in the morning. Shame, since I also missed the rose A5 in Germany.
So, is Norway next? Or France?

LJ (2011-11-15 13:12:55)
I guess I'll be getting my email in the morning telling me that I haven't got the A5 Finchley after all...

globetrottingcacti (2011-11-15 14:00:25)
I am so behind on this one... doubt it is even worth me looking now! Must get on these offers as soon as they are released!

Femke (2011-11-15 16:10:14)
For those wanting a Finchley Purple, they are on sale on the filofax.co.uk website plus on the cityorganiser.co.uk website (CO being cheaper). But not as cheap as the Swedish offer!

Elisabeth (2011-11-16 06:17:32)
Just got the cancellation mail regarding the purple A5. Wasn't it the same thing when the German site held their sale? I wonder how many items of each they have on sale. 1?

Sweetspot (2011-11-16 08:39:12)
Recieved an email saying my order was shipped. Ordered Finchleys in a5 & personal. But seeing many here got cancelled, I'll believe it when I see it. If I'm indeed lucky enough to get them, I'd probably get 2 of the 3 that they had in stock. :-)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-16 09:01:24)
@Sweetspot
Hope they arrive safe and sound. When did you order?? You must have been first in that long, long queue!
Lucky old thing!
:-)

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-16 09:30:12)
Got my cancellation email. No Finchley for me.

Sweetspot (2011-11-16 10:10:27)
@Amanda,
I did learn the news before this post came up. But I don't think I was the very first in queue. Which makes me totally doubtful. For all I know I could get 2 Graphics in the mail by mistake. ;-) If i do get them, must be the filofax fairies smiling on me. We'll see. I'll post here when I get the package.

happy (2011-11-16 17:09:33)
Still waiting for a cancellation email....anyone else waiting

Deeji (2011-11-16 18:07:16)
I'm still waiting. Strange seeing as though I ordered a lot later than many people :/

Missus Aka (Christa) (2011-11-16 18:29:06)
im still waiting for an email cancellation or otherwise

happy (2011-11-16 18:41:07)

It is almost harder waiting to just find out. I would maybe have purchased a few different things on the website if I knew it would eventually get cancelled. But the items I wanted are gone now....so I will just keep waiting.

Sweetspot (2011-11-16 23:46:51)

For those who haven't heard anything, I'd say no news is good news. I received emails from them because I had to make a change in my order. A nice gentleman was kind enough to inform me that my order was revised and shipped.

Now let's sit tight and keep our fingers crossed. :)

happy (2011-11-17 00:25:08)
crossed*

Alison Reeves (2011-11-17 05:20:15)

Am I the first to get my order? It arrived this morning - pretty good considering I only ordered on Monday. I honestly can't remember what time I ordered - I posted in here that I ordered around lunchtime, but my confirmation is timed at early evening. So not sure why I have been lucky. I ordered one A5 Finchley (Purple), one Amazona purse and one insert. I wonder if they are favouring those who only ordered one binder to spread the offers around? Or perhaps I was just lucky and got one of the last ones. I must say the Finchley is really lovely and comes with a full set of inserts (albiet Swedish, but no problem as it's obvious what they are).

Deeji (2011-11-17 05:50:35)

@AlisonReeves - I'm soo glad you got your order through, I actually thought you cancelled it! I hope I get my finchley's, good to know they're efficient with postage... Bet it smells gorgeous!! :D

Steve Morton (2011-11-17 05:54:05)

So Alison will now be dancing around the kitchen with her new Finchley singing Abba songs and planning trips to Ikea and looking at changing her car to a Volvo or a Saab....

Deeji (2011-11-17 05:54:16)

Reads back* Nevermind, that was Amanda who cancelled x

Deeji (2011-11-17 06:00:57)

If they turn up one of mine will be a prezzi for a friend for xmas, did yours come in a gift box Alison like the ones from Germany? Or will I have to consider giving away one of mine? :(thanks x

Alison Reeves (2011-11-17 06:19:09)

@Steve :-) you know me so well!

@Deeji - it came in a lovely proper box (not a sleeve)and tissue paper so would make an outstanding present. (Although you would have to love someone a lot to part with it!). Mine is the A5, so not sure if the personal will come with a box or not.

I'm not sure if Filofax are consistent with boxes/sleeves though - I have an A5 Adelphi which came in a sleeve (from the conduit st shop) but I saw some personal Adelphi's in TK Maxx at the weekend which came in boxes! (Didn't purchase as I don't use that size).

Good luck everyone with your deliveries.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-17 06:25:14)

@Alison

sadly, just putting in an order for one filofax doesn't help... mine was cancelled and I had only ordered the purple

finchley in A5 and some plastic pockets.

Glad yours has arrived! And happy for everyone else who gets their order (but a bit peeved if they ordered after me!!)

Izzie (2011-11-17 08:07:42)

I just got my Filofax order from Sweden! I'm suprised how quick they arrived in Germany! I'm so happy my Finchley family grew :D

I'll hope anyone who hasn't a cancellation mail will receive a Finchley!!

Jotje (2011-11-17 08:55:52)

Well, I couldn't stand it any longer and called them (country code for Sweden is +46 - just sayin'). To my huuuuuuge surprise they told me I was "one of the lucky ones" who would receive the A5 Finchley, since they had shipped it yesterday. Huh? Although I'm absolutely thrilled (I did miss out on the German sale), I do feel guilty about the people who ordered way before me. I remember that it was the same in the German sale: someone who ordered later than me, still got their Finchley, and mine was cancelled.

I think it would be fairer if they processed orders as they receive them.

I paid with Paypal btw, don't know if that's a difference? Maybe PP payments arrive faster in their accounts?

Deeji (2011-11-17 09:03:22)

Slightly off topic but seeing as though we're talking about A5's on here - does anyone know whether cotton cream diaries for the A5 exist? I can't find them anywhere which is a shame...

Congrats Jotje, did you order more than one item? I wish I knew if mine was going to arrive. I have no dispatch email or cancellation but the money has still gone from my account... :/ x

Missus Aka (Christa) (2011-11-17 09:25:20)

HAPPY DAYS just called filofax sweden as i didnt receive a cancellation email or a dispatch email, apparently i got everything i ordered and has been sent to me already, i would recommend calling for anyone that is waiting to hear it literally takes 1 min phone number is 00 46 1920 59 20 from the uk just quote your order number

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-17 09:33:51)

Okay... I am officially miffed...

I ordered just one filofax, I paid with PayPal and I ordered fairly early.

:-(

Happy for everyone who is getting their order fulfilled, just miffed I am not a 'lucky one'.

Deeji (2011-11-17 09:51:34)

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LJ (2011-11-17 14:55:44)

Still waiting to find out - may have to call them tomorrow. Fingers crossed for the Finchleys... looks like the Graphic, Dominos, Hearts should all be OK as they are still available on the site even now, so fingers crossed for the purses as well...

happy (2011-11-17 17:27:31)

I am still waiting too LJ, but I am more hopeful after hearing that others also didn't receive a dispatch email and still got their order.

wswaterlily (2011-11-17 17:31:24)

I'm still waiting too.....I'm in the US so it does take longer time to process the order than in the Europe. Is there anyone in the US who has gotten any information from the website?

happy (2011-11-17 18:11:37)

I'm in the U.S. I can't seem to find where to put in the order number on their website. So hard in a different language.

Sweetspot (2011-11-17 18:14:01)

I'm in US as well. I know this would take longer, my German sale faxes (re-routed by a friend) took about a week to get to NYC. I was informed that my order was shipped 2 days ago. So I'm not too worried about the waiting time.

Kasia (2011-11-17 19:25:31)

@bluebonnetreads OHHH! I ordered the purple Fichley from the States too, and it was also my first time venturing internationally, but then, 3 days later I received a letter from Filofax Sweden saying they refunding all my \$30 because it's sold out... I'm crushed... Filofax USA does not have a good bargains at all and selection is not all that great either... :-(

happy (2011-11-17 20:53:21)

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LJ (2011-11-18 02:52:37)

No Finchleys or Amazona purses :o(But everything else is on its way :-)

katka (2011-11-18 07:55:02)

My Finchley Mini arrived this morning :o)

wswaterlily (2011-11-18 09:11:22)

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wswaterlily (2011-11-18 09:16:38)

I sent an email to them and got the reply that my order was shipped on Tues!!!! My first email with ff Sweden is a short confirmation email soon after placing the order. And in my bank account, it shows 'pending' for several days. I don't know if this is the case for other people who are still waiting. If yes, then like @Sweetspot said, no news is good news.

happy (2011-11-18 09:52:27)

I paid with credit card and the charge still hasn't appeared. I sent an email to them to see but haven't heard back. I did get the short confirmation email also. Glad you are getting yours!

happy (2011-11-18 10:22:23)

@LJ did you get a confirmation email listing the finchley's? Also, did you have to call or email them to find out you didn't get your finchleys?

LJ (2011-11-20 00:55:49)

@ Happy - I called them on Thursday. Very helpful, but a bit disappointing. I'm just glad I had ordered other things as well so I still have those to look forward to :-)

Deeji (2011-11-20 06:20:02)

No post on Sunday's :(

Tracy Reinhardt (2011-11-21 07:46:59)

I rec'd a confirmation for the A5 finchley (and the amt was debited from my acct) but nothing after - I emailed yesterday using the order@filofax.se email and got an email back saying it was sent out on the 15th.

Can't wait... Wonder how long it takes mail from sweden to get to the US?

Tracy

Sweetspot (2011-11-22 17:21:48)

I received my package from Sweden TODAY !

Both Finchleys are sooo beautiful. I honestly didn't know if I'd like them until I hold them in my hands.

I missed German 9 euro Finchley rose, but I think the purple is better. And their inserts are different than US, very simple, practical and cool. I'll put some pics up in flickrs soon.

I'm NYC btw, for those in US who are still waiting for your package. I guess it's any day now.

Sweetspot (2011-11-22 17:21:59)

This post has been removed by the author.

happy (2011-11-22 20:05:32)

Yay! How lucky are you! I live in Utah, so it will take a bit longer for me. Yet I am not sure if I will get them or not. No charge on my credit card yet? So I am not sure if I will be getting it. I will post if I ever do (or don't). Glad to hear they are beautiful though! Plus, I don't think Germany sent out to the States, so it is kind of fun that the U.S. was able to participate in this sale! Please post pictures. I would like to see the inserts.

Sweetspot (2011-11-22 22:08:30)

@Happy

Have you emailed them an inquiry about your order? order@filofax.se (I think, please double check.) They most likely will reply the next day, with excellent English! It will take the suspense away at least.

The inserts are cool, especially in the A5. Black (!) plastic like dividers. And I got July 2011 up to Jan 2013 diary! WO2P with lines and time bar. Much more useful than the column ones in the US books. Will take pics of them tomorrow and upload to flickr.

happy (2011-11-28 14:49:18)

I know everyone has moved on, but I thought I would mention that I got my Finchleys today. Thanks for the help everyone. I enjoy this website.

Free For All Tuesday No. 41 (2011-11-15 00:00)



[1]

So today I will be travelling back to UK for about 10 days. But that shouldn't stop you from asking any Filofax related questions.

And before you all ask... no I don't know when Filofax are going to have another of their 90 year sales in UK or the US.!!

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

Patricia (2011-11-15 04:28:11)

I have bought a pocket Ranger filo on ebay. I didn't think it was leather, but some of the other Rangers there claim to be leather. Can anyone clarify? (Does it just look so good everyone thinks it is leather?)

Patricia (2011-11-15 04:29:07)

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Miss_Oakden (2011-11-15 05:01:44)

Can you tell me why my favourite ballpoint waterman pen brought especially for my filofax wont work on my new 2012 diary (keeps on stopping mid letter) however works perfectly fine on every other filofax paper?

LJ (2011-11-15 07:24:07)

Hi - I intend to make some dividers to go in my filofaxes, but don't know what weight or card/paper is best. I found some lovely patterned card (280gsm) on Ebay, but it is way too thick really. I would like something that would be OK to use as a normal divider, and something that would be good to use to make dividers with storage pockets. Is there anyone out there who can advise? I have seen some fabulous scrapbooking paper & cardstock, but there is nowhere near me to be able to see it in the flesh and feel it...

Butanben (2011-11-15 08:34:18)

@LJ- Wilkinsons sometimes have some lovely floral card and sparkly card in A4 which is good value. Also Staples have Avery Sticky tabs in a variety of types and sizes. I've used these for years and they never fall off..... they stay stuck on well.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-15 09:47:55)

I saw a red Ascot on ebay last night http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Vintage-Filofax-Ascot-Burgundy-Calf-Leather-7-8-rings-/180755802044?pt=UK_BOI_Office_Office_Supplies_Stationery_ET&hash=item2a15e2a7bc#ht_500wt_1287

it's so gorgeous!! it has seduced me, but I didn't want to pay the buy-it-now price and I knew it could become a bidding war. ever since I bought my A5 amazona I have fallen in love with crocodile effect leather! then I remembered the amazona was in the Filofax shop sale, and phoned Neal street hoping that they still had a red personal amazona that I could buy at the meet-up on Saturday! the lovely lady on the phone (I don't know who it was, but she was French I think) checked the stock and there had none in the Neal street shop, but there are some in the Conduit street shop! they are half price, only £45!! I asked if it could be taken over to the Neal street shop for me to buy on Saturday but she said it wouldn't get there on time. then I remembered my mum is in London this week, she is shopping on Oxford street today, so I asked her very nicely if she would go to Conduit street and buy me it for Christmas! she said yes and she will be heading over there soon!! I'm so happy, I can't wait!! also, I hope she kind of understands why I love filofaxes so much after she has gone to the shop :)

Scoot (2011-11-15 10:01:17)

LJ,

Thinner card, such as 160gsm, is more than enough for fax dividers (I think this is what Filofax use!). If you were to put a protective plastic film over your tabs, extending onto the main part of the divider (to make it more professional like shop bought dividers) then you could easily get away with 100 gsm paper because the lamination makes it strong enough to be tear-proof. Magazine pages/pictures are a great basis for a divider, though they need to be covered in clear sticky film to strengthen and therefore prevent tearing near the tabs or holes.

Clear plastic binder covers, as used in offices to protect the front sheet of a report, are both thin and tough which makes them ideal for fax dividers.

I find that using really thick card, like 280gsm, just takes up too much space in the fax ... an important factor when you will no doubt have lots of dividers.

Printing your favourite artworks or photos onto each side of a piece of photo-card will, if you're anything like me, keep you occupied for hours creating dividers you will never use and cause you to use up lots of printer ink.

CatB (2011-11-15 10:32:37)

Well Sweden just emailed me and their put of stock of Finchley A5 purple :(I ordered at 9.30pm so anyone who is lucky and changes their mind please think of me. Cat

John (2011-11-15 11:43:39)

Miss Oakden - that's a stumper if it works fine on any other paper. I would first just buy another refill and try again with the same pen. I use a Waterman ballpoint (fine blue refill) in my own calendar and have never had a problem.

I have had suspect refills from Parker and Lamy that would dry out inexplicably literally right out of the packaging. In the latter case, two in a row led me to call Lamy customer service here in the US. Upon hearing my complaint, they sent me two new refills, gratis.

Vanjilla (2011-11-15 11:59:52)

@TPS - I love it when things like these happen! :)

Because I, too, tend to have James Bond ways of acquiring my Filofaxes, well, in my case usually at least the whole northern half of hemisphere is involved! :)

I got my personal Almond Amazona in pretty similar way, maybe she and yours were sitting next to each other on the shelf, lol!

I know you will love yours, Amazonas are simply gorgeous! And don't forget to enjoy it and do a post on it real soon! :)

Vanjilla (2011-11-15 12:00:08)

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The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-15 12:13:12)

thanks Vanjilla, unfortunately I won't be able to get my hands on it until Christmas!!

tdashna (2011-11-15 12:54:11)

Does the oiled leather of the Filofax Hamilton need any special care? Can I use the Vitality leather cleaner/wipes I use on the other leather planners? The surface of the Hamilton is different so not sure if I should be doing something different. I read about just "rubbing out scratches and stain with a moist finger or cloth" but what about regular maintenance? Thanks.

LJ (2011-11-15 13:23:09)

@ Butanben - thanks, I will definitely check out Wilkinsons next time I am in the UK, will definitely be over again in March if not sooner.

@ Scoot - I will look out for some double sided patterned card in 160gsm, mission in progress... I need to find a decent stationery and craft supplier over here so that at least I will know what I am ordering when I go on-line. And as if any Filofax lover would be so obsessive that they would print lots of photos/pics to make dividers that would never be used (mainly because there are only so many dividers you can put in your FFs) ;-) Clearly you know me too well :oD

Ooh - now I'm thinking of having a filo in each size just to house funky dividers...

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-15 13:33:46)

I phoned my mum this afternoon, she had been in the Conduit street shop for a couple of minutes. Evidently all she had done was ask for my specific filofax because she was already paying, I don't think she even looked around! I said "isn't the shop lovely" and she said "yes, lovely", completely straight, I can't tell if she was being sarcastic or not! then I said "don't you just want to smell all the lovely leather?" and she said "no, I've got lipstick on!". I don't think she understands!! I was joking around with her, asking her if she likes the filofax and she said she hadn't even looked at it, I said "well, does it come in a slidey box or a proper box with a lid" (not really expecting an answer) and she actually asked the person at the till! I don't think I've converted her yet! (it comes with a proper box, by the way!)

Tim (2011-11-15 13:59:11)

Hi Patrica - Just spotted that your question hasn't yet been answered.

The Ranger was indeed plastic and not leather. "Rugged and multi-functional leather look design" was how it was advertised by Filofax. The personal retailed in the UK at £30 (in 2005).

You're right to be wary of leather (and other) claims on eBay. Very often the seller is not the person who ever used the organiser and has little or no idea of the product they are trying to sell.

Tim

Scoot (2011-11-15 14:07:09)

LJ, you will find your card (and waste a lot of time and money) at Zumstein office and Art Shop on Rennweg (off Bahnhofstrasse, toward Limmat) also Jutta Hofmann on Neumarkt near the University. I am also an accountant and it is from those places that I see too many expense receipts from certain persons who seem to like spending a lot on stationery that they can't possibly need.

I can understand the addiction because I think it was at the former that I once bought a lifetime's supply of cute A7 correspondence cards with matching tissue lined envelopes...of a style and quality that I have never seen in the UK. I still have those cards and envelopes stuffed everywhere from faxes to car glove compartments, they are so very handy.

In the 1990's I seem to remember there was a Fax manufacturer in Switzerland, with their own inserts, do you know if they still exist? I am sure they had an outlet near Teuscher's original chocolate shop (between Bahnhofstrasse and Limmat). Can't remember their name, but I am sure it was something nondescript like BOD or BND?

LJ (2011-11-15 14:45:44)

@ Scoot - I may have to check out Zumstein, if only to look and drool, hopefully I will manage to persuade myself to wait and buy from somewhere else.

I'll have to take a look and see if I can find the Swiss fax manufacturer. I haven't noticed them, the only ones I have seen over here apart from the genuine Filofax (at extortionate prices), are the ones made for Manor under their own Maddison label, which leave a lot to be desired - they feel cheap and nasty and don't look particularly impressive either.

Patricia (2011-11-15 15:25:19)

Thanks Tim

Tim (2011-11-15 15:45:38)

Patricia - just double-checked - the POCKET was indeed £30 (Personal £35). So, you've had a bargain! Just looking at eBay completed listings though - some of these selling folk should be up before Trading Standards with their "Genuine Real Leather" claims! Enjoy your Ranger! Tim

Miss_Oakden (2011-11-15 16:03:41)

@John I've tried 3 different refills all waterman fine black roller ball. None of them work properly but only on the diary inserts any other Filofax paper is fine. Wonder if it's waterman or Filofax? Who would you contact???

On a different note my butterfly personal Filofax has a clip closure, underneath the strap itself (between strap and filo) are some initials mine say JFU anyone know what this means and if they have something different on each one.

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-15 16:48:19)

What does everyone use their filofax's for? I've got an A5 siena without a use at the moment (I did have the personal size but decided I wanted at least one A5 filofax), a personal grey malden that's my uni/every day planner, an apex (which I won) that I'm planning to make into a health binder, and I bought a crimson malden today (because filofax's have 20 % off in paperchase) but I don't have a use for that either.

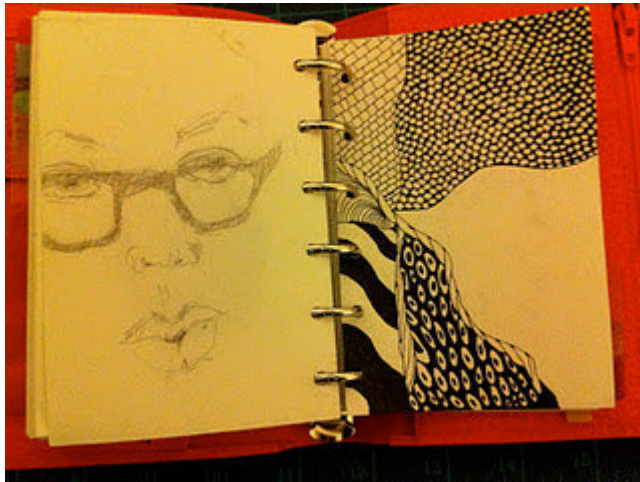
Really stuck about what to do, I love the siena in a5 size but it looks so wasted and it was a lot of money, then the crimson malden is too beautiful not to have a use either so I'm struggling. I probably should return them if they don't have a use but I love them both so much. I'm tempted to change the crimson malden to a5 size and change the siena back to personal.

Help!

John (2011-11-15 18:21:43)

Miss Oakden, Roller ball refills and gel inks are a whole different story - I haven't used one in years precisely because I dislike just the inconsistency you describe. For me, however, this happens on all kinds of paper. Those refills don't reward upright pen positioning or small handwriting, in my experience.

Sketchbook Filofax - Reader Question (2011-11-16 00:00)



[1]

One of our readers 'SNARLing' wrote in asking who else uses their Filofax as a combine Filofax and Sketchbook?

I think this is quite a nice idea if you are a creative sort of person. You could choose some suitable paper, or an artists pad that would tuck in to the notepad slot in the back of some Filofax organisers eg Malden, Apex, A5 Finsbury etc and if you had an hour to kill in your day and you suddenly came upon a sketch worthy scene you could sit down and get creative.

To me this is similar in a way my mantra of 'always carry a camera' even if it's just a point and shoot camera.

You can see more of SNARLing Filofax doodles on her [2]Flickr Page.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-OS0YQp2yRbg/TsF8xhU3TxI/AAAAAAAAJzY/1ka_P99DZZk/s1600/6337590398_6beff0497b_b.jpg
2. <http://www.flickr.com/photos/aliceklar/sets/72157627985828139/>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-16 13:34:10)

I thought of doing that! It would be so easy, just cut some sketchbook paper into filofax size (mine would be personal), punch it, and then start drawing! I want to get better at drawing, but I think I'll start off by doodling- I want to make my planner pages look pretty in my filo!

Lots of people say Moleskines are good for sketchbooks- but a filofax would be even better I think! You could have a planner/lists/sketch book combo!

Gerard (2011-11-16 14:35:48)

Hi SNARLing,

I keep some blank sheets in the filo for quick thumbnail sketches, but I find it very cramped in Personal size, even using a Yard-O-Led pencil.

As an architect, my preferred media are the afore-mentioned pencil, but also a Pentel Sign Pen (GREY) on a Tervakoski Detail Paper Roll 297mm x 100m.

This yoke.....

http://www.londongraphics.co.uk/products/Graphic-Supplies/Board-Card-Paper-Film/Trace-Detail-Paper/Tervakoski-Detail-Paper-Rolls/RSTV1_2_Tervakoski-Detail-Paper-Roll-297mm-x-100m

However, your observational sketches look amazing and are on a different plane altogether. You've got a deft

touch with pen and ink- I'm more than a bit envious - and you really must continue
Regards, Gerard

MsPencil (2011-11-16 16:11:53)
@ Snarling, Your sketches are beautiful.

Cat Cook (2011-11-16 17:38:03)
I do this too! At the moment I just use a section, but I want to dedicate a whole filofax to it using lots of different media paper - here's my ideas on a post I wrote earlier this year <http://www.cathryncook.co.uk/blog/2011/0-2/filofax-as-a-sketchbook/>
Love your sketches Snarling!!

SNARLing: (2011-11-22 18:03:13)
thanks for posting steve - sorry i'm so behind - i've gone back to school and boy, i don't remember spending THIS much time on homework and projects and stuff...
tps - doodling is a great start. right now (well until recently) all i've been doind is doodling - trying to experiement with different line in the free 2 or 3 minutes i have each time i think about it. the pocket slimline topaz was better for that for me since it's so small (the size of a small moleskine - but even better since i can customize!) but i have such a problem with having mire than 1 book.. so allowing myself small spaces in my week or day to doodle is great. i love the recent's guest poster on plannerisms - Avrum's Action Journal - <http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/11/update-avruns-new-system.html>
awesome!
thanks gerard and mspencil for your support. i asked steve to post something since when i was first getting back into filofax i kept looking for sketches in filofax - and i found your cat! great - you most blog more although i should talk,, i'll try and be better about it!!! i am very thankful to have this community - happy thanksgiving guys

Home Computer Setup Details (2011-11-17 00:00)

I recently had to set up a new computer for my wife Alison. Whilst the set up of the iMac was fairly easy to do, I needed access to all the various usernames and passwords to set up email accounts and log-ins for our main websites and blogs.

Unfortunately her old PC had died a few weeks before, we had back ups of all the data files, but all the email address details etc were on bits of paper and in my head!

So I decided to solve this problem with some pages in my A5 Filofax, and below are the results of a mornings work.

Home Network Settings

Broadband Modem

Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

Mac Address: _____

Administration: _____

WAN IP Address: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Router/Wireless Access Point

Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

Factory Default Admin IP Address: _____

Factory Default User Name: _____

Factory Default Password: _____

User Defined Admin URL/IP Address: _____

User Defined User Name: _____

User Defined Password: _____

WAN Settings

MAC Address: _____

IP Address: _____

Host Name: _____

Domain Name: _____

Subnet Mask: _____

Default Gateway: _____

DNS Primary: _____

DNS Secondary: _____

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Home Network Settings

LAN Settings

IP Address: _____

Subnet Mask: _____

DHCP Range: _____

Wireless Settings

SSID: (Wireless network name) _____

Channel: _____

Security Mode: _____

Shared Key: _____

Passphrase: _____

Internet Service Provider Name: _____

Account Number: _____

Tech Support: _____

Customer Service: _____

Email (Personal)

Mail Server Type: _____

Incoming Server: (POP/IMAP) _____

Outgoing Server: (SMTP) _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Email (Work)

Mail Server Type: _____

Incoming Server: (POP/IMAP) _____

Outgoing Server: (SMTP) _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

[2]

Whilst you might not understand all the terminology, don't worry about that because if you are giving these details to a technician or servicing person, they will be very pleased with the level of detail you have recorded on these sheets and it will be quicker for them to set up your new machine or to fix a problem. Or ask them to fill in the details for you, so you have a separate record of the settings. I also have a sheet for recording log-ins for various websites... and remember to change your passwords every so often and to use a mix of characters.



[3]

You can download these sheets from our [4]Files Page:

- Home Network Record (A5)- [5].doc [6].pdf
- Internet Site Info (A5) - [7].doc [8].docx [9].pdf

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-LVHSfz5k11E/Tr7itd49-9I/AAAAAAAAJzI/1q_i5xjQYBQ/s1600/homenet1.jpg
2. <http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-hKVwrcTmzyU/Tr7iuCPV2LI/AAAAAAAAJzQ/BzRuz9LgYwg/s1600/homenet2.jpg>
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Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-11-17 01:50:06)
Great idea, thank you for the templates Steve

Tommes (2011-11-17 03:36:52)
Hi Steve,
this is an awesome template! But you better do not loose the filled-in page... ;-)
Thomas

Alison Reeves (2011-11-17 04:38:56)
Thanks Steve - really useful!

gdigesu (2011-11-17 06:30:14)
Filofax Facts is on its way to my desk top. A Friend is seeing that it happens. Fantastic, is it not?

Scoot (2011-11-17 07:47:29)

Because webs sites often require 2 passwords, even a security key, my pages have 4 lines for each set of details; and as pointed out, space is required for password changes. My fax “code” pages are therefore basically just contact address sheets without all the name, address, tel number titles.

However, a general problem about passwords, emphasised by the fact that many passwords will be written down on paper that can be easily “lost” or seen by wandering eyes, I never write down the actual password but instead note down which of 3 standard passwords will form the basis of a particular website’s password and then give a clue as to extra character(s) to make a unique password that only I would be able to calculate from the clue. Unless someone were to know my 3 standard passwords, even from reading my fax page they would not know what any password is.

Simplistic example: If the first of my never written down standard passwords was “Anthony” I might use the password “AnthonyB” for a particular website registration, recording this in the fax as “1st main password; with addition of 1st letter from surname of man who started unnecessary wars”. (B is of course for Bismarck, who can’t be libelled, but how many thought it stood for a certain “flying Scotsman”!).

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-17 12:39:59)

Are you planning to make any medical pages in the near future? I’d like to set up a medical notes filofax but I’m not sure how to make pages.

MsPencil (2011-11-17 14:27:44)

Outstanding!

Steve Morton (2011-11-17 15:39:25)

@lostwithoutyou That sounds a great idea. If you can email me the details of what you need on the page, I can create the pages and make them available on our files page.

I will do them in A5 and Personal size as well.

Please email the details to philofaxy at gmail dot com

Thanks

Steve

Butanben (2011-11-17 18:57:35)

@ Lost Without You, there are some medical pages on DIY planner and Vertex 42 sites. Diabetes trackers, blood pressure tracker etc. May not apply to your needs though, but thought I’d mention them. You may be able to adapt some of the charts to your needs.

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-18 10:31:37)

Thanks Steve and ButanBen, I’ll get some ideas down on paper and email you this evening Steve.

Filofax Sale at Debenhams... and an offer from Rymans (2011-11-17 09:08)

Yes it’s Sale time again folks... this time at the UK department store Debenhams. They have 20 % off a range of quality Filofax Organisers. So let’s see if you can clear their stock of these organisers !!!

And [1]the link is here....

Good luck.

Also Rymans are offering Philofaxy readers a discount as well.

Click on the link to [2]Rymans and the code is NV5OFF50 and it gives Philofaxy customers £5 off orders over £50. The code is valid until 30th November.

Purchases from Ryman using the above link will add to our charity donation total. Thank you for your support.

1. [http://www.debenhams.com/home-furniture/filofax?CMP=KNC-GoogleAd-Brands&tmcampid=23&tmad=c&_ja=kw:filofax%7Ccgn:Filofax%7Ccgid:2159005037%7Ctsid:20490%7Ccgn:Home+-+Brands%7Ccrid:58183037%7Clid:](http://www.debenhams.com/home-furniture/filofax?CMP=KNC-GoogleAd-Brands&tmcampid=23&tmad=c&_$ja=kw:filofax%7Ccgn:Filofax%7Ccgid:2159005037%7Ctsid:20490%7Ccgn:Home+-+Brands%7Ccrid:58183037%7Clid:)

Ally (2011-11-17 10:06:30)

Yey for discount's!

Also in the UK WHSmiths are having a 20 % off on Filofax's in store and Paperchase online (paperchase.co.uk) are having a Filofax sale too!

Tim (2011-11-17 12:59:12)

I'm reliably told that the cost of a typical leather, filled organiser - boxed "as imported" is around £5-£7.

Now, of course, there is all the Filofax overheads to add - HQ offices, distribution, sales team, designers, marketing, VAT, returned items, retailer/stockist profit (where not sold directly) etc. etc. to add on top. But that still leaves a LOT of headroom for discounting a product that typically retails at £100!

Alison Reeves (2011-11-17 13:11:49)

@ Scoot - I guess a lot depends on whether you have a specific filofax in mind and if it is available at a discount. Some people will happily buy it as and when they want it at the full price if a discount isn't available.

As far as I am aware there are not too many 9 euro sales - there have been two so far Germany and Sweden, but that doesn't mean they will do it elsewhere (hopefully they will). Also the stock has been limited so not all styles/colours are available and it seems like there is a limited stock of those that are in the sale (hence many disappointed people who ordered).

There are a lot of expensive Filofaxes on ebay as well - you really have to keep your eyes peeled for a bargain these days!

Steve Morton (2011-11-17 16:56:15)

With respect Scoot, the sales we have been seeing in Germany, Denmark and now Sweden are one off's to celebrate the companies 90th birthday.

And you only have to look at the number of people in the comments and on Twitter who have not had their order accepted to realise that the number of products available at the low price is very limited.

With our large audience who can react very quickly to any of these announcements we are overloading their ordering systems every time.

Within 24 hours or less, they have sold all the popular high value models every time.

So that is why I keep posting about other offers. OK they might not be so spectacular, but if I was only going to post ones where there is a 90 % or more discount you won't get to hear about any of the offers.

There might be people who like the Cuban and to get 20 % off the price is quite a reasonable deal.

Regards

Steve

Gerard (2011-11-17 18:00:56)

Thanks for the heads-up Steve. I don't see why your helpful and informative post should attract moany comments, but there you go.

Butanben (2011-11-17 18:46:39)

Hurrah for discounts!!! TK Maxx and Home Sense have a lot of discounted filos at the mo, in the run up to Christmas, at 50 % off RRP. Was tempted by a pocket Strata, but didn't buy in the end. Loved the magnetic catch. Filofax should do more magnetic catches. So sleek and chic!!!!

Anita (2011-11-18 02:27:16)

Thanks for your info, Steve, helpful as always (even if I'm trying not to buy more) :) I've always got mine in sales or on eBay, but could also understand some one wanting a specific model & paying full price.

@Butanben - I also love the magnetic catch on my A4 Strata & agree it's a sleek filo.

Yay for the meet up tomorrow!

Vanjilla (2011-11-18 05:10:26)

Thank you, Steve, from me, too, if it wasn't for your alerts, I'd miss out on some great opportunities for completing my Filofax collection!

And on the other hand, we always pay way more than their value for things that are even more vital... so why rant about Filofaxes, which are a bit of a spoil anyway? ;)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-18 08:15:37)

Three cheers for Steve and his 'enabling alerts'!

The 9 euro/90kroner things are not likely to come round frequently (since they are celebrating 90 years of filofax) - though maybe in another decade we'll have a number of sales for 10 euro/100 kroner??

I always like to hear about any of the sales, even though I don't really *need* another filofax. And no, I've never bought a filofax at full price, but *that's because fabulous people like Steve tell me about the sales!!*

:-)

Minnie (2011-11-18 13:44:33)

I am always on the look out for these sales even though I don't need another one but you know, just in case ;) I can't wait to see if the UK website will as well! either way I don't mind spending full price on some too if it's one I really want as vanjilla said to spoil myself (or someone special) keep them coming and Thanx!! :)

Free for All Friday No. 157 (2011-11-18 00:01)

Now is the time of year when I start to use my Filofax for holiday planning. In the U.S., the next big holiday is Thanksgiving, which is next Thursday. I'm using my Filofax to plan cooking and shopping.

I also like to list Christmas presents, given and received each year, so I don't duplicate myself!

I don't decorate my Filofax much, but I imagine some of you dress yours up for whatever holidays you celebrate!

Feel free to talk about the holidays or whatever other Filofax topics are on your mind.

printaddict (2011-11-18 03:39:14)

The crimson Malden I ordered in the UK store is already three days overdue :-/ It's supposed to take 7 workdays and now is day 10. Can't stand the wait! Seriously, Germany isn't THAT far away, is it?

But back to the provided topic. Since the filo is my GTD tool, I've got the Christmas project support list in it where I most likely brainstorm gift ideas and note interesting dessert recipes. That's all, because I don't have other Christmas responsibilities. Everything I have to do (presents to buy, train to book, phone calls to make ...) goes into the Next Action or On the Go section.

michele (2011-11-18 04:37:35)

Good morning all!

@Nan, so sorry to have missed the last NY meet up - work and my son's college applications got the best of me. For Christmas planning, I placed two note sheets in Financial section - since I go in that section several times a day it made the most sense to put the sheets there. One is labeled Christmas gifts that I keep everyone's wish list on and the 2nd is labeled gifts to bring to England/stuff to bring home from England -our annual celebration (Dec 8-12) List doesn't change there so I can copy that every year! ;-) 2 bins of Jelly Belly's from Cotsco, Hicking Boots for nephew, etc. Stuff to bring back: All types of Cadbury chocolates - yorkies, fudgies, double deckers, penquins, etc.

girlinmaths (2011-11-18 05:37:27)

I would like to ask a question this week. I have a lovely purple finchley, but even though I have only used it for a short time it has some scratches. And by that I don't mean that the leather is damaged or slit, but that the colour is scratched of somehow, mostly on the clasp. Is there a way to prevent this and to remedy it if it happens?

Do all finchleys have it?

Alison Reeves (2011-11-18 07:55:20)

I tend to do my present list on an excel sheet that I keep from year to year, but I can print it out to keep in my home filofax to write on.

I also keep food planning in my home filo.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-18 07:57:24)

@girlinmaths - I have a rose Finchley which I use for a home binder which means it is often kicking around in the kitchen and I haven't had this problem at all. Could you use some leather cream? I suppose it may depend on how the colour is applied to the leather, and of course the purple is a lot stronger colour. Hopefully Steve will jump in with some ideas as I believe he has renovated some binders - he may be travelling at the moment.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-18 08:30:18)

@girlinmaths

I have a red finchley and a jade one and neither has this problem... maybe you should contact filofax and see if you can get a replacement?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-18 08:35:24)

For those happy(ish) to pay half-price for the purple A5 finchley, amazon.co.uk has them for £60.95 (+ P+P).

I know it's not 90 kroner... but, it's a little better than £81.25 on filofax site

Steve Morton (2011-11-18 08:45:41)

Hi

Sorry for the delay in responding.

Any coloured Filofax other than say black will possibly show damage/wear and tear to the colour of the leather coating. Whilst the leather is coloured with a dye of some kind. The surface treatment is different and therefore it can suffer from scratches etc.

In the case of black, then a gentle application of wax shoe polish can help restore the appearance, which is what I did to my wife's old Filofax. But the coloured ones might not be so easy to colour match.

However, if you can find the right colour wax or shoe dye then you might be able to disguise the scratches, but you would need to apply the colour with a small brush or similar. Once you are happy with the colour then treat the whole binder with some form of leather care cream to help waterproof the leather.

For routine care I generally use a leather care cream, it's a neutral colour so it tends not to show on the leather.

Hope that helps

Regards

Steve

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-18 10:30:58)

Can anyone give me some more uses for filofax's? My boyfriend is allowing me one more providing I can give him a good enough reason to buy it!

I currently have:

A5 Siena - Health Filofax

Grey Malden - Uni/everyday diary

Crimson Malden - No use as of yet but as long as I can find a use, I'm allowed a spare which will be an ochre Malden (I love the malden if you hadn't already guessed!!!)

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-18 10:37:24)

Also, quick question:

I purchased my crimson malden this week but there appears to be black marks within the leather. I exchanged it for another malden (bought from paperchase) but this one seems to have the same problem, although not to the same extent. It was difficult to see the marks in paperchase because of the lighting.

The assistant said it may just be the leather so I was wondering if anyone else has noticed this?

A (2011-11-18 11:56:24)

Right now, I'm having a hard time even wanting to use my filofax - I have a personal Domino, but in January, I'm getting an A5 Classic! So exciting! So I'm spending all my time planning for my A5 than actually using my personal! -_-

happy (2011-11-18 12:02:34)

I have a question for those that own a malden, especially an ochre malden. I have been looking at people's collections of planners, and many that own the ochre malden have them in their sleeves, while the other planners are just resting against each other unprotected. Do maldens scratch easily? and you have to be extremely careful? or is this just because people love them?

fluffyferret (2011-11-18 12:44:17)

@happy I haven't had any problems with my crimson Malden. It has been in my handbag for a while now without a mark unlike my Domino that was scratched after the first day.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-18 12:45:39)

What is the slimmest A5 version? Does Was it the Adelphi or has there been a slimmer one?

fluffyferret (2011-11-18 12:48:08)

@Lostwithoutyou I can't see any dark marks in the leather of my crimson Malden but I'll check tomorrow in daylight.

J (2011-11-18 13:01:05)

@Lostwithoutyou- I've also noticed a few dark 'spots' but I have to look really hard to see them! They bugged me for about 5 minutes on the first day I noticed, but I could care less ever since. Then again, I can't wait for my Malden to have the 20-year-old-beat-up-and-loved look :)

Sydney (2011-11-18 16:11:49)

@printaddict, I ordered a crimson Malden from the UK store recently. Mine took a little longer than expected- they said they were waiting for stock. I have mine now so hopefully yours will be with you soon.

I adore mine with a scary obsession I hoped my family would never notice. Unfortunately my daughter said to me last night 'Why have I never seen your filofax without you?'

oh and @Lostwithout you, my malden doesn't seem to have any black marks.

printaddict (2011-11-18 16:56:57)

Sir Malden has arrived just a few hours after my comment. :-)) And he is gorgeous! So many pockets <3 And a jot pad slot! It has everything I missed in my Piazza.

I'm not sure what you identified as black spots ... the leather is darker down inside the structure (don't know how to describe it better), but I suppose that belongs to the vintage look. At least it doesn't bother me.

Sandra (2011-11-18 22:51:10)

I think those black spots have something to do with the buffalo leather. I still love my crimson personal, though, regardless!

More Sales (2011-11-18 12:44)

Looking around on the net today I noticed that [1]Paperchase have a sale on at the moment on Filofax organisers. 20 % off certain ones and free delivery on orders over £30.

People are always reporting bargains in TK Max in UK but they don't seem to be on their [2]website. So check out your nearest store for those.

Also [3]WH Smiths in UK still have their up to 50 % off Filofax goods listed on their site.

Filofax UK still have their 50 % off '[4]Last Chance To Buy' sale. There is also some items at 25 % off [5]Special Offers sale. We mustn't forget 35 % off [6]Imperial Purple Finchley Organisers Happy hunting..



1. <http://www.paperchase.co.uk/stationery/organisers-+amp-filofax/icat/sorganisersandfilofax/>
2. <http://www.tkmaxx.com/>
3. <http://tidd.ly/be7dfe5e>
4. <http://tidd.ly/d29a647e>
5. <http://tidd.ly/ac6157b4>
6. <http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/specials.asp?OID=223>
7. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=276546&v=2457&q=131260&r=97790>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-18 13:18:12)

I don't know if the Debenhams's sale is still on, but if big companies like that have sales, John Lewis tends to match their offers! I think they might match Paperchase's offers too :)

Minnie (2011-11-18 13:46:42)

oh this enabling is gonna be the death of me! thanx again though for keeping us informed though ! Enjoy the meet up tomorrow everyone! :)

MsPencil (2011-11-18 16:23:59)

Hi, I am looking forward to seeing all the pictures of you guys tomorrow at the London Meet Up. Since joining Filofaxy I have ordered an A-5 and a personal size filofax. What an addiction. I am awaiting my APEX. It is great to meet people who like stationary and organizers as much as I do. I would like to get the imperial purple pocket finchley. I already have the mini and I really like it the leather is soft to the touch. Guys have a great weekend!

Deeji (2011-11-18 17:15:46)

Just in case no-one knows, WHSmith in store has a buy one get one half price on Filofax Inserts too :)
- Don't know whether that's online...

Lucy (2011-11-20 09:32:08)

I live less than 2 miles away from a TK Maxx store and it's DANGEROUS let me assure you. They are currently stocked to the max with gorgeous Filofaxes and I'm severely tempted! Yesterday I found some Cross Organisers reduced from £75 to £14.99!!! I think another trip is required. For research purposes you understand. ;-)

Web Finds - 19 November 2011 (2011-11-19 00:00)

So you might not be able to come to the meet up today in London, so to make up for it, I hope you enjoy reading the following blog posts we have discovered this week.

- [1]Filo Problems - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [2]Filofax Memory Prize - Apex - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [3]Wo2P Woes - Filofax Fixation

- [4]Keeping Tabs - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
- [5]Putting the Love in Filofax: How Filofax Products Work for Me - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
- [6]Filofax update: Apexes, and Swedish deals - Bluebonnet Reads
- [7]OF SHAKESPEARE & FILOFAXES -We're gonna need a bigger boat
- [8]My 2012 Filo system finalised....(I think) - The Crazy Life of J
- [9]Highlighters and Flags - Filofax Fixation
- [10]Yuppiness - Becky Sefton's Ramblings
- [11]Filofax Clean Up - Provinznotizen
- [12]The 2012 Tweak - Well Planned Life
- [13]New Setup, New Me Part 2 - Princess Tyger Outta The Blue
- Your Filofax blog post could be listed here next time... email us if we missed you this time around

Enjoy.

1. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/11/filo-problems.html>
2. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/11/filofax-memories-prize-apex.html?spref=tw>
3. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/11/12/wo2p-woes/>
4. <http://thezeitgeistofzoe.wordpress.com/2011/11/14/keeping-tabs/>
5. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/11/putting-love-in-filofax-how-filofax.html>
6. <http://bluebonnetreads.wordpress.com/2011/11/14/filofax-update-apexes-and-swedish-deals/>
7. <http://clairejoannehuxham.blogspot.com/2011/11/of-shakespeare-filofaxes.html>
8. <http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2011/11/my-2012-filo-system-finalized-i-think.html>
9. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/11/16/highlighters-and-flags/>
10. <http://beckysefton.wordpress.com/2011/11/17/yuppiness/>
11. <http://provinznotizen.wordpress.com/2011/11/16/filofax-cleanup/>
12. <http://wellplannedlife.blogspot.com/2011/11/2012-tweak.html>
13. <http://princesstygerouttatheblue.blogspot.com/2011/11/new-setup-new-me-part-2.html>

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-19 00:41:00)

I adore Web Finds. It leads to an hour of glorious planner bliss. Thank you so much for collecting all of these links and posting them every so often!!

LJ (2011-11-19 00:56:57)

A perfect start to my day. Thank you :o)

Ray Blake (2011-11-19 02:58:50)

I have just started a Filofax-related blog if it's of interest:

<http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/>

Ray

caribbean princess (2011-11-19 03:20:34)

Yay for lovely web finds. thanks Steve.

Tim (2011-11-19 06:21:20)

Steve - Our Filofaxes can help us look ahead into 2012, but today's topic "Web Finds - 19 November 2012" is perhaps being a bit overoptimistic!

Philofaxy Meet Up London - November 2011 (2011-11-20 00:00)

So today was the fourth Philofaxy Meet Up in London, exactly a year since the very first one, which to me seems ages ago in some ways, but in other ways it is still very clear in my head!

Every meet up we have had has been slightly different from previous ones, different people, new people, returning people etc. That in a way makes everyone a success, new ideas, we get to see new things and meet new and interesting people and catch up with 'old' friends.

As I've always said it's difficult to put in to words what it's exactly like to attend a Philofaxy meet-up, it's unlike anything I've previously experienced. Today, Anita sort of put her finger on it, in that it's like you have known the other people for what seems like a long time, and meeting them is just like putting the icing on the cake!

So following our tried and tested formula we all met up at Tate Modern Art Gallery on the south bank of the River Thames, where we had lunch and discussed Filofax, life, the way of the world and anything else we wanted to discuss... within reason!

However, it was a very relaxed lunch, which we stretched out to nearly 3 hours... very French! and then we had a walk to Neal Street, paced by Sharon, who makes sure we all get there in reasonable time and makes sure no one goes wandering off!!

Then we had an hour or so in the Filofax store with 'Deelightful Dee' at the Filofax store in Neal Street, who as always made us all very welcome and answered all our Filofax questions quickly and accurately and went to great length to retrieve items from the store cupboards for people to fully assess and decide and in some cases purchase. It has to be said Dee is a very patient Sales Manager, top marks to her when faced with the barrage of questions and requests when our small group 'hit the store' in true Philofaxy style!

Sadly like all good things in life they have to come to an end, and at about 5 pm we went our various ways to get to our stations to get home. But to be safe were required people went in pairs to make sure they got to their stations safely and in good time. The underground was packed as usual at this time of day and time of year. But we all got our trains in plenty of time and we all got home shattered, tired, but all with smiling faces.

And the best question at the end of the day was.... when are we having the next one Steve? Now I like that question!!!! Hopefully sometime in 2012, although no date has been set as yet.

So I would like to thank, Adam, Anja, Tracy, Imy, Christa, Kate, Tracy and Sharon for another great day. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.



[1]

I will try to do another post tomorrow with some more detailed and edited photos, but the above collage will give you a little taster of what the day was like...

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-kZG2TMvYkj0/Tsg_C_mPxBI/AAAAAAAAJzk/U_WjOjNFMKw/s1600/2011_11_19.jpg

Laurie (2011-11-20 00:47:39)

So glad you all had a great meetup!! I wish I could have been there!!!

Nellie (2011-11-20 02:42:08)

Aw! It looks like you had a great time. I was in London too yesterday as my lovely hubby took me to the V & A for a birthday treat. We stopped in at Conduit Street on the way home and I bought an amethyst deco. I did think of you all and was hoping you had a successful trip to Neal Street!

The pictures are fab, that is an impressive pile of binders!

Tommies (2011-11-20 02:58:55)

Hi everybody,

it really looks like you were having a great time. I really envy you and wish I could have joined.

Did I count correctly? 43 Filos in the pile?

Best wishes and until next time,

Thomas

gdigesu (2011-11-20 03:10:32)

Glad you had a great time. The smiles reveal that!!

caribbean princess (2011-11-20 03:58:04)

Glad you all had such an amazing time! An impressive collection of Filofaxes as usual :-)

Tommies (2011-11-20 04:46:53)

O.K.! My girlfriend is so much wiser than me! She realised even on the smartphone, that there is a mirror - so my counting was wrong...

Thomas

Steve Morton (2011-11-20 04:55:32)

Our trick worked then!! Yes it was a glass wall, so you are also seeing the reflection!!

We tried to stack them on the table, but it became very unstable so we opted for the wall instead!

Alison Reeves (2011-11-20 06:14:14)

Look like you all had a really fun time. Wish I could have been there! So are you going to spill the beans and tell us what you all purchased at Neal Street?

Nellie (2011-11-20 06:26:45)

I wonder if Neal street stock up before you all arrive?!

Imy (2011-11-20 08:12:45)

IT kinda looks like some weird girl with leopard ears was hogging most the pictures, shes in nearly all of them, SOME PEOPLE puffftttt ;-) hehe

MsPencil (2011-11-20 09:32:56)

You guys look lovely. Glad you had a great time! Looking forward to 2012 Meet-Up!

Anita (2011-11-20 10:18:36)

Steve, thanks so much for arranging this & I had the BEST day! Lots of filofaxes & lovely people :)

My only purchase was a Christmas gift for my husband.

Blog post to follow soon.

terriknits (2011-11-20 10:56:49)

oh, you have no idea how green I am with envy! To meet with people who "speak my language". I can't wait to read more blog posts and see more photos. It's wonderful that we have the internet and can peek in each others Filos and glean ideas and tips with blog posts, photos and YouTube, but to actually see and talk to other Filofanatics ... so jealous!

Miss_Oakden (2011-11-20 15:16:34)

Thanks for this update. Was thinking of all you guys yesterday. Really wish I could have been there. I live so close as well.

Maybe next time il have enough courage to come. Am really shy and worried I won't fit in!!

Saffy (2011-11-20 16:31:34)

Oh, wish I could have made it. Looks like you all had such a wonderful time.

@Miss Oakden - I felt the same way and was very nervous at my first meet up. I had such a wonderful time and went to two others after it. I hope I will make the next one and see you there.

Saffy (2011-11-20 16:38:41)

@ Miss Oakden, As well as Filofaxes we can also talk about patchwork and quilting, I am jelly roll and layer cake obsessed.

Miss_Oakden (2011-11-20 17:06:04)

@saffy. You've convinced me!! If you're there il be there with bells on. Never thought anyone shared my love of my obsessions. Filofaxes and fabrics. It's a shame you dont have a blog. I'd love to see what you get up to!!

Do you have Flickr, facebook or twitter??? I'd love to have a chat with you!!!!

Steve Morton (2011-11-20 17:18:43)

Hi 'Miss Oakden'

Well one year ago we were all strangers, none of us had met before.

The first meet up was took over 6 weeks before anyone responded, these days places disappear within 48 hours!

What is your Twitter username? There are a lot of people with similar craft interests as you as well as Filofax.

Follow the @Philofaxy/Philofaxy-Readers list on Twitter and you will find dozens of us chatting every day at virtually any hour of the day or night in all parts of the world.

The next London meet up will be some time in 2012 most probably sometime in March, date not firmly fixed as yet.

Regards

Steve

Saffy (2011-11-20 18:30:21)

@Miss Oakden, I don't do facebook or twitter but I have a flickr account which is not very up to date but has a few of my quilts. I will upload some recent photos this week. It sounds like we could chat for ages.

If you search sewsaffy (people tab) it comes up with my photos. But it does need updating they are quite old photos.

Philofaxy Meet Up London - November 2011- Photos (2011-11-21 00:00)

So I think I've just about recovered from the walking and talking and eating and drinking yesterday! No sooner did I get off the train I was whisked off for a evening at a friends house, so yesterday's post was put together quite late last night!!

So here are a selection of photos from yesterday's meet up.

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Christa, Imy, Tracy

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Imy and some very pink Smarties!



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Anita, Kate(TPS), Christa



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Imy and Tracy



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Old Man Steve!



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Baby Mini Malden, Big Brother Pocket Malden, Mummy Personal Malden and Daddy A5 Malden



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Thank you to Imy and Anita for the use of some of their photos as well.

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globetrottingcacti (2011-11-21 01:57:20)

It looks like you all had such a fun day. So sorry to miss it..... but thanks for sharing your adventures.

LJ (2011-11-21 02:05:55)

Fabulous!!! :o)

Laurie (2011-11-21 02:58:27)

Wonderful photos!!!! Could you please tell us who each person is? I recognize Imy and Steve but am not sure who the others are. Would be nice to put names to faces!

So glad you all had so much fun!! I'm hoping I'll be able to come to a meet up someday, maybe next year...

Steve Morton (2011-11-21 04:33:25)

Names added...

Laurie (2011-11-21 05:17:47)

Thanks Steve! And I love the Malden Family Photo!!!

michele (2011-11-21 06:52:33)

I may just have to jet off from NY to do a London meet up!!! LOVE all the fotos - The Malden Family is stunning!!!

My Little Rabbit (2011-11-21 07:01:05)

omg wish there was a filofax store here where i live. although its probably good there isnt as i would go nuts with the credit card! haha

Stationery Gal (2011-11-21 07:29:58)

Wish I could join you all one day!

Just got my 2012 red Domino mini...actually, there is nothing wrong with my 2011 grape mini that I have used all year (wow, did I just say that?) but you know how it is :)

Hard to believe the mini is working for me! Love it for a quick glance at my week, birthdays, addresses and my to do list...plus it fits in my purse and is not heavy.

Always love reading this blog and knowing there are other "Filo" addicts out there! :)

J (2011-11-21 11:40:57)

Wonderful photos! The Malden family has to, of course, be my favorite! Glad you all had a wonderful day- I'm still holding out for an international meet-up!!!

Sandra (2011-11-21 12:50:14)

@J We better start buying lottery tickets... ;)

MsPencil (2011-11-21 22:56:35)

Love the pictures.

kanalt (2011-11-22 06:27:47)

Wow, great pictures! I especially like the photo of the entire collection with the reflection - it makes it look like there are more Filos than what you actually had. As a member of the New York City meet up, I could call it cheating for numbers. ;) Just kidding of course.

It sounds like everyone had a great time. So glad it went well. I'm hoping to look into another NYC meet up after the holidays. Stay tuned...

SNARLing: (2011-11-22 18:05:54)

this looks like great fun! thanks for sharing. i feel like i know you all and i've never met any of you. i would so attend a london meet-up if i had the funding - maybe a philofaxy grant or something heh heh

Adam R (2011-11-22 19:15:33)

I think this was a fantastic meet up! The utterly mind blowing mound of Filofaxes against the wall is something I could only ever dream of! Here's to the next meet up!

Steve Morton (2011-11-27 18:40:22)

I've only this evening been able to view the photos on a normal large screen monitor (my iMac) and it makes a huge difference compared to my tiny netbook!

Some great photos though, lots of fond memories too.

Free For All Tuesday No. 42 (2011-11-22 00:00)

Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything (42)... but that is an answer without a question! and not very Filofax related either...

But as this is Tuesday you are free to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.

MsPencil (2011-11-22 00:12:06)

One of my pet peeves is to have my filofax without its pen. What kind of pen does anyone use with your filofax? My favorite is a Parker ball point stainless steel jotter or a stainless steel zebra.

wswaterlily (2011-11-22 00:30:16)

I'm using this pen for pocket size planners, in aqua/pink. It's shorter than the pocket size. I think it looks great and writes smooth.

<http://www.xonexpens.com/products/categories/pens/classic/tritone2011.htm>

UNchecked other (2011-11-22 01:17:37)

Fountain pen nerd here, one who matches pens with Filos ;0). For my work, personal and happiness project Filos, I use a black, red and aqua Lamy Safari with a fine nib (Safari's triangular grip lovingly cradles my "writer's bump") because they are fun and very comfortable. For my home and writing Filofaxes, I use a Waterman Hemisphere with a medium nib or a Pelikan Toledo M900 with a fine nib.

SNARLing: (2011-11-22 02:43:44)

i keep a black roulette kuru toga in my penholder. i really like writing with this thing. separately i carry 2 hi-tec coleteo 5's plus a bunch of others (currently an orange uniball jetstream 1.0, sharpie ss pen, pink bic 537rt and the beautiful purple-red frixon zoe sent me } } thanks zoe you're the best { { i'm not sooooo into frixon like a lot of folks are but i really love this purple red colour. it's funny as a normal colour for everything, i don't like pink much at all but as far as ink is concerned, i love it - hot pink, fuscias mostly and this awesome purple red.) of course cheap pen ho that i am, today i bought a pentel graphgear1000 which is great to draw with (just finished my illustration homework phew) the new sharpie stainless refillable pen and a green fisher space pen - might return the fisher...haven't opened it yet...

Ray Blake (2011-11-22 03:40:33)

There's a blue Frixion on the pen loop and a red one nearby. For my journal (usually an A5 Red 'n' Black) I mostly use a fountain pen, of which I have too many to count.

Ray Blake (2011-11-22 03:42:18)

Question: how many 'today' markers? I use 3 - one to mark my place in each of three sections - diary, tasks and notes.

Elisabeth (2011-11-22 03:58:44)

I use a Parker jotter ballpoint pen. I chose it because it matched my Kendal(shallow, I know)

When it comes to day markers I use one, and that is in the current week of my diary section.

Question: I'm not feeling the love when it comes to my vintage pink Malden, so I'm thinking of letting it go and getting a Siena or a Scanda instead. (I suppose the Scanda is more geared toward the male customer, but I just love how the leather reminds me of a really well worn and loved leather jacket.)

How is the leather on these two Filos? Is the Siena leather smooth or more rough and "worn"?

Deeji (2011-11-22 05:55:26)

I have received my finchley from sweden but the front cover is damaged. It looks as though something has been pushed up against it because the bottom corner is smooth and not grained like the rest of the binder. Also there are some dark patches in this area as though whatever it was has scratched the leather...

I've emailed sweden to ask for a replacement but I know they were completely out.

Any advice on what I should do or could do to recover the leather would be great. This item is a Christmas present for a friend and I'm quite disappointed it's not perfect...

Thanks x

katka (2011-11-22 06:24:17)

@Deeji...sorry to hear. Maybe you can ask for different colour as replacement.

Imy (2011-11-22 06:49:07)

Deeji - Can you post some pictures somewhere to show what it looks like? may be able to help? could just be the bit of leather used to make the Filofax, could be a general imperfection you cant fix? Thats the only problem with leather it can never look 100 % the same..... :-) xxx

djthomassen (2011-11-22 06:54:25)

MsPencil,

For my calendar I use a pencil, this is easy if an appointment is canceled. For my to do list, I use an inexpensive disposable ballpoint pen in a store that I got. He writes really nice.

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-22 07:20:03)

@ Elisabeth, I have the siena in espresso, the leather is lovely and smooth and smells delicious. It's really supple and lies flat out of the box. Its beautiful to stroke!

Butanben (2011-11-22 08:02:30)

Anyone else out there who uses jot pads as tickler files, ie reminders ahead, but not a specific appointment to diary?? What else do folks use their jot pads for??

noirciplume (2011-11-22 08:24:33)

I use a Lamy CP1 fountain pen (extra fine). There is definitely still some bleed through. I'm thinking of changing my refill to cotton cream. Does anyone use Cotton Cream paper? Is it better for fountain pen?

Kelly Marriott (2011-11-22 09:04:55)

I know I'm totally mad, but does anyone else name their Filos? I just purchased a fantastic pocket Finchley

in Imperial Purple! I will be using her as my wallet/go-everywhere-with-me Filo and I need a suitable name. Something that sounds classy and timeless, exudes organization and simplicity - yet also casual enough to sound companionable. Nothing arrogant. I know I'm weird, but does anyone have any suggestions?

Ray Blake (2011-11-22 09:23:26)

Sounds like a Margot to me.

Imy (2011-11-22 09:33:39)

Kelly - I NAME ALL MINE, i sometimes forget their names but i still naem them :-d x

John (2011-11-22 10:04:58)

Noirciplum and and Unchecked Other, another fountain pen nerd here - I try always to carry one FP and one ballpoint, currently a fine-point Platinum 3776 Motosu filled with Waterman Florida blue and a Sheaffer Legacy ballpoint.

I can confirm that cotton cream paper is perfect for fountain pen ink; the pages are visibly thicker and it doesn't bleed through. Shame that it's not made for A5.

Tranistioning from Personal to A5 (just bought a black Domino) and I'm really enjoying the elasticized pen loops. I think more Filos need them. I can finally (securely) carry pens of reasonable circumference for my hands. Noir, I have a CP1 too, writes wonderfully - but I don't find it comfortable for extended journal writing, which is my first use for my organizer.

Aren't Lamy nibs great? Favorite pen is my 2000 with a very smooth F nib.

thezeitgeistofzoe (2011-11-22 10:10:22)

wow, a fun FFAT today!

pens - i'm as all over the place with my pens as i am with my filo's i think! i was all frixon, all the time, but i have become addicted to the pilot hi-tec c in 0.4 blue black. ***love*** also digging the coletto (right back atcha snarling!!) though the ones with the grippy bit won't fit in the pen holder. boo.

toying...toying with going w/a pencil for 2012. someone awesome sent me a kuru toga and i like it so much i may convert from a pen.

jot pads - love them! i use them all over my book for reminders, as extra space for details about an appointment or for extra to do's. i like the colored ones better than the white ones as they stand out more.

names - i do this too! but not very cleverly i'm afraid. for example my malden is "karl" (streets of san francisco), my chameleon is "grendel" (because i had a pet chameleon named grendel once), my domino snake i call "plissken" (after kurt russell's character in escape from ny), my kendal's name is "jackson" (after the wine). you get the idea...

hey, is anyone radically switching inserts for the new year? like, weeklies to dailies...day on two pages to weeklies, etc? what is everyone going to use for 2012?

djthomassen (2011-11-22 10:19:23)

Sometimes i call mine "big friend" It knows everything about me :) I chanced this time and already got the new one in my big friend.

I used to work with Succes, here in Holland that is the biggest, but..... Filofax has a better one for me, the a5 one day on a page business. It's great, no more separate to do list etc. I almost can't wait till 2012.

laplumenoire (2011-11-22 10:21:14)

@John

I agree Lamy nibs are very smooth writers. I don't use my CP1 for journal writing either. The extra fine nib is still too wide for my liking.

I'm also waiting for my A5 Kendal in the post. Should be arriving any day now!! It'll be used mainly for blogging. I should start looking for fountain pen friendly lined paper for the A5 then. Any brands you use?

Ray Blake (2011-11-22 10:23:50)

I used to have one called 'Old Brownny'. See here for more details: <http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/-2011/11/filofax-memories-1.html>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-22 10:26:10)

hey everyone!

Does anyone know if there are any business-style diary inserts for personal size? I like the A5 ones but just wish they came in personal size. I don't know if I want DPP or day on 2 pages though. I don't mind looking at other countries :)

Thanks!!

happy (2011-11-22 10:46:49)

I love the jot pad too (and sticky notes). I use mine as reminders. For instance, I have reoccurring appointments with certain people. I jot down what we discussed and if they mention something that is going on in their lives that is important, I write that too. I then put the jot down in the week I will see them again the next month. I then am reminded to ask how things are going and show that I care about them personally.

haukef (2011-11-22 11:01:08)

filos and a love for writing utensils, well, here we go : my beloved Cavendish carries my trusty Pelikan M400 fountain pen and a Montblanc Meisterstück ballpen, the Piazza is still waiting for a dark yellow Parker Jotter and meanwhile looks nice with a Rotring 600 retractable pencil, and at least the Metropol slim comes along with a Faber Castell Ambition cocos fountain pen ...

Lynne (2011-11-22 11:46:47)

Pens - Frixion Turquoise and Pink 0.7 Ball refills in 0.5 Point pens (thanks to Steve)

tdashna (2011-11-22 11:47:27)

Does anyone have both crimson and ochre Maldens to compare them? I love the ochre look on flickr but saw that it's not as common at the meet up – crimson seems to dominate. Ochre seems more likely to develop that worn look (a plus in my book) over time – like a bomber jacket. Is the leather similar? I read that the grey was of a different texture.

Pens: I use the Bic 4 color pen, Zebra Clip-on Multi with a pencil refill, and Decimo (retractable fountain pen) with an extra fine nib.

janet (2011-11-22 12:09:24)

for deej - that flaw you mention with your imperial purple seems to be a commonish fault with that model/colour (have read it on several reviews including amazon and one of the filofax sites (maybe filofax.co.uk). I reckon they are out of the imperial purple now but maybe they can offer you some sort of parallel trade? I am in Sweden and they tend to be helpful but obviously they can't replace it if they haven't got any left. Hope this helps and that you get sorted.

Sirpa-Kaarina (2011-11-22 12:13:54)

Kelly,

She is Audrey.

LJ (2011-11-22 12:54:33)

I was on the BIC 4 colour pens (classic & fashion colours), but discovered the colour leeches from the page onto the dividers which was a bit disappointing. I'm using the Frixion pens in my Finchley, but am looking for a new pen to fit in the loop of my personal Malden... finding it very tricky...

tdashna (2011-11-22 14:14:46)

Filofaxusa is having 25 % off on selected items.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-22 14:37:28)

Another fountain pen fan here. I use a Lamy Safari when out (have several loaded with different coloured inks) and my Montblancs when at home (collected over many years). My abiding disappointment with Filofax is I can't get decent cotton cream inserts for my A5. In my opinion every insert -even the business ones - should be made with a cotton cream option. Oh and why cant we have glamorous binders like enigma in A5?

By the way was in Neal Street shop this evening and they tell me they are still recovering from a certain group of visitors on Saturday afternoon! One or two names especially were mentioned - YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! I'm told you are all completely mad! Seriously they also said I had to jion in next time as every one was having such a fantastic time!

J (2011-11-22 14:45:52)

Holy FFAT! Sooo many fun comments.

For pens, I carry a slew of Frixions (my Malden is completely color coded) a Lamy Safari w/ 1.1 italic nib, and a Zebra F-301 in black for everyday writing.

@Ray Blake- I have FOUR markers in my binder- one each in at the year planner, month, and day. Then I have a final one in the back by my medical information/insurance cards so they are easy to locate should anything happen.

@Butanben- I use the Day Timer hot notes inside of a FC page marker to list general to-dos, that way they can be moved around. I've also used the jot pads for the same thing- they also make great shopping lists!

@Zoe- You already know about my awesome insert switch- I can't wait to make the change from FF DPP to FC DPP!

laplumenoire (2011-11-22 14:51:15)

I think I may have found a decent paper for Filofax A5. For all you fountain pen lovers
Clairefontaine Triomphe A5 (lined/plain) writing pad. I might just get some.

Scoot (2011-11-22 15:13:37)

Alison,

Can't you chop the cream A5 flex inserts?

As previously mentioned, Aspinals do Diarpell in cream, the latter making them in 140x215 which is slightly different to A5.

Otherwise, don't you have access to a good photocopier that can be used to clearly transfer normal Filofax designs onto A5 or A4 cream paper?

On the fountain pen network site, there are as many users who like Clairefontaine/Triomphe as those who don't due to bleeding/show through etc.

markus (2011-11-22 16:07:48)

@TPS: Filofax Germany has Professional Inserts for Personal size:

<http://www.filofax.de/store/diaryrefills.asp?tn=1 &control=processrequest &SizeId=3>

Saffy (2011-11-22 16:20:48)

@TPS - so does FF France, I would like this myself.

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

On the pen question, boring old orange fine point Bic. I do like fountain pens but the bleed through is annoying.

@Ray Blake - I usually use one page marker but am currently trying two though I keep flipping to the wrong page. Tabs work fine for my purpose really.

Butanben (2011-11-22 16:32:49)

Thanks for the jot pads ideas folks! Very useful. xx

Anthony (2011-11-22 18:00:41)

Hi there everyone

On the subject of pens etc with my Metropol I use a stainless steel Sheaffer ball pen with blue ink cost £5.75

back in the good old days I also have a Cross Ball pen, both write very smooth, it's a commemorative issue with Mickey Mouse on the clip a present from my wife. I have a two Parker Jotters one red and one blue. Diary entries I use a Pentel P207 mechanical fine liner pencil 0.7mm 2B lead it's easier to erase entries when I have to amend appointments. The Metropol is vey useful I find, as it has two pen loops.

SNARLing: (2011-11-22 18:12:34)

rayblake - i only use 1 clear today marker but i use a lot of flyleaves. currently i only have 3. i like the flyleaf since it's more discreet and doesn't get in the way visually of what it's placeholding. i put coloured postits behind the tab so i know what section the flyleaf is for.

butanben i don't use the jotter pads but i recently bought the obnoxious neon index cards that i hole punched and put in as reminders. i need the obnoxious colours bad - my eye tends to learn how/what to ignore and then i'm screwed! so i've got to regularly change up my todo section

tdshna - i think the ochre malden is seriously very popular. you should check out the malden group on flickr. it seems the crimson is popular in the uk since it was offered on sale 1/2 price early on in the year. if they did that here in the us i'd have one as well...

Ana (2011-11-22 18:43:58)

I'm about to purchase my first filofax...yay, however unlike the UK and Europe they are rather expensive here in Australia so i dont want to make a mistake. does anyone know how many pages a 30mm ring will hold over a 25mm?? I'm debating between the plan finsbury and the zipped finsbury.

terriknits (2011-11-22 19:29:34)

MY CUBAN ZIP ARRIVED TODAY!!! woot! I know, but I had to shout. I also put in 10 hours work today and now I'm too tired to play with it. So I'll read Philofaxy instead.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-22 19:30:32)

@scoot. Some good ideas here. Was really referring more to diary pages but have nice Clairefontaine/Triomphe paper I can use for general use. Paper chase do some nice notebooks with perforations I think it is some Spanish paper but it does take fountain pen very well. Well priced and easy to punch for general notes etc.

MsPencil (2011-11-22 21:43:59)

@Ray Blake, I use 2 today markers. Also, I just got my A5Finsbury family planner today. It is a gorgeous cherry red. Now, I have a filofax in every size. The mini stays with me at all times. I guess I will use the personal as my diary, it will stay under my bed. Any ideas how I can use my pocket filofax? I am still waiting on my APEX. Has anyone in the states received theirs yet? I know how I will use that one already! great reading all of your posts. Yep, Unchecked other, I match my pens to my filofax:D. Crazy I know:D Have a Great Holiday everyone!

MsPencil (2011-11-22 21:53:01)

OK, Question for Steve what made you start philofaxy as a blog? Did you ever think it would be so popular?

Steve Morton (2011-11-23 03:20:34)

@MsPencil Much though I would love to take the credit for starting the blog, it was started by 'Philofaxer' back in 2005, Nan joined him in about May/June 2006, Philofaxer then bowed out leaving Nan to run the blog and in 2009 she invited Laurie and I to join the team.

In terms of popularity it has grown and grown in the last 2 years or so. Personally I get a lot of enjoyment and pleasure in contributing to the blog, meeting the readers, communicating with them, helping them etc etc.

In May 2010 I retired from normal work, Philofaxy is now my work... but it's the best job in the world as far as I can say. OK I don't get paid in money, but I get paid in kindness and friendship from all you readers around the world, and who could ask for better than that...

Thank you everyone.

Steve

Butanben (2011-11-23 04:06:47)

@Ms Pencil. I use my pocket Red Adelphi Filofax as a journal and sleep dreams diary. I keep it by the bed. Amazing to notice how some dreams are repetitious and to stop and think about their meanings. Also great to look back at journal entries and muse about what has been happening in life!!

Scoot (2011-11-23 05:14:53)

Alison, You can use the Flex A5 diary, just guillotine the side. It was the colour of text, grey I think, which I didn't like as it doesn't match that cream paper.

Deeji (2011-11-23 12:26:41)

Hi All,

Thanks for your comments. I have been in touch with sweden and they have said they do not have any more stock to send me a replacement. They have acknowledged that my returning the filofax would cost me too much and have decided to credit my account with the 90SEK I paid for it as compensation. So I have an A5 finchley for free :O

The markings are darker than the imperial purple shade and they seem smoother than the grained leather. Filofax have recommended that I take it to a shoemaker to see if they can do anything to the leather... which seems a good idea.

I would upload a photo but I will need to get a flicker account first. I do appreciate all your help :) x

Steve Morton (2011-11-23 15:19:09)

Can anyone identify this Filofax?

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/sewsaffy/6376169235/in/photostream/>

It looks like the Ostrich but the clasp isn't right for that

Steve

Anita (2011-11-23 15:49:40)

Hi all,

I normally use my pink Lamy Safari fountain pen with a fine nib. Using up some old 1980's Quink ink & no bleed through on the paper. My Pilot G2 Ltd pen is out of ink, but that's my 2nd favourite one.

Gerard (2011-11-23 16:05:10)

Anita - 1980s Quink? Reminds me of litre bottles of 4711 cologne that our lovely neighbour used to bring back from her visits home to Germany. You've just won the resident minimalist award.

Steve, I'd say it's more likely to be a Succes binder - they produce a lot of designs with unusual fastenings.

Scoot (2011-11-23 16:52:16)

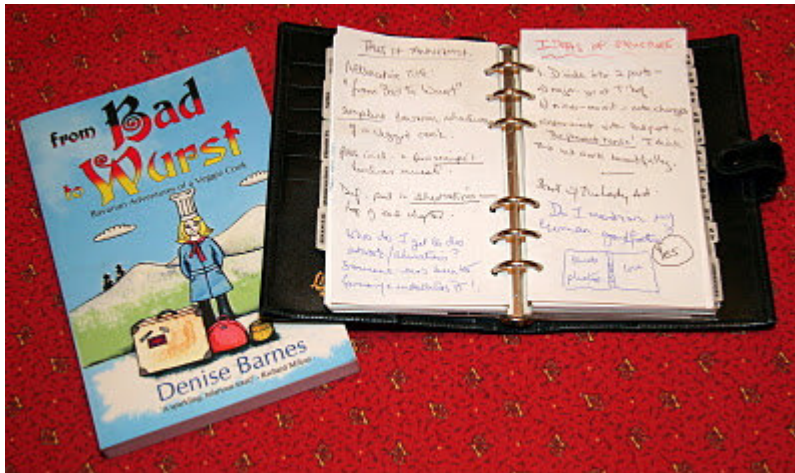
The ostrich print could be anyones, but if that is a clasp then I'm thinking Hermes ... who could well have commissioned their own version.

Lostwithoutyou (2011-11-23 17:57:49)

@tdashna I have the grey, crimson and ochre maldens. The ochre definitely has the best leather, its very soft and supple and will age well, the crimson leather doesn't feel anywhere near as soft to me, and the grey is similar to the crimson.

tdashna (2011-11-24 13:38:49)

@Lostwithoutyou Thank you! Saving for the ochre then!



[1]

Whenever people see my Filofax, the usual reaction I get is 'I had one of those' to which I always reply, 'Have you still got it?'

This normally sends them off in a bit of a tailspin and rooting through their desk to find their Filofax. While I'm drinking my coffee, they normally reappear brandishing their treasured Filofax, asking me which model it is.

Well, you're not going to believe this, but our friend, Denise, who we have been staying with in the UK this last week took one look at my A5 Malden and said not 'I *had* one of those', but 'I've still *got* one of those. I used the notes and diary to write my book about my adventures as a single English girl in Bavaria.'

I smiled and asked politely if I could see it. Then she went off to rummage through her desk while I had a beer!

What Denise then appeared with was a 1990s personal size Filofax. I've not identified it yet in terms of which model it is, but I was more interested in what this book was she'd written from the notes within her old Filofax.

I looked through her pages and pages of notes; they told an interesting story in their own right. The Filofax looks like new, but it had travelled many kilometres in her bag over the years, just like a travel companion and a friend, always there when she needed to jot down some notes.

During the writing of the book, Denise told me she frequently referred to the notes in her Filofax. When the book came back from the editors, Denise had her Filofax notes to hand to make sure the tales and her notes hadn't become distorted in the editing process. She explained the Filofax had become more than just a diary, but had built up into a precious reference book, neatly organised. If she'd lost it, she said she would have thrown herself off one of those Bavarian mountains.

The book starts off in 1973 and travels through Denise's life to about 2005 and it is a very funny read. I've not had a chance to finish it yet, but I will do over the next few weeks. As a small 'plug', the book (*from Bad to Worst* by Denise Barnes) is available on Amazon in UK, US and Germany in print and Kindle formats. There is also a [2]website, which I'm in the process of updating for her!

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Saffy (2011-11-23 03:45:32)

I love these kinds of Filofax stories, how they have been a part of someone's life in more ways than just jotting down a dentist or hairdresser appointment.

What model is it by the way does the gold writing say? Amazing the popper is still intact.

Globetrotting Cacti (2011-11-23 03:55:31)

Fantastic story. Love seeing how the Filofax is such an integral part of her life. Will check out the book too!

michele (2011-11-24 08:11:51)

I'm flying alone to London and will put this on my kindle for the flight... I plan to have my vintage Tejus filo sitting on the tray in front of me the whole flight!

Filofax USA (2011-11-23 13:25)

In case you haven't noticed... [1]Filofax USA have a 25 % off sale on at the moment, with some great products included in the sale.

Rush over there now to avoid disappointment.

Happy Thanksgiving.

1. <http://www.filofaxusa.com/store/specials.asp?0ID=258>

Guest Posts and Ideas for Posts (2011-11-24 00:00)

Do you ever sit reading the posts on Philofaxy or posts we have linked to and think, I wish they would write about x or y?

We would love to hear from you with some ideas for future posts even if it is something we have covered before but you would like us to go over a particular topic again and may be explore it from a different angle or to update a previous topic.

Or if you would like to write a guest post and have it featured on Philofaxy, whether you have a blog of your own or not, we would welcome your contribution and it would be great to see your ideas on the blog.

Do contact us with your ideas or contributions: *philofaxy at gmail dot com*

Alison Reeves (2011-11-24 09:05:30)

Would anyone appreciate having a day when they could post anything just vaguely filofax / time management / organisation related - for example links to productivity stuff they found useful, a you tube on organising your desk, links to makers of complimentary products and so on. It doesn't have to be weekly even - perhaps fortnightly or ad hoc. I know Tuesdays and Fridays are really popular when people can ask questions and so on. As I say it's just a thought - I'm struggling to come up with new topics - you guys do such a terrific job!

Scoot (2011-11-24 12:55:31)

I think it is long passed the point of it being proved that a forum would be a better vehicle, then there would be an outlet for creative people to post their ideas in one place as opposed to umpteen different blogs.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-24 13:20:43)

@Scoot, some people enjoy having their own blogs for their creative outlets, especially for filofax-related stuff. I know I do, a forum wouldn't be the same.

Anita (2011-11-24 13:39:30)

Great ideas & thanks for the opportunity to contribute to the site with guest posts & ideas, Steve. I will do :)

@The Perpetual Student (hi!) - I absolutely agree. I'm really enjoying blogging about filofaxes currently, but still like having my own blog where I will cover a wider range of subjects as well.

Tommes (2011-11-24 13:43:40)

@Scoot

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If you don't care about different blogs, why don't you just move yourself to any forum. Please mess with people over there and leave us alone...

With ><(((^o> regards, Thomas

Imy (2011-11-24 13:50:56)

Scoot - Beauty bloggers have hundreds of different blogs they dont have one main forum or anything

fashion bloggers have hundreds of blogs etc..... this could go on and on

but i find with Filofax the forum is Twitter, if anyone has a question they ask it on there and get an answer, twitter is the place where alot of blog posts start off!

And Philofaxy is offering everyone the oportunity to post their creativeness in one place!

:-)

icclewu (2011-11-24 14:08:45)

I like and respect all of the work that is done by Philofaxy and the people who post on here. I think it's success is down to the way it is, and I don't think a forum would work for it. Everyone gets along with the casualness of it. :)

Gerard (2011-11-24 14:09:58)

Scoot,

Good luck with your new forum.

So long, and thanks for all the ><(((^o>

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-24 14:10:01)

@Alison

I quite like the idea of some complimentary products which would no doubt make me feel better, but wonder if you might have meant complEmentary?

:-)

I think this is a great idea! And although I do occasionally blog about filofaxes, that's not what my blog is ALWAYS about (even if it sometimes seems it!) and I would FAR prefer to see Philofaxy continue as it is, not move to a forum. Especially as I have had an absolute *nightmare* trying to post on the forum set up about time-management to the extent I had to abandon it.

So, three cheers for Philofaxy as it is

and

three cheers for guest posts and ideas for posts.

[and we're all jolly good fellas. Hurrah!]

Scoot (2011-11-24 15:26:46)

I think the only forum I've ever used was the Fountain Pen Network and, because of that I may be naïve about these things, that has a super community of likeminded friendly and helpful people from around the world.

My thought was that with such a forum, a thread about reviews on Filofaxes would tend to be in one section ...

and within that section a particular thread for each model of fax such as Domino, Cuban or Classic, though of course there would be nothing stopping someone starting a separate thread/posting about their new domino fax and stating their own opinions in their own way.

There is nothing wrong with people having their own blogs, in fact I appreciate the “Journal” nature of writing; even incorporating it into one of my own fax’s.

People, including me, spend a great deal of time going through all of Steve’s links on a Saturday morning yet if you look into the archives of this site you often find far more interesting directly posted information and articles from people who have spent their time to help everyone. I have noticed same or very similar topics cropping up time after time, yet that interesting information from older posts appears to be “forgotten” in the new threads. Would this information not be easier to access again to if everything was in a logical forum format, like in the systematic way most would organise their Filofaxes?

Tommes (2011-11-24 15:42:31)

@Scoot

Simply: NO!

And as I said before, if you don’t like it around here, you are free to not come back...

Imy (2011-11-24 15:57:24)

Scoot - I dont really think you understood anything we said really, no one wants to have a forum it has been discussed and people preferred to not have one.....

And i have spoken to Philofaxy a few weeks about ti and we discussed how it would make thing so much more complicated its so much more easier the way it is

Alison Reeves (2011-11-24 16:02:21)

@Amanda - yes complementary I’m afraid!

@Scoot - I am also a member of the Fountain Pen Forum and have had other very positive experiences with three or four other forums. However I gather others here have had some horrible forum experiences which have made them shy away from all forums in the future. I can see that it would be great to be able to dive in and comment and join in on a number of different topics whenever time allowed, but we really have to respect other peoples reluctance. If they don’t want to join in then the forum wouldn’t work anyway.

gdigesu (2011-11-24 16:06:20)

You know, I think we should ask Siri into this conversation.

”Siri, Scoot here. I want to start a forum about Filofaxes. How do I convince them Philofaxy Gang about doing it?”

And Siri goes ... ”Scoot, I’m afraid you don’t. I suggest you go play with you fountain pen.”

Hahahaha!

Tommes (2011-11-24 16:06:22)

As Imy said, we have had this discussion many times before, and there were many people who agreed on not having a forum.

So let’s get back to the real issue: we are not discussing the technical layout of Philofaxy, but the topics we are ALL interested in: For the love of everything Filofax!

Cheers to all Philofaxers!

Thomas

Tommes (2011-11-24 16:10:28)

@gdigesu

I would love to give a big huge **LIKE** to your comment!

Thomas

Lynne (2011-11-24 16:12:55)

One of the areas I have found increasingly interesting is Art Journalling. I know there are other sites dealing with this, but I have seen a couple of examples creeping into the Filofax arena. I LOVE this idea, and wonder if there are those who are dabbling in this genre within the FF community? I would try and start it off, but haven't the confidence so far.....

Lynne (2011-11-24 16:23:21)

Bugger - I seem to have put my last comment into the middle of an argument. Sorry.

Steve Morton (2011-11-24 16:25:44)

Lynne

Your idea has been noted. If you would like to email philofaxy at gmail dot com I'm sure we can take your idea forward in the future

Regards

Steve

Tommes (2011-11-24 16:29:49)

@Lynne

Thank you for placing your comment **exactly there!!!** It brings us back to the heart of the matter...

Thomas

Vanjilla (2011-11-24 16:36:28)

Philofaxy as it is now is just like a Filofax to me: it takes its time, you sit and browse a little, yes, get lost sometimes a little... but you find what you need and you're feeling great all the way. I don't want it any other way, really - forum would be like a Blackberry, I think.

@Tommes and Gerard - a high five for you, boys - you are such a relief! ;) **

Scoot (2011-11-24 16:42:01)

Thanks Alison,

Perhaps a forum is an unpopular suggestion but it is really difficult to properly gauge reaction when some people image that they know what everyone already thinks or shout down anyone with different opinions. I'm certainly starting to see how problems occur on websites but hope that the vast majority of people who view this blog, who don't post, are not put off from ever engaging in this community.

thepaperjournal (2011-11-24 16:43:52)

I recently created a blog about my addiction for stationery. I hopefully will be posting some information on Filofax and other stationery.

I named it: The Paper Journal:

<http://thepaperjournal.wordpress.com/>

Gerard (2011-11-24 17:00:07)

Lynne,

SNARLing posted a question just one or two days ago about art journaling, and linked to some images on flickr (I think...) Her videos are outstanding - you can find them at thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com

terriknits (2011-11-25 00:20:38)

wait ... what?! I must be tired and missing the point. Why would anyone suggest (or want) Philofaxy to be turned into a forum? And the inference that "umpteen different blogs" is a bad thing? The beauty of having one's own blog is you can write about whatever you want. If people aren't interested, no one is forcing them to read it. I don't write for others, I write for myself.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-25 03:37:54)

Just to be clear - I would never want others to stop their blogging activities, I love making my way through them all and the different aspect/expression each person brings to it and I love Philofaxy - it's my first port of call every day!!! (I know I need to get a life!). We had a discussion on forums in the past and as far as I am concerned we put it to bed then. The internet has given us all a platform for expressions and I admire people who have ceased it with both hands to make it their own.

Scoot (2011-11-25 05:49:15)

Recent polls showed that hundreds of people view the blog, yet few post. There is of course no reason why viewers should contribute, but have you ever asked why they don't want to take that step and enrich everyone else's experience with their own views or experience? Even if one, or a number, of current users think there is nothing wrong with this blog there is nothing wrong with a little self-examination, thought or new ideas.

If people care to read the second paragraph of Steve's original post asking for ideas on posts, they would see that it raises the subject of previously used ideas and re-exploring such. Logically, this could be done at any time by anyone on a forum and therefore increases the possibilities for free speech and creativity, would be at least as spontaneous as the very popular free for all days, and that is partly why I suggested it.

Since nobody claimed or suggested that blogging was a bad thing, apart from those claiming it isn't, I assume people agree with me that blogging is good. Though I certainly couldn't say that this thread has been good because it has demonstrated to me that some people have a basic problem with respecting others ideas or free speech, basic two way discussion, even having an aversion to change....curious for people who like communicating, blogging and organising their life with planners. In that respect, even I can see that a "permanent free for all forum" would be a bad idea for some people, totally unlike the fountain pen network.

gdigesu (2011-11-25 06:47:28)

Scoot,

Your opinion is balanced and fair. It is that, apparently, old timers in the Community prefer the more traditional approach, myself included, with regard to the blog thing.

Now, we're not old fashioned people! We're a bright, vibrant, multi-dimensional community! Indeed!

In addition to the blog, there are regular meet ups all over the world (!!!), regular group Skype conference calls (!!!), "heavy" daily twitting (I mean it ...), one-on-one Skype calls, e-mail exchanges between members of the community, etc.

You know, it evolved naturally, and works beautifully!

It is just that.

It is good that you're bringing in new ideas and approaches and refreshing new points of view.

Thank you.

Laurie (2011-11-25 10:01:30)

Hi Scoot,

I do understand your points about the benefits of a forum. It would be convenient to have a section on setting up your Filofax; a different section for reviews, etc. It was debated awhile ago, not as a replacement for the Philofaxy blog but in addition to it, and people were opposed to it at the time because they felt it would dilute the value of the blog or be redundant. It seems to be unpopular at the moment so we will let it lie, but I think you had a very valid point and this was the right place to ask about it. We'll keep it on the radar and certainly won't rule it out as a future option.

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-25 11:15:25)

I wasn't a reader of Philofaxy when the first discussion on a forum took place. Personally, I like forums and I would love a forum which revolved around planners. However, for a forum to work, it needs to be active. Good forums require certain things besides that to work, as well. I haven't yet figured out what they are, but they are either there or they aren't and that's vital to the success.

I think the biggest difference between a forum and a blog, like this, is that the discussions are a lot easier to follow and search - especially if you're looking for things that may have been discussed in FFAT/F. All the picture-heavy blog posts, etc. work best as blog posts, period - it's more the FFAT/F things which might work better in a forum.

All that being said - if a good amount of people don't want it, then clearly there's no need for it, or purpose in making it. I think we all enjoy Philofaxy the way it is.

Savannah (2011-11-25 12:05:44)

I think I'd be afraid to make any suggestions after the crucifixion of Scoot. Just saying...

Gerard (2011-11-25 14:48:54)

Scoot,

Nobody has shouted you down, as you claim. You've expressed your view, and a number of other contributors have expressed a different view. You're not speaking for anyone but yourself, despite your weasel attempt to invoke some imaginary "vast majority".

Imy (2011-11-25 15:25:51)

Savannah - Ignor all thats been said above, do not be scared, we are all very nice friendly people, its just something that shouldnt of really happended on here!

I know im nothing to do with Philofaxy but i hope you can understand that this isn't something that would normally happen!

Dont be scared to share your views xxxxx

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-25 16:47:07)

Replying to the blog post:

Could Philofaxy perhaps do some sort of series on the different sections people have in their Filofaxes, besides the diary section of course? I'm trying to figure out what dividers I would like. I know people have done posts on this in the past, and I've read some of them, but I think it would be amazing if we could have them all in one place. Also, it would be amazing if people would comment and tell what their setups were. I'm sure it's probably been covered before, since Philofaxy has been around such a long time...but this is something I would LOVE to see, and you asked for ideas, so, yeah. :)

Gerard (2011-11-25 17:45:10)

Hi Blue Bonnet,

There are numerous posts dealing with this territory, I think.

Anyway, I currently use 7 tabs and two sub-tabs, as follows:

0. 'DIARY' tab:

- Weekly Time Planner sheets
- Week-on-2-pages-diary
- Day Planner sheets x5 (undated)
- Birthdays & Anniversaries (custom-printed sheet)
- Annual Leave sheet
- Vertical Year Planner
- 1. Action Lists: Next Actions, Waiting For, Errands, Maybe Get
- 2. Notes 2.1 Agendas (future notes behind transparent flyleaf)
- 3. Projects 3.1 Someday (future projects behind transparent flyleaf)
- 4. Project Plans + Notes
- 5. Log-sheets, Reference, Maps
- 6. Addresses & WWW

gdigesu (2011-11-25 20:09:25)

Hi Blue Bonnet,

You asked some very good questions.

Gerard is quite knowledgeable about GTD schemes., and I follow 99 % of his setup. In the recent past, Gerard posted some wonderful pics of his setup. Maybe he'll share the address, if appropriate. Gerard, please do.

Mr. Philofaxy posted several times regarding FF tab arrangements. So has Mrs. Snarling. So have many of the other regulars.

Mr. Philofaxy himself will certainly point us all to the appropriate posts.

bluebonnetreads (2011-11-25 20:42:33)

Thanks so much, Gerard and gdigesu!

I know there are many posts on this topic, it's really just finding them (again, in some cases) that's the issue. Google searches are not especially helpful, and it is very time consuming going through archives and Philofaxy links.

Hannah C

Philofaxy Meet Up - Other Posts (2011-11-24 17:48)

Here are some of the other posts about the meet up on Saturday:

- [1]The Philofaxy Meet Up 19/11/2011 - Rapunzel's World
- [2]Philofaxy meet up 19 November - Anita
- [3]Philofaxy meet up - November 2011 - Imy
- [4]Philofaxy meet up London November 2011 - The Life of a Perpetual Student
- [5]Filofax Meet up Bristol UK - Imy ■ Future UK Meet Up

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2. <http://anita-lim.blogspot.com/2011/11/philofaxy-meet-up-19th-november.html>

3. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/11/philofaxy-meet-up-november-2011.html>

4. <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/11/philofaxy-meet-up-london-november-2011.html>

5. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/11/filofax-meet-up-bristol-uk.html>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-24 17:50:45)

Sorry I haven't written mine up yet! Been busy busy! Will write it in my filofax to do tomorrow :)

Free For All Friday No. 158 (2011-11-25 00:00)

So today I will start my journey back to France, we are travelling over night tonight. But as usual my Filofax will never be far from me for jotting down notes and ideas.

Sometimes my notes are a little too short and cryptic and I look at them the following day and think, what does that mean...!!!

As it's Friday feel free to discuss anything Filofax related...

terriknits (2011-11-25 00:30:14)

I have a notebook and pencil beside my bed that I use to write down scribbles when I'm reading at night, or falling asleep. If I can write it down, it's out of my head and I can sleep. However, there have been some times I look at what I've written/scribbled (penmanship optional) and been baffled at what I was trying to remember or convey. :-) The page gets ripped out and the notes transferred to the appropriate Filo the next morning.

Lynne (2011-11-25 02:25:16)

Love that idea. Will try and use it to alleviate the 3 a.m. stress thoughts (usually work!).

Butanben (2011-11-25 02:44:55)

Safe journey home Steve and Alison! Think I have *enabled* daddy Santa to buy a pocket Crimson Malden for my Christmas, as it's half price!!!

Nickie (2011-11-25 03:37:03)

I am a proper list maker for everything - home, work, blogging - and my notes only make sense to me.

I have a BOAT at work (Book Of All Things) and it's a great reference tool, especially as I've kept all my BOATs since I started this job seven years ago.

My Filofaxes are the same - I tend to use them annually rather than for subject matters (apart from my OU one) so at the end of the year they are held together with a couple of treasury tags and archived.

I'm actually swapping Filos again today to see if a new one (back to a Cuban again) will work for me.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-25 03:41:44)

@Nickie You BOAT sounds great - I use a day book where I try and write things as the day goes on instead of using post its and things and at least I know everything is in there somewhere!

@Steve - I know just what you mean - I often scribble things down when on the phone and can't figure it out later on when I come to read it! When I write more slowly I'm fine - it's just when I am in a hurry. Should have learnt shorthand I suppose!! Oh that would be a great way to code your filofax wouldn't it? Most people couldn't read it could they?

jonaz (2011-11-25 05:35:38)

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jonaz (2011-11-25 05:40:47)

Hi, first post after reading this blog for a while. (actually the first site I check in the morning, while still in bed...). I was happy to see the 90kr-anniversary sale at the Swedish Filofax-site after missing "the Great German Robbery" ;-)

However none of the colours of the elegant binders appealed to me, so I ended up with the Bond modell (black and red, pocket and personal).

My Filo so far has been an Urban (green) that I snatched up at the Filofax stand at the book fair in Gothenburg (wanted a grey one, but they only had green on sale at the fair). (Wanted to pimp it, inspired by <http://senseofgravity.blogspot.com/2011/02/heres-how-i-use-my-urban-filofax.html>)

Quite like the Urban, and it *kind of* lies flat. The new Bonds however are reaaaally stiff!

Any suggestions on how to break in the Bond to make it lie more flat? Gentle persuasion? Pure violence?

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-11-25 08:29:48)

Hi everyone!!! So I sent off my A5 Finsbury with the broken rings on Monday, Filofax sent a letter which arrived today, posted off a replacement yesterday- gosh they act fast!! But I'm going to try to swap the new Finsbury with an A5 ochre Malden and pay the difference, the lady on the phone says it should be alright, fingers crossed!! :D How are you all? xx

Kelly Marriott (2011-11-25 10:45:55)

Nickie,

I would love to know more about your BOAT and your setup. I keep one for home but use a Moleskine day planner for it. I'm intrigued. What do you put in it, how is it set up, etc.

Thanks to everyone for making me feel less weird about naming my filofax. Thanks for the name suggestions. Still pondering. May have to get new filofax just to use the great names.

Nia (2011-11-25 11:27:12)

Thought I might mention the sale going on at City Organiser right now, up to 40 % off filofaxes!

I spotted a Personal Ochre Malden in their collection this time round! I've been after the Ochre colour for ages, I just couldn't help myself!

So if you're after anything in particular for yourself or for a present, take a look :)

terriknits (2011-11-25 11:40:11)

@Nickie - ah, what a great acronym. I, too, kept BOATs in my last government job. I have them in my storage box in the closet. It came in helpful - my last contract job dove-tailed with my last government job in some ways (same people, same issues). I came across a person's name and I knew I had dealing with him/her but couldn't remember the details. So I dug out my BOAT (!) and found my notes and my memory was refreshed and I carried on.

Josh (2011-11-25 15:32:06)

I am new to "write it down", but have found it has revolutionized my life. I keep everything in my filofax, but was thinking of buying a bound daily diary to jot down work activity, similar to Nickie's BOAT. Up to recently, I put a fresh sheet of notepaper in the middle of the week on two pages diary to write down my work to-do's, things done, reminders, ideas, etc. and at the end of the day remove the page and archive in a file. I now use day per page and so the pages stay in my binder. So a BOAT would be perfect to leave on the desk.

I also sometimes find notes which I can't decipher, but normally remember fairly quickly what I meant.

Just-Jenny (2011-11-25 15:46:02)

This post has been removed by the author.

Nickie (2011-11-25 15:46:24)

@Alison & @Kelly - the BOAT is a basic A4 spiral bound lined notebook (provided by work - I yearn for a moleskin). It works in chronological order but not really dated at the top of each page. To Do lists, minutes from meetings, notes from phone calls, doodles, instructions for different programmes on the computer, passwords (although they are not my passwords - they are client passwords for our database - a list of available ones that get crossed off when I issue them), etc.

Actually, it sounds a lot more interesting when I write about it :-D

I actually have a plan next year to do a sort of 365 project although this will be a 52 project. I use a diary & notes diary in my filofax and I'm going to photograph each week when it's finished and post it up on my blog. I might get you lot to join in too!!

Just-Jenny (2011-11-25 15:48:57)

Hi Everyone, this is my first post. It has taken months to pluck up the courage to post something, but I wanted to say that I really enjoy reading your posts and stories about Filofax. Also I don't feel quite so alone in loving them!

I was just browsing the net and saw that the UK Filofax website has a 50 % sale on some of its filofaxes across a range of products and sizes, something to suit every budget, and a chance for a little Christmas shopping too. The sale ends December 1st.

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-11-25 16:02:13)

@Nia thank you. An A5 Vintage Rose Maldern and matching accessory case have just accidentally fell into my shopping basket. Whoops

fluffyferret (2011-11-25 16:25:59)

@Just-Jenny Thank you for the info I've bought a Personal Crimson Malden :o)

Just-Jenny (2011-11-25 16:37:45)

@fluffyferret, your welcome, I bought the same filo too!

kathryn (2011-11-25 17:37:12)

I'm a first time poster too but I've been lurking for a while now. Just purchased the crimson malden half price!.

Lisa (2011-11-26 03:33:27)

Hi all :). I'm thinking of purchasing my first filofax (the malden!) and I was just wondering what exactly they

mean by "supplied with a 2012 calendar diary"? What exactly is the 2012 calendar? Is it the week on 2 pages, month on 2 pages, etc sheets? or will I need to purchase those separately?

Thanks!

XClaireX (2011-11-26 05:44:30)

Hi I'm a newbie but have been hanging around reading posts and enjoying filofaxy for a long time now. I currently have three A5's a kendal, an aqua finsbury and an ochre malden, a red personal adelphi and a mini finchley. The finchley is always with me, I use it as an address book but am looking for some clear plastic credit card holder inserts to put loyalty cards and coupons etc in but can't seem to find them on the filofax website any ideas?

Scoot (2011-11-26 07:44:35)

Just Jenny,

Welcome, and thank you for the 50 % off link, the kind of price reductions that even lever open my wallet.

Unknown,

When a fax states that it will come with a 2012 diary it will be in the same format as normally comes with the fax, though there is no harm in checking or asking for a different format of diary.

XClaire,

Welcome.

The Filofax site has two A5 card holders:

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/paperessentials.asp?control=processre quest &CatId=7 &SizeId=5>

Alternatively, buy your own individual sticky backed plastic card pockets and design your own holder. I bought mine at Staples, one packet of top opening and another of side opening.

I've often mentioned special papers for making your own dividers etc, even mentioning use of wallpaper (some are suitable, some are not!) but last week a visitor showed me her dividers which she'd made from the wallpaper used to furnish dolls houses; far better because the patterns are smaller and more in proportion with faxes, also there are no end of flower patterns for women!

Tracy Reinhardt (2011-11-26 08:28:49)

Has anyone run across counterfeit Filofax's? I know there are ways to spot fakes of all kinds - How would you spot a fake filo?

Tracy

Laurie (2011-11-26 16:35:26)

Nickie, Kelly and Allison, I love the BOAT and the day book as a capture device! I too have found that I can find some information more easily if I record it in chronological order or in a daily book. Like you said, it's in there somewhere! Categorized information goes in my Filofax behind a specific tab. But I've found day books are best as a catch-all for all the incoming info each day!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-27 10:05:22)

Have I just imagined this... or was there a filofax-handbag combo, which was a zipped filofax which had a shoulder strap so it could be carried like a bag?

If I've not imagined it, does anyone know what kind of filofax it was and whether they still make them?

Steve Morton (2011-11-27 10:11:03)

So whilst I was in UK last week I saw for myself some of the Tesco Filofax offers they have in their Tesco Extra stores. Quite surprising to see how cheap some were.

I also visited Goulds in Heswall again which is an independent shop, they had the Holburn in stock and a few others. No £1 diary insert bargains this time though!!

terriknits (2011-11-27 12:36:19)

@amanda - I don't know about Filo, but I'm pretty sure that DayTimer had that format a number of years ago.

Web Finds - 26 November 2011 (2011-11-26 00:00)

Go on, ignore that you should really be doing something else, grab a tea or a coffee and sit and enjoy some great web finds this week.

But keep an eye on the time I don't want to get the blame for you missing an important appointment, in fact you should schedule some time each week for web finds!

- [1]Stickers - Well Planned Life
- [2]Filofax Smoothness Comparison - Imysworld
- [3]A glimpse of heaven - Filofax Fixation
- [4]The Philofaxy Meet Up 19/11/2011 - Rapunzel's World
- [5]Thoughts of Tracy. The Filofax Personal Apex - Rapunzel's World
- [6]Crafty Filofax Superpowers - Julie Gibbons
- [7]Philofaxy meet up 19 November - Anita
- [8]Philofaxy meet up - November 2011 - Imysworld
- [9]Filofax Goodness - Angeliki
- [10]What's in the bag? - Rapunzel's World
- [11]My perfect A4/A5 diary layout - My Life All in One Place
- [12]Filofax's facial - Vanjilla
- [13]Mini Finchley - My Little Rabbit
- [14]My Lyndhurst eBay bargain - Rapunzel's World
- [15]It's here! It's here!!!! - Filofax Fixation
- [16]Download and Print your own A4/A5 pages - My Life All in One Place
- [17]27 Dresses, Filofax Spotting - Imysworld
- [18]Falling Out of Love - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
- [19]Trying to keep organised - Planet Millie
- [20]Filofax Apex Review - Bluebonnet Reads
- [21]Look what I have - All Things Pretty....Awesome
- [22]The Dominoes - Vanjilla

Enjoy

1. <http://wellplannedlife.blogspot.com/2011/11/stickers.html>
2. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/11/filofax-smoothness-comparison-with.html>
3. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/11/19/a-glimpse-of-heaven/>
4. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/2011/11/imy-horrified-at-thought-of-touching.html>
5. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/2011/11/few-weeks-ago-i-was-one-of-lucky.html>
6. <http://www.juliegibbons.com/2011/11/20/crafty-filofax-superpowers/>
7. <http://anita-lim.blogspot.com/2011/11/philofaxy-meet-up-19th-november.html>
8. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/11/philofaxy-meet-up-november-2011.html>

9. <http://pinterest.com/angelikib/filofax-goodness/>
10. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/2011/11/whilst-on-philofaxy-meet-up-i-made.html>
11. <http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/2011/11/my-perfect-a4a5-diary-layout.html>
12. <http://vanjilla.blogspot.com/2011/11/filofaxs-facial.html>
13. <http://mylittlerabbit.blogspot.com/2011/11/mini-finchley.html>
14. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/2011/11/for-many-years-i-used-mini-zipped.html>
15. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/11/22/its-here-its-here-2/>
16. <http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/2011/11/download-and-print-your-own-a4-or-a5.html>
17. <http://imysworld.blogspot.com/2011/11/27-dresses-filofax-spotting-obvious.html>
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20. <http://bluebonnetreads.wordpress.com/2011/11/23/filofax-apex-review/>
21. <http://beprettyawesome.blogspot.com/2011/11/look-what-i-have.html>
22. <http://vanjilla.blogspot.com/2011/11/dominoes.html>

LJ (2011-11-26 01:14:08)

I class this as official permission that I don't have to do anything at all until after the boys have finished watching Bambi - thanks Steve :-)

Millie (2011-11-26 04:52:16)

Wow, big list this week. Thanks for mentioning me :)

Vanjilla (2011-11-26 06:35:35)

Thank you, Steve, for mentioning me, too! Although - I'm so intimidated by such great posts you people do - thank you for inspiring me constantly!

Gerard (2011-11-26 08:20:28)

Monsieur,

With these web finds you are really spoiling us :)

Thanks for another great roundup Steve.

Kate (2011-11-26 10:45:58)

Another good start to the weekend, Steve. Thank you. I've cancelled Saturday's paper as your web finds are a more interesting read.

Steve Morton (2011-11-26 12:59:27)

Thanks everyone... I didn't quite finish this post last night.. so I will add the ones I missed to next weeks!!

Regards

Steve

lowtech (2011-11-27 05:52:22)

Wonderful resource! Thank you!

Filofreak (2011-11-27 21:02:52)

Steve, were you referring to me when you mentioned in 27 Dresses post that she would be the reason for buying 2 Filos/week?! Ha ha,, „very funny!

Steve Morton (2011-11-28 02:07:07)

Was I? I think you have the quote the wrong way around. I think I said 1 every two weeks?

Imy (2011-11-28 06:09:39)

Thank you for posting my Blog posts Steve :-D

I need to do MORE! ;-) xxx

Julie Gibbons (2011-11-29 13:26:52)

Thanks so much for including my posts here. So happy to share this wee obsession. Look forward to exploring the others :)

Hogla (2011-12-06 05:22:06)

Thank you for mentioning me :D

So much fun looking at how others use their Filo.

Also my inspired me to create my own dividers

Filofax 50% off selected lines (2011-11-26 08:50)



[1]

I realise a lot of you have already reacted to this, but it was announced during my 36 hours of limited internet connectivity on my trip back to France! Poor excuse I know...

Anyway, take a look at what is on offer, and don't hang about if there really is something you want to buy. **Hurry, sale ends 4pm, Thursday 1st December 2011.**

Use [2]this link and you will be adding to the Philofaxy Charity Donation...

1. <http://tidd.ly/3efd93fc>

2. <http://tidd.ly/3efd93fc>

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-26 11:42:06)

Huh. So much for filling in the "email me when back in stock" thing on the 50 % off the crimson Malden... there they are again. Did Filofax email me?

Nope.

Good job I follow Philofaxy!

Steve Morton (2011-11-26 13:47:45)

Amanda, I found one of the messages from Filofax had been trapped as a SPAM message... tut tut Mr GMail!!
Steve

Nellie (2011-11-26 15:52:09)

Are they trying to ruin us?? *must not buy more filos, must not buy more filos*

Sari (2011-11-26 16:34:21)

Hi, Nellie, thank you for the 'mantra' (Must Not Buy.....;-))but it's too late..... ;-0. I was thinking about a zipped Cuban for a loooooooooong time.....

Imy (2011-11-26 17:04:48)

its been 2 days since i saw 27 dresses again, I have bought a filofax this week starting this filofax every 2 weeks thing oh no xxxx

Dani-Ani (2011-11-27 02:15:01)

This is my first post! Thanks to this blog, I became a Filofax addict one month ago when my personal black Adelphi arrived! I now have a teal Baroque and a baby blue pocket piazza on the way! Thanks! ;)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-27 12:31:23)

@Steve

Nope - not even spammed. Maybe because I ticked the box on the page 'last chance to buy' and then the Malden appeared on a separate 50 % off page.

So... shall I buy it? Or will I hold firm to my baroques? Same interior (minus one vertical pocket) as the Malden, lush interior, matching stitching (I don't like this contrast stitching fashion...)

Oooh...

But I don't need one and I am knee-deep in 2012 calendars I won't use!

Date for your Filofax - 4 December 2011 (2011-11-27 00:00)

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 4th December 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 December.

1. <http://www.skype.com/>
 2. <http://steve-morton.com/2011/07/30/improving-your-skype-audio/>
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Reader Question - Emergency Filofax? (2011-11-28 00:00)

One of our readers wrote in and asked 'How has Filofax helped you in an emergency?'

I know some people that keep detailed medical records and diet information in their Filofax, but what do you record for emergencies in your Filofax?

I have a follow up question to this, what forms would you find useful for recording this information?

Laurie (2011-11-28 03:07:19)

I use my personal Aqua Finsbury as my Medical Filofax, with a tabbed section for each member of my family with records of our vaccines, illnesses by date, treatments and meds taken, etc etc. After more than one emergency medical situation here I realized I need to carry this info with me all the time everywhere I go. You can read more about it in these posts:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/02/filofax-medical-journal.html>

<http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/06/what-im-using-update-back-to-filofax.html>

In this Filo I keep an Emergency section that has our medical insurance policy numbers, contact numbers and any other med info we need. In my A-Z tabbed section I have all my main contacts, so if we needed to get on the plane to Singapore for emergency medical reasons I could grab this one Filofax and it would have everything I need. I also have a month on two pages calendar where I note medical visits and treatments for each person as a quick reference.

As you can tell, we've been to the doctor a lot since we've been here! Having this reference has also helped a lot when I'm filling out the insurance paperwork for reimbursement. The diagnosis and dates are very helpful to have a record of.

As far as forms go, it would be useful to have a form for insurance policy numbers, address, phone and fax. A form for vaccine name, date given, and date due again would be really useful. A form for weights and dates would be good, I keep lists of those for my kids to know med dosages. A form for doc and dentist visits would be good too with date of visit, symptoms, diagnosis, meds/ treatment, and follow-up.

Some other ideas that come to mind but that I don't currently use: lists of major household inventory in case of fire or natural disaster; bank lockbox number; bank, credit card and other financial information. This kind of info would be too sensitive to carry around everywhere, but would be useful in a grab-and-go Filo if you had to leave your house in a hurry.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-28 03:19:54)

I don't have children, but I could see this information being useful for pets eg our dogs. I can never remember who's had what jab!

Butanben (2011-11-28 05:37:38)

I have made a very simple chart to record yearly check up months eg vaccinations, well woman check etc and medical prescription renewal times. Kept in the Filofax.

I keep a medical information card at the front of my Filofax, with the title Medical Info written in huge letters. I made it on Big Huge Labs.com- a free non registration site ie needs no fee or log in details. Go to the Badge Maker Section and make your own medical ID for your Filofax, wallet etc. Useful. It includes my medication details and dosages, phone number of my GP at the bottom and dad's contact details, plus an ID photo of me with my name and date of birth. That way, if I ever need to go to A and E, I or a relative can hand the card over and save time. Gosh, I admire Laurie's post here. I tend to keep things a bit simpler, living in the UK and not having children to keep detailed records for. I agree with Laurie here though, if you are part of a bigger family unit, it is handy

to write everything down, to remember doc and hospital visits, medications and advice given, and outcomes for any follow up visits.

tdashna (2011-11-28 10:04:21)

I have a MyHealth section behind the Myself & I tab to track my medical and dental health (on different pages). Just similar to project support material; notes, appointment calls, etc...

I am finishing up a section on "if I die" (or become severely injured) – sounds morbid but I need my team to know what to do with the clinic if something happens to me. Who to call, which family member to contact, insurance people, etc... Sort of an SOP for that event. All the official stuff can be in the (living) will but we need the basic stuff in the beginning. In those first numbing days, I want to make sure people can just go down the list of actions. There's also a list of things to do (vendors to call, etc..) if I am only severely injured (but not dead).

I have a more detailed version in a text file but am adding a simpler version (without sensitive info) in my planner since that will be more accessible to people than rooting around the USB key looking for an ReadThisIfIDie file.

J (2011-11-28 12:01:51)

I have a "Health" tab behind my general "Me" tab in my Malden. I record all my appointments and doctor visits, including what was done/prescribed/etc. I also record any symptoms of illness or injury so I know how long/when recurring issues happen. I don't ever want to go to the doctor with a problem and then not be able to answer when they ask "How long has this been going on?" So I try my best to keep track of any new oddities. I also keep my insurance cards and blood donor card in this section.

Also, because my stepdad has unexplained seizures, I keep a record of his medications and doses in a separate section. He has had more than one seizure at 3 or 4 a.m.- it's comforting to know I can head straight to the hospital without having to look up his medical info.

kanalt (2011-11-29 06:44:08)

In my everyday planner, I have a sheet in my "notes" section for my husband's medical information - what he takes, what he's allergic to. For myself, I have a sheet for anything that might currently be going on. So for instance, I currently have a sheet for fall allergies where I write down anything I'm feeling. I will have a separate sheet if something else were to pop up. Once I'm done with those sheets (allergy season ends or I am no longer experiencing whatever I have written down) the sheet gets moved to my "health" section in my Happiness Binder as a reference for how I handled the issue. I have a number of sheets here detailing all past issues (from the last year at this point, since that's when I started it).

On my daily sheets, I write down any medication I took that day (pain reliever, allergy meds, etc.). If I wake up with a sore throat, for example, I will write it on the day first. If it continues, I'll write it down on my sheet in the notes section so I can see everything I did for it in one place.

I also have an Excel spreadsheet as a medical log. Mainly I use this to keep track of all doctor visits, the date, the issue, what was prescribed (if anything) and when I need to return. (If a doctor's visit has to do with a particular issue I'm having, it will be duplicated on my health sheets.) I'll even add general checkups here so I can quickly see when the last time it was that I visited a particular doctor and for what reason.

All of this became necessary last year when I had respiratory infection after respiratory infection, had some tests done, tried many antibiotics and medication, even had ear surgery to alleviate fluid and tinnitus, only to find out that I'm allergic to ragweed, which caused all of these issues. (A year later, I still have the tinnitus and other ear issues.) This year, with all of my past notes, it was very easy to combat any further issues and so far, I've had none. So I thank my Filo for providing all of my necessary information!

Filopedia - Flickr Project (2011-11-28 09:00)



[1]

So please take a look at the [3]group on Flickr and contribute any photos you have along with model names and approximate year that the Filofax was for sale. Interior shots would be useful to help people identify unknown Filofax organisers.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-cu6qQSy46nE/Tn5oM8coZKI/AAAAAAAAJqM/_ofHgrU63pw/s1600/PhilofaxySeptember11Challenge3.jpg
2. <http://www.flickr.com/groups/filopedia/>
3. <http://www.flickr.com/groups/filopedia/>

J (2011-11-28 12:54:21)
Just added some pics- I can't believe the Malden hadn't been added yet!
Great idea- I can't wait to see what binders appear :)

[illegible]

Steve Morton (2011-11-28 14:51:40)
Amanda
Have you tried logging in with Facebook?
Steve

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-28 14:53:55)
@Steve
The page that says Yahoo would like to do loads of things on my Fb account is just too offputting - it can post on my wall and this that and the rest. I don't seem to be able to join via Fb without allowing a ridiculous amount of things.

Hopefully my five millionth email address will finally work.
Thanks though!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-29 07:58:26)

Success!

Just loaded pics of:

personal baroques

mini baroque

pocket cavendish

A5 finchley

personal Portland

MsPencil (2011-11-30 00:13:44)

Hi Guys, I loaded several pictures but I don't know how to add them so if anyone can give me some tips on how to add them I would appreciate it. Happy Planning, Thanks

Steve Morton (2011-11-30 03:50:33)

Hi,

When you have uploaded your photos. Please tag them with the relevant model names (Malden, Finsbury etc) then add them to the group.

Steve

MsPencil (2011-11-30 10:55:44)

@ Steve, OK will do. Thanks.

Gerard (2011-12-01 15:36:53)

Steve,

This is a great idea. Any tips in relation to file size, resolution, speedy shortcuts etc. would be much appreciated.

Free For All Tuesday No. 43 (2011-11-29 00:00)



[1]

We are closing in on December... but as it's Tuesday, you are of course very welcome to pose any Filofax related questions for us to try answering...

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

happy (2011-11-29 01:06:44)

Hi all,

I got a new personal finchley today and the 6 ring mechanism popped off when I opened it. It also fell off when the rings weren't opened. I can push it back on and it does okay but might happen again. From reading Steve's post in the past about the ring mechanism being able to come off if needed, I know this is possible. But should it happen unexpectedly? I am not familiar with owning filofax products so advice is appreciated. Thanks. Also, if it is defective and I have to send it back, do I contact Filofax Sweden or can I work through Filofax USA (where I

am located)? Thanks.

TJ (2011-11-29 02:54:52)

I am on the fence, debating whether to get the Malden in Ochre or Classic in Chocolate. I will be getting the personal size and price won't be an issue. Any suggestions/comments will be helpful.

katka (2011-11-29 03:58:27)

@TJ....I find Classic too stiff. Classic won't lie flat. I don't really like Malden, but in this case I would rather go for Malden. Have you consider Aston or Cuban ?

@happy...I had same problem with Slimline, when I had too many pages in it. But it was really my fault, not filofax's. Otherwise rings definitely shouldn't open just like this.

Saffy (2011-11-29 04:13:06)

Has anyone used this 2PPD format?

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

I would like to try it and downsize from A5 to personal and would appreciate anyone's feedback on it.

Sari (2011-11-29 05:16:22)

Hi, Happy,

I have seen this problem once before with a new Filo and once with a Mulberry-Timer when I first opened it. I pushed the ring mechanism firmly back on (after adjusting the little metal 'hooks' a bit) and until today both work fine and although I use them quite often the rings never came off again - but maybe I was just lucky? I would not know if you could work a possible exchange through Filofax USA (I live in Germany) but I think you could always give them a call and ask if they can help. From my experience Filofax representatives are always very friendly and keen to help. Greetings, Sari

Sari (2011-11-29 05:32:04)

@Saffy:

Hi, I use this D2P for some years now and I like it very much for more busy days when I have to plan a lot and take notes too. In my planer though I carry only the pages for the current week in addition to my W2P because the pages for the whole year together make the planer quite heavy and bulky :-). I think you could squeeze in the same information as in A5, depending on your handwriting - do you use the day per page format in your A5? Greetings, Sari

Linda Ward (2011-11-29 05:45:10)

Is there a computer programme I can sync with my personal? I use it for recurring appointments (well, dog's names, I'm a dog walker!), and now I've got so many it's a real drag writing them all in week in week out. I'd like to find something I can do online, then print out to fit my organiser. I need to have it on paper to add in extras while I'm away from the computer, I don't trust having it all on a phone.

Thanks!

Lynne (2011-11-29 05:56:45)

Hi Saffy,

I am also downsizing to a personal for 2012 and have bought a day timer 2PPD = http://www.daytimer.co.uk/diary-refills/Diary-Refill--Coastlines-2-Page-Per-Day--Portable/13980/View_Front/MoreInfo.aspx Should be an interesting exercise.
Lynne

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-29 06:52:52)

@Linda

Do you use Outlook? There was a post on here a while back about printing out your diary from Outlook (which

would then have your recurring dates in).

Jotje (2011-11-29 07:24:54)

@Saffy: I have done a guest post on my 2PPD setup in my Personal Filofax last year:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/12/guest-post-task-and-time-management.html>

Speaking of guest posts: where are the comments of the blogpost of 24th November? I have tried to comment with my iPod (which was not possible), and now the discussion seems to have vanished (or erased?) altogether. How sad!

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-11-29 07:25:53)

@Linda Ward. I use Outlook but I print to A5 pages I'm afraid (much easier to print that way on my own A4 paper). My Outlook is also synced to my smart phone so I have a portable copy whenever I'm out and about without my Filofax (not often as desk based). I print off a WO2P about 2 weeks in advance and then a MO2P for months in advance. HTH

Butanben (2011-11-29 10:39:30)

Hi Folks. Just wanted to let you know about a new programme/app I have discovered called Wunderlist... easily googled. Great for us list freaks out there. Has meant that I can transfer my GTD stuff onto Wunderlist. Oddly much easier than keeping in a GTD Filofax. Now only just keep my weekly and daily to Dos in my diary Filo.... moved over from Wunderlist. Wonder if anyone else now uses a mixture of PC or apps and Filo and in what way?? For me it's now everything Filo except for Wunderlist GTD.

Jen (2011-11-29 11:21:04)

@Linda

I'm not sure if you want to print out a simple list of appointments or actual diary pages showing the appointments already entered? Maybe one of the following will help:

Filofax do sell software, but it is only for address book info (and doesn't work for mac either). They also sell computer paper which can be used to print out any info you want. It only comes in blank format, not lined or diary pages.

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/addressbook.asp>

There is a website devoted to print-your-own pages in many different formats:

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

Finally, there have been quite a few posts about using personal pages in a printer, eg this one earlier this year:

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

I haven't actually tried any of these myself - I really ought to, as there is always a gap between the stuff I like to plan out on my mac and the pages I actually carry round in my filofax. I would love to know if anyone has succeeded in solving this problem!

happy (2011-11-29 11:24:04)

Thanks those who commented. Filofax has made it all better. They are awesome. Thanks.

Filofreak (2011-11-29 12:50:04)

I would really like to see more "Readers Under the Spotlight" features. I love reading about other people and how they use their Filos and what got them interested in them to begin with. That's just me.

TJ (2011-11-29 13:02:35)

Thanks Katka for your comments. Having looked up the Aston and Cuban I'm still unsure but I'm heading toward Malden. I have an A5 Classic and yes it is a bit stiff but feels very sturdy. The personal gets thrown around in bag, desk, coffee table etc so needs to be upto to the job lol. My current Windsor needs retiring. Anyone else have any suggestions for a suitable work horse.

Elisabeth (2011-11-29 13:05:53)

Does anyone know of an online shop that carries some of the older, discontinued Filofax forms/inserts, or is Ebay the best place to look?

Steve Morton (2011-11-29 13:07:06)

Elisabeth

Which ones are you looking for? We have quite a few in the Files area which you can print off yourself.

Steve

fluffyferret (2011-11-29 14:23:51)

@Jen

Thank you for the Philofaxy link for printing personal pages. I actually managed to print a page thanks to "Nel-lie's" comprehensive instructions.

TU too for providing the information Steve :o)

Just-Jenny (2011-11-29 14:37:42)

Hi everyone.

I have the address book software and the Filofax printer paper, but found that the ink from my printed pages subsequently transferred to the surrounding pages for example the a-z dividers.

Has anybody else had this problem? What type of printers do you use? Have you opted for your own paper and cut to size?

I would love to hear your comments. Thank you.

Jotje (2011-11-29 15:12:41)

@TJ: I also find the Classic far too stiff, it really spoils the fun of using it. I'm a great Malden fan, but I'm not sure if you should go for the Ochre, since that will scratch easily (which - one might argue - adds to its character). Another sturdy option: the Kendall (in brown!). The leather is a delight! I'm also a huge fan of the Finchley, but find it a bit sensitive to scratching as well. If you are planning on manhandling the poor thing, the Finchley might not be the best option.

Of course, you could also go for the Apex. I hear that it is unfortunately indestructable (sigh)

TJ (2011-11-29 15:51:10)

I think we'll pass on the Apex lol. I've got a Finchley so fancy something new. I've read so many great comments regarding the Malden I thought I may have to splurge. I do like a fax with a zipper pocket even if it's small. The scuffings not really an issue as I like the vintage look, plus I'm quite handy at repair work lol. Think I've talked myself into it. If its not working after a few months, it'll have to retire early lol.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-29 16:09:24)

@jotje - yes I wondered where those blog posts had gone as well. Not sure if they got deleted for a reason or by accident.

happy (2011-11-29 17:14:57)

Does the black malden scratch easily?

Alison Reeves (2011-11-29 17:51:40)

Question: how many different diaries do you keep? I find one gets far too full which means you can't see clearly the plan. I'm thinking about for different reasons for example one for blogging, one for household jobs and so on.

CatB (2011-11-29 18:03:36)

I am struggling with my 2012 layout. What I would really like is the year, followed by the month, followed by the week followed by a day per page for that week, then to the next week etc etc. does that make sense? Has anyone seen a format like this I can buy for A5? I have thought about creating my own but am nervous.

My alternative is the filofax time management day per page, this is the only thing I have seen which is almost

what I want. Does anyone recommend it?
Thanks in anticipation
cat

Chicken (2011-11-29 18:06:18)

Hi, I have an ochre Malden and it has not scratched yet - been used six months or more. I also use a Kendal in brown - love that one as well. Have an A5 Classic and it is also nice but the personal does not lie flat. I know this as I got my partner one, but he likes it - converted him by accident. He now has a 'docking station' for his Filofax (what he calls the shelf it sits on when 'being admired')
Chicken

Saffy (2011-11-29 19:12:20)

Thanks to those who answered, I went ahead and ordered this evening.
@Jotje...I think it was your guest post that got me thinking about that diary format in the first place. ;-)
I was interested to see if anyone had tried and loved it or abandoned the layout after a while. Guess I will find out.

Saffy (2011-11-29 19:26:37)

@TJ- I had a pocket classic which never lay flat even after many years of daily use.
Recently though I was in paperchase and picked up a pink classic and it lay flat in my hand which did surprise me. I put it down to being the display model.

Josh (2011-11-29 20:59:33)

@Saffy, I am interested in how it works out for you, as I have been interested in trying it too but not sure if it might be too much paper and consequently cannot carry as many days as I would like to. I love the idea of having time slots for appointments, space for to-do items, and open space for notes. I currently just jumble all of these items together on a page and it becomes rather messy by the end of a busy day!

Dani-Ani (2011-11-29 23:43:31)

@TJ I have a Personal sized Adelphi that I use for work. After about a month of use, it lays flat. I love how it looks professional but the patterned texture makes it interesting and not so boring black :)

Dani-Ani (2011-11-30 00:05:20)

@Josh I use a two day per page format from FC in my personal sized Filofax. I really like this format because there is a prioritized task list next to appointment schedule on one page and then a full lined page for notes. At the beginning of the month, there is a full calendar on two pages as well. I keep a quarter, or 3 months, with me. It also came with Calendars through next year for future planning!

@Allison. I am rather new to this but I have my work dedicated personal Adelphi, I have a Personal on the way which I am using as my flyLady control journal (personal and home). I also have a pocket sized piazza on the way to use as a sort of emergency/health info/Dog info and general record keeping. It's just me and the dog so I'm hoping the pocket will be sufficient. (Laurie inspired me to do this in one of her posts)

Steve Morton (2011-11-30 03:17:33)

@CatB Said:
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Thanks in anticipation
cat
Cat the Time Management day per page, is in fact a Day on Two Pages... and it's a lot of paper for a full two years!
I think you mean the A5 Day per page Business style, this is the one I've been using this year.
See my post here:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-3-filofax.html>

It shows the differences.

Regards

Steve

Jotje (2011-11-30 16:03:32)

@happy: I find the Crimson, Vintage pink and black do not scratch easily. Even after extensive use, they still look brandnew! (the grey seems to be of the same leather as the crimson and pink btw).

luminosity6 (2011-12-01 10:11:17)

@TJ - hi, another personal size option is the older Cavendish model. They are leather and do lie flat, have 2 pens loops and also, I believe have a larger ring size than normal. Jotje mentioned the Kendal which reminds me very much of the older Hamilton model, which is also very sturdy and practical but not as stiff as a Classic (I had a Hamilton A5 and Pocket many years ago but not the Personal). anxious to hear what you choose! :)

Productivity Tips? (2011-11-30 00:00)

At the suggestion of one of our readers (Alison) I am going to try an experiment today. Alison asked the following question:

Anything on Time Management, Organisation.... Filofax related if possible. Do you have any links to productivity stuff you have found useful, a You Tube video on organising your desk, links to makers of complimentary products and so on.

I thought, after all our Filofax Organisers are only one of our tools to help us with our day to day organisation. So how does your Filofax link in to these themes and do you have any links to more specific Time Management/Organisation sites.

Add any links or tips in to the comments. We might run this as a regular feature depending on the reaction to this first post.

Thank you Alison for your suggestion.

To get you started here's a few posts I've come across recently:

- [1]Being organised V.2 - My Little Rabbit

1. <http://mylittlerabbit.blogspot.com/2011/11/being-organised-v2.html>

Dani-Ani (2011-11-30 00:38:46)

Flylady.net is all about home and personal organization. Inspired by Femke's guest post on plannerisms, I have adopted this amazing system of routines to stay organized at home. I am also using a personal sized Baroque as my flylady control journal which is basically to keep track of all the things I need to do to stay on top of home organization. :) I am a single, young, professional and flylady caters more towards stay at home moms, but her tips and routines have helped me immensely!

haukef (2011-11-30 03:37:19)

Not directly filofax-related but in general on (self-) management :

[1]Boosteur de vie (french)

[2]Le Manager Urbain (in french, too)

[3]Potion de Vie (guess what ? french ...)

[4]Blueprints (german)

... and the most important thing for me is sketching a mindmap when starting complex projects. Mindmaps on

a huge piece of paper with everything comes up to your mind and afterwards turn into lists, schedules etc. for the file ...

1. <http://boosteurdevie.com/>
2. <http://le-manager-urbain.com/>
3. <http://www.potiondevie.fr/articles/efficacite-personnelle/>
4. <http://www.blueprints.de/>

Alison Reeves (2011-11-30 03:44:04)

@Steve - thanks for trying this out! I'll comment later on suggestions, but excited to hear about other people's ideas!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-11-30 03:57:43)

More to do with procrastination (and how to try and tackle it) but I use two tricks, both using a 30min timer (I use a giant sand timer, but any timer would do - I just like the visual!).

1. For tackling something that you can't summon the energy to do... say you will do 30 mins on it and start the timer. You can't do anything else but the task in those 30 mins, you can give yourself a reward at the end and even if you abandon the task after the 30 mins, you have at least started it, but the chances are you will have 'got into it' by then and keep working on it. I use this one a lot with my students who are trying to tackle their thesis!
2. When really, what you want to be doing is reading Philofaxy and so on but you *should* be doing proper (paid) work. Then you promise yourself 30 mins of Philofaxy (or whatever) as a reward later in the day.

Not sure if anyone else will find these useful, but they help me!

Scoot (2011-11-30 05:04:49)

Here is a link to a website about time management and organisation, it was posted a few weeks ago but since it is relevant....

<http://www.davidco.com/>
haukef,

I love mind maps too but I just can't think freely if I don't have the space of large A3 paper, even though I know that I will only use a small fraction of the paper. After being drafted, reviewed and amended/updated many times, they are finally copied onto A5 or folded A4 and included within a main fax.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-30 06:20:39)

I LOVE mind mapping and use it for a lot of things - I've even done to-do lists and frequently use it to design documents and training courses and presentations. I often use the Mind Mapping software which is expensive - but for me a business expense (the nice thing is you can print it out and file it in the file folder). I often recommend this free software to those who are on a smaller budget: http://freemind.sourceforge.net/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

It's free mindmapping software. I know some people prefer the freedom of paper, but I kind of like the 'tidiness' of using the software and printing it out. I often annotate/highlight when printed out to make it more personal. Another advantage is that you can drag and drop things if you change your initial thoughts.

Alison Reeves (2011-11-30 06:22:38)

One thing I like about exchanging ideas is that I have often used these in the past (for example mind mapping) but I can sometimes 'forget' them and need reminding!

My Little Rabbit (2011-11-30 06:47:23)

ha! thanks for the shout-out to my blog there!!!

I'm doing a whole series of posts on being organised so stay tuned!

Kelly Marriott (2011-11-30 09:14:11)

Thanks Alison for the link to the free software. Downloaded it and am excited to use it. I normally use the Rhodia Reverse Book or Rhodia Meeting book to draw my mind maps, but I think I will give this a try (as soon as I

figure out all the neat little buttons)

Butanben (2011-11-30 12:05:56)

All I can say is WOW,WOW,WOW!!! What a great idea for a new section in Philofaxy. Sharing websites with organisational tools. After all, it's not just about time management, but task management. For me, Wunderlist is just a great tool, and is free on the internet- you can categorise your lists as you wish and print them off in Filofax sizes. Also for i-phone users, it can be used as an app. Also get buttoned up has some useful stuff...have used some of the free templates. Is great for working mums. Also www.kristensguide.com. Hope this is useful to some folks.

mccann (2011-11-30 16:32:34)

Agree that <http://flylady.net> has very useful tools and suggestions (even for guys).

Ditto on <http://davidco.com>. The website forums are interesting. Took a Managing Workflow seminar earlier this year through work, and it was very helpful. David Allen wrote "Getting Things Done", which everyone probably knows.

Also like Autofocus/Superfocus a lot: <http://www.markforster.net/>.

The Pomodoro Technique can be a good way to get things done: <http://www.pomodorotechnique.com/>

kanalt (2011-12-01 05:30:48)

I love this idea! I'll have to go through my myriads of resources since I have quite a few of them bookmarked/saved.

1.3 December

Advent Calendar? (2011-12-01 00:00)



[1]

It is 1st December, the count down to Christmas starts here I suppose... so what would a Filofax Advent Calendar look like?

Please put your ideas in to the comments....

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-6oqYTWtaQtw/TtISY0v_17I/AAAAAAAAAJ5g/c2lkUEa_SIE/s1600/christmas.png

Nellie (2011-12-01 01:26:54)

Behind each door would be a different binder or insert to try out, with the final door having the perfect set up behind it!

I am doing an advent blog over on fennellbooks, and used my filo to plan. It took several months, and filo really helped as I had to keep track of ideas for 24 different book reviews!

Nickie (2011-12-01 03:43:37)

Each door should be opened by a different claps or zip - that's a given!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-01 03:50:33)

It has to involve chocolate!!!

fluffyferret (2011-12-01 06:09:10)

@Alison Reeves

Yes it definitely must involve chocolate!

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-01 11:51:21)

I would love to see a post on how everyone is using their filox to plan for the holidays. Trying to set mine up for gift lists, menus, travel, class parties, etc. What is anyone else doing?

Butanben (2011-12-01 12:50:25)

A range of Filofax shaped chocolates, getting more luxurious as the days progress. At the end a Filofax shaped keyring and chocolate or a mini mini shopping list Filo and chocolate, designed just for advent calendar size. Hee Hee!!!

Butanben (2011-12-01 12:50:48)

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kanalt (2011-12-02 05:37:47)

Hmm, I was thinking of it in a totally different way: the Filofax is the advent calendar itself. Each page represents a "door" (so the calendar would need to be a DPP or 2PPD). Each page/door would offer a new gift - a gift card, a chocolate or candy. This would be a little difficult though since it would make the binder very bulky. Maybe we should just stick to gift cards each day, with the last one being for Filofax.

Or, it could be a big calendar where each door offers a new Filofax each day!

Free For All Friday No. 159 (2011-12-02 00:44)

It's the first weekend in December, and holiday plans are really gearing up. Are you planning parties, school events, travel? Are you making your lists and checking them twice? How is your Filofax helping you during this very busy time?

And as always on Fridays, feel free to discuss anything Filofax related.

Have a great weekend everyone!

XClaireX (2011-12-02 03:45:50)

Not really christmas related but after a long period of severe illness and having to take a cocktail of medication including steroids I now find myself having to lose alot of weight. I just wondered if anybody else uses their filo's as a weight loss tool and if so how they organize it? Many thanks xxx

Kate (2011-12-02 04:41:05)

I'm very pleased to announce that I have converted my son to Filofax. He found an old A5 amongst my things and appropriated it as he wanted to look more professional at work. he also bought an A4 agenda from the Swedish site for 90k. This from someone who swore by his smart phone for everything!

Steve Morton (2011-12-02 04:50:20)

@Kate, I trust you have shared the secret of Philofaxy with your son... lots of suitable templates for his A5 and A4 here....

lifeconsidered (2011-12-02 05:26:45)

XClaireX...

I have a cheery yellow pocket Piazza which I purchased from Pens and Leather that I use for my Weight Watchers Filo. I have a Notes section, which I use during WW meetings; an Info section, in which I recorded my WW passwords and other pertinent info; I printed a label from my Dymo label maker for my Points Tracker section. Here I use the Meals Tracker sheet from the Philofaxy files and edited it to include a 'points' column, since every food item has a points value. I can easily keep track of how much I consume during the day. I also made a label for my 'Points Values' section. I used the ABC address index tabs to list foods alphabetically once I know their points value. This way I won't need to calculate it each time I want to eat. For instance, I'm having Hummus for lunch today. I've already calculated the points for it, so I just flip to the 'ghi' tab behind the 'Points Values' section and find that 2 tablespoons is 1 point. I then go the 'Points Tracker' section and record it for today (I also keep my 'Today' page marker in this section). I keep my weight watchers record card in the front flap section and pull it out when I go to a weight in. I only wish I could keep my WW calculator in the book to have it handy. I tried using a coin purse with grommets to put it on the rings but it was too bulky. Otherwise my systems is great, and I love using my beautiful Filo instead the ugly 'pleather' book WW sells.

XClaireX (2011-12-02 09:01:27)

Lifeconsidered thanks for the response, I actually follow slimming world and at the moment keep my menu planner, shopping lists in my day to day A5. But I do have a finsbury not being used at the moment which I could use in a similar way. Thanks for the idea I know what I'll be doing this evening now!

Steve Morton (2011-12-02 10:32:45)

Looking forward to chatting with you all on Sunday, as long as your not too busy with Christmas shopping!

Butanben (2011-12-02 11:15:23)

@XClaireX. I have lost 5 and a half stone in weight, 77lbs, and feel a lot better for it. It started when my dad bought me a gym membership for my birthday, which had a special offer of a personal trainer session once a week. Exercise did it for me, and once I started losing weight steadily, I cut down on my portions by about half, and tried to add more healthy things..... but healthy things I love, like peaches, strawberries and salad. I still have choccies, the odd bag of crisps, just in smaller sizes and never buy the 2 for 1 packs of anything!!! The difference was this time I lost the weight over five years, a stone a year and this time I did NOT go on a diet, weighed myself once a month or so, and just changed habits at my own pace. If you psychologically say I'm on a diet, constantly weigh and measure, the mind flashes deprivation, in HUGE neon lights and poor me signals. Not good. The scales seem to have stuck now and I've still got a couple of stone to lose. But I am not beating myself up any more over trying to have the ideal figure and to write down every morsel. That just induces guilt which is not psychologically uplifting. I use my Filo mini for shopping lists and meal plans.... and treats now are of the paperback book or bunch of flowers kind. The positive comments from friends are lovely, and to be honest, it hasn't seemed like hard work. Just a change of day to day automatic pilot habits, becoming new more thoughtful habits. It is great too to buy clothes in normal shops and not just Evans!!!

A book called Focusing, by Eugenie Gendlin, also helped me so much, that I would recommend it to anyone. It enabled me to get to the crux, root and branch of why I over ate, which was so important. It's a technique with which you need to persevere for a while, but I promise you it UTTERLY works. Good luck Claire. xxxx

Butanben (2011-12-02 11:28:09)

PS@Claire. A tip from my personal trainer was, keep drinking water during the day, and keep a water chart, everyone needs 2 litres, 8 glasses minimum a day, as thirst-ie dehydration strangely can trigger your body's natural hunger signals. He was right too!! I still keep a water chart in my filo and tick off the glasses of water.

Filofreak (2011-12-02 12:11:36)

As the New Year looms, I'm once again trying to decide between the A5 and personal size of filofax. When I start with one, I always end up switching to the other! And keeping both is too cumbersome. Any ideas?

Alison Reeves (2011-12-02 12:36:26)

@Butanben - well done you! What an amazing achievement!

@lifeconsidered some brilliant ideas here! I will be using some of them.

@XClaireX - I am doing Slimming World also. I really love it as you can eat absolutely loads! Bonus is that I really like most of the stuff you can eat without counting. I've just lost my first stone - it's taken me 6 weeks - but that has included some really challenging weeks with working away from home and being very stressed.

I think I am going to have another look at setting up a filofax to use for this. The longer I do it the more I want to keep handy so it's a good idea and I have binders doing nothing.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-02 13:58:12)

How am I using my filo over the season?

Well, I have my diary keeping track of all the things I am going to (sadly not parties, but mostly Rotary stuff!). Then I have a list of Christmas presents (past and upcoming; past so don't give the same gift twice; upcoming so I can see where I am with it all) and a list of things to do before Christmas (make puddings - this weekend; make cakes etc).

I would be lost without it!

terriknits (2011-12-02 14:28:31)

I have a question for anyone who has the cotton cream pages for their Filo. I have a WO2P diary and the pages are lovely. Do the other pages (i.e. cotton cream "To Do") still have that nice thickness and feel to them?

SSA (2011-12-02 14:47:51)

@ Terri knits. I have cotton cream to-do, WO2P, note paper, address pages and some thing else i cant remember and all are (in my opinion) very good quality. i have never noticed a difference between the cotton cream at all. They are so nice to write on in any pen without fear of bleeding, smudging etc. I often use a fountain pen and on the filo colored paper it seems to repel this type of ink and take 1+ minutes to dry.

Question: I am looking to make a filo that will only stay at home and will be something like a reference/storage etc etc. Basically I live abroad and try to keep my possessions down to make moving easier (i move internationally approx once a year). I currently only use a pocket (I find this size adequate for day-to-day use)...but...I feel there is info in it that I do not need 99 % of the time and also that there are things that slip by me because there isnt space to put it in or store it etc. An example: I saw an interesting article in a magazine regarding interior deco and I wanted to keep it, it had a link to a website etc etc. But a pocket is too small to keep the article and i didnt make a note of this...result i lost it.

I am thinking of a filo with addresses section using A-Z (something i dont have in pocket for space reasons) - recipes - reference maybe or useful info for example a master xmas card list (i seem to write one every year and then throw it out)...

its only me so i dont feel i need separate Filos for each 'thing' but I feel my pocket needs slimming down.

my question is - does anyone have a filo like this and what size would you recommend? Personal or A5?

thanks in advance

Alison Reeves (2011-12-02 17:26:50)

@SSA - size will depend on what you plan to store - for example if you cut out articles & recipes to store an A5 may be a better size. It's easier store printed material which is often A4 in this size. It certainly has a larger footprint, but if it stays at home there shouldn't be a big problem. Perhaps you could buy a cheap one to try out and if it works well you may decide to buy a different model. There have been quite a few domino's on sale recently which are a good price with bigger rings which may be useful for storage.

Butanben (2011-12-02 17:27:46)

Thanks Alison! xx

terriknits (2011-12-02 19:31:05)

@SSA - thanks for the comment about cotton cream. Must go find more! You should have a look at Laurie's blog (plannerisms) as she moves internationally quite often and has lots of good tips on organizing your info in those situations.

kanalt (2011-12-04 19:17:02)

When November started, I promised myself that I would keep the holiday craziness to a minimum. I have a few more things planned than I anticipated, but it's not overwhelming. The trick is to keep it from becoming so. I do have lists for gifts and holiday projects, but they're more like scribbles rather than detailed lists.

Filofax UK 20% Discount Weekend (2011-12-02 04:00)



[1]

Filofax have announced this morning a 20 % off organisers not currently under other special offers. But you need to get in there with this promo code before midnight on Sunday night.

Christmas is nearly upon us and this weekend we're offering 20 % off every Filofax organiser*! Just enter code: WKND20 at the checkout to claim your discount.**Hurry, offer ends midnight, Sunday 4th December 2011.**

All purchases made via Philofaxy will of course add to our Charity Donation Total.

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1. <http://tidd.ly/f57a0f48>

Alison Reeves (2011-12-02 12:06:02)

You naughty enabler! I think I am all bindered out at the moment - but I would like a really nice document folder (sadly not in this sale).

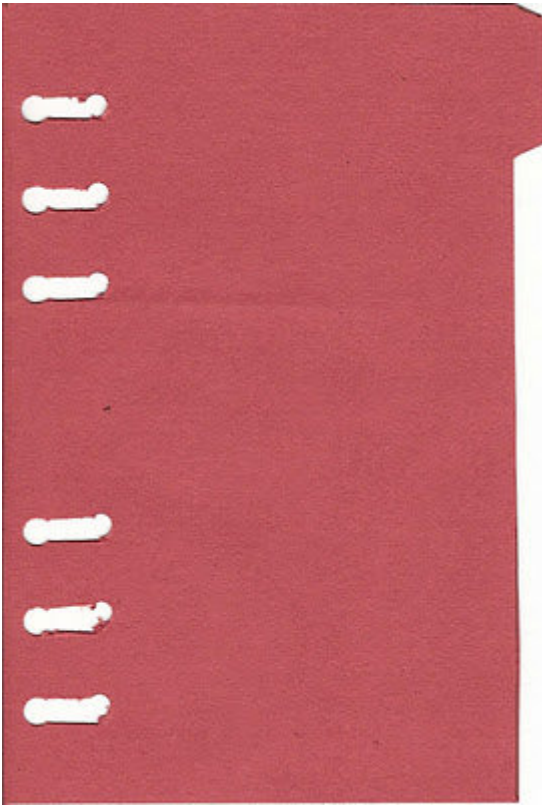
Sliding Tabs (2011-12-02 17:00)

This idea came to me in one of those flashes of inspiration, a sort of why didn't I think of that before... So the problem... Franklin Covey tabbed pages are much wider than Filofax ones... so much wider that they stick out of the side of a Filofax organiser.. See Zoe's [1]blog post that shows this problem better than I can describe it....

So the FC Tab picture is just that a standard dimension FC tab with the holes where they are when you buy them.... and yes they stick out.



I then put a Filofax Tab on top of it and located the holes where they would be on the page. Used a single hole punch on the FF holes and then with a craft knife cut out the card between each hole to form the slots.

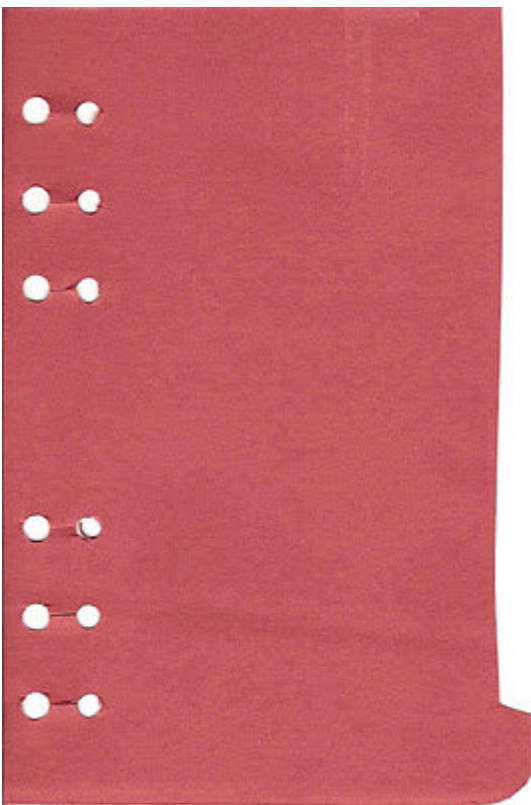


[3]

In the binder pulled out you can see the tab.... pushed in it disappears flush with the excess in the space inside the rings. I've tried it on my Malden and it seems to work....

Just a slight variation with the mark 2 version. Just a simply single cut between the two rows of holes. You can still move them in or out with a little effort. But these might be easier to make and you don't lose too much of the space on the tab.

[4]



[5]

I will admit my mock up tabs aren't exactly beautifully made, but I just wanted to show you the idea...
Now the only problem I can see is if there is anything printed on the tab divider? It might look a bit messy/odd with the oval slots in?

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2. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-ifYk7reyiuY/Ttk7bgFrffI/AAAAAAAAAJ7w/QUepbfS_NBs/s1600/FCTab.jpeg
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Alison Reeves (2011-12-02 17:17:58)

This is very timely as Franklin Covey appear to have started selling in the UK again. Very tempting as their inserts much better designed.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-03 13:48:08)

am I missing something or could you not just trim off the side with the holes and re-punch?
Sorry if I'm missing something crucial.

Steve Morton (2011-12-03 13:57:28)

You could do that Amanda and some people have tried that... but you have to do it to all of the pages as well.
As it's only the tabs that are the problem, this 'sliding tab' sort of solves the problem.
Steve

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-03 14:00:11)

Ah... Merci. Je comprends.
:-)

Web Finds - 3 December 2011 (2011-12-03 00:00)

OK you know how this works... no excuses or feeble reasons just sit down and enjoy an hour or two of Filofax love... go for it!

- [1]Philofaxy meet up London November 2011 - The Life of a Perpetual Student
- [2]Bouche and the organiser - Bouche in the City
- [3]Migrating to the Cuban Zip - Filofax Fixation
- [4]Dividers - Designed by Marcus - LJ's Blog of Stuff
- [5]Filofax Karma - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [6]Many thanks to Philofaxy - Chimwemwe
- [7]Another month, another 80s Filofax, another set up - Cats Corner
- [8]Stickers! (Part 2) - Well Planned Life
- [9]Filofaxes, Apples and Ski Boots - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [10]Still no Finchley in purple - Paper Pens Ink
- [11]Make your own diary - Source files - My Life All in One Place

- [12]Never ask a lady her weight - Filofax Fixation
- [13]The move in to Lyndy the Lyndhurst Part 1 - Rapunzel's World
- [14]Filofax Travel Journal - Filomaniac
- [15]Filofax eMarketing & Online Sales Manager - Filofax UK
- [16]Filofax organiser Day planner inspiration - Imagine
- [17]My new dividers - Rapunzel's World
- [18]A5 business set up and tabs - My Life All in One Place
- [19]Rest in Pages: Where Do To Do's Go To (Michael) - Well Planned Life (All Stars)
- [20]My Own New Pink Treasure - Inspiration To Live Well
- [21]My Current Love Filofax: Malden Pocket in Vintage Pink - Jana Book Look
- [22]Filofax Taunts Me... - LJ's Blog of Stuff
- [23]The Cuban Zip dilemma - Rapunzel's World
- [24]Filofax Update - The Gentlewoman Blog

This caught my attention too...

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Enjoy

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2. <http://boucheinthecity.wordpress.com/2011/12/02/bouche-and-the-organiser/>
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12. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/11/28/never-ask-a-lady-her-weight/>
13. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/2011/11/move-into-lyndy-lyndhurst-part-one.html>
14. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/11/filofax-travel-journal.html>
15. <http://www.wiredsussex.com/jobs/Vacancy.asp?type=R&Item=9344>
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22. <http://ljsblogofstuff.blogspot.com/2011/12/filofax-taunts-me.html>
23. <http://icclewu.blogspot.com/2011/12/cuban-zip-dilemma.html>
24. <http://thedaysofagentlewoman.blogspot.com/2011/12/filofax-update.html>

LJ (2011-12-03 00:44:53)

Another massive selection - thanks Steve. And thank you for including my posts here. Marcus is currently sat next to me with his FF, having stolen my green Frixion pen so no doubt he will be checking out the pics with me :o)

bluebonnetreads (2011-12-03 01:24:36)

The "Filofax travel journal" link from Filomaniac is messed up - looks like two links got smushed together somehow in the post.

Also, just today I posted an entry which had a little bit to do with Filofax and a lot to do with another brand of ring-bound planner - I don't know if it qualifies for Web Finds but I thought I would give you the heads up. :) It is here: <http://bluebonnetreads.wordpress.com/2011/12/02/my-2012-set-up-for-now-at-least/>

Steve Morton (2011-12-03 01:29:52)

Link fixed, thanks for spotting that.... as you can tell they are assembled by hand, no automation is used and therefore there will be the occasional error!

Hmmm that other binder has an extra ring... nothing a hack saw can't fix though ;-)

bluebonnetreads (2011-12-03 01:59:46)

Don't worry, I won't be straying again..at least not in binders. Other inserts are much more tempting... ;)

Sandra (2011-12-03 07:48:58)

That seventh ring is just annoying. I do love the color of your "other" binder, B.

So much to read! Guess the kids will have to fend for themselves for a spell-just kidding!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-03 08:07:05)

@bluebonnetreads are the holes on the A5 Filofax vs classic franklin covey way out? Just wondered if they look a real mess if I had to repunch.

Anita (2011-12-03 09:53:07)

Ooo, thanks, Steve! Food shopping is going to have to wait for a bit :)

Steve Morton (2011-12-03 10:04:39)

Oh dear and all the OH's around the world can point their finger at me and say 'He's the cause of the lazyness on Saturdays.... him' Hehehe Do I look as if I care??!! Of course not...

I prefer my week... Monday Saturday... Tuesday Saturday... Wednesday Saturday.. etc!

bluebonnetreads (2011-12-03 11:04:12)

@Alison - I don't know for sure, since I've never owned an A5 Filofax, but the Philofaxy FAQ has told me that they are incompatible and I've seen people comment that they are a mess when repunched. Steve would probably know more. :)

Steve Morton (2011-12-03 11:19:41)

@bluebonnetreads Could you do me a favour and do some measurements on your FC (A5) binder.

Measuring to the centre of the rings what is the gap between the middle set of rings (ignoring the very middle one) so in Filofax terms the hole centres of rings 3 and 4. I assume they are using 19mm 3/4" spacing for the three ring spacing?

I will punch a coloured bit of paper to show the difference between FC and FF. I've previously done this for QV and Mulberry... none of them or very few of them are the same at A5 size!

Email philofaxy at gmail dot com

Thanks

Steve

Saffy (2011-12-03 12:32:00)

@Alison - I am using FC in my A5 but found it to be too much paper and therefore a bit of a waste for my needs. I just love the layout though.

Here is a photo of the re-punched holes.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/sewsaffy/6447539159/in/photostream>

Butanben (2011-12-03 19:03:18)

I wanted to comment on Ray Blake's blog and say how much I enjoyed it, but had an error message saying I did not have access to comment. Ray, if you're reading this, thank you for a fabulous blog post. I too would love an e. mail of your tabs. My address is je.mccourt@virgin.net

Thank you ever so much... I post as Butanben by the way! Think your tabs looks so very professional and would adore using these. xx

Tracy Reinhardt (2011-12-04 11:44:55)

Thank you so much for including me! You made my day doing that :) I feel positively Filofamous!

Tracy

Alison Reeves (2011-12-04 18:40:28)

@Saffy - thanks for the photo link - really helpful - they sort of don't look as bad as I thought! The FC inserts are so much more imaginative aren't they?

Filofax Day? (2011-12-04 00:00)

How does your Filofax fit in to your day? Have you ever recorded a time line about how often you refer to your Filofax in a typical day.

How essential is a Filofax is to your everyday life, not just a 'nicety' to have, but a genuine reason why Filofax is preferred in this modern, techno world.

LJ (2011-12-04 00:25:04)

How many times a day...? Well, I have to confess that I am probably the most disorganised Filofax owner in the world.

For work I refer to my FF constantly, it never forgets anything, doesn't randomly delete things and is totally reliable.

Unfortunately, when it comes to my personal life, work kinda gets in the way and so I write my lists of things that I have to do in a week, then get to Thursday and realise the list hasn't reduced and that I have a couple more things to add. I usually manage to cross off a couple of things on a Sunday, and then copy everything across into the following week . Hence my list still has items on it that I wrote two months ago that will soon become urgent :o)

David Popely (2011-12-04 04:17:21)

I refer to mien constantly. It's rarely out of my hand, and I'm always making notes of things, either in the information section or on one of my to-do lists. My Filofax is central to my personal organisation, period.

caribbean princess (2011-12-04 04:33:21)

I refer to mine constantly during the working week but less so on weekends. And my Filofax tells me that my birthday is tomorrow! Hehe.

Louloudorset (2011-12-04 04:50:07)

I'm always checking it ad writing in my Filofax. It's the first thing I do when I sit down at my desk at work and it's always open on the sofa at home. I'd forget my head if it wasn't attached so my Filofax is such an important part of my day :0) L x

gdigesu (2011-12-04 06:48:04)

Two Slimlines get a lot of attention during the day, since they are used for meeting notes, outlines, next actions, project planning, agendas, etc, GTD style. One of the Slimlines is always on my suit pocket, and carries my credit cards, id, driver license, and several pages for "capturing". The other Slimline carries the other GTD tabs - agenda, action lists, project lists, goals, project plans & notes, someday/maybe, references. I also carry, in the briefcase, two Personals, which serve as project files, for ongoing projects. They carry my "personal system".

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-04 08:00:31)

My 'almost everything except work' filofax has my credit cards and money as well as shopping lists, goals, diary, addresses etc and is looked at several times a day.

My work one is essential and has my work diary and meeting notes etc in it. I have also added a home-made time tracker as our new administrator wants us to do a work-load analysis each year so no doubt I will be in the work filo even more frequently so I can log everything in one place!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-12-04 08:09:28)

I am ashamed to admit I am very bad at looking in my filo during the day! Usually things are already in my mind so I don't need to look at my daily agenda (although lately I've been forgetting non-regular things, so I will have to start reviewing my days regularly!) But my to-dos tend to get forgotten because I don't consult my filo! It's really bad, it's just not part of my daily routine to check it!! That's really terrible isn't it?! I'm trying to remember to check it throughout the day, but I'm usually so busy I don't have the time; the only time I do check it is when I'm walking to or from uni, and that's if it's not raining!

I think my main problem is I don't have a permanent place where I work. I rarely sit down during the day, and when I'm at home I work at my sofa instead of my desk, and my sofa is covered with books with no place for my filo! So it just stays shut on the coffee table! Woops!

This is going on my New Year's Resolutions list now...

Healthier And Wealthier (2011-12-04 08:58:49)

Thanks for including me. I am a Filofax newbie!!!! Haven't decided how to set it up yet so I love reading these posts. I didn't know about the Filofax rave! I must have been living under a rock! I'm in now!

Tara (2011-12-04 09:40:44)

My filofax has recently only been used for scheduling. I refer to it every couple days as a reminder of meetings and appointments. I also use it to mark days I know I'll need to reference back to in the future. I'm currently looking for a new system so my filofax will get more use. Perhaps I need to purchase one of the new gift sets for inspiration. :)

Lucy (2011-12-04 10:54:36)

I look at my Filofax many times a day. I use a 'week on two pages' and a 'page per day' diary in the same binder. My appointments go in red (Frixion) in my weekly diary as well as important reminders in pencil, and all my 'to-dos' go in my ppd (in pencil). I put my red Frixion down the middle of the rings and my pencil in the loop. I have to look at my Filofax many times a day; I would forget to breathe if I didn't write it down!

I prefer using a Filofax because you just don't get the ability to see the week ahead when using a gadget. Plus gadgets aren't as reliable and Filofaxes are MUCH more beautiful to look at!

terriknits (2011-12-04 11:47:46)

My personal Filo shadows me. When I'm working, it's on my desk beside me. I might not refer to it much during work hours, but it's there. I will jot things down throughout the day just to get them out of my mind and back on work.

For my work Filo, it's open on my work table (my chair swivels from my desk/laptop in front to the work table to the right) and I refer to it all day long. Some of the records I keep in the work Filo are updated and edited throughout the day.

When I'm done work for the day and walk down the hall to the living room, my personal Filo comes with and sits

open on the table beside my chair. I use it, write in it, refer to it throughout the evenings and weekends.

Jana (2011-12-04 14:46:17)

At work I have two filox by my side. The Malden Pocket is my private one and the Finsbury Mini is my work-filo. My work-filo stay's at work when I am going home. My private filo is always with me - doesn't matter if I am at home or anything else: I keep my filo with me.

Gerard (2011-12-04 15:42:58)

Wow, gdigesu - that's 4x filofaxes you're carrying around?! Now I don't feel so bad about struggling to slim down from an XL Winchester to a standard binder!

I refer to my filofax constantly throughout the day. The filofax is also wonderful for weekly reviews - it's great to pop open the rings and spread out a load of sheets to get an overview of what's on. Light years ahead of any electronic system :-)

Babs (2011-12-04 15:55:10)

I've recently switched to an A5 and I LOVE it!!! I always check my week ahead on a Sunday. Then will check 2-3 times a week depending on what I'm up to and what I need to refer to.

It's downtime on my MSc at the moment so that reduces the "checks" somewhat!

gdigesu (2011-12-05 03:28:37)

Gerard,

Ha!

"Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler ...", said the Man (Albert Einstein).

This set up is kind of an A4 binder split in four ...

;-)

Gerard (2011-12-05 15:52:45)

Giovani,

Have you considered a leather jacket with some ring mechanisms attached? :)

Steve Morton (2011-12-05 16:11:38)

Now that's a great idea!

Gerard (2011-12-05 17:04:31)

And so the giletfax was invented.

SNARLing: (2011-12-05 17:09:08)

heh heh gerald that would be awesome. i'd want my highly flexible (malden-ish or finchley leather) communicator binder on my forearm. it would probably have to be long ways like the old M2. maybe i can have a glove too where my index finger is a pen. since i got me the beautiful pilot matte black vanishing point for my birthday, i'm quite smitten with this particular fountain so my glove would be of similar retractable nature. heh heh. awesome. g you could have one on both forearms and then one on each thigh for when you sit down at business meetings....heh heh heh heh now i'm just cracking myself up heh heh

gdigesu (2011-12-06 04:14:55)

Gerard, there you are trying to make things simpler!!

Remember the Old Man !!!

:-)

kanalt (2011-12-07 06:49:11)

I look at my Filo many times during the day, both randomly/as needed and on a regular basis. For instance, I look at it when I get to work to see if there's anything I need to do right away or research, etc. I look at it again after lunch to double check that everything has been done. Then again once I'm home. And of course, I look at

it/write in it as needed throughout the day. It doesn't necessarily go with me everywhere while I'm at work, but it's always on my desk at the ready. When I'm home and running errands or going out, it usually does come with me "just in case."

Charity Donation (2011-12-04 07:25)

Last year we donated £120 to the Breast Cancer Campaign using the commission earned on sales of Filofax goods. I think this was an excellent result.

In July this year I pledged to donate all of the commission earned in the last 6 months of the year to a charity on sales through the adverts on Philofaxy for Filofax UK, WH Smiths, Ryman etc. I apologise now for making the bottom of this post very advert heavy!

So far that total has grown to just under £150 with a four 'buying' sorry 'donating' weeks still to go. Any purchase no matter how small earns a small amount of commission. So everyone clicking via the links on the site and then purchasing something have added to the total and we are all very grateful for your help and support.

When I announced this in July a few suggestions were put forward as to which charity we should donate to. I've run back through the comments and picked them out. I've had to exclude none UK charities because the commission is earned in UK £ and to transfer the money to another currency will incur transfer fees etc.

I have set up a poll in the side bar for you to vote for which charity we make the donation to early in 2012 once the final total is known and the total has been verified. So please vote, you have until 30/12/2011 to decide.

Here are some links to the charities if you need help in making up your mind:

- [1]Breast Cancer Campaign
- [2]Chimwemwe!
- [3]MacMillan Nurses

Thank you for your continued help and support.





1. <http://www.breastcancercampaign.org/>
2. <http://www.chimwemwe.net/>
3. <http://www.macmillan.org.uk/>
4. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=251846&v=2457&q=90346&r=97790>
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7. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=258683&v=3017&q=123681&r=97790>
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12. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=169751&v=2298&q=95317&r=97790>

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-04 08:01:49)
That is so kind of you to consider Chimwemwe. Thank you.

Butanben (2011-12-04 10:52:13)

Steve, I think you are great to have thought of this as a project and pretty clever to have sorted the links out with various stores. How that all happens and you work out the donation totals from the advertisers' pages, I've not a clue..... and I am in awe... but great that it has come together. Think we all know someone who has been affected by cancer.... sadly. Thanks Steve.x

Millie (2011-12-05 06:12:48)

Darn you, I was going to ignore the 20 % offer on Flexes today, and now I've just bought one to "support charity".

Steve Morton (2011-12-05 06:26:47)

Thank you Millie. Your purchase tipped us over the £150 mark!

You might like to check out the French FF site. They have some different diary inserts for the Flex for 2012 with appointment times.

<http://www.filofax.fr/flex/products.asp?tn=1 &control=processrequest &flextype=9 &flexsize=0>

Thanks again.

Steve

Steve Morton (2011-12-30 08:12:57)

The final result of the poll was:

Breast Cancer Campaign 90 votes

Chimwemwe 49 votes

MacMillan Nurses 103 votes

Thank you to everyone who has voted and contributed to the donation.



[1]

Yes we are returning to our series of posts focusing on you the readers. And today I have the pleasure of introducing to you, the delightful Patrycja (Pati).

Pati is an aspiring photographer, please visit her [2]website . In addition, she is mum and a full time carer to her husband, who is disabled and suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Pati also helps military charities in aim of PTSD awareness.

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

I was first introduced to “Filofax” type organizers at the age of 10 by mum, mum (the “organization freak “). I loved so much that I decided to save money for the real thing.

Around 2003 I finally managed to get my hands on real A5 Filofax (I think it was Hampstead) that my auntie bought abroad and I have loved it ever since that happiness didn’t last long as 2 years later my dog ate it!

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

I have used Moleskine and Mum’s Family desk planner – both of them didn’t work for me

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

I have my favourites: My A5 Cuban (waiting for and upgrade to a zip model) – that’s my main House /medical filofax that holds all the stuff I need with loads of tabs so my DH can find what he is looking forand personal Ruby Deco (my DH was saving for it for over a year and in the end he got it for £80-bargain)

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I don’t tend to keep filofaxes that are not in use (I donate them to my friends and family) I have 4 filofaxes (but waiting patiently for Alice Temperley for filofax)

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

A5 Cuban my house fax, A5 – Finchley my photography Fax, personal Deco – my handbag fax, and pocket Breast Cancer Campaign – currently retired (my first Filofax I bought when I moved to UK)

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

I love the Flexibility that allow me to personalize it according to my needs , that change so often . I also love the fact that Filofax gives you so many different options to chose from – from luxurious leather to quirky patterns. Also there are plenty of different inserts and accessories to chose from - You are in complete control in what you put in it , personalize it - that what makes it unique , and makes it “yours”.

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

I would love to have a leopard print one! When it comes to inserts I would love to see(what I use now) monthly overview page that include space for birthdays, events, bills, doctors appointments , and important dates with space for notes .

8. *How do you carry your Filofax?*

In my handbag. For my Deco I made pouch to stop it from getting scratched (as I tend to dump all kinds of things in my handbag)

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

Honestly? The only one I like is Osterley - but my budget wont stretch that much ...:(

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

It would be Deco £80

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

I love the fact that there are people that share my love and passion for a Filofax, there are many interesting topics especially I like web finds – and thanks to them I have find so many interesting blogs like: [3]Musings of a Caribbean Princess, [4]Plannerisms, [5]Imysworld that I check daily.

12. *And what do you not like about Philofaxy?*

Nothing!

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

Rihanna “Talk that talk”

Thank you Pati for your great contribution to Philofaxy.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-fHxyy41r-FI/TtoC2J3NcAI/AAAAAAAAAJ74/jCG_U_AFW4w/s1600/p.robins.jpg

2. <http://probinsphotography.weebly.com/>

3. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/>

4. <http://www.plannerisms.com/>

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

UNchecked other (2011-12-05 01:12:53)

Dzień Dobry, Patrycja!Panią poznać ;o) (:: I hope you are Polish as your name suggests; otherwise I'm gonna feel really foolish!::) It's great to meet a fellow PTSD advocate. PTSD's a really challenging and heartbreaking thing, but in the end, the people are worth it...worth fighting for. From experience, I've found that the simple words "you're still you" are literally life-savers.

And yes, the Leopard Alice Temperley for Filofax sounds lovely!

Welcome to the wonderful world of Philofaxy!

haukef (2011-12-05 02:04:16)

Hi Steve, the link to her site is corrupt and should simply be <http://probinsphotography.weebly.com/>

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Steve Morton (2011-12-05 03:05:10)

Link fixed, thanks...

Alison Reeves (2011-12-05 03:32:02)

Lovely to hear all about you Pati. Sounds like you have your hands full and your filofaxes are really doing a good job for you!

ARIANA and Colin (2011-12-05 03:45:55)

hi Guys ,

UNcheckedother - czesc ;))) yes im Polish ;)

im nt new t pilfaxy (i just didn't bother t get goggle account to post on it ;)

that is very true - both of us take one day at the time there are better and worst days ...

PTSD is a cause worth fighting for , as there is still many people that are not aware what is like for veterans (and civilians) and their families to suffer from it x

Steve - thank you so much for the fantastic opportunity t be featured on philofaxy ;)

Hi ALISON - nice t meet you to ;) h yes i get 110 % f using my filfaxes (cuban is way overstuffed ;)

lowtech (2011-12-05 12:59:24)

Pati, you are inspiring in your dedication to your causes. And... you really do know how to use those Filofaxes! I second that request: leopard! (I have a Pocket Deco that is just beautiful, but I now use a Mini and a Personal, both Chameleons.) I agree - having a place to chat with other Filo-Freaks is wonderful! ☺

xox - Linda

Anita (2011-12-05 13:55:03)

Lovely to 'meet' you! I've really enjoyed looking at your portfolio. Would you consider a filofax as a subject under Misc??

Gerard (2011-12-05 17:46:43)

Czesc Pati,

Thanks for your interesting post and for the link to your portfolio - great work there!

MsPencil (2011-12-05 22:28:49)

Lovely. I enjoyed reading your Spotlight page:D

Filofax UK Today's Special Offer - 5 Dec 2011 (2011-12-05 05:05)



[1]

The Filofax "12 days of Christmas" has started. Filofax will be bringing you an exclusive 24 hour offer every day for the next 12 days. Be sure to check the Philofaxy website again tomorrow!

On offer today at Filofax UK is 20 % off all Flex Covers This offer is only for 24 hours until 10am tomorrow morning.

Click on the Filofax Logo to the right to be taken to the site, all purchases via this link will earn commission which will be added to our charity donation total.

Thank you for your help and support.

[2]



1. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152872&v=2457&q=90354&r=97790>

2. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=265921&v=2457&q=126949&r=97790>

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-12-05 12:16:20)

For those readers who may be on a budget (and UK based), I've just noticed Lidl's Gift Ideas from Thursday 8th December include:-

Stylish imitation leather organiser, perfect for everyday use

With 5 credit card pockets, 1 full-length pocket, pen loop and more

Organiser includes a 'week-to-view' diary, address book, map, notepad and much more

Size approx. (cm): 19 x 14 x 4

for just £4.99

(or ideal for your children to copy you with)

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-12-05 12:16:59)

And here is the link:-

http://www.lidl.co.uk/cps/rde/xchg//lidl_uk/hs.xsl/index_26762.htm?offerdate=&ar2=3&id=281&country=GB&zipcode=LE4+5PN&city=Leicestershire&district=Leicester&street=Loughborough+Rd&ar=3

&nf=True

crofter (2011-12-05 19:52:18)

Who are the McMillan Nurses? I don't think US readers should probably vote, but it would be nice to know of the work they are involved in.

Thank you.

Steve Morton (2011-12-06 04:00:47)

@crofter please see this post:

<http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/12/charity-donation.html>

It has links to each so you can see what they all do.

Please vote

Free For All Tuesday No. 44 (2011-12-06 00:00)

Questions questions questions... have you got one? Never be afraid to ask a Filofax related question...

Lucy (2011-12-06 03:11:01)

Hello everyone!

My question is this: which Filofaxes (type and size) have a full-length wallet-style pocket at the back, as well as the Finsbury? I love my Finsbury, partly for this reason, but am after another one and I find this pocket very useful.

Thanks!

XClaireX (2011-12-06 03:37:37)

The finchley does not sure about any others.

Steve Morton (2011-12-06 04:08:58)

Generally only the Pocket and Mini have this full length pocket on the back.

Finsbury, Chameleon, Malden all have the back pocket. The Finchley and Aston don't have the back pocket.

Check the website for others.

PrincessK (2011-12-06 04:14:12)

Hi,

I was just wondering if anyone had any experience dealing with Filofax customer services? I ordered the Malden when it was half price with some extra note paper. The notepaper arrived but the Malden was out of stock. I've been waiting a week for a refund, i've e-mailed them and rang them. I Haven't had a response to my e-mail yet and customer services said the refund should have been automatic and that they would look into it and ring me later that day. Im still waiting for a call back.

I dont know what else to try?

Jotje (2011-12-06 05:35:00)

Leave a spicy message on their Facebook wall!!!!!!

Lucy (2011-12-06 06:09:23)

Thank you! That's a bit of a shame . . . I was thinking of upgrading to a personal size but will miss the wallet pocket! :-(

PrincessK (2011-12-06 06:17:40)

@ Jotje

Thanks, I didnt know they had a Facebook page. I think i'll try it tonight if they dont ring today

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-06 07:29:04)

Oh I need help!!! Just last month I bought a beautiful purple pocket Finchley! I love her! She is my wallet/on-the-go filo. Then, I had a serious attack of planner angst. Had a Quo Vadis Minister in a gorgeous cover all set for my main 2012 planner. Of course, never being quite satisfied, I found myself looking for a personal filo for my 2012 setup. We have four retailers in my hometown of Atlanta and I visited each of them several times over the past weeks (the employees think I'm a stalker). I've fondled all the filos but couldn't bring myself to buy. I have lusted after the Malden in ochre, but no one has it in stock. However, the black Malden is everywhere.

I finally set out this morning with the intent to make a personal black Malden mine. Alas, I became tempted by the personal Finsbury in red – solely because of price (is this a terrible thing?). It was marked down to \$50 – half of the Malden – so after much fondling, and agonizing and sweating and walking around the store, I am the proud owner of the red Finsbury.

But, instead of being excited, I am having anxiety again and can't get the Malden out of my mind. So I need your help. Do I return the red Finsbury for the black Malden? Do I order the ochre Malden online? Do I use this red beauty? Is there another option? I'm really into instant gratification, hence the reason I didn't order the ochre in the first place. Money is a bit of a concern with Christmas coming, but if an extra \$50 could buy peace, it might be worth it. Oh what to do????!!

For reference, this will be my main planner and will mostly be kept on my desk at home. It will travel when necessary, but the pocket Finchley is made more for that. I will also keep goals, to-dos, notes, kids schedules, daily schedules, etc in it. Oh heavens – I'm hyperventilating now. Help!

Kate (2011-12-06 09:26:56)

No question, just a gloat. I was lucky to get an A5 purple Finchley from the Sweden sale. Loved it from the start and thought how perfect it would be for work. Well, I have an interview tomorrow after being unemployed for a year. The Finchley will be on show.

Lynne (2011-12-06 10:06:19)

Kate, All the very best. Will keep my fingers crossed for you.

Vanjilla (2011-12-06 10:33:46)

@Kelly Marriott - this is how it begins... and then you end up blushing when you answer Steve's poll on how many Filofaxes you own. :)

I'm well familiar with instant gratification urge and really know what you mean! You lust after one, the first you can get your hands on is the other model and there's a third one in between!

Hehe, my only consolation is that obviously Filofaxes (and not men, for example!!!) are where my poor impulse control breaks out!...

I don't dare to answer your question, but I think we have one more thing in common: it is the expectation and all the mental stuff going on about the new Filofax that keeps your heart rate high, isn't it? Well, it is for me. Or is there another explanation for my neverending: "Just this one, and then no more, promise"? ;) Good luck, and I'd love to hear how you decide!

Butanben (2011-12-06 10:56:05)

@Kelly Marriott. I always find that my first thought, or my first yearning is usually the right thought, especially if I am yearning after other stuff because of the better price, but it just doesn't feel right. Go with your gut instinct.... it's usually not far wrong. All the best in your choice. Think the Malden only has one pen loop, so you may wish to look into a site called Quiver, which does pen holders. I've got one for my A5 and it's great!

Butanben (2011-12-06 11:04:47)

@CP. Sorry to hear about your Filofax woes. Hope it wasn't a birthday present for you?? My dad has said that he will go for a Filofax pocket Malden in Crimson for me for Christmas. It's something I've wanted, to use as a wallet, and thought it would be less strain for him to order something from Filofax, as he HATES shopping and crowds!!!! Also it was a good price at half price, as he's a pensioner on a budget thought it ideal!! Hope he doesn't

encounter the same problems as you. Thanks for the tip off. Will ring him and see.

Sweetspot (2011-12-06 11:06:37)

@Kelly,

If money is the object, then return the red Fins and get what your heart's desire. pensandleanther has the maldens with 20 % of list and you can get another 10 % mobile discount I think. If you really don't feel like parting with the red Fins, and Malden is just something you THINK you might want, then wait for better bargains from bigger sale or ebay find.

Anita (2011-12-06 11:52:43)

@Kelly Marriott - like some of the other comments, I would say go with your gut instinct! I really wanted a Malden, but bought a Kendal instead as it was half price. It was lovely, but in the end I sold it as the Malden was what I really wanted...

I wonder if there are any other Philofaxy readers near you that have an ochre one for you to see?

@Butanben - the Quiver looks lovely! Wonder if any of the smaller sizes would work on a personal?

@Kate - good luck with your interview tomorrow :)

happy (2011-12-06 12:10:29)

Kelly- I know what you mean! There is only one store by me that carries a few filofaxes. I too wanted the ochre malden. I ordered online and it did take awhile 15 days. I was way anxious, but it was what I wanted I thought (hadn't seen any version of the malden in person). Well, now I have had it for a few weeks. It seems like no big deal now that I had to wait for a little while. It will last for years....a few weeks wait in the long run is no big deal. Good luck with what you decide.

happy (2011-12-06 12:15:04)

Kate-Good luck with your interview.

And congrats on getting a nice new planner.

taka (2011-12-06 13:15:17)

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taka (2011-12-06 13:23:01)

Question: How do I concentrate on work this rainy New York afternoon when I just took delivery of my new Aston A5 Filofax in Chocolate? Soft leather, perfect size, stunning. Difficult to think about anything else!!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-06 13:33:40)

@Butanben - which quiver did you buy for the A5? I'm keen to get one, but wasn't sure which would fit best.

@Kelly - go with your gut instinct - at the very least you could sell the Red Finsbury.

@Kate - good luck with the interview!

Ally (2011-12-06 14:05:01)

I'm wanting a personal size filofax in red and I can't decide between the Malden, Finsbury, Chameleon and Classic. What would everyone suggest? Is there another one I haven't mentioned that you'd really suggest?

Also how do people use their filofax's as journals?

amanda (2011-12-06 14:16:53)

Hi all! I am a Filofax newbie here. I just got my very first Filofax last week- a Personal Finchley from the Swedish sale (I'm so thankful I stumbled across this site that day. Could never have purchased a Filofax here without that great deal!) I'd love some tips for setting up my first Filofax. I have been browsing all of your beautiful binders on the Flickr pool, and they are all packed full! Mine is still more or less as it was shipped. I'm saving now to order some more notepaper and other accessories but still don't really know what formats and pages I will like to use best. Would love to order one of everything but I can't :-)) also, I don't know of anywhere in the US to sell these except online. Any advice on a good setup starting out would be appreciated. Also, what can I put in my

card slots?? What a silly question, I know, but they are empty and lonesome. :-)

Louloudorset (2011-12-06 14:47:04)

Hi Amanda

Have a quick scroll though Philofaxy site and you'll see tons of set up pics - I put stamps and hairdresser appointment cards in my card slots at the front of my Filofax and then I have several of the plastic clear card holders where I tend to cut out bits from magazines such as ideas for gifts for Christmas, books I want to read or just pictures I like/quotes to inspire to create a fun section at the front full of lovely pretty things. Sounds silly I know but makes me smile everytime I open my binder (you can see lots of pics on my blog if you were interested)

I also find the essential inserts for me are:

1. sticky notes can't live without them
2. month on 2 pages planner to overview the whole month
3. week on 2 pages diary for all the millions of things i have to do
4. Filofax stickers to make important appointments/fun things I love the cocktail glass one the most hehe
5. To do sheets - essential for me as I am always making lists...

The other essential for me is coloured Frixion pens by Pilot (they are erasable so you can run out changes without wrecking the diary pages)

Hope this helps and enjoy Lx

Sweetspot (2011-12-06 15:13:19)

@Alley

Malden and chameleon lay flat, others don't. And I personally won't recommend classic if you intend to use it a lot. The leather near the spine tends to wrinkle and peel, I saw that on several including one of mine.

Tali (2011-12-06 17:46:49)

Hi all,

My friend has a filofax that she has had for several years that is looking rather dishevelled and dirty. she is letting me know what style filo it is so that I can give you some more info, but she has told me it is a "pink, leather" filo and that she had it for her birthday 5 years ago...

My question is - what is best to use for cleaning ??

I tried a baby wipe on my aqua finsbury, thinking if they are gentle enough for babies bums then it'd be ok, but the colour came off onto the baby wipe! :o(

I will provide more info when I have it but any advice would be greatly appreciated?

TiA x

Butanben (2011-12-06 18:44:47)

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Butanben (2011-12-06 18:55:33)

@Alison. I bought the largest size double Quiver for my A5s. They are superb. The fit is tight, when putting it on, but it does fit and lay flat. Love it on my Finsbury. I posted a while back with photos. It's expensive with postage from the USA, but tip top quality and will last a lifetime.

@Anita. I am sure that they would do one to fit a personal planner. They are on Facebook. Great customer service. So maybe you can e. mail them with your Filofax dimensions?? I don't own a personal, so don't have a clue about the size of a double Quiver for that. I have the large size for my A5s though, which I guess would be too big for the personal Filofax.

@ CP and Princess K- apologies for the post I think I've muddled the blog name Princess K with Caribbean Princess here!!!! It's been a busy day and think my brain is frazzled with Christmas shopping!!!!

Jana (2011-12-06 19:05:28)

Hi! I am from germany. So sorry for my not perfect english. I want to you if anyone of you has a "Emergency"-list which you can send be by eMail? I want to use my new fresco filofax for all emergencykindathings like telephone numbers, addresses, contract-ids and so on.

If you have a list, pls send me an eMail to: janasbooklook@arcor.de
Thank you!

terriknits (2011-12-06 19:26:42)

@Kate good luck tomorrow! You'll do great.

@Kelly - ah, the slippery slope. That's how it starts. I have a pocket Finsbury and a pocket and personal Malden and for me, I find the Malden is a much nicer binder. If you really want the ochre, you could get it online. I've never seen the ochre in person, but they look lovely in the photo I've seen. And I echo the others - "go with your gut".

@amanda - my Filo is always evolving. Once you start using it, it will fill up, then you'll start moving things around in it to make it more useable. Give it time to figure out what works and doesn't work for you, what you want to put in there. That's half the fun!

MsPencil (2011-12-06 20:59:13)

Hello Everyone,

@ Tali, I remember reading one of the posts where she said Nivea is good for cleaning the filofax. Hope this helps. My sister also uses vaseline on hers and she said it works very well. Hope this helps. @Kelly Marriott well wishes with your job hunt.

bluebonnetreads (2011-12-06 23:40:57)

@Amanda - I'm in the US too. There is a link on the Filofax USA website to "find a retailer" - otherwise you can find non-Filofax brand pages that will fit in your Personal in most office supply stores. Notepaper is in short supply, though.

I need notepaper and to-do list sheets. Everything else is nice if I can afford it. :)

Enjoy setting up your Filofax!!!!

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-07 14:03:40)

Thanks for all your thoughts on my dilemma. I had decided to keep the red fins because my family was urging me to just make a decision and get on with life. Seriously, the angst was interfering with my life. So, I decided I would jsut keep it. BUT – and there's always a but– I still wasn't at peace. So I did what any serial filofaxer would do. I got up this morning and set out, determined to exchange the red fins for whatever Malden I could find. They only had the black – but I was smitten! I made the exchange and then – wait for it – I did what any serial filofaxer would do. I asked the retailer to order the ochre for me as well. They were happy to do this and there won't be shipping. I even talked them into a 20 % discount. I mean, who can't use two Maldens?

So, dilemma solved – for now – well until the new line comes out and the "urge" strikes again.

I'm quite happy with the black. She is classy and matches all of my fine pens. And just to be sure she had a pen in every color, on my way out of the store, I accidentally bought a new Pilot Cavalier in baby blue. I know the filo isn't FP friendly, but the pen will sure look good lying next to the oh so supple Malden.

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-07 14:06:01)

If you live in the US and need inserts, there are four retailers near me and I'm happy to send you what you need if they have it. One shop has a huge selection of refills and inserts! This might help save on shipping (and it gives me an excuse to visit my fav shops)

Filofax UK Today's Special Offer - 6 Dec 2011 (2011-12-06 05:05)



[1]

On offer today at Filofax UK is **25 % off personalised diaries**. This offer is only for 24 hours until 10am tomorrow morning.

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Thank you for your help and support.



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Aston Filofax in Orchid (2011-12-07 00:00)

I've had a lot of people asking me about my personal Aston in Orchid, what the color is like, how is the leather, etc. Here is my full report!

The Aston, like other luxury Filofaxes, comes in a nice Filofax box.



[1]

The stitching is beautiful.



[2]

I've had a lot of people ask me about the color, which is pretty well represented here (on my computer at least). It is a pinky purple. I would call it a dark mauve. The stitching is lighter, more pink.



[3]

The inside layout has card slots and a full-length pocket in the front:



[4]

and a full length zip pocket in the back:



[5]

The leather is so incredibly flexible that the cover bends completely back easily (and there you can see my street in the background).



[6]

The Aston lays flat right out of the box. It comes loaded with the Cotton Cream diary, tabs and pages throughout.



[7]

The back of the binder has more of the beautiful stitching:



[8]

Another view of the front:



[9]

A good image of the color:



[10]

This shot with the flash shows the texture of the leather. It's not pebbly like the Finchley.



[11]

Many thanks to my dad who very generously gave me my Aston as a birthday present!!! Thanks Dad!

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caribbean princess (2011-12-07 01:15:03)
Oooh this Filofax is beautiful! :-)

notesinabook (2011-12-07 02:35:07)
very beautiful.
Guess what - I finally bought my first filofax in years this week. :)

Alison Reeves (2011-12-07 04:03:07)
What a beauty! So like the Finchley - I'm sorry they are discontinuing the Finchley, but this looks like a good replacement. What will she be used for?

Laurie (2011-12-07 04:13:42)
I expect to change it out seasonally with my Aqua Finsbury, which I use as my Medical Filofax that goes everywhere in my bag with me. I'm planning to switch to the Aston in January. :)

fluffyferret (2011-12-07 05:26:30)
Lovely looking Filo....I must resist temptation ;o)
Thank you for the report and all the pics.

Kate (2011-12-07 07:08:25)
What a gorgeous Filofax! No, I do NOT need another one!

Lucy (2011-12-07 11:12:59)
Oh dear. I'm going to have to stop looking at this blog! I too have an Aqua Finsbury (which I love) but decided I wanted a purple Filofax in a softer leather. I've been eyeing up the Finchley, but then I saw your 'report'. The Aston is lovely! I've seen it before but wasn't quite sure.
Anyway, I had a quick look on good old eBay this morning and guess what? I found an Aston in Orchid for less than half the normal RRP, brand new! So it will be mine just as soon as the postman delivers it to me! Thank you for helping make my choice a lot easier!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-07 11:20:20)
Am I the only one having palpitations and so on at the picture of the cover being bent like that????
Looks like a lovely filofax though!

J (2011-12-07 12:09:20)
Beautiful! This color, along with the mushroom, are stunning!

globetrottingcacti (2011-12-07 15:07:59)
Beautiful.... shape, colour, stitching, interior.... stunning!

Vanjilla (2011-12-07 17:42:44)
Mmm, lovely... is it just me or the Aston looks like Ms. Finchley got married to Mr. Malden and they had a baby???

Ally (2011-12-07 18:05:21)
Such a lovely looking Filofax!

Laurie (2011-12-07 19:42:52)
LOL! I assure you that the Aston was perfectly willing, able and unharmed bending over backwards as such. It is so incredibly flexible, there weren't even any creases on the front cover to indicate it had been bent and went right back into its normal shape as if nothing had happened!
And yes, the love child of a Finchley and a Malden really is a good description of the Aston!!

MsPencil (2011-12-07 20:40:40)
Very Pretty!

Wendy Lyon (2011-12-08 09:41:56)
I have been wondering when the Filofax Aston in Orchid would get some attention on this blog! So happy to see this post, thank you.
I purchased the exact one over a month ago and am THRILLED, I truly believe that my quest to find the perfect Filofax has ended (and this after trying the Chameleon, Finsbury and Malden - I think I can admit that because I'm among "friends" here). The color is lovely, a beautiful pink that is also sophisticated. I mostly work from home but when I do meet with clients I am relieved to find that the Orchid doesn't seem as cutesy as the pink Finsbury did for some reason. The leather is soft, thankfully, since I was moving from the Malden - but the binder has a bit more structure to it which I appreciate.
I'm not trying to be an enabler... but I would not hesitate to put this binder on your Christmas List if you are at all tempted - it is lovely and you won't regret it!

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-12-08 11:06:09)
If only they did that colour in A5 I would snap it up.

Nellie (2011-12-08 12:46:44)
Very beautiful indeed. Is the leather hardwearing?

Laurie (2011-12-08 22:32:39)
It's not in active use yet so I can't tell you about scratchability/ durability. I'll report back after I've used it for awhile!

Wendy Lyon (2011-12-09 00:03:32)
I have been using my Aston for well over a month and it looks brand new! I take it with me everywhere and also use it as a wallet - it is not sitting on a desk all day. My Finchley became visibly scratched under similar conditions. I've noticed that the binder feels more pliable now but the leather remains smooth. If my impression regarding the Aston durability changes I will certainly add to this post though.

Lucy (2011-12-22 09:43:14)
Well I got my Aston and whilst it's lovely, I'm struggling with the pen loop. I'm finding it almost impossible to fit a pen in it, it's just so tight! :-(

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-22 09:57:12)
@Lucy
I had the same problem with my baroques and in the end I ordered a Zebra sharbo diary pen which has both a pen and a propelling pencil in it and is really slim. I got mine from Cult Pens:
http://www.cultpens.com/acatalog/Zebra_Sharbo.html
Not sure where you're based but I can recommend both the pen/pencil and Cult Pens - I had good service from them (I am not affiliated! I just got good service!).
Hope that helps!

Filofax UK Today's Special Offer - 7 Dec 2011 (2011-12-07 05:05)



[1]

On offer today at Filofax UK is **50 % off Graphic folders**. This offer is only for 24 hours until 10am tomorrow morning.

Click on the Filofax Logo to the right to be taken to the site, all purchases via this link will earn commission which will be added to our charity donation total.

Thank you for your help and support.



[2]

1. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152872&v=2457&q=90354&r=97790>

2. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=276546&v=2457&q=131260&r=97790>

12 Days of Christmas (2011-12-07 05:41)

On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

A Chameleon in a Personal size.

On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

2 Topaz pockets

And a Chameleon in a Personal size..

On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

3 Finsbury slimlines

2 Topaz pockets

And a Chameleon in a Personal size..

On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

4 Songbird pockets

3 Finsbury slimlines

2 Topaz pockets

And a Chameleon in a Personal size..

On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

5 Malden A5s

4 Songbird pockets

3 Finsbury slimlines

2 Topaz pockets

And a Chameleon in a Personal size..

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

6 Osterley Personals

5 Malden A5s

4 Songbird pockets

3 Finsbury slimlines

2 Topaz pockets

And a Chameleon in a Personal size..

On the seventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...

7 Deco Pockets

6 Osterley Personals

5 Malden A5s

4 Songbird pockets
 3 Finsbury slimlines
 2 Topaz pockets
 And a Chameleon in a Personal size..
 On the eighth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
 8 Classic A4's
 7 Deco Pockets
 6 Osterley Personals
 5 Malden A5s
 4 Songbird pockets
 3 Finsbury slimlines
 2 Topaz pockets
 And a Chameleon in a Personal size..
 On the ninth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
 9 Holborn Pockets
 8 Classic A4's
 7 Deco Pockets
 6 Osterley Personals
 5 Malden A5s
 4 Songbird pockets
 3 Finsbury slimlines
 2 Topaz pockets
 And a Chameleon in a Personal size..
 On the tenth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
 10 Cuban Zips
 9 Holborn Pockets
 8 Classic A4's
 7 Deco Pockets
 6 Osterley Personals
 5 Malden A5s
 4 Songbird pockets
 3 Finsbury slimlines
 2 Topaz pockets
 And a Chameleon in a Personal size..
 On the eleventh day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
 11 Finchley Minis
 10 Cuban Zips
 9 Holborn Pockets
 8 Classic A4's
 7 Deco Pockets
 6 Osterley Personals
 5 Malden A5s
 4 Songbird pockets
 3 Finsbury slimlines
 2 Topaz pockets
 And a Chameleon in a Personal size..
 On the twelfth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me...
 12 Domino Personals
 11 Finchley Minis
 10 Cuban Zips
 9 Holborn Pockets
 8 Classic A4's
 7 Deco Pockets

6 Osterley Personals
5 Malden A5s
4 Songbird pockets
3 Finsbury slimlines
2 Topaz pockets
And a Chameleon in a Personal size..
And no Apex's of any size.
And that's how you can get 78 Filofax Organisers.... total cost approx £6300 !

icclewu (2011-12-07 05:53:46)
And the cost of this would be????!!

Steve Morton (2011-12-07 06:03:38)
About £6300... but I'm sure we can get a discount on that many!

gdigesu (2011-12-07 08:03:39)
Is it appropriate to ask who is the inspiration of such intense passion?

Butanben (2011-12-07 08:16:46)
Love it Steve!!!! If you need a pianist for the sing along..... I am available!!!! Heee Heee!!!!

Sweetspot (2011-12-07 08:18:39)
Brilliant, Steve, equally scary, but brilliant! :)

LJ (2011-12-07 10:04:37)
Excellent!!! When my 2 arrive for Christmas I shall fend off all funny looks with a rendition of this :-)

J (2011-12-07 12:03:02)
Haha, yay for no Apexes!!!! Or is it Apexi... maybe just Apex???

Tim (2011-12-07 12:21:33)
No Apex - but no Flex either!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-07 12:22:41)
I wonder if any of our readers are approaching this number of filofaxes in their collection?

Anita (2011-12-07 13:36:58)
Thanks, Steve :)
I think I'll just be content with my one for Christmas!
Does Erin still have her collection? (think she had some thing like 75)

globetrottingcacti (2011-12-07 15:06:21)
Found my-self singing along (but then laughed out loud at the Apex section!!!).

Ally (2011-12-07 17:37:49)
Great post! :D

Vanjilla (2011-12-07 17:46:36)
Hilarious, Steve :)
I only hope I will not sing this one day as a true anecdote from my life! :)

Nellie (2011-12-08 11:40:37)
Love the Apex line at the end! :D

Death by Deco - Guest Post - Helen (2011-12-08 01:04)

Thank you to Helen for this guest post, take a read and then please take part in her poll in the side bar..
I seem to have a little bit of a Deco problem which I thought you could help me with. My lovely husband bought me a ruby Deco for Christmas last year, and I use it as a [1]Book-o-fax. I do read a lot of books, about 40 a year, and after each one I write my reviews for my blog and keep them in my Ruby Deco to look back on.

Earlier this year when I saw the Ebony Deco on sale at half price lovely hubby encouraged me to buy it as Book-o-fax Volume 2. I then had a bad day at work and discovered that Conduit Street had the Ivory Deco on sale... an email and phone call later and it was winging its way to me as Volume 3. It doesn't stop there, I'm ashamed to say.

Lovely Hubby took me for a day out in London for my birthday couple of weeks ago and we visited Conduit Street where the Amethyst Deco was on sale... I now have Volume 4. It's a good job they only made four colours.



[2]

I have been giving some thought about how to best use these beautiful Filofaxes. I am reading all of Agatha Christie's books in order of publication in my [3]GreatAgatha Christie Challenge.

I have decided that one of my Decos should become my Agatha-Christie-o-fax, just for recording my challenge. It may morph into a Golden-Age-Of-English-Crime-Writing-o-Fax (natty title!) as I am also reading a lot of other crime fiction from that era.

So, this is where I need the help of the great Philofaxy community, which colour should be my Agatha-Christie-o-fax?

1. The Ruby – Deep red, reminiscent of the pool of blood left on the vicar's desk after Colonel Prothero was shot in the vicarage study (*Read The Murder at the Vicarage*).

2. The Ebony – Deep black, reminiscent of the darker side of the Human soul which leads to murder, and of the shadow of darkness used to cover the bungled shooting of Leticia Blacklock (*Read A Murder Is Announced*).
3. The Ivory – Truly deco in colour, and reminiscent of the famous missing pearl necklace clue in *Death on the Nile*.
4. The Amethyst – Poisonous purple, reminiscent of the poisons used by subtle and patient perpetrators of that most awful of crimes, and used against Mrs Inglethorpe of Styles (*Read The Mysterious Affair at Styles*).

So, dear Philofaxers, which of the Decos is up to the job of recording over 80 novels and short stories containing crimes of passion, jealousy and greed?

Helen

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/12/guest-post-book-o-fax-nellie.html>
2. <http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-rYA279rUsfU/TtKnn93oWhI/AAAAAAAAAJ5w/6sWqANVSjD0/s1600/Deco+Choice.jpg>
3. <http://www.fennellbooks.co.uk/christie/>

Laurie (2011-12-08 02:50:23)

I don't know but passion, jealousy and greed describes what I'm feeling right now seeing your complete and beautiful Deco collection!!!! Gorgeous!!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-08 02:56:52)

I agree Laurie! Wow what a collection! Definitely red for blood for me.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-08 02:59:38)

Actually this has given me an idea. I love to read personal development books - it would be great to extract the main points from each for me and store them somewhere. A personal review would do the trick - I'll have to dust off a binder for this!

Dollface (2011-12-08 03:56:41)

ivory! i <3 agatha christie! wish i had the time to read all of them.. xx

Saffy (2011-12-08 04:49:50)

I vote for the ivory. It is the most innocent looking and the one you least expect to hold tales of treachery, deceit and crimes of passion.

Laurie (2011-12-08 05:03:25)

Oooh Saffy, nicely put!

katka (2011-12-08 05:10:41)

Red for me :o) It's beautiful. I have question for Deco users. Don't you have problem with the clasp? I'm always throwing my filo inside my bag and I'm worried that I would scratch my bag and other stuff inside with the Deco clasp.

lowtech (2011-12-08 05:20:19)

Katka, I keep mine in a soft cotton pouch in my bag - I was worried about scratching the Deco clasp! (Mine is chocolate.)

Ray Blake (2011-12-08 05:23:45)

My Filofax has a list of books I want to buy and another of books I own that are in my reading list. I've always read voraciously and that means about 120-150 books a year. In 2005 I started recording them in an Access database and it is inexpressively wonderful to be able to dive into the database and access a wealth of memories

just from knowing what I was reading on a certain date. I wish I'd started the database years earlier.
Will you be organising your notes alphabetically by book or in publication order?

Tara (2011-12-08 07:16:40)

My vote is for the Ruby. But really, you can't go wrong with any of them! They are all gorgeous!

Louloudorset (2011-12-08 08:59:33)

Wow that looks amazing!! I vote for the Amethyst and it evokes the 20's glamour to me (although I am biased as I do own one!) Such an amazing collection am most jealous
Lx

djthomassen (2011-12-08 09:00:11)

Helen,

I would choose the ruby.

Dick

happy (2011-12-08 11:06:32)

I would use the ebony for the evil of murder and saved the red for stories of love and romance.

Sweetspot (2011-12-08 11:31:29)

Ruby, for the color of blood obviously.

Am in awe of your reading speed. I love to read but am often frustrated with my very slow reading speed. I would love to read 40+ books a year and also have time to make organised notes on them.

Nellie (2011-12-08 11:38:42)

Wow! Thanks for all your comments, it will be interesting to see which one comes out on top.

@Alison - using a binder to record aspects for books you have found useful is a really good idea, a nice twist on the book journal.

@Saffy I love the description of the ivory!

@Katka - my decos rarely leave the house as they are not everyday files in that respect. If they do leave, they go in a soft pouch like lowtech uses.

@Ray - I just organise them in the order in which I read them. You are right, it is lovely to be able to look back and see what you have read.

Sirpa-Kaarina (2011-12-08 12:59:21)

Definitely the Ruby.

Just-Jenny (2011-12-08 15:19:47)

I'd go for amethyst the colour of money, the root of all evil and at the heart of crime.

Ally (2011-12-08 16:13:43)

Wow so many lovely Deco's in one place! I love the idea of using one of them for your Agatha Christie reviews. I've voted red!

Filofreak (2011-12-08 19:40:44)

I vote for the Ivory as well as it has a look of innocence to it. They do all look so lovely and elegant grouped together like that. What a nice husband you have!

MsPencil (2011-12-08 20:07:55)

Ditto what Laurie said. Enjoy them all:D

Jotje (2011-12-09 08:36:16)

Love the picture of all four sitting next to each other in their endless gorgeousness! And I vote Ruby (as in blood) for your Agatha Christie series. Speaking of which: I read them all when I was in my teens. Or my parents would say: I ATE them all. I had a serious AC addiction. Started of in German, and soon switched to English, which was even better (for all the obvious reasons). I also was a huuuuuge fan of those old Miss Marple movies with Margarat Rutherford, who IMO was the best Miss Marple ever! (Angela Lansbury was just too young and smooth looking, although I liked her in Murder-she-wrote).

That being sad, I feel an attic browsing session coming up. Must find my AC-books. It's been long enough to start all over again....

Nellie (2011-12-09 10:01:35)

Jotje - Joan Hickson is my favourite Marple. You should definitely go and hunt out those books, you can join me on the Agatha Christie Challenge if you like. It is the Sittaford Mystery next... :)

caribbean princess (2011-12-10 08:29:50)

Oh I think they are ALL beautiful. You have certainly made me very green! hahaha
I think Ruby would be perfect!

Steve Morton (2011-12-14 17:50:04)

The Final Poll Results where:

Ruby Red: 78 (50 %)

Amethyst: 33 (21 %)

Ivory: 22 (14 %)

Ebony Black 22 (14 %)

Total Votes: 155

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Regards

Steve

Filofax UK Today's Special Offer - 8 Dec 2011 (2011-12-08 05:05)

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[1]

On offer today at Filofax UK is Multi-buy Paper & Essentials 3 for 2. This offer is only for 24 hours until 10am tomorrow morning.

Click on the Filofax Logo to the right to be taken to the site, all purchases via this link will earn commission which will be added to our charity donation total.

Thank you for your help and support.



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Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-08 12:42:33)

Bizarrely, I had an email from Filofax about the first of these offers, but none since. Thank you for posting!

Steve Morton (2011-12-08 12:50:21)

Amanda

Looking at the wording of that email it sort of indicated that you needed to visit the site every day to see later offers.

With 12 offers that is a lot of emails! But reassured you will see the latest offer here on Philofaxy every day a few minutes after 10am.

For once we have had advance notice of the offers... so all the posts are scheduled through out the 12 day period. If you subscribe by email to Philofaxy then you will get an email with the details of all of the latest posts as soon as they appear on the site.

Regards

Steve

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-08 13:29:10)

Thanks Steve!!

:-)

Free for All Friday No. 160 (2011-12-09 00:01)

Years ago, contacts were one of my Filofax's (or Day-Timer's) main functions. I had pages and pages filled with the home/work/vacation addresses and the various phone numbers of my friends and work contacts. Although many people used a Rolodex at work, I liked being able to carry that information with me, especially when I was juggling several part-time, freelance, and volunteer jobs. Nothing beats a ring-bound organizer for that kind of record keeping.

Now I find that just one set of Slimline A-Z tabs is enough. Truly, if I were better about maintaining the contact apps on my computer and cellphone, I wouldn't even need those. But I like having just the essential phone numbers on paper in case my cellphone runs out of battery power or crashes and I really need to order my favorite pizza! How big a part do contacts play in your Filofax?

Today being Friday, all topics are welcome, as well.

terriknits (2011-12-09 00:22:37)

That's interesting! That's the one thing I -don't- use my Filo(s) for. I keep all my contacts on my BlackBerry and laptop. I always have either or both close to hand.

Laurie (2011-12-09 01:12:41)

I keep all contacts in my Filofaxes. In my main Filofax I have a backup list of all the numbers in my phone in case my phone gets lost. I have the addresses of everyone I know in my purple A5 that stays at home. Addresses and contacts of people I contact regularly are in my main Filofax, and I update these as needed.

I have emergency contact lists in there too. Whenever I move, it's easy to remove this list and replace it with all the new emergency numbers in my new location.

David Popely (2011-12-09 02:59:36)

I barely use the contacts section - all my contacts are on my BlackBerry, and the 'mothership' version live either on Outlook or Google Contacts according to my current whim (currently Google, as I am using both a desktop and a laptop, making cloud computing the way to go).

basically I can access any contact in a couple of keystrokes of the BlackBerry, making that the one area (and only area) where the BB actually outperforms the FF. Now if I could make calls on my FF that might change.....

Anita (2011-12-09 03:16:57)

Happy Friday :)

I'm the same as terriknits, as in that's the only thing I've never used a filo for. All my contacts are on my iPod touch which I normally have on me.

Ray Blake (2011-12-09 03:39:54)

Yes, I use Outlook, synced with my iPhone via the Cloud. I do carry address pages in my FF, but just a couple of blanks to capture new details. It's such a pain entering them on my phone I'd rather take them down on paper until I can get to a PC and enter them in Outlook. Being able to dispense with the A-Z tabs reclaims quite a bit of space in the binder.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-09 04:07:06)

I use outlook and sync with my iPhone. My outlook data is also backed up online using carbonite. I am not the best at capturing info initially (for example I don't always add a prospect until to really do start working with someone.

I am interested to hear how others use the a-z tabs. For example I currently have store computer user names and passwords etc but I'm sure there are a lot more ideas!

Steve Morton (2011-12-09 05:53:46)

@Alison R... a post coming up on Sunday about other uses for A-Z tabs.. thanks for the post idea.. I have several other uses. All explained in detail!

Jana (2011-12-09 06:17:39)

At home I have a Filo just for addresses. In my daily-filo I just have the name and the telephone number. If I lose my filo I don't want anybody to have all the addresses.

Lucy (2011-12-09 06:42:33)

I have my old Domino Filofax at home that contains my addresses and phone numbers (as well as diary pages that I've used) as I don't need these when I'm out and about. I keep all my phone numbers on my mobile phone. I have a list of important/regularly-used phone numbers in my current Filofax in case I lose my phone or the battery runs out, but I don't use the address tabs at all in this.

I thought about using them for passwords but I have my own template pages that I put my passwords on and I think using the tabs would bulk out my Filofax too much. I would definitely be interested to hear ideas about what other uses there are for tabs though!

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-09 08:58:22)

A little off the topic of contacts, but I saw an adorable yellow mini metropol at the Sam Flax in Atlanta yesterday. It was reduced to \$12.99! Should I go back and get it? I have no idea what to use it for, but it was so darn cute! Maybe I could give it to my 8 year old daughter, who has her own Faux-filo.

Nellie (2011-12-09 09:59:14)

I took the A-Z dividers out as they added bulk, but I do keep all my contacts in my Filo. I don't trust my laptop or blackberry!

Butanben (2011-12-09 10:43:55)

@Kelly Marriott. I use my mini baby pink zipped Finsbury for shopping lists. Handy. xx

Butanben (2011-12-09 10:47:31)

My addressess are in my slimline filo in my handbag along with a WPP diary in the slimline with the current half of this week's review on the facing page. I have an A5 at home for addressess and reference pages eg maps, weights and measures pages etc. Handy to have a small address book when out, in case I see just the right card for someone which I can then post off.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-09 11:12:06)

@Steve - thanks! look forward to it.

Not sure if others know but you can print out the address list from outlook - if you do it as an A4 booklet, then it comes out double sided perfectly laid out for the A5 binder. Just have to guillotine the pages and punch. One

tip though - if you want to use the A-Z indexes, you have to print them out in sections for each index, otherwise they just follow on (hope that makes sense!).

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-09 11:38:52)

I also keep contacts in my perfectly purple pocket finchley, that I always carry in my bag. I pledged to start writing more letters and cards, but I would buy a card or write a quick letter while waiting for the kids' activities to be over, and then I would toss it in a pile to address later. Never happened! So, like Butanben, if I see a cute card or dash off a letter, I can look up the addy quickly and post it right away. I also keep stamps and cute stickers in a plastic pocket.

globetrottingcacti (2011-12-09 15:16:48)

My contacts (work and personal) are on my iPhone (and backed up on Mac). Works well for me as all link with Google maps and other software BUT I always keep essential numbers in my Filofax. I have been stranded on numerous occasions and my phone battery has died.... Filofax to the rescue. Numbers I keep include hubbies, parents, in-laws, kiddums nursery, and a few close friends (my real phone a friend when in a pickle) - all mobile and landline. If travelling I also always write down the airline and hotel etc contact details in my Filofax for the same reason (battery dying)! Works for me...

Lynne (2011-12-09 16:51:55)

Those of you that use your phone to store contacts - do you store full postal addresses? Just checking, as I am unsure of the best contact storage method. I tend to store my phone and email details on phone, but not postal addresses. I'm leaning to the outlook filofax sync via printing pages as the best solution.

Just-Jenny (2011-12-09 18:21:49)

Changing the subject... I have read quite a few posts where readers have mentioned they prefer to write in a fountain pen. I too prefer fountain pens to biros etc. I use Parker fountain pens. I currently have two, an ordinary nib and an italic nib. I have used both of these pens on various Filofax pages with no bleeding. The ink I use is the 'washable blue' Parker cartridges. Many people I have met don't like to write with blue ink, but this particular blue has been Filofax friendly for me.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-09 18:29:49)

@ Lynne - I keep full contact details in outlook which syncs to my iPhone. Have needed postcodes regularly when using my sat nav!

Dollface (2011-12-09 19:41:03)

i keep all my numbers in my phone- i have an android, so they're all synced with my google account, this summer my phone flew out of a car window (don't ask) and it took a couple of seconds for them to zip onto my new phone. BUT i keep the numbers that are absolute essentials (mum, dad, boyfriend etc) in a couple of pages of address book in my filofax, to use in the interim of me replacing my phone (i am SUCH a klutz) and all my addresses.. of which i have about 5- i never get the chance to send letters anymore...
i find the a-z tabs take up too much room though

Coretta (2011-12-09 20:29:06)

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Quick Question: does anyone know if Yvotchka renamed her blog 'Seems Like A Good Idea at the Time' or perhaps moved it?? It was so funny!

kanalt (2011-12-11 21:30:46)

I keep a full address book in my at-home Filo (currently an A5 Finchley, soon to be my Malden). In my compact (which I carry with me everywhere), I have phone numbers only for emergency contacts, doctors, and services I use often (car repair, day spa, etc.). Of course I have all phone numbers in my phone as well, but I never fully trust technology - I need a paper backup just in case. Every once in a while (maybe on an annual basis), I sync all of these things and purge old information. It's a lot but it allows me to keep everything up to date.

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Katie (2011-12-09 05:14:39)

Alas I definitely do not need any more Finsbury!

Filofax Sales (2011-12-09 10:00)

We seem to be in the full sales season at the moment. So here is a summary of what we have found and what has been reported to us. Thank you for sending in the details.

[1]Filofax Italy has a large sale on at the moment. Details on their page [2]here.

Meanwhile of in the USA, [3]Filofax USA have a three day offer on **Filofax Classics**, any size, any colour by using the promo code **D447**

Terms and conditions of this deal are: Promo Code D447 must be used at payment/Checkout screen. 25 % discount applies only to Classic organizers and does not apply to any other organizer or Filofax product. Offer can not be combined with other offers or promo codes. D447 Offer valid 12/9/11 through 12/12/11 Order must include a Classic organizer for discount to apply. This promotion can not be applied to previously placed orders.

There is also free shipping on orders over \$35 at the moment.

And meanwhile in UK we are in the middle of [4]Finsbury Friday, with 20 % off all Finsbury products. I also noticed that all purple Finchley's are currently 50 % off on the Filofax website. This brings the prices down considerably. [5]Mini £32, [6]Pocket £36 [7]Personal £41.50, [8]A5 £62.50

Go and grab a bargain where ever you are...



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1. <http://www.filofax.it/store/specials.asp?OID=47>
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3. <http://www.filofaxusa.com/>
4. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/12/filofax-uk-todays-special-offer-9-dec.html>
5. <http://tidd.ly/3aca4e45>
6. <http://tidd.ly/6502ac16>
7. <http://tidd.ly/e695f018>
8. <http://tidd.ly/590434be>
9. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=276544&v=2457&q=131259&r=97790>

stayperfect (2011-12-09 10:21:49)

And Filofax France still have the 3x2 on paper accessories and diaries!

Lynne (2011-12-09 12:24:37)

Already picked up a turquoise pocket baroque from the Italian sale (they seem to have run out of stock of this colour). It arrived very quickly and is soooooooo soft and flexible.

Patricia (2011-12-09 18:55:37)

Whoops! Just made an impulse purchase. Personal imperial purple Finchley. Lets call it a Christmas present to myself!

Web Finds - 10 December 2011 (2011-12-10 00:00)

Christmas shopping, cars to wash, house work to do?

Try leaving a comment on each blog you visit, bring a smile to the blog writers face.

We love reading comments about things we have written. It encourages us to write more... and you know what means... more web finds... yippeeeee

- [1]To Do: use To Do sheets - Filofax Fixation
- [2]My Filofax has a Muffin Top - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [3]What else can you use a Filofax for? - Bluebonnet Reads
- [4]Oh dear I went to London and the Filofax Shop.. - We're gonna need a bigger boat
- [5]How I'm using my Filofax - All Things Pretty... Awesome

- [6]Mr Malden gets a sex change - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [7]Sticker Problem Solved - The Crazy Life of J
- [8]First impressions of the Finchley - Bluebonnet Reads
- [9]Adding a USB memory stick to your Filofax - Saraccino
- [10]Filo fans are great people! - Filofax Fixation
- [11]Finchley and my 2012 set up - Bluebonnet Reads
- [12]I'm just an old fashioned girl with an old fashioned mind - The Hale Kitchen and Restaurant Bar
- [13]The Pen Is Mightier Than The Phone: A Case For Writing Things Out - Fast Company
- [14]Filofax - Bournemouth Digital Hub Presentation
- [15]Day-timer week to view 2012 diary inserts - Rapunzel's World
- [16]Filopedia!! - Paper Pens Ink
- [17]Filofax Overload!!!! I think I have too many to use!!!! - Loving My Filofax
- [18]Filofax 2012 diary inserts for sale - Loving My Filofax
- [19]Quoi mettre dans son filofax? - haukefischer
- Your blog post could appear here next week. If we missed you out, please email us the details.

Enjoy

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3. <http://bluebonnetreads.wordpress.com/2011/12/04/what-else-can-you-use-a-filofax-for/>
4. <http://clairejoannehuxham.blogspot.com/2011/12/oh-deari-went-to-london-and-filofax.html>
5. <http://beprettyawesome.blogspot.com/2011/12/how-im-using-my-filofax.html>
6. <http://www.crazysuburbanmom.com/2011/12/mr-malden-gets-sex-change.html>
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19. <http://haukef.wordpress.com/2011/12/08/quoi-mettre-dans-son-filofax/>

bluebonnetreads (2011-12-10 01:31:24)

Ahh, the best part of my week! At least when it comes to blogs!

The "How I'm using my Filofax - All Things Pretty... Awesome" link is wrong, it currently takes you to the link above it. Here is the correct link: <http://beprettyawesome.blogspot.com/2011/12/how-im-using-my-filofax.html>

Steve Morton (2011-12-10 03:33:33)

Thank you... link now corrected.. Sorry about that

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-10 11:01:38)

Always my favourite bit of Saturday - finished chores and what-not... now time for a cup of tea and a good read. Thank you as ever!

terriknits (2011-12-10 11:06:37)

yay! we have to go out for our Saturday errands, but when we get back I know what I'll be doing! It's cold and wintery here, so a good way to spend a warm and cosy afternoon inside.

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Alison Reeves (2011-12-10 09:49:50)

That's a bit of a cop-out - these were on at 50 % off for a few days.

Steve Morton (2011-12-10 09:51:22)

Yes I know, but I suspect no one is in the office on Saturdays and Sundays to change the website...

Small hint there!

Steve

A-Z tabs (2011-12-11 00:00)

The humble A-Z tabs... we have come to think of them as just for sorting our names and addresses or our contacts. In a recent FFAF people freely admitted that they don't keep their contacts in their Filofax.

I was surprised by this, but I can see some people's reasoning for relying more and more on their phone which hopefully they have backed up on their PC or in the 'Cloud'

So some other ideas on how you could use the A-Z tabs which I'm sure you have still.

I use my '[1]Internet Site Info' sheets for recording Site, Username, Password details on and these are stored within my A-Z tabs based on the Site name.

I don't record the full password. As I use several similar passwords I might only record things like O.....79 the number of dots does not however match the number of letters. So anyone finding my Filofax would not have access to any of my passwords.

I tend to use similar letter patterns but just change the upper and lower case elements, so another site using the same phrase as above might be recorded as o.....U79, it just serves as a reminder to me.

When I was learning to use the command line version of the Linux Operating System. I had a series of note pages within my A-Z tabs to record the details of various commands and how I specifically needed to use them on my computer.

In my old job I was always being tripped up by abbreviations, military people have an annoying habit (to me that is!) of reusing abbreviations in common use, but for something completely different. Reading their reports was becoming a total headache trying to find what they met by NEC or TCM etc So I started another A-Z index of abbreviations to be able to look them up faster.

Our Philofaxy community has grown considerably in the past year or so, I'm thinking of using the A-Z tabs to create a 'User Index' so I can cross reference Comment Names vs Twitter Names vs Real Life Names... my poor grey matter tends to be a little forgetful at times when it comes to names!

If you use a Filofax to store recipes you could use the tabs to divide up the recipes by name or type.

Or if you keep your own personal reviews of books then may be use the A-Z to separate our your reviews by Author name.

I'm sure you can think of some more uses besides the ones I've outlined.

1. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/a5www.pdf>

LJ (2011-12-11 01:49:46)

Ooh - recipe Filofax, that would be a good one to have, although I may need to learn to cook... :o)

I could probably use a filo for various websites. A section for each category and A-Z tabs for the individual websites within the sections - I know, it's overkill, but would make me smile until I got annoyed with so many tabs and never being able to find anything - ha ha ha!!!

Silver_Elixir (2011-12-11 02:55:22)

I use the A-Z tabs (131689) to write my numbers on the tabs and then I use the tabs for my information. I have my numbers in my Filo because I have had crashes and problems in the past with my phone. So now I have a permanent copy of them in my Filo. Fortunately they don't change much.

Behind the tabs is my information. AB - I have a list of authors I like, so I can find something to read at the library. I also have a list of books I have read and books I want to get from the library.

CD - I have information about my computers, Centrelink info, a page I made up called Co-Deets (Company Details) which has info re all the companies I deal with should I need to call them when I am not at home - phone, gas, electricity, insurance, pay tv, mobile phone carrier. I have a 'Dad' page here too, so I can write down gift ideas for my Dad etc.

EF - Here I just have a typed up page of info to make a Filo page on Excel. This is not so much needed now as I can print straight to Filo pages now. I also keep a list of the Filo refills I want with code references.

GH - Here I have info regarding my home. The builders and their contact info. I also have the measurement of some drawers n cupboards so I can know if things (new rollers, draw lining plastic) will fit. My son's school starts with a G, so info re the school goes here - contat info, school routine and also a list of techers he has had.

IJ- My son's name start with J, so here I keep a few small pictures he has drawn me, cute things he hasd said, spelling words from school, and a page for him to note gift ideas and things he needs.

KL - pages for gift ideas re my brothers.

MN - a page for my Mum. A page for my dog - date of birth, date i got her, vaccination dates, and a microchip number sticker. Also keep vet info here.I also have a list of movies I want to get.

OPQ - lots of quotes in this section.

RS - TU - VW - XYZ are empty at this point.

I like being able to flick through and find things this way. I would like to have 26 tabs, but that is a lot of real

estate. It would work if fixed into was written on to the tabs.

Sari (2011-12-11 03:34:25)

I still use A-Z tabs a lot: as a 'multiple Filo user' I have a recipe-o-fax that lives beside the cook-books on a shelf, a garden-o-fax, a separate Filo with all my addresses printed out (due to bad experience - now they are safe in my beautiful Balmoral) and on the tabbed pages some passwords I tend to forget (written in exactly the same 'short-hand' like you, Steve); a knit-o-fax for all sorts of knitting information and I keep a slimline A-Z in my 'daily' Filo because I number my notes pages and use the register as an index for quick reference. ... now that I am writing it down I realize how many Filos I use - seems to be a bit of an obsession! ;-)

Sari (2011-12-11 03:39:16)

Hey, I forgot one: I also keep a travel-o-fax with information about different places organized as well with the A-Z tabs..... really, I must be crazy.....

Alison Reeves (2011-12-11 06:08:58)

Does anyone have a formula for creating passwords? I have quite a narrow list of passwords I use which is not very sensible - but my memory fails me a lot these days so I want a formula that is easy to remember!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-11 06:35:43)

@Alison

One method I use is to have a sentence that makes sense to me such as (and this isn't a real one!):

this is the password for the bank with my current account

which could translate to a string of letters such as:

Titpftbwmca

Or, if you need to have numbers and other symbols in it you could have a sentence with things in like:

my brother in law drank twelve gin and tonics last Chritmas

mbild12g & t!C

Any help?

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-12-11 06:54:03)

I've just started setting up my Egyptology filofax in a personal ultra violet Domino. I've put in the pink-green-blue A-Z tabs I got with my raspberry Chameleon. I am going to use these to keep reference information in- e.g. a list of books I've scanned by author (I always forget and then scan them again!), Egyptologists' contact details etc. It will evolve as I think of more things to add. Outside of the A-Z tabs, I have a list of Egyptology Journal abbreviations and their full titles (there's loads of complicated ones and I always forget), and other reference things I will need to make my Egyptology life a bit easier!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-12-11 06:56:47)

Also, I'm thinking about setting up a vocabulary Filofax for when I start learning German seriously in the summer! Will be A-Z with German in the left-hand column, English in the right-hand column :)

Sari (2011-12-11 08:09:59)

@ The Perpetual Student TPS:

I love your idea about the vocabulary Filo, - I think I am going to copy this.....

Alison Reeves (2011-12-11 08:17:39)

In my home/diet(slimming world)/receipt filofax I'm thinking of setting up info regarding food and their sin values so I don't have to keep looking them up online.

amanda (2011-12-11 08:32:08)

@alison, I use a similar format as the other Amanda- I pick a phrase from a song that I like, and use the first letter of each word in the phrase. Then I can remind myself of my password in my Filo or elsewhere by just noting the

artist name. You'd do well to choose songs that aren't too catchy- or it will be in your head every time you type your password :-)

Sweetspot (2011-12-11 09:14:18)

I use the a-z tabs to make my own tabs. I bought some very colorful label tabs that can cover both sides of the a-z tab. I pick the a-z tabs according to the "position" (up, middle, bottom, etc.) I want my new tabs, I print on two sides of my tab, and put them on to cover the a-z. Voila! Otherwise I don't have much use for them, I find them take too much space if I use them all in the address section, where I only have some emergency numbers. And I'd forget what each stand for if I just assign one for some purpose without putting a full name label on. So with a self-made label is the only I find I can make use of them. I did this for my and DH's files, works great.

Sweetspot (2011-12-11 09:19:29)

@alison,

I have a set of word-number combo that I always use so I won't forget what it is, I just add additional letter or number before or after it. For the "set" I only record it in "XXX" but I write down the additional letters or numbers down as reminder. That way it's not too much of a threat if you lose it.

Just-Jenny (2011-12-11 10:28:38)

I use my A-Z tabs for addresses... but reading all of your comments makes me think how much more I could use them for... I love to read so I am thinking a book list of some sort.

@Amanda, Amanda & Alison, I saw a program about password security recently and the methods recommended by Amanda and Amanda of taking a sentence that means something to you and using the initials is one of the best ways to generate passwords according to the hacker interviewed these types of passwords take far longer to crack, especially if they are long. Its just a case of remembering the sentence.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-11 10:44:32)

On the passwords - much food for thought - thanks guys!

~AspireToBe~ (2011-12-11 18:09:23)

In my main 'Me & Mine' Binder (currently Cuban Zip - personal, saddle brown) I use the AZ tabs as a 'filing cabinet' of notes, i.e., I write (or append) a single subject note to a page (or more) and file it in the appropriate corresponding letter tab, e.g., a printout of an excel spreadsheet about my filofaxes are filed under the tab F; a legend containing abbreviations, acronyms, color coding and symbols used in this filofax are filed under the tab L; and a Positivity Journal is filed under the tab P. I also write on the divider tab per se - an Index itemizing all the subjects under that letter tab.

I've done the 'filing cabinet' of notes method for decades so find that I am pretty consistent about the subjects. Several days prior to this post, I was detailing this exact subject here on flickr (<http://tinyurl.com/cv9bbgm>)!

SNARLing: (2011-12-11 20:26:36)

after conversing w/atb about her 'filing cabinet' and with my recent photoshop and illustrator classes coming to an end, i've decided to use the pocket malden for a reference tool guide with a-z tabs. so far, photoshop will have yellow sheets and illustrator will have blue sheets. WARP TOOL for example will be under "W" with a short but detailed explanation on how to use it. unfortunately i thought of doing this towards the end of classes - first i started using index cards punched for arc/circa discs but then i thought a nice binder would be nicer in the workplace. (Plus i just got this ochre pocket malden that had no real use except to have and to hold) I still have a bunch more classes to take so at least i can fill up my guide accordingly from now on!

jemilyea (2011-12-12 07:06:55)

I use my A-Z tabs like Silver Elixir and AspireToBe. In addition to all my lists filed behind the tabs, I also have contact info mixed in. I have the contacts (and passwords, too) written on florescent post-its which stand out from reference lists.



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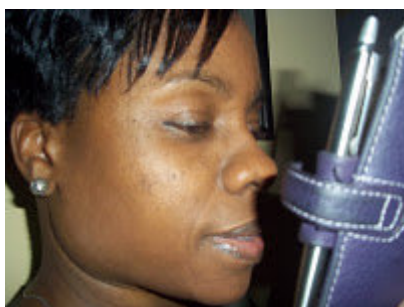


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Reader Under The Spotlight - Lorraine (2011-12-12 00:00)



[1]

This week let me introduce to you Lorraine, who is better known as MsPencil in the comments on Philofaxy.

I am a Stay At Home Mom. I have twin boys age 10. I am married to a retired military man. We have lived in several areas of the United States such as Oklahoma, Kansas and New York and we lived in Europe for 3 years.

I taught school for almost 15 years until I moved from North Carolina. I volunteer with CONTACT Health Services and The American Red Cross. I am crazy about stationery, pens and leather. I have so many handbags my friends call me The Bag Lady.

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

I purchased my first filofax sometime in 1995 or 1996 after I had gotten one for my sister. There was a Filofax store in the Roosevelt Field Mall in Long Island, New York. Unfortunately it is not there any more. My sister was dying for a personal size leather Filofax to start her new career after graduating from St. Josephs University in Philadelphia. She said she must have a personal size leather Filofax for her graduation present. It was about 95.00 US at the time and I thought Wow what an expensive calendar! To make her happy I got it and back then they engraved your initials on the front for free. Anyway, I loved all the colors of the smaller binders and the fact that there was a place to keep your pen I thought that was really cute. I kept going back and forth in the store for several months before I got the money and gumption to buy a red pocket size Kewick from that point on I was hooked. Later, I bought one for my mother.

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

I had used many generic brands before. The ones you pick up in clothing stores and drugs stores. One I hand write all the days, weeks and months in it. I messed up one of the days and had to go back and fix

them. A big mess!

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

Right now the size I have been using is the mini imperial purple Finchley. I really like the way the leather feels. It is always in my purse. I use the A-5 for Family Stuff, The Personal will be my Diary. Does anyone have any idea how I can use my pocket?

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I currently own 7 Filofaxes new and old. The latest are the A-5 Family Finsbury. I really like it better than I thought I would. It is a pretty cherry red color and the leather is quite nice.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I usually use my mine to make lists, write my To Do list for the day, record appointments etc.

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

I like that it has a pen holder, notes, and finances can all be held in one place.

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

If I could design a filofax all would have 2 pen holders and inside pockets for credit cards.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

I always carry my mini in my purse. I never leave home without it.

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

In the current range of Filofaxes I like the look of the Osterly. It is very fashionable. No, I am not going to buy anymore Filofaxes for awhile.

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

The most I have spent on a Filofax was probably 120.00 for the A-5 Finsbury Family.

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

I like the Spotlights. Also I liked the one when I asked all the Philofaxy members what kind of pen do the use with there Filofax it got 53 comments. I felt so connected. It was fun.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

What is not to like about Philofaxy? I do not like that I did not get the chance to meet all of you at the London Meet Up. One day!

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

Corrinne Bailey Rae, The Sea!

Thank you Lorraine for agreeing to go under the spot

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Alison Reeves (2011-12-12 07:16:21)

Nice to 'meet' you Lorraine! It's always fun to read about other peoples filofax experiences!

Tommes (2011-12-12 10:53:44)

Hi Lorraine,

I'm also pleased to meet you! I like reading about you, and that reminds me of our community growing fastly.

This is very nice to see, and adds different perspectives to the Filofax 'cases'. On the other hand, I feel a little sorry that it might never be possible to make The Great Meet Up...

So we will keep reading and posting here!

Best regards, Thomas

kanalt (2011-12-12 12:23:41)

Lorraine! It's nice to put a picture with the name since we have chatted via email. =) Looking forward to meeting you in person at the next NYC meet up.

Gerard (2011-12-12 13:13:21)

Hi Lorraine,

Thanks for your post - it's good to read about you, and the Spotlight series is also one of my favourites.

Best regards, Gerard

Anita (2011-12-12 16:10:42)

I agree, lovely to 'meet' you & I love learning more about other filofax fans :)

MsPencil (2011-12-12 18:51:58)

Hi Guys, I am truly excited to meet you as well. Hopefully, I will meet you guys as one of the meet ups. Enjoy your Holidays!

MsPencil (2011-12-12 23:01:41)

Thank you guys so much. This was very special. Thanks Steve.

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2. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=276546&v=2457&q=131260&r=97790>

Dollface (2011-12-12 10:57:37)

there should be a competition to re-create the philofaxy header photo... i'd enter even if there was no prize.. my hands are quite photogenic

Free For All Tuesday No. 45 (2011-12-13 00:00)

Are you panicking about what diary insert fits any particular size Filofax? Ask the questions and any other Filofax related questions here..... But don't panic... we have the answers!

bluebonnetreads (2011-12-13 01:42:15)

Does anyone have experience, specifically long-term, with Filofaxes with small gaps in the rings? My Finchley has tiny (fingernail-width) gaps in the top three rings and I'm wondering if they may get bigger over time. I'm guessing it's a manufacturing defect and probably nothing to worry about, but thought I'd ask anyway. :)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-13 03:40:08)

Not to do with inserts really, but I was in Staples at the weekend and they gave me a 20 % off voucher to be used in January and it can be used on pretty much all stationery, including filofaxes. You can't need to spend much to get the voucher as I only bought about £3 worth of stuff!

The Liar (2011-12-13 03:42:11)

I have a few filofaxes which I bought in a frenzy but will not use for a year or two (leather ones - a kendal, lyndhurst etc). Will keeping them in a closed cupboard standing affect the leather in any way?

Laurie (2011-12-13 03:52:16)

Liar, make sure the cupboard is cool and dry, and if the Filofaxes came in a box keep them in their box. When I moved to this tropical country my planners and Filofaxes got very hot, and the plastic cover of one of my planners stuck to the leather of my Buckingham. It came apart without ruining the leather, but there is still a mark. As long as they stay cool and dry (to prevent mildew), and away from plastic or rust, they should be fine.

Jotje (2011-12-13 04:57:42)

@Hannah: I also have some Filofax binders that have the tiniest of all gaps. Too small to return them and I'm happy to report that they never got bigger, just stayed the same. As long as the paper doesn't get caught in the rings when flipping through the binder, it shouldn't be too big a problem. Just take care to open the rings at the levers (instead of pulling the rings directly) and don't stuff it too much.

The Liar (2011-12-13 05:16:07)

Thank you very much Laurie. I am in Edinburgh (Scotland) so it will be cold most of the time! Some of them are in boxes and one of them is in a bag (the scanda). I will put some of those silica gel bags in the cupboard to make sure it is dry. Again, thanks a lot Laurie.

haukef (2011-12-13 06:06:22)

Help needed ;)

Which model might this one be ? [1]the unknown filofax (I have to apologize the quality; it's not made by me ;)) I presume mid to late 1980s due to the golden imprint without any hint of the model like since the beginning of the 1990s or these i.e. « 8 - 7/8 - clf » prints ...

Black leather. Impression is « filofax / Made in England / Real Calf ».

Left cover : 8 Card slots with a pocket underneath, right cover : zipper pocket. Two pen loops, rings estimated 30 mm in diameter.

Thaaaaaaank you in advance :)

1. <http://bit.ly/vgJKU>

Patricia (2011-12-13 06:22:24)

Isn't it annoying when Filofax ask you to review your recent purchase when you are still waiting for it to arrive?!!!!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-13 06:31:32)

@Patricia - shooting themselves in the foot a bit there aren't they? I'd be tempted to do a review on their service - from what a few people have said recently their once speedy deliveries seem to be slipping ...

PrincessK (2011-12-13 06:32:15)

Hi,

Just thought I'd mention in case anyone is like me and totally artistically challenged! I wanted some dividers for my Filofax and found a blog called Time 2 Craft with some dividers on. I contacted Sheryl Isbell who runs the blog and she does make dividers for people. She has made me some and they are really gorgeous and good value for money. Just thought I'd let people know if in case they wanted some fancy dividers and couldn't make them.

x

Laurie (2011-12-13 07:06:12)

Liar, that's great you're in Scotland! I'm headed there myself in just a few days. Someday when I move back there we'll have an Edinburgh meetup and see Craig at The Pen Shop in Jenners!

The Liar (2011-12-13 08:20:37)

that's brilliant Laura. I will keep an eye on the dates and hope to see you all! Cheers..

terriknits (2011-12-13 09:10:35)

Does anyone use coloured mechanical pencils in their Filos? Any lead recommendations? I was thinking about it and read a couple of reviews on Pen Addict/Office Supply Geek but was curious to read anyone's practical application in a Filo??

LJ (2011-12-13 13:03:29)

@ Patricia - very annoying, especially when they don't even have a tracking number from FedEx for the parcel yet (despatched December 2nd to Switzerland), and the reason it hasn't arrived? Because they didn't include the company name in the address even though I included it with my order and emailed them immediately after receiving my order confirmation because the company name was not included in the address shown on the confirmation... aargh!!!

I'm just hoping the parcel arrives soon as it has both of my Christmas presents in it...

The Liar (2011-12-13 14:05:15)

Before the day closes (well, the day has closed and it is evening now) but a quick question.. I am looking for a smooth leather A4 and would like to know if the Guildford is as good as Lyndhurst or better in terms of the leather smoothness feel?

Guildford A4 is available only in ebay and can't find anywhere else.. Any help with finding them, please?

terriknits (2011-12-14 21:09:48)

Calling all A5 Malden owners: I was looking at FFUK and Pens & Leather at these. FFUK says the binders have 30 mm rings, but Pens & Leather say they are only 1" (25 mm). Can anyone who's bought an A5 Malden in North America confirm they are the 30 mm rings? Thx!

Raych (2011-12-15 09:52:44)

just found myself an A5 raspberry Chameleon for £19.99 at TKMaxx. My xmas pressie to myself. merry xmas all x

LJ (2011-12-15 13:20:56)

@ Raych - you lucky, lucky thing!!!

Anthony Mark Schellenberg (2011-12-15 14:50:43)

Does anyone have a Holborn? I can't seem to find any pictures or reviews of it except for the little bit on the Filofax website. I'd like to hear from some of you if you have it. Do you like it? How does it compare to the Kendal? How do the pockets work? I checked the philofaxy flickr site and I can't see any pics, if you have one please post pics! I might just get myself one at some point, but not sure if it has much over the Kendal which I own. Thanks!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-15 15:42:07)

@Haufek

Is it a Piccadilli?

There's a pic on the Flickr group:

http://www.flickr.com/photos/aspire_to_be/6104000040/in/pool-1860102@N22/

that looks similar?

Filofax UK Today's Special Offer - 13 Dec 2011 (2011-12-13 05:01)



[1]

On offer today at Filofax UK is a free pen with an organiser over £40. This offer is only for 24 hours until 10am tomorrow morning.

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Thank you for your help and support.



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Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-13 05:34:48)

Is the free pen a filofax pen? I didn't like my free filofax pen (which came with the gourmet set).

Bet it's not a Mont Blanc (now *that* would be an offer!)

:-)

Alison Reeves (2011-12-13 06:28:29)

Yes a Mont Blanc pen would certainly boost sales but I doubt it would do much for their profits!

I'm not sure if it is me, but their offers don't set me alight - there are a lot of better deals others are doing this Christmas. Perhaps we have been spoilt with the other offers in the Autumn.

I feel they would have done better by doing some sort of competition to win something really worth having each day.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-13 07:02:04)

I agree, Alison. I'm not set alight either - some of the 'offers' have been out only the other day and the others are not exactly lighting a fire under me.

Ah well, maybe they're saving up something superb for the end??

SSA (2011-12-13 09:25:46)

Hi guys. I am also not over excited by the offers. An I feel from a marketing perspective they arent effective - most people looking for a xmas gift go on the website once to look and then once to buy. its only people like us here on Philofaxy that maybe look on filofax.co.uk more often. so a person looking for a gift would be unlikely to make use of these 24 hr offers. Yesterday was a briefcase on sale, any person looking for a briefcase would have had a good deal but those 'normal' folks who dont check filofax every day would have missed the 'deal' and potentially shopped elsewhere if they didnt happen to go online within that 24hr period. anyway - i am hoping for a super 12th day deal where I will buy myself a xmas gift :)

Alison Reeves (2011-12-13 10:13:45)

The other thing I find odd is that I have bought several things from them, they have my email and yet I have had no notification of the offers at all? Whoever is going their marketing at the moment doesn't seem particularly switched on.

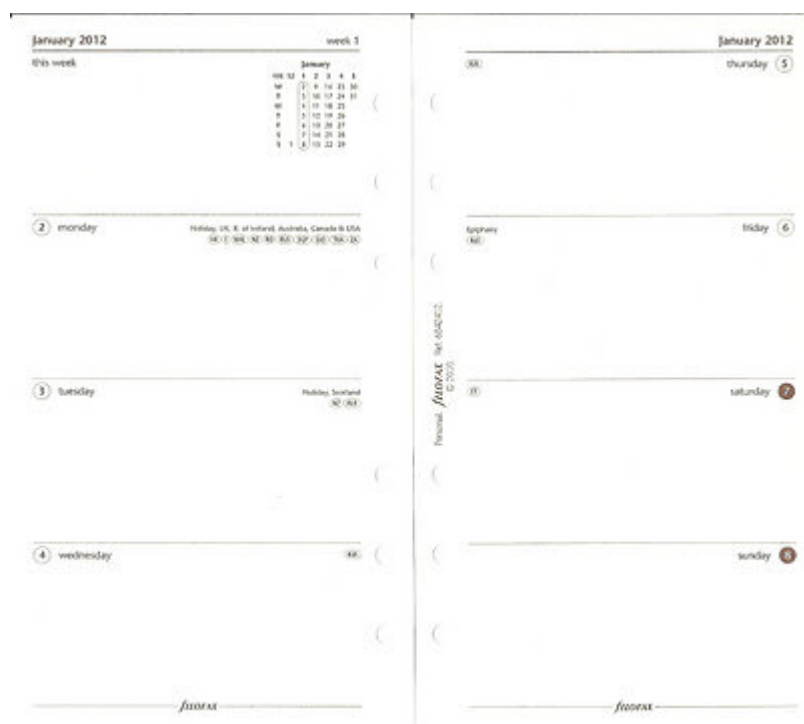
My Set Up for 2012 - Part Deux (2011-12-14 00:00)

You might recall last month I described to you my [1]A5 Malden set up for 2012. Now I know a few of you don't like the size and bulk of the A5, especially if you need to carry your Filofax around with you each and every day.

You will recall my set up in the A5 has two diary inserts in it... one for planning (present and future) and one for journal (essentially the past). Another feature of the planning insert was the integration of the to-do lists in to the weekly view.

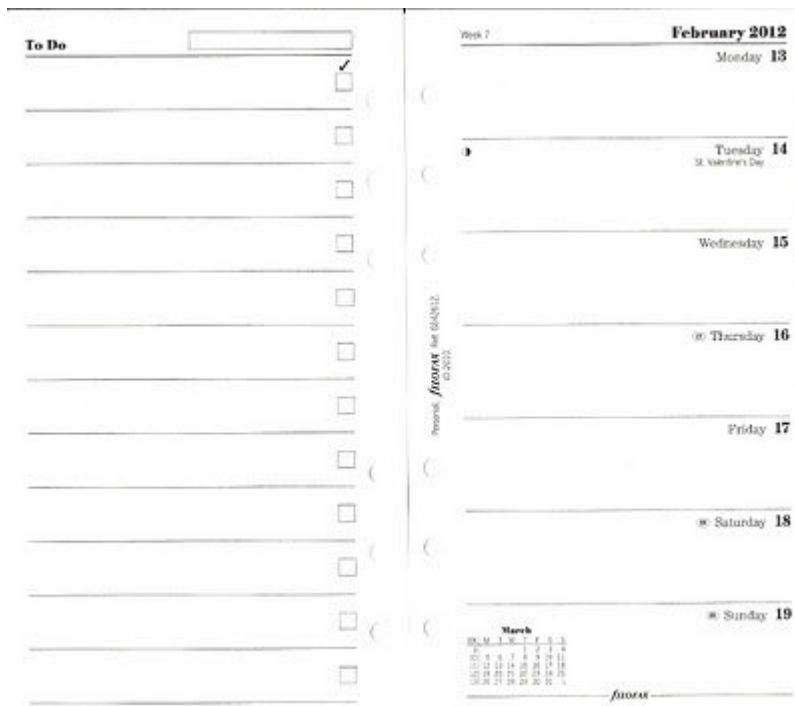
So I did some catalogue studying and some web browsing to see if I could come up with a similar dual set up but in personal size.

After looking around I came up with this solution. For journalling I would use the Week on Two Pages in English only, this one is in cotton cream paper.



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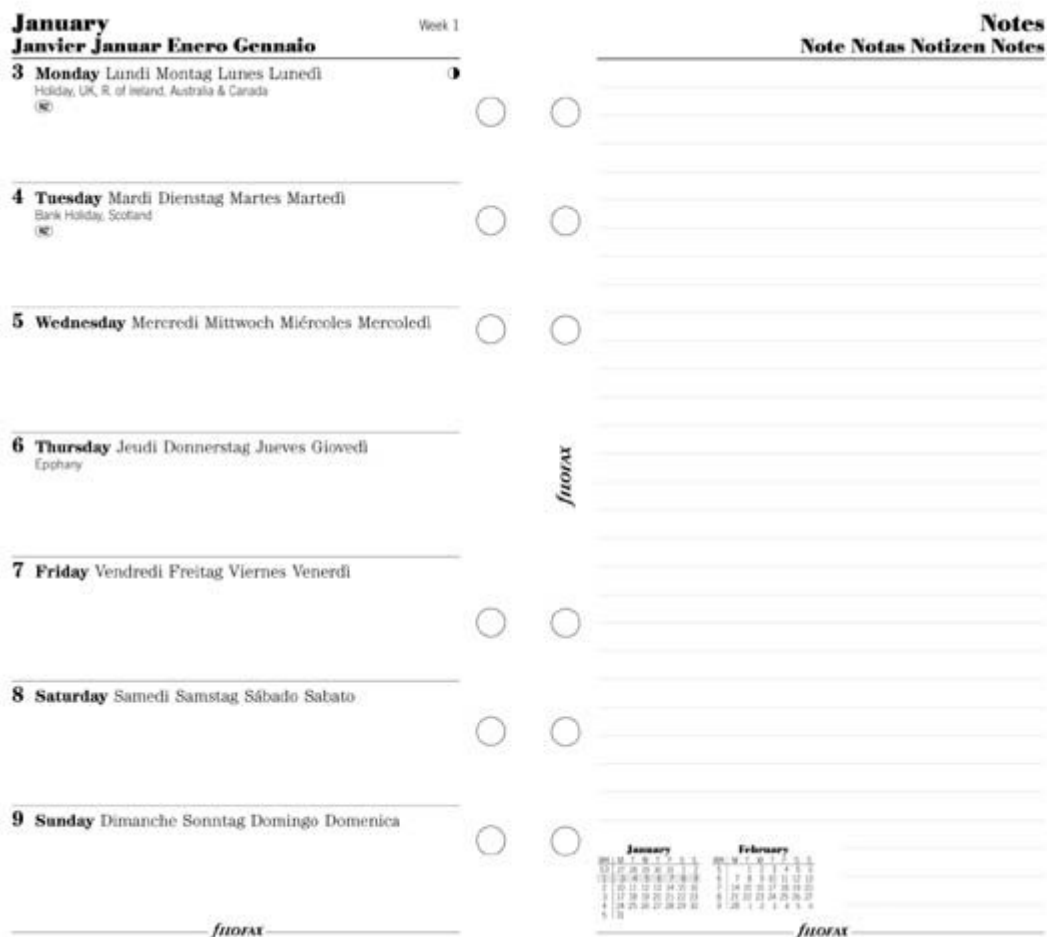
Then the options for planning was slightly more restricted, but I hit on this idea, using a week per page with to do sheets interleaved between each page, which looks like this:



[3]

It retains the ideal situation of being able to view the days next to the tasks in the to do list. The next week the to do list swaps to the other side, but I don't think that's a major issue in terms of layout for me.

As an alternative there is the Week on One page with notes insert, whilst this maintains the same layout for each week, days on the left, notes on the right, it has the disadvantage of being multi language and the day spaces are already small enough as it is!



[4]

The rest of my set up is pretty much as the set up I've been using this year in my Malden with addresses, information (maps), projects, notes etc. But slimmed down a little by removing spare pages so that the Malden can just about take the two diary inserts as well as the other pages.

The best part of this set up is I can carry it anywhere, and at a push it could be my only Filofax, if I chose to go that route... as always though time will tell. I find I have to try out a different set up for a few weeks to know if it will work for me or not.

1. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/11/my-set-up-for-2012.html>
2. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-WMyM5Ch0wos/Ttjv0W_xbVI/AAAAAAAAAJ7Y/c_ydKpk_gv8/s1600/weektwopage.jpeg
3. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-W6N1Y4DR8rE/Ttjvz8eAnwI/AAAAAAAAAJ7Q/ua322x28_Xc/s1600/weekonepage.jpeg
4. <http://www.filofax.co.uk/images/products/refills/line/68409x.jpg>

Shubha (2011-12-14 02:48:16)

Steve, this year I bought the inserts that has a week on page and Notes facing it so I can use it for a To Do or notes. Sounds close to your idea.

I will let u know how it works out for me in 2012!

Shubha

Vanjilla (2011-12-14 11:15:43)

Hello Steve, thank you for ideas! I was thinking about putting a transparent flyleaf in the middle of the current week as a dashboard for my post-its and reminders (because I still have confusion with synthesis of my various to-dos!).

Another question I'd like to ask you, if you don't mind, is about journaling; I, too, use my filofax as a journal among others, but I only have a section of ruled paper for it. I see you chose a WO2P and would just like to ask you about your entries given the space of that setup: do you record key-words for the day only, or short sentences and descriptions or...?

I saw this picture

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/eunyro/5332694882/in/photostream/>

and it made want to try to keep my journal in a less common way... Thank you and regards!

jen (2011-12-15 10:40:16)

I have been using Week Per Page with Notes for most of this year, but have been thinking of switching to Week Per Page, with blank pages between for lists and notes ... Then I read your post! Great timing! I will be very interested to see what you think of these two set ups.

Filofax UK Today's Special Offer - 14 Dec 2011 (2011-12-14 05:01)

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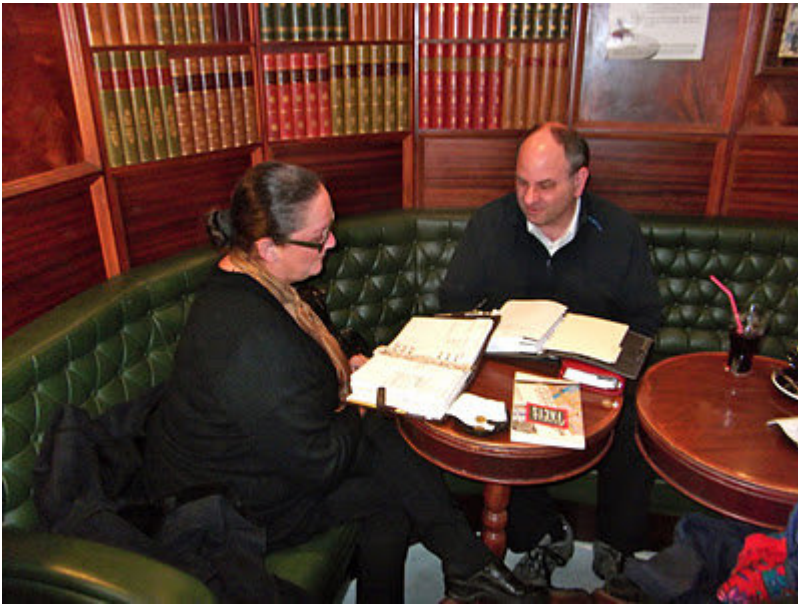
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Philofaxy Mini-Meet Up - Poitiers - 13 Dec 2011 (2011-12-15 00:00)

So it was a wet and windy on Tuesday morning, when headed down to Poitiers, which takes us about an hour on a good day. But with gusting wind and sweeping rain it took a little longer.

All the effort was worth it. The sun did shine a few times during the day, and Nikki had a big smile on her face when she recognised 'Philofaxy Steve'!!! We had managed to arrange a mini meet up on a date when Nikki was going to be in Poitiers on business, so it all worked out very well.

We met in Pub Le Gambetta, a small bar/cafe in Rue Gambetta. We had a long chat, poured over Filofaxes, had some food. Just like any other Philofaxy meet up, even if there was only three of us... Nikki, Alison (The hand of Philofaxy!) and Steve.



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For those of you interested (of course you are!) Nikki is showing me her Hampstead A5, which she uses as her main Filofax and she has some very nicely designed section dividers and loads of self printed

information pages. Nikki also uses the Filofax Address Book Software, which is how the idea of a meet up came about! I was interested so see how she is using the software in her A5, I might copy a few of her ideas... Nikki had also made her own 'Today' markers, she is very creative. Nikki is using an A5 DodoPad in her Filofax, nice and colourful. I will have to twist her arm, I mean gently ask her to do a guest post on her full set up once Christmas and New Year is out of the way.....

I had taken along my A5 Malden with my [4]2012 set up in it, the current crimson Personal Malden, with a sneak peak at another 2012 set up, which you saw [5]yesterday... My Chameleon Pocket was with me as well of course and as you can see the [6]*Filofax Facts* book also found it's way in to my small messenger bag (My man bag got left at home!)

Once we had finished our traditional long French lunch, Nikki took us on a mini tour of the two Filofax stockists in the same road, the first opposite the cafe... All those people that have attended London meet ups will be at this point booing me, because of the long walk we take from Tate Modern to Neal Street... but I digress....



[7]

This is just the stationary part of [8]Gibert Joseph, that small entrance opens out in to an Aladdin's cave of stationary, Filofax, and planners and diaries of every size and make you can think of! We kept finding more and more Filofax stuff tucked away on shelves in different parts of the shop! Their stock of inserts was very good. The range of organisers was a little limited but plentiful in numbers... no Apex's, oh how disappointed were we.. We both picked up Filofax France catalogues too... good bedtime reading! I will compare it to the UK one soon and do a post if I find any astounding differences.

We then took a short walk up the road to [9]Poitiers Stylos this is more of a pen shop than a stationary store, but they did have a very nice range of Filofax organisers on display behind glass, and in the window. With a stock of inserts just inside the door.



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Again not an Apex to be seen, we were shocked and disappointed!

Sadly time had marched on quicker than we thought and we had to say our good byes and we went off to return home. It was great to meet up with another reader of the blog and one that is 'local' to me here in France...

Thank you Nikki, it was great meeting up with you and hopefully we can have another meet up when the sun is shining in Spring/Summer and may be we will discover some more readers within reach of Poitiers.

1. <http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-RDElrbl-4iY/Tue9lZGQakI/AAAAAAAAAJ9I/7QHwsQBRnWQ/s1600/DSCF0656.jpg>
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6. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/book-review-filofax-facts-ian-sinclair.html>
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Sharon (2011-12-15 03:10:23)

Sounds like you had a wonderful time!

Lovely to see you weren't the one taking all the pictures for a change Steve.

I think it is awesome that we are forming friendships right across the globe and we are meeting, so they are becoming real rather than virtual!

Thanks for sharing!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-15 03:54:52)

Lovely post - I wish I could join you! Really hope Nicki will do a guest post - I would love to see her setup, and creative work including dividers and rulers.

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-15 08:40:12)

Steve, I have a question for you. You've probably addressed this several times already, but could you tell me how you use your A5 Malden and your personal Malden? Do you use them in tandem or for separate things? Is the A5 your main planner? Where does the pocket come in?

terriknits (2011-12-15 09:48:02)

oh, my! Those photos of the shops - drooling here! Must come back later to read the entry.

J (2011-12-15 11:39:54)

I'll second a request for a guest post from Nikki!

And the stockists and restaurant seem lovely- so much character just in the seats and bookshelves... I really need to get to Europe!!!

MsPencil (2011-12-15 21:58:19)

Thanks for allowing me to see the pictures. I feel like I got to take a short walk with you guys. The restaurant looks lovely. You guys look really sharp. Glad you had a great time even if it did have to rain. It was like one of the old classic movies. Looking forward to seeing Nikki's guest post also. Wishing everyone in Filofaxy well.

Nikki france (2011-12-17 16:07:25)

sorry, been so busy with Christmas preparations, and had my little girls' 2nd birthday party yesterday, so have not had a chance to catch up with this wonderful site :)

Steve and Alison are such wonderful kind people, I am so thrilled to have met them, and loved my time with them. There was so much to talk about, both filofax and non filofax stuff!! The time just flew by!

Did not even get a chance to browse the treasured filofax book Steve had brought along, so will have to meet up again in 2012 just for that lol

I love this site, and I am so lucky that Steve and Alison took me under their wing that day and we all had such a good time :)

PS the papeterie is wonderul, so many goodies inside, and Poitiers stylo has the most AMAZING selection of pens, I am always drooling in there, just hate that all the filofax are behind glass, boo hoo, filofax are such a tactile thing :)

Glad you all enjoyed the piccies, and wonderful report from Steve, best reagards to all in the holiday season

Nikki xx

Filofax UK Today's Special Offer - 15 Dec 2011 (2011-12-15 05:01)

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Free For All Friday No. 161 (2011-12-16 00:00)

Just over a week to go to Christmas. I've found it quite hard this year to think of ideas for Christmas presents, fortunately we don't exchange presents with many people these days.

I think next year I will make a point of having a list in my Filofax to make a note of presents for Christmas and Birthdays throughout the year. Do you do anything similar?

However, as it's Friday you are free to discuss anything Filofax related... have a great weekend.

bluebonnetreads (2011-12-16 00:15:18)

I have a list of birthdays and a list of gift ideas on two sheets in the Family and Household section of my everything-Filo. This year, I also emailed the older folks and asked them to give me ideas for presents..and they all did. :) My grandmother has asked us for Christmas lists every year for years - this year I made her give *me* a list! Most of the other people gave me general ideas (I like these things...I need this...etc). It was quite helpful.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-16 02:27:50)

One thing I kept from reading the Getting Things Done books was to have a sheet or file for each person on which you could make notes of sizes, possible gifts as they occur throughout the year. Even items you want to discuss with them or give them when you see them. I didn't implement this in its entirety but I had made notes on gift ideas for some people as they mentioned things they liked. I may do this more formally in 2012.

katka (2011-12-16 02:39:47)

I have huge family, so I have list of presents every year. And I have to go throu old lists, so I don't buy same gift again :o)

Steve Morton (2011-12-16 02:41:34)

Gift-O-Fax.... rushes out to use another Filofax!!!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-16 05:04:34)

@Steve

LOL!

I have a list if presents given/received for the last few years to make sure that i don't always give the same present to the same person (unless they really want it of course!). I like Alison's idea of having a sheet per person with sizes and info etc (though maybe just half a side might be enough?). I have just got a new Cavendish with 33mm rings (personal size!) so I will have plenty of space for a sheet per person!

Steve Morton (2011-12-16 05:10:47)

I know Amanda... but I'm sure there might be a mini that could be used for such a need...!!

Can I just dispel a few myths...

Ring sizes should always be measured on the internal diameter not the external diameter. I've been asked about

a few odd sizes in the last week, but people were quoting the external size not internal size.

Steve

Missus Aka (Christa) (2011-12-16 05:42:48)

Has anyone noticed they dont have the time management dated refills on their website anymore does this mean they are not doing it anymore?

I put a question on my blog but nobody has answered it so far, personal or pocket sized for going out and about? I have a5's at home that hold all my main stuff so this will just be for info needed while im out. The details of what i have in my personal are here <http://lovingmyfilofax.blogspot.com/2011/12/filofax-dilemma-personal-or-pocket-size.html> but i dont think i need it all, does anyone have advice or experience on downgrading from personal to pocket & how easy is it to write in them?

ace (2011-12-16 06:22:05)

Yes I do! I have a section dedicated to Gift Ideas. Everytime somebody mentions something they like or need I jot it down. I then don't have to stress around xmas time as I usually have a big list for everyone! I also love the look on people faces when they say "but I saw this back in February! How did you remember!" Filofax dears, thats how ;)

I'll be doing a little show n tell of my setup for 2012 on my blog next week - [1]which is here Join me for a wee tour of my beloved Baroque!

1. <http://www.scottishwhimsicality.blogspot.com/>

Scoot (2011-12-16 06:47:20)

I have a page for listing ideas for people's presents though, silly me, each year I start afresh and throw away the old. I do write down the presents that I actually buy within a diary where I have noted a person's birthday or anniversary.

I also keep a list of peoples favourite foods and perfumes/colognes. Usually it is just their favourite cream cake or chocolate bar, a pizza for working late, even a bottle of wine, but I find such little surprise gifts really do cheer people up and are really appreciated; not just because of thought behind the gift itself, but because you took the time to remember/respect their personal tastes....easy with a fax.

I once reintroduced myself to an ex-colleague in a café, after a gap of about 10 years, by placing a peach melba cream cake in front of her. She was delighted and amazed that I took the time to "remember".

Elisabeth (2011-12-16 06:52:36)

Just to let you know, Filofax Sweden are selling Chameleons and Adelphis for half price.

<http://www.filofax.se/store/specials.asp?OID=262>

Virginia (2011-12-16 07:18:48)

I have my A5 Finchley for wedding planning, home maintenance & Christmas lists! Lists of cards to be sent, addresses to collect, gift ideas, gifts to buy, event details, etc.

(Also, managed to buy two filofaxes as gifts this year! A personal Botanic for my mother, who's just started a new job, and a Pocket for my little sister's first year at university! All in the Sweden 90kr sale, so good!)

Steve Morton (2011-12-16 08:14:36)

Christa

1. Your blog post is included in tomorrows Webfinds... so expect lots of visitors and hopefully some suggestions.
2. Time Management stuff. That is bad news if they have discontinued the Dated Range.

Try this one instead: <http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=240> 2 It's A5 but page per day.

Regards

Steve

Missus Aka (Christa) (2011-12-16 08:55:04)

Thanks for the suggestions steve, i have my set up for 2012 but am thinking about alternatives for 2013. It was the week on two pages time management i need a replacement for it had the perfect set up for me :0(and i use the business page on one day in addition to this.

I wish they did lined options for a5 week on two pages

Thanks for the web finds add.

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-16 09:06:54)

At Thanksgiving this year I had each of my six children (and their significant others) fill out a "profile." I had them list favorite colors for clothes and household items, sizes, likes, dislikes, favorite books, food, restaurants, candy, etc. I know, I should know what my kids like, but four of them are out of the house and their tastes have changed. Anyway, I put all of this info under my family and household tab in my pocket Finchley. I take this with me at all times, so I will always have the info for future reference.

Jotje (2011-12-16 10:37:06)

I have a sheet per family member in my pocket filofax wallet, where I note what he/she needs in terms of clothes or school supplies, plus an ongoing list of gift idea's. I buy those gifts early on, so I'm all set in October and start the holiday season as stressfree as possible. Love Scoot's idea of having a list of Persian preferences of pp other than direct family. Very thoughtful!

Jotje (2011-12-16 10:38:38)

Persian = autocorrect for personal ... (oh dear!)

J (2011-12-16 12:03:45)

As I got my first Filo in Nov. 2010, this is my first "real" Christmas season with the power of a Filofax. I've gotta say, I'm a bit disappointed with myself!

I did start a list page in November, with who I needed to send cards to, and who I needed to buy gifts for with little check boxes next to the gift ideas. But due to an extremely hectic season, I didn't get started planning until after Thanksgiving, which means I'm STILL buying last minute gifts!

Hopefully I can use some of the great suggestions here to improve my holiday planning in 2012!

terriknits (2011-12-16 12:16:51)

I am so far out of the Christmas/holiday loop this year - I was trying to figure out how I could finagle not working my contractually-required 8 hours next Tuesday to attend something with my husband. I thought, "no prob, I'll just make up that time on Sat/Sun". Yeah, Xmas Eve and Xmas Day. D'oh! Not going to happen. I mean, I write the date all day long, but it wasn't connecting in my brain that Dec 15th was only ten days until Christmas.

Anthony Mark Schellenberg (2011-12-16 12:34:29)

fyi, I used to show up here as @plaiditude.

I posted a question on the tuesday free for all asking about the Holborn, if anyone has one. For some reason it got marked by spam and only got released today, but I figured I'd post this news on the current free for all page. I ORDERED ONE! I gave in and ordered my first filofax (umm, errr, first one since last March actually) I ordered a black A5 Holborn, yet another attempt to upsize to A5, I really know it will work this time.... Now for the long wait - sometimes takes three weeks or more to get my orders.

Elisabeth (2011-12-16 13:18:10)

<http://www.filofax.dk/store/personalorganisers.asp?tn=1 &control=processrequest &orSizeId=3> Filofax Denmark are having a little pre-Christmas sale as well.

SNARLing: (2011-12-16 13:19:35)

AMS aka Pladitude - i've been looking at the holborn- particularly the holborn zip. it looks awesome. it has those full length outer pockets - at least on the left. on the right it looks like it may have a zipper pocket. the regency also has those pockets. i think time mangement or one of those other brands makes full use of these pockets

similar to the flex. the description says it's made of buffalo leather. i'm wondering if it would be like the malden. PLEASE post pics of yours in flickr when you get it! (by the way, i also have a kendal. nice! and i can see your concern) as for myself, i decided to get the girlier osterley compact in plum and i love it. eventually i'm sure i will get the more masculine regency but for now, i'm enjoying the osterley.

terriknits (2011-12-16 13:47:15)

@elizabeth - on that Filo Denmark site, they list the A5 Holborn as having 38 mm rings? ::hyperventilating:: That has GOT to be a typo. Anyone? If not, I must move heaven and earth to get my hands on one.

Steve Morton (2011-12-16 13:51:18)

We heard recently that there were some quality control issues with the Holburn Zip which is why it disappeared from the UK site. The new products should be coming back in to stock fairly soon.

The A5 Zip has 30mm rings... the Personal Zip has 23mm rings.

Steve

Steve Morton (2011-12-16 13:58:17)

I've emailed FF Denmark and pointed out the error on the website regarding the 38 mm ring size!

terriknits (2011-12-16 14:01:21)

@Steve - that sound you heard? Yeah, it was my heart breaking at the realization there were no 38 mm rings. :-(

Steve Morton (2011-12-16 14:15:21)

Well I would hate for someone to order one and pay for all the shipping only to discover that the rings are no bigger than one they already have.

Paul Raposo (2011-12-16 18:18:21)

Hi everyone. Long time reader, first time poster.

I hope this question is ok to post on Free for all Friday. I had a question about a newly acquired Personal Kensington.

I received it today after being the winning bidder on eBay. Everything about the binder is perfect, but I noticed the front cover tends to lean further back, than the back cover. The edges don't meet up.

I've included a link to the original auction, which has clear pics.

I thought the binder was doing this because it's a soft cover, and was pretty much empty of pages.

I was wondering if this is normal for the Kensingtons.

Any opinions are welcome.

Paul Raposo (2011-12-16 18:19:32)

Sorry, forgot to include the link to the competed auction:

http://www.ebay.ca/itm/190606200796?ssPageName=STRK:MEWNX:IT & _trksid=p3984.m1497.l2649

Kelly Marriott (2011-12-16 22:52:43)

@Paul - I have the same problem with my new personal Malden. The front seems to slide more toward the left and the edges don't meet when the binder is unsnapped. Maybe it is the softer cover. Anyone have any thoughts?

Ray Blake (2011-12-17 05:25:48)

I have a Kensington that behaves identically. If Maldens do it too, I can only suppose it is because the softness of the leather tends to let gravity have its way and allows the ring mechanism to rest more comfortably than a more rigid cover would.

Nellie (2011-12-17 05:26:36)

The 50 % sale got the better of me and I have ordered a pocket and a mini. Can someone who uses these tell me what sorts of pens fit in the pen loop?

Thanks!

Ray Blake (2011-12-17 05:26:42)

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Nellie (2011-12-17 05:26:46)

This post has been removed by the author.

Ray Blake (2011-12-17 05:27:55)

I meant to add that I don't mind the Kensington's slight tilting at all.

Paul Raposo (2011-12-17 10:02:15)

@Kelly

@Ray

Thank you for the quick responses.

I assumed it was a defect, but if this happens with more than one model line, and with Kensingtons that others have, clearly not an issue I need to worry about.

It's a great looking binder. I wanted one for years, but couldn't afford it. They were \$150 here in Canada. When I could afford one, none could be found in Canada, because they were discontinued. The joys of eBay 8^)

I currently have the binder closed edge to edge, with a thick piece of material over the cover, and a spring clip on each end to try and reshape the leather. The thick material is to avoid indentations from the clips on the leather. It appears to be working.

Thanks again, everyone.

Filofax UK Today's Special Offer - 16 Dec 2011 (2011-12-16 05:01)

[1]

On offer today at Filofax UK is a the launch of 50 % off sale on selected items. This offer is only for 24 hours until 10am tomorrow morning.

Click on the Filofax Logo to the right to be taken to the site, all purchases via this link will earn commission which will be added to our charity donation total.

Thank you for your help and support.



[2]

Filofax Germany are also having a sale at the moment, [3]check out the details here.

Whilst [4]Filofax USA are doing free Fedex shipping on orders over \$80

1. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152872&v=2457&q=90354&r=97790>

2. <http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=276546&v=2457&q=131260&r=97790>

3. <http://www.filofax.de/store/page.asp?id=179>

4. <http://www.filofaxusa.com/>

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-16 05:12:38)

Got all excited... maybe there could be a Gift-o-fax in there for me...

Sadly not.

Ah well.

At least it's Friday...

Alison Reeves (2011-12-16 05:46:06)

@Amanda - they still have a couple of finchley mini's on half price in their regular 'last chance to buy' area.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-16 06:16:30)

I would really like one of the folders to hold an A4 pad - but which one to go for? I'll probably go for the Finsbury as I would prefer leather.

Has anyone got one?

Scoot (2011-12-16 06:28:35)

More lovely Decos on sale. I doubt they'd sell those for less than 50 %. A super deal.

I don't know whether I would persuade myself to buy 4 colours, but if they were in A5 or slimline I would.

Please Filofax, lets have some A5 Decos next year.

Elisabeth (2011-12-16 06:48:55)

Didn't they have 50 % off on Decos a little while ago? Are they planning on discontinuing the Deco?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-16 08:02:20)

@Alison

Thanks for thinking of me. I haven't really managed to get on with a mini. I have a lovely baroque mini that I used for a couple of months but then moved into a personal and have never moved back.

Thanks for the pointer though!

Steve Morton (2011-12-16 08:17:39)

@Alison R It's a pity they don't include interior pictures of the A4 folders, just a written description.

@scoot Not sure about the Deco

Steve

LJ (2011-12-16 08:33:23)

I don't think I'll be ordering anything from Filofax UK for a while. I'm still waiting for my Christmas presents that were despatched on the 2nd... I have mailed them to let them know there is a problem with the Company Name field in the delivery address section, but have had no response. Thankfully their customer service people are very helpful and have resent the order - I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the parcel will arrive in time...

Alison Reeves (2011-12-16 08:46:23)

@Steve I found some interior pictures on the French site - you'd think they would share pictures wouldn't you? They all seem to have different ones!

Rulez (2011-12-16 08:54:33)

Ok, I finally order Deco black Personal size! I use Eton (same size and color) and hope Deco will be better choice in some cases :) Is it true than Deco is designed more for women no for gents?

Alison Reeves (2011-12-16 11:48:23)

Well, on digging around the filofax site there are a few other offers which are not on this page. Also they have just added Red Maldens to the offer! I ended up ordering a Classic A4 folder in Camel. It was 50 % off, but still more than I was going to spend on the Finsbury. However I thought it had more character, and as I hope to be using it for many years I thought I had better get one I would treasure. Somehow the Finsbury just doesn't quite float my boat!

MacPsych (2011-12-16 13:51:07)

I ended up buying... on impulse!... an A5 Kendal filofax. It was 50 % off so I thought it wold be rude not to ;-)

Nellie (2011-12-17 02:19:04)

Darn these Filofax offers! I got a ruby pocket deco for use at work, and a purple finchley mini out of curiosity.

Web Finds - 17 December 2011 (2011-12-17 00:00)



[1]

I know some of you will be dashing around the last full weekend before Christmas, but give yourself some 'me time' and take an hour out of your hectic schedule of shopping, partying, present wrapping to have a read of some of these great blog posts that have been sent in or I've found in this last week.

- [2]Introducing Reggie! - Well Planned Life
- [3]Using envelopes to track tickets with your Filofax - My Life All in One Place
- [4]Moving on from my Malden.... - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
- [5]Filofax, the little black dress of office supplies - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [6]Philofaxy Meet Up 19th Nov 11 - Shazza's Blog
- [7]Dividers - Shopping for materials - LJ's Blog of Stuff
- [8]Wo2P and Mo2P Tabbed - Filofax Fixation
- [9]Free London underground map for your Filofax - My Life All in One Place
- [10]Guest post: Staying happy over winter (Kyla) - Planet Millie - All Stars
- [11]Filofax dilemma, personal or pocket size? - Loving My Filofax
- [12]Cavendish filofaxes are like buses...! - Paper Pens Ink
- [13]Filofax Meet Up Group - Filomaniac
- [14]Unknown Filofax - help needed - Haukef

- [15]Paper Love - a Filofax Story - Joshua Buffum Laporte
- [16]Filofax Osterley Compact - The SNARLing Post
- [17]Mini Finchley review - My Little Rabbit
- [18]Fiddling with the Finchley - Bluebonnet Reads
- [19]In the meantime - The SNARLing Post
- [20]Get a Filofax and tighten up your loose ends - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- Your blog post could appear here... Please email us if we missed you this week.

And a new video too...

[EMBED]

And before you disappear... there are some great bargains on our [21]Readers Ad spot page... keep a check on it.

One other request... please make sure you have voted in our poll in the side bar about which charity should get our donation money in the New Year. Details about each organisation is [22]here
Enjoy

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-18k0sFXi2l0/TuuMVYICb_I/AAAAAAAAAJ-A/79EpuDtf-Fg/s1600/graphics-christmas-french-765278.gif
2. <http://wellplannedlife.blogspot.com/2011/12/introducing-reggie.html>
3. <http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/2011/12/using-envelopes-to-track-tickets-with.html>
4. <http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2011/12/moving-on-from-my-malden.html>
5. <http://www.crazysuburbanmom.com/2011/12/filofax-little-black-dress-of-office.html>
6. <http://shazzasgoingson.blogspot.com/2011/12/philofaxy-meetup-19th-nov-11.html>
7. <http://ljsblogofstuff.blogspot.com/2011/12/dividers-shopping-for-materials.html>
8. <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/12/11/wo2p-and-mo2p-tabbed/>
9. <http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/2011/12/free-london-underground-map-for-your.html>
10. <http://mslogica.com/2011/12/guest-post-staying-happy-over-winter/>
11. <http://lovingmyfilofax.blogspot.com/2011/12/filofax-dilemma-personal-or-pocket-size.html>
12. <http://paperpensink.blogspot.com/2011/12/cavendish-filofaxes-are-like-buses.html>
13. <http://filomaniac.blogspot.com/2011/12/filofax-meet-up-hamburg.html>
14. <http://haukef.wordpress.com/unknown-filofax-help-needed/>
15. <http://joshuabuffumlaporte.tumblr.com/post/14300369268/paper-love-a-filofax-story>
16. <http://thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com/2011/12/filofax-compact-osterley-fro-for.html>
17. <http://mylittlerabbit.blogspot.com/2011/12/mini-finchley-review.html>
18. <http://bluebonnetreads.wordpress.com/2011/12/15/fiddling-with-the-finchley/>
19. <http://thesnarlingpost.blogspot.com/2011/12/in-meantime.html>
20. <http://www.crazysuburbanmom.com/2011/12/december-favorites-gift-ideas-2-rock-in.html>
21. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/readers-ads.html>
22. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/12/charity-donation.html>

Ray Blake (2011-12-17 05:33:27)

I really love these Saturday links posts, both for the diversity of content and the positive reinforcement for the inherent rightness of our collective fetish!

LJ (2011-12-17 11:08:03)

Another great start to my day, and thanks for including my post xxx

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-17 12:00:21)

Chores done. Taking a break from filling in my ever-growing To-Do-Before-Christmas list to enjoy reading all these.

Thanks Steve!

Reader Question - Filofax Storage? (2011-12-18 00:00)

How do you store your unused pages or inserts? As the end of the year is approaching, how do you archive your past years diary/journals from your Filofax.

Does anyone have any different way of storing their 'spare' Filofax organisers?

Share your ideas in the comments.

My Little Rabbit (2011-12-18 00:20:35)

i keep all my inserts in an A5 filofax box that my Malden came in. Nothing fancy!

UNchecked other (2011-12-18 00:39:01)

I've always stored my planner pages/Moleskine journals the boring old-fashioned way: in decorative boxes. As for undated inserts, they're chillin' in their designated storage binders (Ruby Deco for Personal, Amethyst Deco for Pocket).

This year I'm trying something from my childhood days. I'm gonna "bind" my planner pages/to do/notes using yarn, and make a decorative cover that expresses what the year'd been like. And then I'll put the "bound" pages, this year's Moleskine journals and some meaningful items from the year inside a decorative container. A time capsule :o) I'll then bury it in my mom's vacation house's garden and then dig it up in 10 years' time. Since I rarely go there, I wouldn't be tempted to prematurely dig it up.

As for the spare binders, they can be admired on the bookcase :o)

Josh (2011-12-18 01:50:53)

I have been thinking about this. Being new to filofax I am wondering what the best way to manage this will be. I file legal looseleaf materials at work and we put old pages into "transfer binders" which are similar to the filofax storage binder. I may try that method. In the meantime, it all goes neatly in a drawer. I do see the advantage that bound books have, you can just shelve them at the end of the year.

Missus Aka (Christa) (2011-12-18 03:42:53)

This sounds really bad but i have four dominos i use as storage binders the filofax binders are just ugly plus a paid under a tenner for each of the dominos

lifeconsidered (2011-12-18 04:02:11)

I bought a white lacquered box from The Container Store and file old pages in there in the same order as my Filofax using plain tab dividers. Think of it as a Filofax in a box...with no rings. For now I just scribbled the year on a Post-it note and slapped on the first index divider. I store extra inserts in the back of this box. This will all change after Christmas though, because my daughter is getting me a Filofax "HAUL" which includes a binder. (it's already come in the mail, because I, er 'found' it ...er, 'hidden' in her closet). I'd like to have one for each year (I'm sad that I just read that they're ugly) and use the box just to store extra inserts.

Scoot (2011-12-18 04:17:22)

Treasury tag through a hole to keep papers together, but depending upon importance of sheets then placed into either a safe or more usually a box file/bankers storage box.

Unused fax pages and tons of cut and punched blank coloured A5 papers and card are simply wrapped in large

rubber bands and then stored in cardboard boxes.
Spare faxes are kept in their original boxes.

tansyhutchesonlovet (2011-12-18 05:21:31)

I've been wondering a lot recently about how I'm going to store my pages. Have only been using a Filofax (the 'Identity' model) since June this year, but am asking for a second one for Christmas. So I'm thinking of keeping my pages in the first one for now as a storage system that archives my year. But could change if I want to use both Filos at the same time, might 'bind' the pages with treasury tags and put them in a pretty box or something!

Steve Morton (2011-12-18 05:25:08)

In case anyone doesn't know what a 'Treasury Tag' is...

http://www.google.co.uk/search?q=treasury+tags&hl=en&safe=off&prmd=imvns&source=lnms&tbn=isch&ei=7r7tTvz4GsHRhAevl5iXCA&sa=X&oi=mode_link&ct=mode&cd=2&ved=0CEYQ_AUoAQ&biw=1493&bih=1195

They come in a variety of lengths and colours. Some with plastic ends others with metal ends. Very simple and cheap to use and they hold your pages together very well, whilst still allowing you to turn the pages etc.

jml (2011-12-18 05:54:00)

This post has been removed by the author.

jen (2011-12-18 06:34:34)

I have to admit I don't store old diary pages at all! If they are full, I throw them away (or put in paper recycling bin). If they have any space left, I cheerfully cannibalize them for future listmaking. Feeling a bit worried now, maybe I should be keeping them after all?

lucyclio (2011-12-18 07:28:47)

I'm with Jen above - I guess there are two of us heretics. I don't bother storing, just every few weeks go through used pages of diary, note any really impt info, and then recycle them. Fresh inserts are stored in a deep file folder in my desk. And (this is the really heretical thing) I only have one FF.

katka (2011-12-18 09:30:19)

I keep my old pages like this...http://www.flickr.com/photos/54020897@N02/5004028488/in/photo_stream

Suppose it's similar to Treasury tag.

I can't imagine I wouldn't store old pages. I have all my diaries and filofax pages for last 10 years. It's full of great memories.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-18 09:45:00)

Hmm... I can't really imagine wanting to store most of my diary pages as I keep a journal for memories and my filofax diary is largely just for planning. If I get really inspired to keep it, I will use treasury tags and some cardboard covers (probably cut from a cereal box...) to keep them neat, then write the year on the front with a marker pen.

Am I a heretic too?

terriknits (2011-12-18 14:18:38)

Last night I sat down and did a culling of my Cuban's contents, got the 2012 diary pages out, transferred all the monthly incoming/outgoing \$ \$ stuff onto my M02P tabbed. I put all my 2011 archived contents into my Malden. I store all my Filo items in a box that I got at Wal Mart. It was in the office supply section, but I guess you could call it a photo storage box.

terriknits (2011-12-18 14:20:35)

me again. I saw this via Pinterest (OMG - what a wonderful time suck that site is!) A quick/easy way to bind some loose pages together. I'll probably use this. <http://wellappointeddesk.tumblr.com/post/5138564584/a-very-clever-way-to-bind-together-a-booklet-or>

terriknits (2011-12-18 14:26:03)

omg - I just read down the rest of the comments. It never occurred to me to throw away used diary pages and such. O.o I have my day planners since about 1997, I think!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-18 14:36:26)

@terriknits

I suppose it depends what you use your filofax for - I use mine mostly for planning and although I might keep my goals sheets at the end of the year (for interest), the day to day stuff is just too dull to bear looking at again! I do keep a journal though which is a reflective record of my day, my moods, my actions etc., so I suppose if you use your filofax for that then of course you would want to keep it.

bluebonnetreads (2011-12-18 17:36:20)

I keep extra inserts in the box my Finchley came in or in the Apex. I use binder clips to hold them together.

Roanne (2011-12-18 21:42:17)

Another heretic ... I keep the last year's pages in the glassine envelope the latest year of wo2p came in, but only for a short while ... disposing of last January as this January comes to an end, etc. etc. I've shred years of diaries (all that angst!) and agenda/calendar pages and there is just nothing sacred/precious to me there anymore. I purge sheets regularly, keeping very little and for not very long.

Andrea Mocko (2011-12-19 11:44:40)

I try to save the plastic sleeves the inserts come in to keep the things like extra to do pages together. For ones that don't have a plastic sleeve anymore, I've found the personal size inserts fit into a 3 ring A5 binder I had lying around (2nd hole from top or bottom in the top or bottom ring of the binder). All this goes in a storage box I got from IKEA.

Filofreak (2011-12-19 13:50:10)

@UNchecked other

I love the idea of binding the pages and putting a cover on and then burying them to dig up years later. What a wonderfully fun thing to look at many years after the fact. A great idea!

kanalt (2011-12-19 18:58:45)

I keep last year's pages in an unused Filo (currently it is the personal classic in chocolate). I also keep upcoming pages in an unused binder (currently personal ochre malden). Anything prior to the last year's inserts are kept in a storage box. More information can be found at my blog:

<http://wellplannedlife.blogspot.com/2011/01/archiving-years.html>

I plan to write an updated post about my archiving system in the new year.

minibreakmummy (2011-12-20 10:09:46)

I use a small 'Really Useful' plastic storage box. It works well.



[1]

This week it is a great pleasure to introduce you to David.

Hi, I'm David, and I'm an accountant in the UK. I've recently moved to beautiful South Wales, with my even-more-beautiful wife Emma, our three chickens and two lazy cats, Brue and Bramble (aka Grumpy-Cat). I was born and lived the first 50+ years of my life in London and only came to country living in the last six years or so. I love it!

I've been interested in anything relating to time management for well over 30 years now, so it's been a real joy to discover so many people with similar interests through the Philofaxy site, and I hope my profile will inspire one or two more to start using their organisers as a time and task *management* tool, and not *just* as a fashion accessory (although they are great-looking as well)!

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

Probably around 1981. It was a very old duplex (two rings) version, but I have no idea of the model name. Maybe you can help! I used that duplex binder with a day-per-page diary on one side and all my to-do lists etc on the other, until I discovered and adopted the Time Manager system around 1982.

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

I've always been an on-off Time Manager user, because I find the structure of the system suits me – it's pretty rigid, and I like that. In between frequent bouts of TM usage, I've only ever been a Filofax user, and I've never *ever* been without a system of some kind since adopting that first Filofax back in the early 80s.

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

Definitely my Personal Malden in ochre when I'm in Filofax mode, and my one and only black either Time Manager binder when I'm in TM mode. I love the lines and the 'fee' of the Malden, it has all the pockets I need, in all the right places, and it looks great all the time. It's now starting to take on a 'weathered' look (I suppose I give it a fairly hard time) and it *still* looks great! The TM binder is in smooth black leather, and just seems to always look good-as-new (and I probably bought it 8-10 years ago). The Malden fits beautifully in the hand as well (I don't often carry a man-bag so I'm usually carrying it), the TM less so....

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Apart from my TM binder, three – a black leather A5 Finsbury (rarely used, although I *do* have the inserts for it), a brown oiled leather Hampstead which is now defunct in everyday terms (or maybe awaiting a new purpose) which I bought around 1998, and my personal Malden, which is my go-to organiser all the time I'm in Filofax mode.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I use it for everything! It's my diary, my task manager, my list-keeper, I keep my plastic cards in there,

postage stamps, travel tickets when I'm away on business....there really isn't anything I *don't* use it for. At the moment I'm using the standard Filofax dividers (more on this below), although I do change to other sets, and back, quite often, so I have my diary in the front, my project and task lists under projects, my carry-around information under notes (which I also use as a quick-capture for anything incoming, using yellow paper to make it stand out from the white of the rest of the organiser), my petty cash records under financial (I'm self employed so I need to capture everything), and a few current contacts under contacts. I don't fully utilise the contacts section, because I find my BlackBerry to be a far more efficient way of accessing and using contacts – if I'm away on business it's usually to call or email, and I don't need to look people up twice and manually enter the information.

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

Definitely the flexibility. I reconfigure my system *often*, and now that I've had some practice, I can usually re-jig the whole system in 30 minutes or so if I have a clear idea of where I'm going.

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

Binder-wise, I'm very happy with my Malden and I can't really see how that could be improved, except by the addition of a second pen loop. I like to keep my diary in pencil (things change a lot and need adjusting), but I like a pen for other purposes. I'm still trying out the Frixion erasable pen, but my old-fashioned alter-ego would really much prefer pen and pencil separately. Insert-wise, I have some *serious* issues with Filofax. The FF paper is poor quality and for a fountain pen user that's bad news in a major way. The bleed-through is terrible. If I were the designer, I'd take my Malden (with second pen loop) and fill it with good quality paper, a wider range of inserts, and a better choice of divider set-ups for different systems such as GTD. Frankly, though, I don't think Filofax are invested at all in their inserts, and I think that's a very bad business decision in the long term, as well as being really irritating to me in the short term.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

Almost always in my hand – I rarely carry a bag. If I'm away on business it lives in the front pocket of my briefcase, for which it could almost have been custom-designed. Otherwise, it's in my hand whenever I'm out of the house, or on my desk (or the arm of my chair) when I'm at home.

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

I like the Malden a *lot*, and I already own one, so I'm not about to go Filofax shopping. I've just bought some day on two pages diary inserts from the French website, so that's enough shopping for me!

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

Probably the Malden at £65 (I think) from Conduit Street. My Time Manager binder was around £200 though, and that was a few years ago. For design and functionality it was worth every penny.

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

I love the community, and feel as if I have so many friends of a common mind here. I know that whatever my question, I can find someone who's been there before and has 'an' (if not 'the') answer. Now I'm following some of the other blogs I've discovered through Philofaxy, that sense of a community of like-minded people is even greater.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

Really – there isn't anything at all. My only dislike is that I sometimes can't follow every comment to every post purely because of the volume of material.

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

Probably Own The Night by Lady Antebellum. I have very wide-ranging tastes in music, so I generally use Spotify in my office, which is a great way to listen to music for a monthly subscription. CD-wise, I really can't remember (probably Jazz, Blues and Moore by the Dudley Moore Trio), but as we've just bought a rather nice hi-spec CD player, I guess I'll be back in the market soon!

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-e_agu1Zd2X8/Ttt3A_Fg3TI/AAAAAAAAJ8I/QFrF1yXpxYg/s1600/DSCF5197.JPG

cgarsnrealest8 (2011-12-19 01:10:04)

Good story. I see you have settled with the personal size. What page format do you prefer? Have you considered going back to A5?

Josh (2011-12-19 01:36:46)

Pleased to "meet" you, David! Enjoyed reading your story. These "Reader under the spotlight" columns are fun! Interesting to read that you are also not keeping contacts in the filofax. I have phone numbers and email addresses in my BlackBerry but for some reason really like having them in my filofax as well. But I am coveting the space they take up. I am currently thinking of typing up the names and phone numbers of those whom I contact most frequently, and letting their complete contact information live with everyone else's in my address book or my rolodex at work.

Thanks for sharing some about yourself! I also have a personal size Malden in ochre. Lovely binder...

David Popely (2011-12-19 02:24:32)

@cgarsnrealest8 hi there - it's been a long and not-very-comfortable road to get settled with the Personal size. I know some users have an A5 for their desk and a Personal for carry-around, but two binders has never really suited me...as someone else said, 'You only have one life, why would you want two organisers?!' I like to have *everything* in one place, and the A5, although I *love* (and often feel I need) the space, weighs a ton, and I don't need to be carrying that around when I'm away on business. So no, I don't think I'll go back to A5, although you never know!

@Josh Hi Josh, and nice to meet you too! Re contacts, I just find that the BlackBerry has such excellent recall (it finds contacts as you start to key in the name then gives you all the available numbers), that it would be unnecessary duplication for me to carry those around in my FF. When we moved to Wales and I needed a large handful of postcodes for my SatNav on a short term basis (until we'd found our way around), I did keep those as a list in my FF for a while. Now that we're fully orientated to Welsh navigation, I don't use them any more so I've discarded them. I do understand the good feeling that might come from having them all in the FF, but it just wouldn't be functional for me....

Yes, the Malden is a lovely binder, and I don't think I'll be looking anywhere else for an alternative, for the foreseeable future. I'm surprised how good it still looks now that it's getting 'weathered' - I take it everywhere, and its in and out of the car all the time, so it gets a fair bit of 'treatment'. Even with a few marks and scratches, which I know I could get out with AutoGlym if I wanted to, it still looks great!

Anita (2011-12-19 07:28:00)

Hi David, lovely to 'meet' you!

I'm very interested in time management too, & have set up my personal crimson Malden based on the Getting Things Done paper planner layout.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-19 08:24:30)

Hi David - always a pleasure to 'hear' from you. Sounds like you have fully kicked the 5 habit out!

David Popely (2011-12-19 08:45:22)

@anita hi Anita.....I'd be interested to hear how you've set up your personal FF for GTD.....presently I find the 'standard' index from FF works well enough, but it's always interesting to hear what others have managed to do.....

@alison Hi Alison.....I'm afraid the A5 has fallen victim to its own weight, coupled with the fact that I can only handle one system of organisation, and when I split between two binders, chaos is never far behind! Chat on Skype this week if you like, I'm here until close of play on Wednesday.....

Butanben (2011-12-19 13:17:18)

A lovely post David!! As I am posting, a Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year to all at Philofaxy! xxxx

Adirondack Explorer (2011-12-19 14:31:27)

Great post, David. Glad to read about your FF system.

jen (2011-12-19 15:21:45)

But what is this Autoglym of which you speak??

A car product??

Which one do you use, when and how??

Jen (feeling baffled)

Steve Morton (2011-12-19 15:24:58)

Jen

Their leather care cream. It's intended for soft leather car interiors. But I've also used it myself on my leather Filofax organisers, as it helps to keep the leather clean and supple.

<http://www.autoglym.com/enGB/product-proddetail.asp?v06VQ=EJIJ> &Range=

Steve

jen (2011-12-19 16:15:10)

Thanks, Steve! I might look out for that - I have a couple of old filofaxes bought on ebay and they need some TLC.

Jen

Steve Morton (2011-12-19 16:16:13)

If you are in UK? Then you can buy it in Halfords, or it is sold on Amazon too.

Gerard (2011-12-19 19:01:18)

David,

Long time no hear!

You're now the Filofax poster-boy, having managed to successfully relocate your home and your business using only a Personal-sized Filofax.

Thanks for your interesting post.

Gerard.

Tracy Reinhardt (2011-12-19 20:13:27)

Loved to read your story and to meet you! I agree with you about setting it up and resetting it up... And then doing it again when it suits.

Tracy

MsPencil (2011-12-19 20:14:33)

Nice to meet you. Wishing You well in your new home of South Wales.

David Popely (2011-12-20 01:51:34)

Thank you all for your kind comments and good wishes.....it's great to be part of this community.

@Gerard Hope all is well with you! er.....poster boy? :) I think not. Actually I'm finding that GTD works as well within the confines of a personal FF as it does within, say, a large A5 binder. So probably any credit that *does* accrue, should be to David Allen and GTD rather than to the FF or (most especially) to myself.....:)

LJ (2011-12-20 15:23:55)

Nice to meet you David. I would love to see a post about your GTD system (with pics would be great as I find it much easier to get my head round things if I have a visual).

:o)

Rob Petrie (2011-12-21 06:50:14)

Hi David, great story and I wish you well in South Wales; lived there for 15 years before changing careers and moving to the Lake District. I'd also be interested in more details of your system but the point that resonated most with me was your concern over the quality of the inserts. I flip between an A4 Classic and an A5 Kendal (it's nice to use a Filofax named after where you work - an idea for a post Steve?) and the difference in paper quality is huge. The A4 is quite good and takes fountain pen ink ok but the A5 struggles a bit.

Would be lovely to think that FF are listening and would introduce a premium range of inserts but then they'd make me an A4 brown Kendal too....

amanda (2011-12-21 12:10:14)

Would also love a post on your gtd setup... I'm trying to start fresh for the new year. Was a digital GTD-er by necessity when I was working full time but now am ready to move into a paper based system.

Free For All Tuesday No 46 (2011-12-20 00:00)



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Christmas Filofax Questions? This is the place to ask them, or any other Filofax related questions. Fire away.

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-6oqYTWtaQtw/TtISY0v_17I/AAAAAAAAAJ5g/c2lkUEa_SIE/s1600/christmas.png

David Popely (2011-12-20 01:56:12)

Further to my feature post yesterday, and to various comments I've made over the months, I am now at the end of the road concerning Filofax 'own brand' refills - the paper is of the poorest quality, and the range of layouts is both severely limited and inconsistent from one country to the next, with no 'joined up' online ordering system at all.

I have therefore decided to look at other suppliers of inserts - looking for one who use a decent quality paper (here defined as paper that will take a roller-ball/gel pen/fountain pen) and who provide refills which don't need trimming or re-punching for personal FF (since I have neither the skill nor the patience nor the equipment for that).

Does anyone know of such a supplier? DayTimer and Franklin Covey spring to mind as likely suspects, but I've no experience of either. I gather that FC now ship everything from the US, which is likely to result in heinous shipping costs....has anyone any experience of these, or others?

katka (2011-12-20 02:56:36)

I've been using MontBlanc agenda refill for personal filofax. The quality of the paper is definitely better. It's more expensive (around 18 GBP for W2P), but still cheaper than e.g. Franklin Covey.

Here is the layout.

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/54020897@N02/5003408205/in/photostream>

David Popely (2011-12-20 02:59:34)

Hi Katka

I'd not heard of that one - thank you. Looks like a nice refill. I like the rounded-off corners, and the perforations (presumably a 'steal' from Quo Vadis....).

Might well try to get a 'hands on' look at this when next in London.....

Alison Reeves (2011-12-20 03:31:41)

@David. Franklin covey now ship from the uk. This is a recent thing - only started up again about four weeks ago. A colleague of mine ordered prior to this and paid something ridiculous for postage from US. I understand their inserts may be a bit wide, but others should be able to advise. When I find the link for FC UK Ill come

back and post it

Kate (2011-12-20 03:48:10)

I agree with David's comments about the quality and layout of Filofax refills. I use Flavia paper from Day Timer for the cheerfulness with the cheaper Filofax paper for capture on the move. and why, oh why, doesn't Filofax have a joined up ordering service. I'm registered on several foreign Filofax sites but can't even use the same password/email combination on each one. So frustrating.

However, I love the binders, especially the amethyst Deco and Finchley and I've now tracked down a Special Edition from Germany. I accept the shortcomings of the refills for the quality of the binders. I wonder if Smythson refills will fit Filofax?

Alison Reeves (2011-12-20 04:11:01)

Here is the link to order Franklin Covey in the UK: <http://store.franklinplanner.com/uk/> I'm sure others can jump in here and let us know what that quality is like.

Unknown (2011-12-20 05:20:07)

Smythson refills will fit Filofax Personal binders.

I haven't used any personally but the A4 paper I have used was of the highest quality.

Best Wishes

David

gdigesu (2011-12-20 06:00:26)

Hi David,

Just ordered DaVinci inserts. As soon as they arrive, will test them and let you know.

Giovani

Dollface (2011-12-20 06:02:28)

cotton cream takes lamy ink from my lamy fountain pen just fine.. however the white paper that came with my won apex is dire! i had no idea how bad it was and started filling in my info and it sucked my pen dry!.

if you just want note paper (and not too expensive) maudiemade (search on etsy) do great quality paper.. maybe a little girly?

but still fab and only cost me £2.25 including postage

mind you because it's hand made the pieces aren't perfect filsize and they don't sit flush with any other inserts.

hope this was helpful- i know it was posted about before but i wanted to leave feedback as someone whose actually bought/used it.

xxx

Lucy (2011-12-20 06:39:09)

Rather off topic here, but I posted a comment on Filofax's Facebook page about not liking the Malden colours. I said I would love a purple one. They have just replied now:

"As it happens . . ."

Oooooo! Sounds like they're going to do some lovely new colours for Maldens! And sounds very much like there will be a purple one!!! Woo hoo! I am going to be patient then. No more Filofaxes for me until the new range comes out!

fluffyferret (2011-12-20 06:59:04)

@Lucy Very interesting news. I would love a purple Malden.

The Liar (2011-12-20 07:10:37)

Another one about the quality of paper.. I had the same problem and have started doing my own for my A5 binders. 100 gsm paper printed as needed and then guillotined and punched at home. The worst bit is punching. The filofax punches are capable of doing 2-3 papers at a time and that kills me. I am starting to look at other punches and most probably will be changing to something better in Jan.

But, I am not a diary user but more as a project notebook and journal so the number of papers I do at one time is around 30 - 40 and gets done in about 10 minutes max. If you are to do it for diary, (for a whole year it might take longer and boring).

Miss_Oakden (2011-12-20 08:38:14)

@ the liar. I brought a rapesco personal hole punch on eBay and have doctored it with tipex type fluid so that I can punch a5 papers with it. I can do up to 12 pages at a time althou admittedly it's a pain having to do top and bottom independently. But I find it works really well for me and saves pennies cause I use all sizes of Filofax except a4

Butanben (2011-12-20 09:07:01)

Ohhhh.... new coloured Maldens. Hopefully in A5 too. I Facebooked them a while back about an A5 Crimson Malden being a possibility and they replied that my suggestion was passed onto the design team. So I think.... new Maldens are indeed on the way fingers crossed!!!! Wonder if with a double pen loop???? Too much to ask maybe that one. If new colours are coming, then.... Yaaaayyyyy!!! I'll look at the suggestions made here for inserts, although I am quite happy with mine at the mo. Trialling new page per day business set up ones. Like you, I wish the quality were better paper wise and a load more designs to choose from. Bespoke even would be fabby.Mind you I probably spend a fortune re- vamping my diary and tweaking formats that way.Happy Filofax Christmas one and all. xx

Whimsical Harmony (2011-12-20 09:48:32)

I agree about the paper quality of the FF refills. I hope they don't become any "thinner" in quality. Regarding paper quality and Franklin Covey or Daytimer refills: About 20 years ago, Franklin Covey had high quality paper for their inserts, but that is not the case now. Very thin, very poor quality in my opinion, and too high in price! (I don't mind paying a little more if the quality is good.) They definitely will bleed through if you are using a fountain pen. I regularly use a Pilot Precise V5 Rolling Ball in Extra Fine and it bleeds through Covey pages. Also, the compact Franklin Covey are much wider than FF personal size. The pages will "stick out" (oddly phrased) of the binder, when closed, and the tabs will most likely become bent if you carry your FF in a tote, purse, etc. They would need to be trimmed.

Daytimer pages are actually a bit better quality and they do offer a variety of layouts.

Another brand that I have used in the past is DayRunner. Both Daytimer and DayRunner refills will fit the FF personal and A5 with no trimming.

The Liar (2011-12-20 10:02:36)

@Miss _Oakden.. Thanks for your suggestion and agree with you on the Rapesco (which I also bought assuming it will do the A5 – before reading here that it does not!). But I made absolute mess a couple of times with the measurements and then decided to use it only for pockets, personals and the one slimline I have (though I have a few of pockets and personals, I do not make use of them like the A5s). The slimline guildford does get much use and benefits from the Rapesco. I had a chat with the dutch company Office-deals which Jotje referred sometime back and they are ok to send 4 of the KW trio punches for a total of 62 pounds. Thinking of putting three of them in ebay and also the filofax A5 punch as well.. But I saw a vertical paper feed punch at <http://www.opto.se/verticals.htm> and am gobsmacked.. That is to be planned for later next year, I think...

Whimsical Harmony (2011-12-20 10:32:33)

I am a college English prof and struggle with being organized. I find it difficult to manage all the information and dates for assignments, meeting dates/notes, and personal information, too. I began using my FF A5 again in the fall semester, and it helped, but I am still trying to find the right calendar pages for me and how to make full use of my FF. Any tips? Thanks!

Elisabeth (2011-12-20 10:59:13)

Have anyone used a personal FF as a recipie binder?

Savannah (2011-12-20 11:18:47)

David-

Some options for you:

Plannerstore.com (Sun Graphix) diary inserts in the off white would be a good choice. They have both weekly, daily and monthly. The specialty pages also have similar thickness (project, finance, etc.). Avoid the white note pages because they are pretty thin in the personal size. I'm not sure about the off white note pages, you would have to take a gamble or just get the Filofax cotton cream notes. There is no question that the paper quality is superior to Filofax, but I'm not sure it will resolve your diary inserts dilemma. I chose not to use them because high quality papers are generally thicker and therefore mean less pages can fit in your binder.

Mont Blanc may be worth looking into. I'd call them and see if they take fountain pens.

Day Timer paper varies in thickness and wet ink friendliness. I have some to do pages in the desk size from Day Timer that are a dream to write on with my G2 (best ever), others not so good.

As said above, the Franklin Covey paper has decreased in quality over the last ten years. The original style may be worth a try and may be superior, but I can't give you a testimony concerning fountain pen use. Perhaps someone could enlighten David on this.

Daximillian (2011-12-20 11:45:57)

Finally found a use for the hideous Apex I was sent from FF UK as a reward. It will be my running journal, as it's neon green and pink colors remind me of running shoe styles, and somehow it felt right to use it in this way. I couldn't bring myself to chuck it out, I don't want to give it away (who would I give it away to? I like my friends and family and couldn't do that to them), and who would buy it off me? Bleh. This way it has found a useful purpose in life and I have found peace of mind.

Sandra (2011-12-20 12:26:52)

@Whimsical Harmony I teach secondary school but am a Ed.D. candidate, too...the A5 week on two pages with appointment times has helped me block times for writing and other date-specific due dates, and I create project tabs to keep notes straight. :)

@Daximillian My 6 yr old ds loves his blue and yellow Apex--glad to hear you found a suitable use for your "prize." Off to scout out Mont Blanc refills, although the Filofax Sweden inserts are such nice weight of paper.

Anthony Mark Schellenberg (2011-12-20 12:54:14)

David, I got the regular daytimer inserts (two page per day) for next year in portable size and the fountain pen friendliness is actually worse than the filofax personal paper. I have wanted to use fountain pen so badly that I'm returning to A5, as the business day per page handles the ink ok. Hope you can find something for the personal size that works!

Anke (2011-12-20 13:50:02)

I have just started reading this blog as I am still waiting for my very first Filofax (Domino A5 in ultra violet) to arrive. I am a teacher, too, and I wonder whether you could give me any tips on where to find school related inserts (I am mostly looking for a grade record sheet for whole classes at the moment).

Also, I don't know whether you all already know this, I saw on the Italian Filofax page that they have a special Italian version of the Domino (and for sale at the moment, too!). Plus they are offering free shipping... I have to admit, I am tempted, even though I don't even have my first Filo yet.

David Popely (2011-12-20 13:56:26)

Thank you for all your helpful comments...I shall certainly check out some of these alternatives. The Smythson, in particular, although eye-wateringly expensive, look worth a try, as do the Mont Blanc, and as both have shops in the Bond Street area of London, I'll go and have a look next time I'm there.

It's interesting that the quality of the Franklin Covey inserts has also gone down. I guess this is an area where manufacturers think they can make a saving as times get harder....

Both the Smythson *and* the Mont Blanc look quite stylish as well....

Butanben (2011-12-20 16:23:51)

@Anke. I have made myself a school planner section, using stuff from Vertex42 site, DIY Planner site and Microoft.com. downloads. If you want to give me your e. mail address, I can send what I've got and use, via attachment specifically for my school planner. Use what is for you and disregard the rest. xxxx

lucyclio (2011-12-20 17:29:24)

@Whimsical Harmony - I'm an academic too, and have finally settled on using multiple types of inserts at once as the best system for me.

I use one-page-per-day with appointment slots for daily schedule, but also have the month-per-page inserts, and have those slipped in before the first day of each month. I only carry 1 semester's worth of the daily pages at a time, but the whole year's worth of monthly pages. I record big events (scheduled conferences, term & university dates, major events and turn-in dates for each class I teach and so on) on the monthly pages, so I can see a whole month at a time. But then I also note that info on the daily pages as each semester gets added in.

I suspect if I had an A5, I could manage with the monthly view and WO2P w/ appt times instead of 1DPP, but it's just a little too tight in personal size.

But given the hints @Lucy got, maybe, just maybe they will come out with a purple Malden or similar! A royal purple (or cobalt blue) Malden would be my dream FF, but just about any purple or blue would be fab... and @butaben, I want one in A5 too! I love my Crimson Personal, but oh for more rich, intense colours

Anke (2011-12-21 00:40:35)

@Butanben Thank you so much for your kind offer! My email address is wam682@web.de

I am so excited to be getting my Filo soon! Does anybody know how long it usually takes for Filofax to send it?

I know, with Christmas coming up, it will probably take a little longer...

Have a great day, everyone! :-D

Butanben (2011-12-21 11:05:05)

@Anke... e. mail attachment on its way right now. xxxxxx

realramona (2011-12-21 19:47:32)

@anke filofax usually post v fast, so your new toy should be with you soon! I have the same Domino, it's a fab colour :)

Filofreak (2011-12-21 21:10:48)

@David Popely: you might try Scully refills. They also come in a nice cream color stationary and fit Filofax quite well. They are on the web. Good luck and let me know what you think!

koroxii (2011-12-22 12:38:42)

This post has been removed by the author.

Steve Morton (2011-12-22 12:39:42)

Which model is it?

Steve

Guest Review - Glenroyal Organiser -Gerard (2011-12-21 00:00)

It is always nice to receive emails from our readers, especially ones offering to provide Guest Posts! Gerard contacted me a few weeks ago to tell me about his 'latest find' and then a couple of weeks later he sent me some pictures of his latest purchase, I was even more interested in the story behind his new organiser. And here it is.....

The Discovery

A few weeks ago an on-line search turned up an organiser brand that was entirely new to me.

Glenroyal are a small producer of bridle leather goods, all handmade in Scotland. In common with some other traditional firms, their website is not set up for on-line ordering, so at first I was a bit stumped. Anyway, this worked out well, since – instead of the usual impersonal on-screen checkout – I was able to exchange emails with a very friendly and knowledgeable lady, and quickly finalised an order for an organiser and a briefcase.

As a small producer, they seemingly don't carry stock, and the idea that my items were about to be made to order added another traditional dimension to things.

A short while later I was notified of the tracking number, and the order was courier delivered to Dublin at a very reasonable cost. Each item was packed in its own green baize bag and wrapped in bubble wrap, all contained in a sturdy cardboard box.

The entire process from order to delivery took just two weeks.



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The Organiser

So – what about the organiser itself? As I'm about to give it a rave review, I should declare up-front that I have no affiliation with the company, and that I paid full price for all of the items. I also didn't know at the time that Steve would come looking for a review.

The binder is a standard six-ring arrangement in 23mm diameter and is compatible with Personal size paper. It came with a generic A – Z index tab set, but realistically I think anyone at this end of the market will have very specific refills in mind and the lack of any included fill won't bother most readers. Incidentally, Glenroyal don't manufacture any refills themselves.

Currently, Glenroyal produce a single binder design, in standard Personal size. This is the antithesis of the Filofax approach, but – interestingly – it's precisely the route that Mulberry have taken.

The materials and workmanship are absolutely first class. The binder is made from thick bridle leather; the finish is impeccable and the stitching is 100 % perfect to my eye. Being bridle leather, it comes with a generous application of dubbin to keep it soft and supple during transit and storage, and a thorough polishing with a soft cloth brought it up to a nice sheen.

I opted for the "Dark London" colour, which is a classic rich chestnut tan colour. The edges have a neatly applied semi-matt finish which closely matches the main colour.

The closure strap has a simple "Sam Brown" brass stud which works well and looks like it should last as long as any pop fastener. Similarly, the ring mechanism seems quite sturdy, with a good positive action and perfectly aligned rings. The binder has a single pen loop which is not elasticated, but is big enough to take reasonably thick pens.

There's a single curved full-length pocket back and front, which I find suits my usage very well, as I've always carried smaller cards in a punched holder and don't use my organiser as a wallet.

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Overall, it's a very understated design and the only sign of branding is a small logo and "Handmade in Scotland" text discretely embossed inside the front cover.

The Conclusion

I'm delighted with the quality of the Glenroyal organiser – as I say the materials and workmanship are both first class. The cost of the organiser was less than the top-range Filofax binders, and it has a simple, timeless authenticity. I've focussed here on the organiser, but I should mention that the briefcase is also a very fine piece of work.

The buying experience was a pleasure, and I found the customer service and delivery arrangements excellent.

This organiser is perfect for my needs, and my only quibble has been the need to scale down from a large-capacity Winchester. Like most readers here, I'm certain to rotate between organisers over time, but I have a feeling that the Glenroyal will be at the heart of my collection for a very long time.

Thank you Gerard for the review and all of the photographs, this organiser I think everyone will agree is a thing of beauty. Gerard in conjunction with Glenroyal has produced a leaflet giving the full details of the [9]Glenroyal Personal Organiser, you might also like to look at their full range of leather products on their [10]website.

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9. <http://www.philofaxy.com/files/glenroyal.pdf>
10. <http://www.glenroyal.com/>

Josh (2011-12-21 01:19:10)

Looks totally beautiful! I would love to own one

David Popely (2011-12-21 02:16:03)

Hi Gerard, that's a *very* handsome looking organiser....beautiful. I too think there is a future for small artisan-style manufacturers who do a limited range of goods and concentrate on quality over range. We've recently bought a quantity of furniture from just such a company here in Wales, and it's so pleasant to be dealing with people who remember who you are, rather than with a call centre or even more impersonal internet checkout, where you quickly become an anonymous number in a computer system rather than a valued customer. Since my own business is founded on just such personal service and relationship, I really appreciate it....especially if something should go wrong and need to be sorted out (which it didn't in our case).

Lovely organiser.....thank you for posting. Do you run a GTD system through it? I'd be interested to know about your setup.....

David Popely (2011-12-21 02:23:22)

Gerard, a couple more questions, if you don't mind.....

1. I see you're using the diary tab, then a 1-6 set of dividers. Interesting.....I'd not thought of that. I see that your 'section 3' is 'Key Areas' - TMI style? You seem to have managed to adapt a 'to-do' form (generic FF) for the header....is this a custom job you've done yourself? If so, do you have the template, please?

2. I see you have eight Key Areas there....are you using TM-style task and Activity forms behind the header? If so, are they all in section 3?

3. What lives in sections 1-2 and 4-6?

If you could expand on this I'd be *really* interested to hear from you. You can contact me on the usual address of davidpopely (at) gmail (dot) com if you don't want to become embroiled in an exchange in public! Strategic photos of your other-sections setup (if not private) would be even better, as you obviously take a decent photo....

Best wishes as ever

David

gdigesu (2011-12-21 03:02:06)

Gerard,

Fantastic product!

Thank you.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-21 05:54:13)

Great review thanks Gerard. I too am interested in all David's questions! You can email me at alison @ writetowin dot co dot uk if you don't want to discuss openly. Alternatively you could do another guest post with more details of your setup

Alison Reeves (2011-12-21 05:57:17)

Just to say I wish I'd found this website a few weeks ago! I've had some presents to buy for some menfolk in our family and have spotted a few accessories that would have hit the spot! Would be useful to get a brochure for pricing etc. I'm sure some better marketing would bring this company a lot more sales!

crofter (2011-12-21 09:59:08)

I am not easily impressed, but this certainly did, I have no idea if they will ship to the U.S. but will contact them. I was equally impressed with their retractable handle briefcase, I have been looking for one for a long time.

Thanks so much for posting this.

SNARLing: (2011-12-21 10:32:12)

this is beautiful!

gerard, david, alison, please become embroiled in your exchange in public! can never have tmi about time management

Butanben (2011-12-21 10:59:57)

@David..... not Filofax related, but sure I'll be forgiven. Could you e. mail me details of your furniture company,

my e. mail is je.mccourt@virgin.net

Thanks ever so much. By the way Gerard, that is one handsome organiser. Love the button closure. Makes it unique with style and panache. Sounds like it is a good value for money item too.

amanda (2011-12-21 11:59:02)

I am also interested in the setup here!! Please detail!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-21 12:08:28)

It's a beautiful organiser, Gerard. Great find and superb review.

John (2011-12-21 16:11:37)

Just curious - are those really 23mm rings? From the picture and my visual estimation of page count, they look closer to 30mm. Very beautiful work.

John (2011-12-21 16:20:03)

Also - nice to see a Pelikano in the loop, suggesting that most non-oversized fountain pens should fit, which has been a major bugbear for me with most leather Filofaxes.

MsPencil (2011-12-21 21:11:03)

This planner is absolutely gorgeous. The leather looks as if it will only get better with time as good leather often does. The brief case leather is rich as well. Great Review. That is what I like about Philofaxy they will even review great planners that are not Filofax. This should make Filofaxusa Step up their game. Well done.

Gerard (2011-12-22 15:57:14)

Thank you all for your comments!

SNARLing, there shall be no public embroilment! In this instance, I think, TMI stands for Time Manager International.

John, those are definitely not 30mm rings - I left behind 87 sheets (counted just for you) in my old Winchester binder, which has large rings. The slim black pen in the photos is a Frixion Slim erasable, not a Pelikano.

MsPencil, thanks also for your comments, but I think Filofax in general - on whatever side of the pond - will need a bomb up their bum before they'll up their game.

Gerard.

kanalt (2011-12-23 06:48:48)

What a beautiful binder! It looks so luxurious. I too am interested to know if they ship to the US. I'm off to check out their website. Enjoy!

Gerard (2011-12-23 07:06:32)

Hi Kanalt, they shipped to me in Ireland via UPS, so I'd say you're in business :)



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This is nothing new, people have set up Filofaxes for keeping notes about their blog before... but I thought I would tell you about mine...

So in the run up to Christmas I have been writing lots of posts to try and get over the Christmas period, so you still had stuff to read and, I could sit back and relax and enjoy Christmas with the family... I'm a bit selfish like that you know! Well I don't see my son that often other than on the other end of a Skype call, so to see him face to face is a bit rare these days, ok enough of the excuses Steve...

All the routine posts on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays are easy to do in advance, it's thinking through the ones on the other days of the week that needed thinking through a bit.

So I was going a bit stir crazy with dates and posts and trying to slot them all in. During a break to wander around the supermarket to get bread and the usual stuff I thought... Blog-o-Fax, yes need one.

Now I could have just done this with a wall calendar and some marker pens... but where is the fun in that? I 'needed' something that would show me several weeks in advance but would still give me plenty of space to write in the boxes. So a month on one page may be...

Naturally I wanted to avoid buying anything new.. so I thought yes... my A4 Classic, it is sat in the cupboard just waiting to be used. A4 would be easy to print a calendar off for and also it would give me plenty of space to write in the boxes, nice and clear and I will be able to see at a glance where I needed to write posts for. Yes I know the Classic is a bit of an overkill at £150... but I didn't pay that much for it when I bought it last year, and I have it sat in the cupboard.

So I popped on to the computer and put in the dates of FFAT, FFAF (Tuesdays and Fridays) and then worked out a suitable layout and size etc. Printed off the calendar in colour as well!

I took out some of the other pages in the A4 that I would no longer need, put them to one side and then concentrated on what I would need apart from a calendar. Some notepaper, and a couple of To Do list pages, can't do anything without a To Do list!



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I've been using this for the last two or three weeks and it really has made a difference with my blog post planing. I can now easily see where the gaps are in the schedule, what is coming up, what I can shuffle when more time important posts come along. So the schedule does change and get updated quite often in a week.

Once this next few weeks is out of the way, I might try transferring the idea in to my A5 desk Filofax, but it's been a useful exercise to try it out in a separate one first to see what I actually need over a few weeks before I make any changes to my main set up.

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-pccDKeM3GLA/TP51tXNxiWI/AAAAAAAAIwQ/HI0g5w9kxB4/s1600/IMG_9724.jpg

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Alison Reeves (2011-12-22 04:47:37)

Steve this is a good idea. I need to sort out my blog and also social media posting and this would work really well. Thanks!

Butanben (2011-12-22 06:55:08)

Great idea! Great for any writing plans. Also good for any students planning exams and assignments too I would think.

LJ (2011-12-22 13:48:01)

Cunning plan - I've been meaning to set one up and never getting round to it. :-)

MsPencil (2011-12-22 22:39:47)

Nice Idea Steve, Happy Holidays. Enjoy your son's visit. Be Well.

Free For All Friday No. 162 (2011-12-23 00:32)

It's nearly Christmas! Is Santa bringing you any Filofax goodies? Or is it coal in your stocking for you? ;D

As always on Fridays, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related.

Merry Christmas everyone!

UNchecked other (2011-12-23 01:11:06)

Aloha Everyone! Merry Christmas/Happy Kwanzaa/Blessed Channukah! I hope you all have a great time with your loved ones, and that the presents—tangible and intangible you receive are the ones you wanted.

PS

Word Verification: manger :o)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-12-23 04:00:18)

Merry Christmas everyone!! I'm getting a red personal Amazona :D and Day Runner day on 2 pages Flavia diary!!! :D I'm so excited!!!

Jana (2011-12-23 04:00:30)

Merry Christmas to everyone! I am getting a Adelphi Pocket in Scarlett and a Graphic A5 in Steel Grey :)

lifeconsidered (2011-12-23 04:27:33)

Hello and Merry Christmas Everyone! I 'just happened to see' the word "Filofax" on a box that came in the mail the other day. My husband has ordered me a stash of inserts for my lovely personal Cuban with the chestnut skin (this is a Filofax, not a person from the tiny island nation). The box is sitting on a shelf in my daughter's closet, and my fingers are itching with the urge to open it. I haven't felt this way since the year I 'allegedly' went in my mother's closet and found the doll she had bought for me and started to play with it days before Christmas. (I, of course, don't remember this, but was told the story by my older siblings).

I also ordered for myself some lovely dividers from Succes and hope they come soon.

But first, I will go to church on Christmas morning and celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ was born so the fallen world might be reconciled back to God.

Hope everyone has wonderful holiday!

ace (2011-12-23 04:37:36)

Merry Christmas everybody!!! My early Christmas present arrived yesterday - an Imperial Purple Finchley :) very beautiful! If you'd like to take a peek of my Filofax setup for next year, pics of my Baroque are now on my Blog [1]link here Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!

1. <http://www.scottishwhimsicality.blogspot.com/>

Kate (2011-12-23 05:09:04)

Happy Christmad, everyone. I'm getting the Special Edition from the German site. Hope you all have a wonderful holiday.

Nia (2011-12-23 05:25:04)

Merry Christmas! I have a black pocket Malden on its way to me :)

Saffy (2011-12-23 05:35:18)

Another Filofax packed Christmas. DH is getting a black A5 Finchley, DD is getting a personal Malden in Ochre and mine has just arrive which is a Classic in pink (no inserts but I have enough of my own spares to fill it).

Hope you all have a lovely Christmas.

I can't wait to see everyone's blogs showing their new Christmas files.

Sari (2011-12-23 06:13:30)

Hello, and Merry Christmas to everyone!

I just ordered an organiser at Glenroyal, after reading Gerards post (Hi, Gerard - great post, but for me it had expensive consequences..... ;-)) - a "Christmas" gift to myself. And they will make it with 2 (!) pen-loops for me - I am also one of the 'fountain-pen plus pencil' people. Okay, it is not a Filofax, but I just couldn't resist the temptation... have a wonderful Christmas you all!!!

Gerard (2011-12-23 06:28:24)

Hi Sari,

Glad to hear that you've opted for a Glenroyal - they really are nice. What colour have you chosen?

Hi also to everyone on Philofaxy, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

katka (2011-12-23 07:07:48)

Merry Christmas everyone. No Filofax for me, but never mind :o)

Tina Lemon (2011-12-23 07:28:03)

I've never commented on here before... but I'm treating myself this Xmas. Just received my new Personal Ebony Deco... And the Ruby version should be in the mail shortly, too. Is this too much??? I love the Deco!!! My goal is to have the ivory one day, too. Unfortunately, there aren't any new Amethyst versions around anymore... :-(

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-23 07:49:48)

No filofax for me either (technically) but I did buy myself a 'new' Cavendish recently and will have fun setting it up for 2012.

Scoot (2011-12-23 08:19:02)

This morning I saw a very sparse display of flex in WH Smith. An assistant said she didn't think they'd be restocking and ended up sort of suggesting they would be in the sales.

Sari (2011-12-23 08:26:20)

@Gerard-

Hi, Gerard, I've chosen the "dark London tan" as well, although Apple-Green and Burgundy were quite tempting, too....and I have ordered the organiser in the pocket size because I really have to watch how much I am carrying in my bag everyday - after another try with the Personal size in December I found out that it is just too heavy for me- so I adopted a new system with A5 on my desk and for 'special occasions' and Pocket 'on-the-go' -> thanks to Steve's post from September.... (Thank you, Steve!!) about compatibility of FF pages..... (Hi, Steve, and yes, I am seriously trying it to combine different size pages ;-).

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-23 08:30:38)

I get the feeling that filofax could *give* the Apex away and there would still be no takers (judging by the joy expressed by the competition winners...)!

Novagirl (2011-12-23 08:48:20)

Help!

I just found this blog, and I'm having a meltdown about choosing a binder for 2012 and hoping you can give me some quick advice. I have already purchased Franklin Covey Classic size inserts for 2012, so I need to get a binder that will work with this size.

I need a binder that is thin – front and back covers need to be thin to reduce the space it will take up inside my purse. The overall vertical height can't be much more than the binder mechanism itself (so a zip around binder won't work) and I only have room in my purse for 9 - 9.25" of binder height. Price isn't an issue - I'm willing to invest in something that will last many years. I like simple style, black, and don't care about leather vs. non leather. I haven't been impressed with the Franklin Covey binders (too large or thick), and the choices I've seen at Staples (office supply store here in the US) are pretty poor.

Would a Filofax A5 binder work? Do you recommend a particular kind that is thin and not too tall? I need to get this nailed down over the next week or life will end as we know it! Thanks for any advice you can provide.

fluffyferret (2011-12-23 09:45:59)

Happy Christmas everyone and thank you to Philofaxy for all the wonderful posts. It is because of Philofaxy that Santa Claus will be bringing me a Filo shaped present this Christmas :o)

Laurie (2011-12-23 09:47:04)

Novagirl I hate to tell you this, but the Franklin Covey Classic size inserts are not compatible with any Filofax binder. The A5 Filofax is close in size, but the hole configuration is completely different and folks who have done the job of re-punching the inserts have not reported being very pleased with the results.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news! For the Filofax Classic (8 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches) inserts you'll need an American brand of binder like Franklin Covey itself, or possibly Day Runner.

Patricia H. (2011-12-23 09:50:24)

Hello. First time poster here. I am getting a crimson, personal Malden. I am stalking the post daily, as it is supposed to be here by Christmas. Happy Holidays!

Just-Jenny (2011-12-23 10:08:24)

Merry Christmas everyone. Have a great holiday!

Novagirl (2011-12-23 10:21:37)

Laurie, thank you for replying so fast! You just saved me tons of headaches and time!

I can get new inserts if need be (the FC ones I have already bought are returnable), I am more concerned about getting a binder that fits my purse.

So in your opinion, would you say that Filofax has the thinnest (i.e., not "puffy" or super thick covers) in general? I am thinking about the Domino, or the Classic or Holborn (all in A5 size). Any thoughts? And if I got an A5, would I have to use inserts from Filofax or can others fit? Thank you!

Laurie (2011-12-23 10:26:54)

Novagirl, the Domino cover is thin and light, and the narrowest A5 Filofax binder as far as I know. The ring size is large though, but it's the lightest A5 binder with the smallest footprint.

The Classic cover is puffy and thick. I haven't seen a Holborn in real life yet so I can't tell you what that's like (but they sure look nice, and I'm sure that buffalo leather is supersoft!!)

I'm not sure about other brands of A5 inserts, but they are pretty easy to make and print yourself. Check the Files tab at the top of the Philofaxy page and see Print Your Own Diary Pages.

If you want really good paper and don't mind French, Quo Vadis France makes excellent formats for A5 diary inserts.

Also Dodo Pad makes an A5 diary insert if you want something quirky and fun!

I'm sure someone can tell us about other brands of A5 diary pages! Anyone?

Vanjilla (2011-12-23 10:32:30)

Merry Christmas to everyone from me, too! I hope you have a nice holiday and that you will be pleased with your new Filofaxes!

katka (2011-12-23 10:39:08)

@Novagirl...the thinnest A5 is probably Adelphi. Don't forget about ring size. Domino maybe has thin cover, but rings are 30 mm. E.g. Adelphi has only 20 mm. Classic is in my opinion puffy. What do you think about Aston or Malden?

Novagirl (2011-12-23 11:17:54)

Laurie, again, thank you - so helpful. Sorry I am so dense, but being in the US, I think all I have available to me is letter size 8.5"x11" paper - would that work for printing the A5 templates on your site?

Katka, thank you for the info on the ring sizes - most helpful! I am seeing now that the UK version of the FF site gives ring sizes in mm which is more precise than the US version which has inches - I will check that some more before making a final choice.

I am fine with the Aston, and the Adelphi. The Malden doesn't come in colors that I like (prefer black).

So it looks like I am wavering between the A5 Adelphi, Domino or Aston. Still not sure about inserts - I would love any recommendations for A5 alternatives to FF inserts, particularly since I think printing my own might be more than I can handle. And I prefer a horizontal calendar style.

Thanks again - y'all are much more helpful than the FF website!

katka (2011-12-23 11:41:47)

@Novagirl...I'm sure there were some posts about A5 inserts. Just search for A5 :o)

Do you have problem with getting FF inserts in general? Or you just don't like the layout?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-23 12:09:23)

who's the fastest clicker?

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http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Beautiful-Filofax-Finchley-Personal-Leather-Organiser-Antique-Rose-330661330750?pt=UK_BOI_Office_Office_Supplies_Stationery_ET_&hash=item4cfcf37f3e

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-23 12:10:58)

This post has been removed by the author.

Novagirl (2011-12-23 12:27:03)

Looks like I can't do the Domino despite it's thin cover – I think the rings are just too big. So it's the Aston or Adelphi. I am still open to the Holburn I think, but wondering if the covers are too thick/puffy.

Katka, actually, I was mistaken about the FF inserts. I did some more browsing on the FF site and did find some inserts I like, so I think I will be good to go! So I just need to decide on the binder, but am leaning toward the black A5 Adelphi. It's covers are thin too, right? In addition to having the smaller 20mm rings?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-23 12:36:16)

the pink Finch has gone - please tell me someone from on here got the bargain??

Paul Raposo (2011-12-23 12:44:45)

I bought a vintage Executive Pocket sized binder for Christmas, and it's missing the flyleaf. Does anyone have one they'd like to sell?

I've seen the new ones, and don't really like them.

TJ (2011-12-23 12:59:44)

Many festive greetings to all readers. Am looking forward to reading all the new year blogs and seeing pics of filo related prezzies. Am already using mine, personal Malden in ochre which I gifted to myself :-)

Savannah (2011-12-23 13:16:49)

I bought myself two for Christmas: The Regency compact in brown and the Kendal pocket in brown (arghh, had to they are being discontinued). I've had the Regency already for about a month.

Then I see this Glenroyal! I resisted because I already have one (OK two) handcrafted binders. One from Tuscany. The leather is almost as thick as western saddle leather, natural color, vegetable tanned, top notch material and workmanship and embossed with eucalyptus leaves. It's a piece of art. The other is made in America. It's also great in it's own way but just doesn't quite meet the same standard. The Tuscany and the Ostrich binders are waiting patiently for a time when I might go back to personal size. Oops, off topic, sorry.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Emma (2011-12-23 13:18:28)

Merry Christmas one and all! Hope you all have a filofax fun-filled festive season and a wonderful new year! :)

Em :)

terriknits (2011-12-23 13:46:51)

I am getting a very lovely (and \$ \$) Canon lens for my dSLR. So no Filofax for me. At least for Christmas. I've been loitering around Pens & Leather site and looking at the A5 Holborn Zip. In wine ...

Laurie (2011-12-23 13:52:12)

Novagirl, the A5 Adelphi has a gusseted pocket inside the front cover that adds bulk. Inside the back cover there is a note pad, but you can remove that to reduce the bulk.

I have a personal size Aston and the cover is thin leather, not at all puffy. I don't know the dimensions or ring size of the A5 version though. But the leather itself is soft and gorgeous!

Sharon (2011-12-23 14:29:37)

Merry Christmas everyone!

I shall be finally opening my Personal Imperial Purple Finchley that was lovingly wrapped the day I received it, many, many months ago!

I shall hopefully be using my FC inserts with it, making an awesome colour combination!

katka (2011-12-23 14:44:10)

@Novagirl...Aston A5 should have 25 mm rings. I would definitely go for Aston rather than Adelphi. Laurie is right about the bulkiness of Adelphi pocket. This filo was presented by FF as slimline A5, but all they did, was putting smaller rings into normal binder without clasp. Hope you'll be happy with your choice.

Elisabeth (2011-12-23 15:15:37)

Happy holidays to everyone.

I've already gotten the personal Amazona from the Filofax Denmark sale. Now it's just a matter of deciding which calendar to use.

Novagirl (2011-12-23 15:34:10)

Awesome, thanks again for all the advice. Aston it is! You all rock. I am sure I will be back for more research on all things FF. Have a great Christmas!

Novagirl (2011-12-23 15:34:23)

Awesome, thanks again for all the advice. Aston it is! You all rock. I am sure I will be back for more research on all things FF. Have a great Christmas!

Filofreak (2011-12-23 21:17:50)

Merry Christmas everyone! No new Filos for me as I am fortunate and have many to enjoy. The fun is picking which one I will use for the new year. Hmmm,, ,, ,which one should I use?

LJ (2011-12-24 00:07:28)

Looking forward to unwrapping my 2012 Line Burst in blue from my boys, and my ruby Deco from my DF - very exciting!!!

Merry Christmas everyone xxx

A Chic Coincidence (2011-12-24 13:07:56)

Hi Everyone! Happy Holidays! I was running through my organizational tools for the coming years, and have realized that I have an extra set of to-do lists, lined notepaper, and 2012 week-on-two pages in cream. Do you, or any of your readers perhaps need them? I'm willing to send them out free of charge!

Also, is anyone interested in a meet up near Southeastern MI?

If you are interested in the inserts, please check out my blog (it is brand new, so it is still in the early stages), or email me at achiccoincidence@gmail.com !

Thanks!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-24 13:21:34)

@A chic coincidence

Your offer is very generous, but maybe you might want to keep hold of the To Do and paper - they won't go out of date...

Went to check your blog and it's empty... am I just too soon?

Welcome to the family!

And Happy Holidays to everyone!

A Chic Coincidence (2011-12-25 19:09:07)

Hey Amanda,

I'm still working on the blog right now. I'm looking for someone to do a design for it for me? Do you know of anyone? Thanks!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-26 05:35:34)

@A chic coincidence

I do mine through Blogger. Others use WordPress. There are a set of templates, somewhat customisable depending on your computer expertise. Steve (The Philofaxy King) will be able to help more! (As well as being a Philofaxy King he is super-helpful with IT too!!!)

:-)

Hope you get it up and running soon - looking forward to reading it!

Web Finds - 24 December 2011 (2011-12-24 00:00)

Christmas Eve has arrived, the children are getting excited, so may be you need to hide away and have a quiet hour with a coffee and some web finds to read!! Leave a comment and mention you found the link to the post on Philofaxy... just in case they don't know about Philofaxy!

- [1]New Clients bringing Christmas cheer to Leapfrog - Frogblogg Let's cause a nice spike in their website stats... Let's show them who knows lots about On-line buying from Filofax....
- [2]aw man, what a week! - Filofax Fixation
- [3]Filofax.. the first - Yearbook 2011
- [4]Bristol mini Philofaxy Meet-up - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [5]Filofax Meet Up Brizzle - Imysworld
- [6]Expenses Envelopes for Filofax Personal - My Life All in One Place
- [7]Dragging out my Filofax - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [8]The End is Near... - Filomaniac
- [9]Get Organized in style with Letts of London and Filofax - The Knack
- [10]My Filofax Life - beyondblueeyes
- [11]My Filofax Love Story - Whimsicality
- [12]The Trick of Syncing Your Paper Planner and Smartphone - Day Timer Blog
- [13]Filofax Compact Osterley - SNARLing Post
- [14]Out with the old in with the new - Filofax Fixation
- [15]Finally the one that replaced the Malden - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
- [16]Making Filofax Expenses Envelopes - A5 version - All My Life in One Place
- [17]Filofax Storage vs Sleeping Beauties - Vanjilla

- [18]The search for the perfect zipped Filofax - Rapunzel's World
- [19]Introducing the new member of my Filofax Family. The Balmoral M2 - Rapunzel's World
- [20]Personalised Photo Diary - Filomaniac
- [21]Vintage Winchester Filofax - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [22]Last Few Days Update !!!! - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [23]The Great Mini - Vanjilla
- [24]Filofax clasps (size DOES matter) - Paper Pens Ink
- [25]What is it with Wednesdays - Filofax Fixation
- [26]Stuck on my Filofax - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [27]Filofax Yay! - Smiles and Miles
- [28]Setting up my Filofax for 2012 - Stickymuse
- [29]Filofax Personal vs Pocket Setups Pics & Final Decision - Loving My Filofax
- Your blog post could appear here... Please email us if we missed you this week.

Enjoy... and I'm off to help Santa and his helpers... ho ho ho... Merry Christmas

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LJ (2011-12-24 00:09:06)

Woohoo . a huge selection of web finds for Christmas. Thanks Santa!!! Let's see if I can manage to save some of them for tomorrow :o)

pilgrim (2011-12-24 04:33:47)

Merry Christmas to all my fellow Philofaxers & a very Happy New Year planned this year in an A5 Graphite Filo and rounded off in a gorgeous Taun Pocket Finchley.

Take care all

Pilgrim

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-24 09:17:41)

Okay - veg for tomorrow peeled, veggie meal made, salmon pate made, ham boiled and baked, house (sort of) clean...

Philofaxy time!!!!

Happy Christmas everyone!

ace (2011-12-24 12:24:32)

Thanks for the web find Steve! Merry Christmas to you all!!

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-12-24 12:45:56)

Happy Filofax Christmas everyone. Have a wonderful and peaceful day x

Merry Christmas (2011-12-25 00:00)

The Nan, Laurie and Steve would like to wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas.

Thank you for all your kind support and participation in 2011, it has been quite a year for us all.



[1]

And we now look forward to 2012....

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Imy (2011-12-25 00:03:20)
HAPPY CHRISTMAS LOVE YOU PHILOFAXY!!! <3 xxx

Gerard (2011-12-25 02:56:52)
HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL ON PHILOFAXY!

Saffy (2011-12-25 04:13:06)
Happy Christmas to all.
Steve a big thankyou for posting on Christmas day.

Nellie (2011-12-25 05:17:54)
Merry Christmas! I hope you all have a lovely day, and here's to a happy and healthy 2012.

gdigesu (2011-12-25 05:45:11)
Happy Christmas to all of us!
Giovani

LJ (2011-12-25 05:46:04)
Merry Christmas - looking forward to more fabulous FF posts in 2012. xxx

The Liar (2011-12-25 08:36:54)
Wish you all a Merry Christmas! Hope you all enjoy the festive fun and thanks to Steve for posting today!

Butanben (2011-12-25 09:29:32)
Love the Happy Christmas post. I have a pressie of a Crimson pocket Malden, to use as a purse/wallet. Therefore am blissed and blessed. Have a great day everyone!!!! xxxxx

Sweetspot (2011-12-25 12:19:45)
Merry Christmas to all at this great community!
And thank you Steve, Laurie and Nan for all your hardwork and brilliancy!
I found this site just at the beginning of this year and it's becoming an important part of my day ever since. Look forward to another great Philofaxy year!

terriknits (2011-12-25 13:11:51)
Merry Christmas, all! Hope you all have your 2012 Filo set up ready to go!

Tracy Reinhardt (2011-12-25 13:35:38)
Merry christmas to all my Filofriends! I love reading everyones blogs, you all make me smile and want to by way too many filofaxes and accessories!
Tracy

Tracy Reinhardt (2011-12-25 13:36:17)
Should have been - make me want to buy way too many... :)

bakingteacher (2011-12-25 14:12:07)
Merry Christmas all!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-25 15:36:55)

Merry Christmas everyone xxx

mywormy (2011-12-25 15:46:01)

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas! I can't go through one day without getting on Philofaxy! Love all you Filo Fanatics!!

Ray Blake (2011-12-25 17:46:23)

Merry Christmas everyone. If you got an iTunes gift card today (or any other plastic card) you might like to try my Christmas project to recycle it: <http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/2011/12/spent-your-itunes-gift-card-repurpose.html>

MsPencil (2011-12-27 12:03:01)

Happy Holidays Everyone! I hope you guys had a very Merry Christmas! I have enjoyed reading the articles and blogs on Philofaxy. Thanks for everything.

Reader Question: Filofax paper, which pen? (2011-12-26 00:00)



[1]

We have frequently seen comments about the (poor) quality of Filofax white paper, particularly how it doesn't like fountain pen ink. The Filofax cotton cream paper seems a lot better and higher quality.

So a reader asked me this week. *'Which gel pens or rollerball pens work with ordinary Filofax paper? I can't use cotton cream paper as they don't sell A5 diary inserts in A5 size'*

The later point is true, they don't do cotton cream in A5, shame really. So which gel pens and roller ball pens work with ordinary Filofax paper? And I suppose which ones fit the pen loop should also be taken in to consideration.

As a supplementary question I was wondering what paper people use if they print their own inserts?

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-v1l4ypH0Yfk/Tu3kATjp6tI/AAAAAAAAAJ-U/VVAIXb-LG0s/s1600/IMG_0685a.jpg

Ray Blake (2011-12-26 03:50:31)

Good question. I've found it impossible to use a fountain pen on standard Filofax paper, unless I use an XF nib, which isn't me at all. I have a Frixion in the pen loop, which is the only pen I use in the Filofax Personal. Although it contains many sheets I have printed myself, I can't be doing with having to choose different pens for different pages. In my A5, all the sheets are from my own printer, on good 80gsm laser printer paper and I

generally save my fountain pens for that.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-26 04:45:36)

Another vote for Frixion. I like that I can change entries in my diary without it looking a mess.

Jana (2011-12-26 05:29:34)

I am using a Pilot Frixion Slim. I love that I can change the entries. Greetz from Germany

Lynne (2011-12-26 05:55:19)

Two Frixions Turquoise and Pink.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-26 05:56:43)

I use my own printed pages in my A5 other than the diary (in my work one) and use either straightforward copier paper or cream Clairefontaine A4 paper - either of which are fountain pen happy.

I've given up using fountain pen, gel pens or anything like that in my personal filofax which has filofax paper in it. I use a pencil/pen Zebra Shrabo diary combo which is slim enough for the tiny filofax pen loops. I also have the clip of a Coletto 4-colour pen tucked into one of the card slots (as it won't fit in the loop) and that works okay without too much bleed-through.

Filofax paper is just SO rubbish though!

Just-Jenny (2011-12-26 06:23:51)

I prefer fountain pens to biros etc. I use Parker fountain pens. I currently have two, an ordinary nib and an italic nib. I have used both of these pens on various Filofax pages with no bleeding including the normal white lined personal sheets and diary sheets. The ink I use is the 'washable blue' Parker cartridges. Many people I have met don't like to write with blue ink, but this particular blue has been Filofax friendly for me.

gdigesu (2011-12-26 07:21:30)

Just-Jenny, good news, thanks. Will try these cartridges.

Butanben (2011-12-26 08:01:00)

Ray, how do you use your personal and A5. What contents do you carry in each??? Interested in this combo. Thanks.

Ray Blake (2011-12-26 08:38:50)

I don't carry the A5. It has a diary in it, but mostly it contains business notes and A5 printed copies of reports, proposals and client materials. The Personal goes everywhere I do - it's my main diary and notebook.

If I'm away on business I'll fill and use a special A5 for the purpose. You can see how my travelling A5 currently looks here:

[http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/2011/12/a5-business-setup-an d-tabs.html](http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/2011/12/a5-business-setup-an-d-tabs.html)

Howard (2011-12-26 10:17:49)

Although the Filofax paper isn't great, I have found it usable with a fountain pen. There's some show through but no bleeding. I usually use Lamy Black ink.

The white paper works better than the Filofax coloured paper. The latter does not seem to absorb ink, but leaves it sitting on top of the paper. It's weird.

All that said, I usually use a pencil in my Filo as it's more practical for quick notes, and just use the FP at home.

Unknown (2011-12-26 11:53:45)

I just use one of my fountain pens and live with the bleed.

Imagine if you will, a partnership between Filofax and say, Clairefontaine... Imagine opening up your filo and find good quality 90g Clairefontaine paper in it.

...One can only dream.

terriknits (2011-12-26 12:10:36)

I cycle through the types of pens I like to use. A ballpoint seems to be fine with the white Filo paper. But I'm not in a "ballpoint" phase right now.

I did a test some weeks back of the pens I have and like to use vs. the white Filo paper: <http://filofaxfixation.wordpress.com/2011/10/22/penink-test-on-filo-paper/>

The Pilot FriXion (all nib sizes) and the Uni-Ball Signo 207 seem to be the best for non-show-through on my test.

Eva2525 (2011-12-26 12:51:21)

is it not a good idea to use a pencil in ur filofax ? plans change and all tht ? im waiting on delivery of my filofax and is new to all this.. any tips?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-26 14:12:39)

@Unknown

In my A5 filofaxes I DO have that joy of opening up my filofax and joyously finding 90gsm Clairefontaine (cream) paper, since that's what I use to make my own inserts with.

Sadly, this delightful dream is only reality with the A5 - it would indeed be fantastic to be able to open my personal size filofax and find the same quality. I draw the line at cutting the paper up in advance of printing (though it *has* crossed my mind!).

Sweetspot (2011-12-26 15:35:52)

I found out that it might depends on the pen and ink. I had the bleeding problem before with Diamane ink. But since I got my Waterman Carene with Waterman Florida blue, there is no bleeding problem at all, on both cream and white paper. However, it doesn't writes well on the colored paper for some reason, it feels like writing on some waxed paper. Very odd. :(

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-26 15:52:22)

The coloured paper is **dreadful!** It has a shiny finish on it which makes writing in almost any pen awful, other than biro! Even my FriXion has beaded up and sat on the surface of the coloured paper.

I used to like FriXion pens for using in my filofax, but have gone off them after some really smudgy, messy erasing.

Tim (2011-12-26 17:08:11)

It's NOT quite true about A5 diary pages not being available in cream! As I only want to carry a few current week-to-a-view pages (rather than the whole year), I've carefully dismantled an A5 Flex diary pad. This just involves slitting the stitching with a modelling knife and then putting the A4 sheets through a guillotine and punching the holes. It works perfectly! Past and future weeks can be filed/ held ready in the Flex diary pad cover in my desk and I only have to carry three or four weeks in my binder at a time, Long term plans just go on the Planner pages. By the way, I use FriXion pens too - based on recommendation here! (I was still using Tippex before that!)

Tracy Reinhardt (2011-12-26 21:19:19)

I really like the pilot G-2 pens a lot <http://www.pilotpen.us/ProductGroup/35-G2.aspx>) and I also use a lamy Joy (calligraphy point) with a lamy ink cart. with okay results for a fountain pen. No big problems... But the pilots are great

Steve Morton (2011-12-26 23:42:59)

@Tim I've tried that myself and I've got a post coming up in the New Year about using Flex diary inserts in Filofax organisers....

Lots of posts coming up! I'm about 2 weeks ahead at the moment...

Heather from Heather Holistics (2011-12-27 02:30:33)

@eva2525 Yes you can use a pencil in your Filofax (welcome to the club BTW) but some of us prefer to use coloured ink (I use different coloured inks for each member of the family). The Pilot FriXion pens are coloured and erasable so when your plans change, you can just rub it out. <http://cultpens.com/acatalog/Pilot-Frixion-Pens.html>

Sharon (2011-12-27 03:14:24)

I used to love Pilot Frixion pens then I rang the manufacturer and asked about archival qualities and they said they are not designed for long term storage and also be careful if left in hot places as the ink could fade! It will come back sort of if put on the fridge! I am about to buy a slim multi pen for my Filofax and if needs crossing out so be it, as it shows how my day changed!

Tim (2011-12-27 05:04:02)

Agreed Sharon - my 13 year old daughter recently completed a project on The Great War (World War I). She had to make a journal to look as if it was almost 100 years old. It was all written with a Frixion. She then used the old technique of a used wet tea bag to make the paper look old and left it dry and go "crinkly" overnight on the Aga.

The next morning she found the paper looked great - just like an old manuscript but, to her horror, her entire written Frixion efforts had literally disappeared overnight!

You have been warned!

Butanben (2011-12-27 08:49:46)

Thanks Ray! Useful idea that. x

SNARLing: (2011-12-27 21:16:57)

hey all. i use two pilot colesoto 5s - .04mm multi-pen hi-tech inks for my colour coding pleasure. my main instrument in the loop is a kura toga roulette pencil. i'm one of those who still loves to write in pencil and erase pencil. recently, my newest acquisition is a pilot vanishing point (black matte; fine point) LOVE it but yeah, i experience all the bleed etc, however, i don't really like the idea of writing appointments and such with a pen...it's got to be pencil. (not sure what that's about) but the kura toga is a good one to write with so it's all good. for 2012 i'm switching things around a bit and doing dailies in a large daily moleskine so i'll probably use the vanishing point there as that's more like journal writing. i'll be doing a blog post this week sometime. anyway, happy new year

amanda (2011-12-27 23:13:25)

I love the zebra f-301 ballpoint pens. They write very smoothly and have a fine tip- and not even any show through on the other side of the page. Also they're a great fit in my finchley loop, have a stainless steel barrel so they look good, and they're cheap enough to lose or give away.

Steve Morton (2011-12-28 04:22:24)

Firstly thanks for all your great feedback so far, keep it coming.

I think for my 2 diary insert set up (Planner and Journal) I will use the Frixion pens for the planner (easy to change etc) but a conventional pen for the Journal.

This will avoid any problems with the archiving of the journal at the end of the year, I'm less concerned about archiving the planner side of my Filofax.

John (2011-12-28 15:14:55)

I've been using a Lamy 2000 Fine point nib with Pelikan black ink, some ghosting on stock Filofax A5 calendar paper but no bleed-through. I can write small enough for marginalia. I appreciate the dark line that stands out on the page - biro ink looks pale and washed by comparison.

John (2011-12-28 15:24:48)

SNARLing, FYI I moved away from Moleskine partly because the paper was too thin for writing with a fountain pen. The Vanishing Point (of which I have the black "carbon-esque", with both F and a custom XXF nib unit) writes a pretty rich, wet line, which aggravated the issue. Let me know what your experience is. . .

Free For All Tuesday No 47 (2011-12-27 00:00)

Well I hope you had a lovely Christmas and I guess you might have a few questions to ask... 'where can I buy... who stocks.... etc'

Well this is the place to ask all your Filofax related questions....

LJ (2011-12-27 01:18:28)

2 new FFs and the fact that I haven't got myself set up for 2012 yet made me spend a few hours yesterday sorting out my collection and inserts.

It is a work in progress and will hopefully get finished today, but I'm trying to decide what to do with all the 2011 & 2012 diary inserts that I have.

I'm sure I read an article on Philofaxy about what years the dates fall on the same days of the week so that the pages can be used in the future, but can't find it anywhere - maybe it was somewhere else.

It is possible that I dreamt it (yes, I do dream about Filofaxes), but am pretty sure I didn't.

Does anyone have this info?

Cheers

LJx

Tacinn (2011-12-27 03:50:04)

I actually have my first Filofax on the way. It's a personal black Adelphi. I was wondering if any special care needs to be taken for the leather and the organizer in general.

Scoot (2011-12-27 08:13:56)

As yet, not many unwanted faxes appearing on ebay.

Steve Morton (2011-12-27 08:15:43)

Hi Scoot

Judging by the (dreaded/loved/hated) Twitter... there's a lot of people loving their Christmas gifted Filofaxes and they have become followers and readers of Philofaxy :-)

Steve

ninijj Elfenfisch (2011-12-27 10:41:21)

hello everybody.

does anyone got experiences with the holburn zip in a5?

i'm thinking about buying one as present for myself :)

terriknits (2011-12-27 13:06:56)

@LJ, Kate had a post on her blog about that: <http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.com/2011/07/diary-hack.html>

David Popely (2011-12-27 13:52:46)

@Steve great news....just out of idle curiosity, do we know how many subscribers we have?

LJ (2011-12-27 14:26:28)

@ Terriknits - thanks. Looks like I will be doing some more research re 2011 and 2012, using them as general to do sheets, or sending them to random people in the hope that they can use them :-D x

terriknits (2011-12-27 16:22:40)

@LJ - you can also do what I read either here or on another Filo blog - use them as note paper, but turn them upside down so you don't get distracted by the day/dates.

Hello all! I have a dilemma (that I am sure everyone else has faced lol!). I have been using a Personal Finsbury as my main Filofax but today got an A5 Finsbury in the sale. I am wondering whether to swap my main to A5 as I can fit so much more in which is vital for my job and all the 'stuff' I carry around. Do many people use A5 for their main Filofax?

So you spent too much money on presents and booze for Christmas? Time to start planning your budget for 2012? OK here is a template that will help you..

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| Annual Fee | | Insurance | | TV/Vide | |
| Food | | Building | | Rental | |
| Venue/entry | | Household Contents | | License | |
| Other | | Life Assurance | | Other | |
| Sub Total | | Mortgage Protection | | Sub Total | |
| Family | | Pension Contributions | | Utilities | |
| Children | | Personal | | Coal | |
| Clothes | | Other | | Electricity | |
| Entertainment | | Sub Total | | Gas | |
| Medical | | Loans | | Oil | |
| Maintenance Payments | | Credit Cards | | Other | |
| Medical/Dental | | H.P. | | Sub Total | |
| Pocket Money | | Personal Loans | | | |
| Presents | | Overhead | | Total Annual Fee | |
| School/College Fees | | Rental | | Total Family | |
| Other | | Sub Total | | Total Household | |
| Sub Total | | Savings Investments | | Total Insurance | |
| Household | | Sub Total | | Total Loans | |
| Decorating/Trimming | | Transport | | Total Savings Investments | |
| Food | | M.O.T. | | Total Transport | |
| Garden | | Motor | | Total TV/Vide | |
| House Cleaning | | Insurance | | Total Utilities | |
| Household Items | | Repairs/Services | | Grand Total | |
| Laundry Dry Cleaning | | Tax | | | |
| Mortgage Rep | | Telephone | | | |
| Newspapers/Magazines | | Season Ticket/Tickets | | | |
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Thank you to Gerard for sending me the original sample of this 'Vintage' Filofax page.

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5. <http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/08/rapesco-diary-punch-66-p.html>

Ray Blake (2011-12-27 13:54:33)
Nice work. This is a useful page.

Gerard (2011-12-28 05:34:50)

Nice job Steve. In the interests of domestic harmony, I suggest that the Family heading be out-dented, rather than staying under the Animals/Pets heading :)

Steve Morton (2011-12-28 05:40:07)

Done... thanks for spotting that... Files updated

My GTD Set Up - David Popely - Guest Post (2011-12-28 00:00)

Well, the passing comments on Philofaxy about GTD setups seem to have generated a great deal of interest, so I asked Steve if he would like me to come forward with some detail of my own....so here it is. Please be aware, though, that this is only *'my'* setup – and, in fact, is only my setup *at the moment* – I can and do change setups quite regularly, as those who know me and/or follow my comments on the site will know!

If anyone is interested in starting with the 'received version' of how to set up a paper planner for GTD, there is a very good white paper available from David Allen himself [1] via his website. It's a free download, although you have to register to get it, but that's not likely to be a problem to anyone who has more than a passing interest in implementing GTD.

And so, to my own set-up, which is really a modified form of GTD, both in setup and in underlying principle. I've made these changes because they suit me temperamentally, and I think we tend to underestimate the role of temperament in what will work best for us. You, dear reader, may like a lot of structure (as I do), or you may prefer a freewheeling system which just captures everything you need to do and then leaves it to you to regularly review those tasks and make choices out of the whole range of available to-dos. That doesn't work for me – I'm an [2]accountant (CPA if you're in the US) and [3]time management consultant and have anything up to 120 'live' deadlines for filing stuff with various Government agencies (or just delivering to the client) at any given moment, and each of those deadlines has sanctions, usually fines and penalties, attached, so it's important that I keep on top of all of them, all the time.



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Firstly, my go-to binder. As regular readers will know, my first choice is a Personal Malden in Ochre. I love this binder, for the combination of weight, style and accessibility. I've tried using my A5 Finsbury, but it weighs enough to make it undesirable as a travelling companion, most especially when I'm in London on business, as I am quite often. I have enough papers, files and overnight stuff to carry without 6-8 pounds' weight of organiser to add to the load. One of my underlying principles is, 'One life, one organiser', so I don't split my stuff between binders, or use different binders for different aspects of my life. I want it ALL together in ONE place – which also happens to be one of the underlying principles of GTD. I know that when I pick up that binder I'm going to have everything I need, all together, in one place.

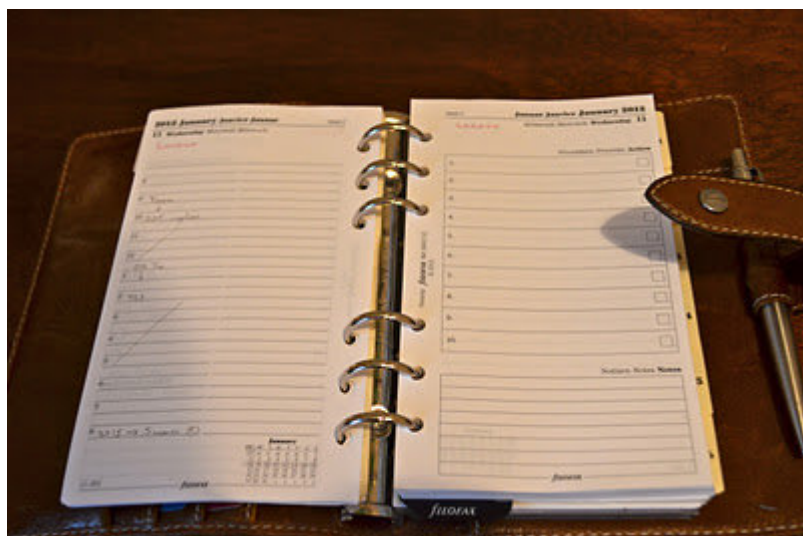


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Firstly, inside the front cover I have my most used plastic cards (the rest live in card-holder inserts at the back of the binder, plus my own business cards, plus postage stamps, train tickets if I'm travelling to/from London, etc. What I really like about the Malden (apart from everything else about it!) is the way the pockets are arranged here. This setup means that I can flip the binder open in the supermarket, at the cash machine, etc, and have all the plastic cards I need, right there. There is a larger pocket behind the card slots, and I use that to capture the receipts I'm picking up through the day as I move around. Because I'm self employed, I just capture everything, and then decide later, on a daily basis, what needs to be kept and what can be thrown. The ones I'm keeping them get entered into my accounting software

and ‘cold filed’ away, again on a daily basis. If anyone who is self employed wants to know more about this they can get in touch and I’ll elaborate.

Now into the main Filofax areas. As you will see from the accompanying photos, at the moment I’m using a basic 1-6 divider set, but I’ve added the diary tab from a standard set of dividers at the front. I’ve cribbed this idea from Gerard (many thanks), and it works really well for me. This is my first real departure from the ‘received wisdom’ of GTD, which has the notes/capture section in first place – however, as I say, this work for me.



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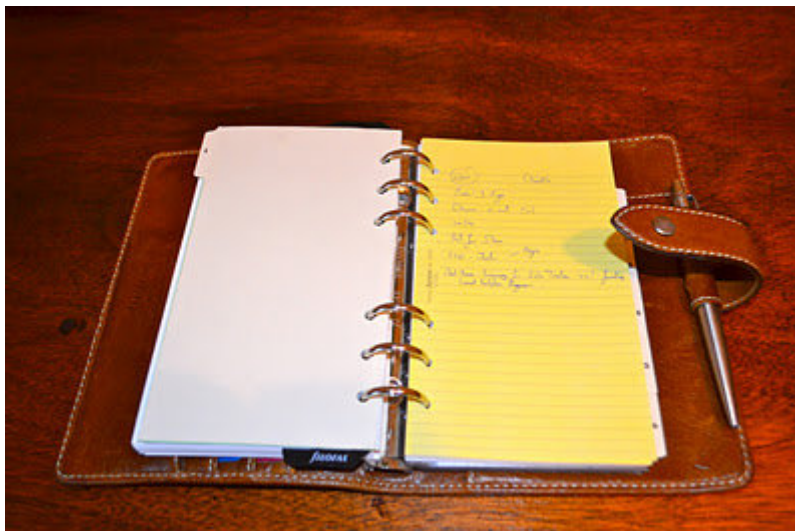
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Diary-wise, my current plan for 2012 is to use a [8]Day on 2 Pages diary/to do list setup, which I’ve bought from the French Filofax website, backed with a standard 2012 year planner. I can only get 3 months’ worth of daily sheets in the binder, but it’s a compromise I’m prepared to make. The year planner will give me perspective on the rest of the year (as well as on the 3 months I’ve got in as daily inserts), and pretty soon I plan to have a 2013 year planner as well, behind that, for anything truly long-term which needs noting. Generally the year planner only tells me geographically where I’m going to be at any given point – there isn’t much room for detail, but the place reminder is usually enough to prompt me.



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After the diary section, I've currently got a makeshift index page to the other six sections. I plan to replace this with a printed sheet pretty soon, once the whole thing has bedded in for 2012.



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Section 1 is my notes/capture section. This is my one concession to colour (once the index sheet has been replaced)....I'm currently using yellow lined here, it gives me the 'feel' of a yellow legal pad, which is what I used before I decided to unify everything into the Filofax. These notes are sorted daily, and the resulting next actions, projects, etc are transferred to the relevant sections. This is really the most important section I use daily.....the GTD 'system' of capturing everything in one place and sorting it later enables me to keep a clear head and to stay focused in a way which would be impossible otherwise.



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Section 2 is my Next Actions, divided into home, work, personal. If the 'work' list in particular starts to get out of hand I create separate lists for London (when I'm there, so this is in part an 'errands' list), phone, email, etc. I also have my 'waiting for' list in here, so that i can always be ahead of the game when it comes to keeping tabs on slow-responding clients.

Section 3 is my Agendas section. I don't use this a great deal (I no longer have that many face to face meetings, and I don't have staff), but what do use it for is notes for my client meetings with those whom I see on a regular basis when I'm in London. That way I don't forget anything I mean to raise when I'm in the meeting.

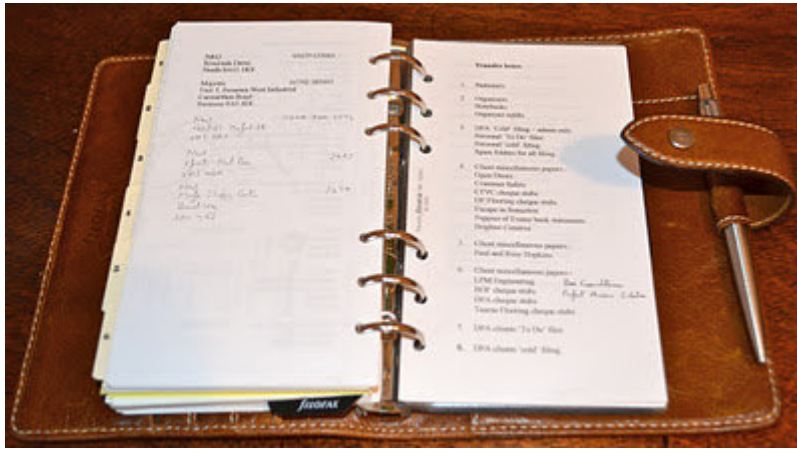


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Section 4 is my Project Lists. These are divided into work, home and personal. These, together with the Next Actions lists, form the core of my weekly review, which I try to carry out on a Friday afternoon, last thing, so that I can start the weekend knowing I have everything 'nailed down' for the coming week. I don't like using my weekend time for this, even though some of it is personal stuff. As an adjunct to this, I also confirm any appointments for the following week, by email.

Section 5 is my Project Plans section. I try to have a plan for everything which is in the Project List. Also in here are my 2012 goals, and a summary list of my Areas of Focus – again, all concepts taken from Getting Things Done and Making It All Work (which deals more with perspective than with just getting control). These also get reviewed in with the weekly review.

I reckon I can do the weekly review adequately in around an hour....not much time invested, given the payoff.



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Finally, section 6 is my information section. In here I have various bits and pieces of often-accessed information. If I find I'm not accessing something on at least a monthly basis, it gets thrown, provided I have the information electronically somewhere, or I know how to find it easily.

I don't have a contacts section. All my contacts live on my mobile phone, and are far easier to access that way. Also, I have an Outlook-based address file as backup (which in turn gets backed up in my thrice-weekly overall data backup).

I used to keep notes of my expenses in the 'Financial' tab of the standard dividers when I was using them, but since I dropped them (and the note-taking with it) I find that capturing the receipts and processing them into my accounting system (where they would end up anyway) is good enough.

So that's my system. You'll see that I mostly use plain white ruled paper (or plain for printing) and I really don't need a lot of different forms. Presently I'm using 'To Do' forms for Next Actions, but these could equally well be kept on plain white. I just happen to have them lying around so I'm using them. I think this entire system can be run using shop-bought plain white ruled paper, with some unlined for printing the odd sheet.

Good luck with your planning for 2012, and have fun!

David

Thank you David for an excellent article and insight on your GTD set up.

Steve

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LJ (2011-12-28 01:32:04)

Fabulous post - thanks for sharing :o) this could work for me, if I only I could wean myself off all my binders...

Ray Blake (2011-12-28 02:56:47)

Nice one, David. I'm convinced the Filofax is an underappreciated business tool, not only for personal organisation but also for knowledge management, customer relationship management and staff management.

David Popely (2011-12-28 03:46:04)

@LJ I really do believe that the 'one life, one organiser' principle is fundamental. Like Most people, from time to time I've tried 'splitting' between binders, and it always ends in chaos. Whether this is inherent, or just me, I don't know, but I'd recommend it as a New Year's Resolution - unify all binders into one.

@Ray I very much agree - I think early adopters of tech solutions eventually come to realise that there are things a smartphone can't do nearly as well as a paper based planner - and as I never tire of reminding the nay-sayers, a FF won't delete, duplicate or 'swallow' my data overnight or run out of battery at a critical moment. Also, I can access my diary faster than a smartphone, in any given situation I've ever found myself in. Plus, it just plan looks smart!

David Popely (2011-12-28 03:49:03)

@Ray Incidentally, Ray, I *love8 the DIY stuff you're doing for your A5....DIY usually looks a bit homespun, but not yours! I urge everyone to check out Ray's blog at <http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/> if you're not doing so already

The Liar (2011-12-28 04:27:22)

This looks brilliant, David. I originally used to think my life is not needing any organising but of late am not so sure and thinking of giving it a go from 2012. Your setup gives me a good starting point and thanks for sharing. Also, I am self employed so any input about the expense receipt organising would be instructive too.

My only suggestion about a single binder to hold them all would be to keep the rest of the binders empty and move the whole setup from one binder to another every week or month! Assuming all of them are same size! That would keep the addiction monster sated while keeping the organisation intact..

Gerard (2011-12-28 05:55:29)

David - very nice - thanks for going into all the details.

gdigesu (2011-12-28 08:55:37)

David, like the Man says, "we need to manage at the level of mundaneness, with sophisticated elegance ...".

Your setup is very elegant, and allows for managing your 100 plus commitments.

I like it very much and use a very similar one.

LJ (2011-12-28 09:04:39)

@ The Liar - Oooh, I like your style :o)

The Liar (2011-12-28 09:44:32)

thanks, LJ.. ;-)

Gerard (2011-12-28 10:38:13)

Yep - The Liar is on the money with that suggestion. I hauled out an unexpectedly large stack of binders on St. Stephen's Day and decided that I'll rotate through them monthly throughout 2012.

Giovani, who is this Man that you're quoting?

David Popely (2011-12-28 10:41:53)

Gerard I think he means St David Allen :)

Using the period betwixt Christmas and the New Year to get all my loose ends tied up prior to my return to 'real' work on Tuesday of next week. I've always found this to be a *great* time for planning....trust you are all having a great break and will return to the fray fully refreshed next week....

J (2011-12-28 13:14:17)

I love this, David! I also agree with the 'one life, one organizer' principle. But maybe that is just because we have both fallen in love with the Malden!

I'm pretty much set with my 2012 set up, but may have to borrow some of these ideas for tweaks in the coming

days!

David Popely (2011-12-28 13:17:00)

@J borrow away!.....What's your current 2012 setup? I'd be interested to know, and I think we should be encouraging others to share theirs as well...

Savannah (2011-12-28 15:11:46)

David-

Excellent! I've been waiting for this. Thank you for sharing.

My question is how do you keep on top of all the lists? Do you review them all daily to prioritize for the day?

gdigesu (2011-12-28 15:48:19)

Hi Gerard,

Mr. P's guess is correct!! ;))

The other day I watched a video where the Saint, like Mr. P calls him, said that.

Check the link <http://bvo.com/programmes/david-allen-full-interview>

How are you? Your post the other day was excellent!

Giovani

cgarsnrealest8 (2011-12-28 16:11:24)

Great story. I think I have been convinced to use my personal Finchley as my one and only binder for 2012. I hope I can get used to the smaller page size.

David Popely (2011-12-28 16:30:45)

@savannah The simple answer is, you have to do the weekly review, it's the central focus which makes GTD work, in my opinion. As you can see, my use of the Day on 2 Pages (which includes a to-do list per day) is really a departure from the GTD 'purists', so some of my next actions go straight onto the diary to-do lists. Other, if they're not deadlined and /or urgent, go on the next action lists in the relevant section and then get brought forward later. I tend to bring my to-dos forward in weekly batches, from the back sections to the diary to-do lists, always being careful not to overload each specific day....something I've learned through long and painful experience!

@cgarsnrealest8 I think the page size is the real downside of the Personal 'choice', but it's something I've had to face up to. I'd *love* to have the page space of the A5, but the upside is the portability, and over the past few months I've come to see that the portability is what matters more to me. I learned this when lugging my excessively heavy bag around London on multiple business trips....not pleasant.

David

Adirondack Explorer (2011-12-28 16:32:24)

I really enjoyed this, David. Thanks for opening up your GTD system; I'll use some of it to help me with mine!

Next Action Hero (2011-12-28 17:37:42)

Great post David it's good to have such a detailed insight into a GTD setup. I've been using GTD with FF for the last few months & my set up has similarities but some differences & might be of interest to the bloggers & readers here as an alternative implementation.

I use an Ochre Personal Malden (sound familiar?!) for my home & personal life, which goes everywhere with me, and a Dark Chocolate Personal Osterley for my professional life (I'm a lawyer), which stays primarily at my desk (but goes with me to meetings as well). I also use a black & orange Personal Domino for my sports-related info (I do bike racing & triathlon). There's no way I can fit all that into one organiser nor would I want to as I prefer keeping them separate.

The "personal" one is set up for (mostly) plain vanilla GTD as follows (at least this is the current version - (I've tweaked the order/layout a few times but seem to have settled on this, for now):

1. Personal Info sheet & customised contents/index behind clear plastic fly leaf, followed by
2. List of current personal projects, with (1) several pages of "project support" notes, (2) several pages of Some-day/Maybes, and (3) a list of the current month's completed projects

3. Cream Tabbed Divider containing “Agendas” listed on To Do Sheets for the 5 “nearest & dearest” and a lined page for notes for each Agenda Person
 4. Cream Tabbed Divider containing To Do sheets for all next actions & waiting for, sub-divided by write-able coloured post-its categorised by context (e.g. @Calls; @Home; @Mac etc). I have around 24 sheets in there right now.
 5. Cream Tabbed Divider containing To Do sheets for NAs I must or want to do on a particular day (using 2 pages for one day). I keep the current day plus others for the remainder of the week and one for the next week - anything longer term goes onto the calendar or the NA context list
 6. Behind the To Dos I maintain a list of “magic moments and accomplishments” for each day of the current week.
 7. Cream Tabbed Divider containing Personal Finance pages. This was one of the main reasons for switching from Device to FF. I never found a decent personal finance manager for Galaxy, iPad Touch etc that was as quick & easy to use as the FF finance pages have proved to be
 8. Cream Tabbed Divider containing pages for daily capture/in, which is processed 2-3 times a day.
 9. No tab but my 2PPW diary section follows (containing all personal and professional appointments & day-specific info, but I have too many day-specific NAs to keep on the calendar hence the section for daily NAs) and like you I only have 3-months at a time but I also have a year's worth of months on 2 pages behind the diary pages
 10. Final Cream Tabbed Divider section containing various notes & reference material. I've a lot of NAs and Project stuff so I keep this slim - most long-term notes & reference I store in Evernote.
 11. I have a clear plastic flyleaf & top-opening clear envelope at the back for loose paper, receipts etc.
 12. I use 3 rulers/page dividers - one at the daily NA pages, one at the capture/in page, and one at the calendar. I am planning to set up a blog and will post pictures and more details on it (and details of the set up for the others) if this has not put everyone off!
- Mark

Gerard (2011-12-28 18:02:26)

Giovani, alles klar - wunderbar!

Hi Next Action Hero, aka Mark. Let us all know when you get the blog post up - some images would be great.

livermac69 (2011-12-28 18:23:53)

Hi David. Loved this post. Just one question, having 1 binder do you find it frustrating flicking around from one area to another? I think this is the root of my desire for a 2nd binder to allow me to work between them. Any thoughts?

Tim (2011-12-28 18:38:13)

Thanks David - a really interesting insight - both into your latest organiser/planner thinking and giving much food for thought to those of us not previously familiar with GTD.

Whilst some posts (dare I say, such as on different coloured Filofax leathers!) may only be of passing interest to some of us, your article is motivational and at a time when most of us are reviewing our set-ups for 2012.

I've already downloaded the suggested pdf article to read on a 6 hour train journey to Aberdeen tomorrow!

Regarding size, a bulky 23mm ring in a Personal wouldn't work at all for me, as a left-handed person. (The rings always get in the way!) I've now fitted a very slim (18mm) ring to my A5 Holborn in an attempt to overcome the A5 weight and bulk problem, whilst leaving room to write. I think it might work - it certainly looks good! Tim

David Popely (2011-12-29 06:33:25)

hi Next Action Hero....that's a really interesting setup. I have a lot of respect for people who manage to run a two-binder system, but it just doesn't work for me. Like Gerard, I'd love to see some images.....

@livermac69 Good question, but I honestly don't find I'm doing a lot of flicking around. Because all my tasks come out of the planner into the diary during the weekly review, I generally don't need to. If I need to 'firefight' a late-breaking action, I just put it straight into the to-do pages of the diary section, without it going through the Next Actions section on the way. Of course, if it has a project attached to it, it has to go in the back, but I put it in the notes section and each day I gut the notes out and into the Projects/Next Actions, at least as a header, and then it again waits for the weekly review. Overall, I find that discipline in carrying out the reviews means I

don't have a lot of problems (except finding the discipline!)

@Tim - you just have to love those long train journeys, don't you! I don't know why people get so concerned about the time it takes...for me, it's three hours each way (from Swansea to London, which I do twice-monthly) when *no-one* can get to me! I watch the people with their mobiles, their laptops, and all their paraphernalia, and I think...I can use this time for uninterrupted reading, in a way I absolutely can't when I'm 'in contact' the rest of the time. I just wish people would respect the 'quiet carriage' rules....I've had everything from mobiles to DVD players to small children to contend with....

Your idea of the larger binder with the smaller rings really made me think...I don't think I'm about to change right now (goodness knows it's taken me long enough to arrive at this setup!), but there is definitely something there. I know Alison Reeves is a big fan of a slimline A5 she has (I was in the shop with her in Conduit St when she bought it). Maybe she could comment further on how she sets it up...although I'm pretty sure she runs at least one other binder alongside. I'd be interested to know if that's now your *only* binder, and what your setup is.... Like you, I'm less interested in the Filofax binder-du-jour trends as I am in what we can actually get the system to *do* for us....

Unknown (2011-12-29 06:49:36)

Tim - are you fitting the 18mm rings to your A5 Holborn as a DIY job or are you getting someone to do it for you? Have you sourced the rings from Filofax?

Please excuse the questions but I've not come across anyone doing this before and I might be interested in doing something similar.

Best Wishes

David

Tim (2011-12-29 09:15:50)

"Unknown" David - if I get time I'll try to write something for Steve to use here, (if anyone is interested).

In brief: -it's pretty easy to remove a Filofax ring (gently ease back the rivet metals and lift off mech) and substitute another. I had intended to buy a cheap Adelphi purely to use the 20mm ring. However, none has come up at a sensible price, so I've used a Time Manager compact mechanism, which has 18mm rings. This was slightly more fiddly to fit as the method of attachment is different. It also means my ring spacing is now TMI and not Filofax A5. However, by punching some Flex pages with TMI holes and using some of the huge pile of Time Manager pages I have in stock, the problem has been solved! The Holborn binder looks much slimmer when closed and I defy anyone (other than a Filofax "anorak") to tell it's not a professional job! Tim

Unknown (2011-12-29 11:00:34)

Tim - many thanks for your swift response. Much appreciated. I'm sure an article with pictures would be much appreciated at some time too.

Best Wishes

David

Malden Mini - Wallet/Filofax (2011-12-29 00:00)

Yes it was inevitable that I would buy a Malden Mini to go with the rest of my [1]Malden Family! A mini came up for sale and I made a rapid decision to buy it, like you do...

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So the Mini is a grey one, so it nicely matches my A5 Malden's. In the picture above it is shown next to my black pocket Malden to give you some idea of the size.

[3]



Comparing the two, you will see that the Pocket has a notepad slot in the right hand inside cover, were as the Mini has two more card slots.

In the left hand side of the Pocket there is a zip pocket, with a slot behind it, a further slot pocket and another behind that. The last one being quite deep. In the Mini there is again a zip pocket with a pocket behind that and an additional slot pocket.

If you are going to use either of these sizes as a wallet/Filofax/notebook/shopping list type organiser then in some ways the Mini I think might work slightly better because of those slots in the right hand inside cover.

Both have full width outside cover pockets, ideal for bank notes and receipts.

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In the pictures above is a Finchley Mini and the Malden Mini. The Finchley has two slots in the left hand side and a large zip pocket in the right hand side. I use the zip pockets on any of these for a small amount of coins, but they can make the organiser quite heavy if you carry too many coins.

I have been trying out the Malden Mini as a wallet for the last couple of weeks, it works quite well. The only thing I've had to do compared to using the pocket size is to relocate my passport to my car documents wallet, which wasn't a big deal really. I also trimmed a health document I carry which stuck out the top a little, once trimmed down it slips in to the back pocket of the Mini just fine.

I don't have that many pages in it, just a WO2P diary insert with some 2011 pages added, some lined paper and some to-do lists. I have bank cards in the front and medical ones in the back.

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So I think the Mini is a great addition. It also fits in to my pockets easily if I don't have my 'Man Bag' with me!

Our dear friend Thomas has a Malden Mini which he has been successfully using as a wallet since the London Meet Up in March, he's made some [9]top tab dividers for it too.

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Jy11 (2011-12-29 03:01:54)

very nice! Compared to that red Finchley one, seems much more practical with all the extra slots and a small zippered pocket - so you don't have to dig in to rescue papers stuck inside. I love the color as well!

The Liar (2011-12-29 07:19:35)

the photos are beautiful.. Love the colours. And which pen is that one, Steve?

Steve Morton (2011-12-29 07:24:40)

Hi, Thank you. You know how much I love taking pictures of these things!

The pen is in fact a pencil. It's a Filofax Mini Barley Pencil:

<http://www.filofax.co.uk/images/products/refills/line/061141.jpg>

I have the pen as well. It's quite heavy for it's size, but it is nice to hold and use.

Steve

Lucy (2011-12-29 08:16:39)

Nice Filo! I've been toying with the idea of putting my Mini Finsbury into use myself. I think I'm one of the rare 'One Filofax For Everything' kind of people though!

I wanted to buy a Mini Barley pencil but didn't bother because when I asked the Filofax site if they sold replacement erasers for them, they said it doesn't have one! What's the point of a pencil for a Filofax that doesn't have an eraser?

Greg (2011-12-29 14:31:46)

Hello everyone! Long time since I have posted. Just ordered the Holborn personal for 2012. Really had a hard time figuring out what I wanted to do for next year.

Hope everyone is well!

Free for All Friday No. 163 (2011-12-30 00:01)

Since it's our last FFAF of the year, it's a good time to talk about our New Year celebrations. In my case, a walking tour of my town's concerts and other festivities, dinner at a favorite restaurant, and then some champagne at home.

And since it is Friday, all other topics are also welcome!

I have loved and valued my Filofax this year, and will continue to do in the next year.

David Popely (2011-12-30 02:45:42)

In my case, a quiet dinner at home, followed by some champagne at midnight with my lovely wife.

My Filofax has been my other constant companion this year, and (now newly set up for 2012) will continue to be so throughout the one about to start.

I wish you all every success, peace, happiness and prosperity for 2012.

David

Lynne (2011-12-30 02:48:35)

Lunch out with Husband (His Birthday), then fireworks in Courtyard with neighbours at midnight. May all your wishes, dreams and set ups be successful in 2012.

Alison Reeves (2011-12-30 03:56:13)

HI everyone. Sorry I've been a bit elusive this week. My uncle died just before Christmas which means I had some family duties to attend to, and I have also been trying to set up a new computer so my email has been spasmodic.

Anyhow - it sounds like you all have great plans for New Year. We are going to some friends who are having a 'formal' party - about 20 of us and all in evening dress! We know most of the people going so will be fun - a nice meal and some champagne.

My 2012 setup is still in the planning stage as my head has been elsewhere recently! I'm going to try and work on it this weekend.

I wish my Philofaxy friends a wonderful happy and prosperous New Year!

gdigesu (2011-12-30 04:27:24)

My friend Topaz will take me to the grocery store to work on the shopping list for dinner tomorrow.

Time to start preparing the party. ;))

I wish all of you prosperity, harmony, success and a healthy New Year!

Giovani

Tommies (2011-12-30 04:44:06)

@Alison

I'm very sorry to hear that, and I hope you are alright!

Apart from two Philofaxy meet-ups, my year wasn't to great. So there is no need for a big celebration ;-)

We will be at home with a friend, have a good meal. Then no fireworks, but lots of champagne at midnight to welcome the new (better) year.

I hope you all get there well, and I'm looking forward to some more great post around here.

For 2012 I wish you luck, happiness, success with all your plans, and - most of all - health!

Yours Thomas

pilgrim (2011-12-30 04:45:01)

<http://lifehacker.com/5871796/scription-chronodox-is-a-beautiful-printable-freeform-weekly-planner-for-the-new-year>

Try this and see what you think, not forgetting to leave a note and a prayer as you do.

Happy Planning fellow Philofaxers

Pilgrim

Elisabeth (2011-12-30 05:03:41)

Allison: My condolences.

As for New Year's Eve I'm preparing a turkey dinner for the immediate family.

If the weather is good I'll probably bundle up and try to get some nice photos of the fireworks.

My Filofax for 2012 will be my new personal Amazona. It's not set up yet, simply because I have yet to decide which diary to use.

Butanben (2011-12-30 06:58:14)

@ Alison. So sorry to hear of your bereavement and loss. Take care and be kind and gentle on yourself.

@ Tommies. I hope that 2012 will be a better year for you. I am sending out lots of positive thoughts your way.

Like Tommies, been a bit of a yuck year for me, so can't wait for

2012. Dad and I will be seeing in Hogmanay together.... the first foots. Then it's a pleasant New Year's Day roast lunch chez Dad with oodles of champagne. Bliss!!!!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2011-12-30 06:59:09)

@Alison

So sorry to hear your news. Hope you are okay.

I will be doing nothing special for New Year. Is that really dull of me? DH and I will have a normal meal and I will quite probably be tucked up in bed before 10.30!

I have my set-up for 2012 sorted and will blog about it today. It's (starting out) in the Cavendish (but may move between Cavendish, Baroque and possibly a Portland over the year).

Happy 2012 when it comes!

Butanben (2011-12-30 06:59:45)

HAPPY NEW YEAR, WEALTH, HEALTH AND HAPPINESS TO ALL MY DEAR PHILOFAXY FRIENDS.
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terriknits (2011-12-30 10:15:26)

Most unusual for us (husband was always either working - cop - or asleep on couch by 9 pm) we are going to an RCMP Regimental NY Eve ball at the division HQ! Will be quite the fancy do and we're looking forward to it. Happy New Year and all the best to everyone! (I did my 2012 Filo set up last weekend)

Tali (2011-12-30 11:24:23)

Keep meaning to ask - and then keep forgetting! - does/has anyone use(d) FizzyMilkJelly ..?

The website doesn't give all that much info as it seems you are expected to pay a membership (either one year or lifetime) So I would love to hear if anyone has any experience of them..?

<http://fizzymilkjelly.co.uk/>

J (2011-12-30 14:00:04)

So sorry to hear of your loss, Alison. I hope you are remembering to breathe and take care of yourself- that's all any of us can really do.

As far as the New Year, we are hosting an engagement party tonight, then are going out to dinner with a few friends tomorrow. Both nights should have plenty of champagne :)

Now, I'm off to keep cleaning- darn Philofaxy has gone and distracted me again!!!

Happy New Year, lovely Philofaxians!

LJ (2011-12-30 14:02:34)

@ Alison - :o(Big hugs and lots of Filofax love x

@ Amanda - glad it's not just me who will probably be tucked up in bed long before midnight. 2 small boys, early mornings and lack of babysitters isn't exactly conducive to a NYE out (or even awake...)

I may spend part of my evening planning my set up for next year (I know, I know very disorganised, it sounds like everyone else is already sorted)

Happy New Year everyone xxx

Alison Reeves (2011-12-30 18:37:51)

Thank you for all your kind thoughts - much appreciated. We don't have the funeral until towards the end of next week due to Christmas and New Year holidays.

On a separate note - I am seriously thinking about moving into a personal binder - what is your favourite diary option? I happen to have a month to view with tabs and was thinking of putting either a week to view or daily diary option in between.

Filofax 2012 - Changes to the range (2011-12-30 06:00)

Some interesting news this morning about the changes in the range...

"There's a few shocks in the list of Filofax 2012 organiser retirements; Osterley Brown & Songbird stand out to me but it's also going to be goodbye from the Chameleon, Regency, Enigma (nobody got that one in any sense of the word) and some colour retirements in Malden, Domino & Apex.

Some exciting new lines arriving in March and, as the legendary singer James Taylor says, every time you make a new friend you need to say goodbye to an old one - or else you get friend build-up..."

Source: [1]City Organiser

This is all as yet unconfirmed from Filofax UK... but it looks accurate if you take in to account what has been on sale at low prices...

1. <http://www.cityorganiser.co.uk/>

The Perpetual Student TPS (2011-12-30 05:56:06)

Noooo I love the Chameleons!! And I hope if they are getting rid of some of the Malden colours, that they will bring out some new colours! I am surprised about the Osterley Brown and Songbird, and I know a lot of people will be sad about the Regency, although the Enigma...not so sure!

But if they're going to do anything, they should get rid of ALL of the Apex range!!

I'm looking forward to seeing (and probably buying) the new filofaxes!!

Imy (2011-12-30 05:59:15)

we need to chant

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Louloudorset (2011-12-30 06:00:16)

I think I must be the only person that owns an Enigma and I won that!!! But I do like it as its so soft....but v sad about the Songbird (may have to make an emergency purchase before it disappears)

However always exciting to see what new ranges they can come up with.....

icclewu (2011-12-30 06:02:21)

I can't believe they r getting rid of some of the apex!!!!!! I mean, come on, it was the years most talked about "Filofax" if that is what they still insist on calling it. I may have to keep mine now. It may become a rare thing of the future.

Maybe my tonsils are distorting my thinking patterns. ;) xx

Jotje (2011-12-30 06:39:33)

Oh, I better look out for the Purple personal Songbird for my DD then! I'm surprised about the Regency, I thought that was quite popular? Sorry to see the Chameleon leave, but so happy with my raspberry pocket Chameleon! It's softer by the day, I swear!

kanalt (2011-12-30 06:50:39)

I'm surprised that they're (supposedly) removing some of the newer models like the Regency and Enigma. And I agree that if they're going to retire some of the Malden colors that they bring out some new ones.

kanalt (2011-12-30 06:52:05)

@Jotje - I think people like the Regency, but I don't know how many people actually own one because of the price. Maybe Filofax should revamp prices rather than styles - just a thought. ;)

Alison Reeves (2011-12-30 07:02:41)

I'm sure this is driven purely by sales figures and nothing else. I am one of those obviously few people that actually love the enigma, but it's just too expensive!

Alison Reeves (2011-12-30 07:04:23)

PS - I really wish they would stop with these silly pockets on the back of the luxury binders. Just makes them more bulky than they need to be. Also why not some more binders with gold coloured rings?

crofter (2011-12-30 09:05:56)

I am not surprised about the enigma, they are running out of hides. There can't be that many cows in the world that have that bad of skin disease!

katka (2011-12-30 09:27:27)

re Enigma...I think that who wants and can afford a luxury binder, would probably go for different brand. Would be interesting to see what are the most selling items.

Lynne (2011-12-30 11:22:44)

Different colours for Today Markers please.....

Just-Jenny (2011-12-30 12:05:49)

I was in the Filofax store on Conduit Street on Wednesday and the really helpful sales assistant showed my friend and I the filox on sale and this included all Deco's. I asked if the Deco is being discontinued and she said yes.

LJ (2011-12-30 14:07:53)

@ Imy - I am chanting as I type

@ crofter - I thought they were just made from roadkill... maybe they will bring them back in the summer :o)

Looking forward to seeing what they bring out though - would be good to see some new (and nicer) inserts, and the today marker from the Olympic binders for sale by itself - I love it x

Tina Lemon (2011-12-30 18:29:41)

@Just-Jenny Oh no!!! Do NOT discontinue the Deco... please! They are the best!!!

crofter (2011-12-30 20:43:19)

@ LJ Good one, must have been the same vehicle, the severe bruising is so uniform!

Jy11 (2011-12-30 23:32:58)

Wow! Discontinuing the chameleon and deco as well? That hurts! :/

Web Finds 31 December 2011 (2011-12-31 00:00)

The final web finds of 2011. What a year it's been. Thank you for all the blog posts you have posted and we have found... I hope we have brought you more readers to your blogs and you are building your readership and following. Let us look forward to some more great posts in 2012.

So here are some I found this week in between eating mince pies, Christmas cake and far too much chocolate....

- [1]2011 'can't live withouts' - Paper Love Story
- [2]Share your Filofax memories - Sandra - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
- [3]It's a dream, but a lovely one! My hypothetical stationary shop! - The Life of The Perpetual Student
- [4]Print your own media wish list - My Life All in One Place
- [5]Renovating the Cavendish - Paper Pens Ink
- [6]Top 10 Pen Reviews - The Pen Addict
- [7]Filo friendly pen? - Filofax Fixation
- [8]Little Blue Beauty: Filofax Adoration & Organization Post! - Mermaid Eyes
- [9]How do you structure your diary? Featuring my favourite A4 Filofax - Rockalily Lipsticks
- [10]Stylish Organisation - A Little Bird Fashion
- [11]On Filofax - Life...Considered, Planned..Organised
- [12]Year End Stock Check - A Work in Progress - LJ's Blog of Stuff
- [13]One Life, One Filofax...Really? - LJ's Blog of Stuff
- [14]Share your Filofax memories - Nellie - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
- [15]Reggie on Location: Christmas Day 2011 - Well Planned Life
- [16]Gadgets got your schedule scattered? Maybe it's time to go back to paper - The Washington Post
- [17]Ms. Finch and I take umbrage to the word chunky - The Crazy Suburban Mom
- [18]Share your Filofax memories - Unchecked Other - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
- [19]Filofax Holburn Zip Review - simple notes to me
- Your blog post could appear here... Please email us if we missed you this week.

Enjoy

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terriknits (2011-12-31 00:20:34)

"far too much chocolate" ... I see the words, I understand them individually, but presented in that order? I don't comprehend the concept! ;-)

Thanks for the great work you do here, Steve, for all us Philo/Filo freaks!

LJ (2011-12-31 00:33:00)

Thanks again Steve - you rock!!!

@ terriknits - totally agree, very strange thought...

Gerard (2011-12-31 05:21:46)

A bumper crop of finds - thanks Steve.

