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Chapter 1

2012

1.1 July

Nan's 2012 Midyear Setup - Personal (2012-07-01 00:00) - Nan

In addition to the [1]A5 I use for work, I have a Personal-size Filofax that I use as my wallet and daily planner.
This is the organizer that's by my right hand when I'm sitting at home or at work, and comes with my in hand, handbag, or gym bag every time I leave the house.
I started 2012 using the red Finsbury I've used most of the time since I bought it in 2006, carrying over the page setup I used 2011: DPP Diary; followed by a few leaves for FLYlady routines, task reminders, projects, financial, and notes behind a tabbed transparent flyleaf; and Slimline A-Z tabs for contacts and a few pages of lists and reference information.
Notice how I keep saying "a few."With the DPP, you don't have room for a full set of 6 tab dividers plus a set of A-Z tabs.
By March 2012, I was ready for a couple of changes. I was yearning to use my warm brown Finchley, which I haven't taken out for about 3 years.
Also, I was growing tired of having a jumble of things behind that one tabbed flyleaf. I was referring to the pages back there more than to what was on the DPP.
So I switched back to my brown Finchley, with Wo2P cotton cream paper and the following tabs:

- To-Do - Lists of things to do without a due date, with one page per category: Calls, Web, Errands, Home, etc.
- Flight Plans - Daily to-do list, based on FLYlady chores.
- Projects - One yellow ruled page per project. A project could be something like Christmas shopping, cleaning up garden, etc.
- Notes
- Financial
- A-Z Index - Contacts, shopping lists, directions, etc.

This setup worked fine, and I really enjoyed the cotton cream paper, but I missed the extra space on the DPP. So I went back to the DPP and the Slimline tabs. My daily flight plan fits just fine in the right column on the DPP—no flipping back and forth! In the left column, I have room not only for appointments but their accompanying information...address, things to bring, money spent on the road (which is mainly what I was using the Financial section for).

I'm loving the DPP setup in my new Ink Cuban. I use it for my wallet, too: the cash goes in the mesh pocket in back. It's the only thing I need to take when I leave the house. Behind the diary, I have a few white ruled pages and jot pad pages for ideas and reminders, since there are no tabbed sections. But most of the time, since I have the whole year in DPP, I can write everything right on the day where it belongs.

So where will my longer-term projects go? That's the subject of my next post.

1. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/06/nans-2012-midyear-setup-work.html

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Steve Morton (2012-07-01 05:50:34)
I'm going to review my current set up in the next couple of weeks to make sure it's working as well as it can be. I think it's worth spending an hour or so to look at this sort of thing every few months.

Date for your Filofax - Sunday 8 July 2012 (2012-07-01 15:00) - Steve Morton

New York

Sao Paulo

London

Paris

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 8 July** from 10am (US East Coast time), 4pm London time, 5 pm Paris time 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 8 July 2012**.

1. http://www.skype.com/
2. http://steve-morton.com/2011/07/30/improving-your-skype-audio/

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-01 16:33:13)
I'm going to try and make this one!
Tracy

Steve Morton (2012-07-01 17:20:09)
I hope so, I've moved it back an hour now that Laurie is in UK!

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-01 18:41:22)
I just wrote it in my filofax :)

Nan (2012-07-01 20:26:37)
Me, too! Since I don't have choir in the summer, I can attend the round table without interfering with church!

Steph (2012-07-02 13:06:10)
I would love to try and make it to this one.

Jotje (2012-07-02 13:44:44)
Chances are very slim that I will be able to attend this one. My niece is staying with us for a few days, and she'll get picked up Sunday. But I wrote it in my Filofax nonetheless - just in case.

Laurie (2012-07-02 16:31:41)
I'm running my internet connection on a dongle right now, and the connection cuts in and out frequently so I won't be able to chat but I'll be able to text. So glad to be back in a timezone where I can be on at the same time as everyone else!

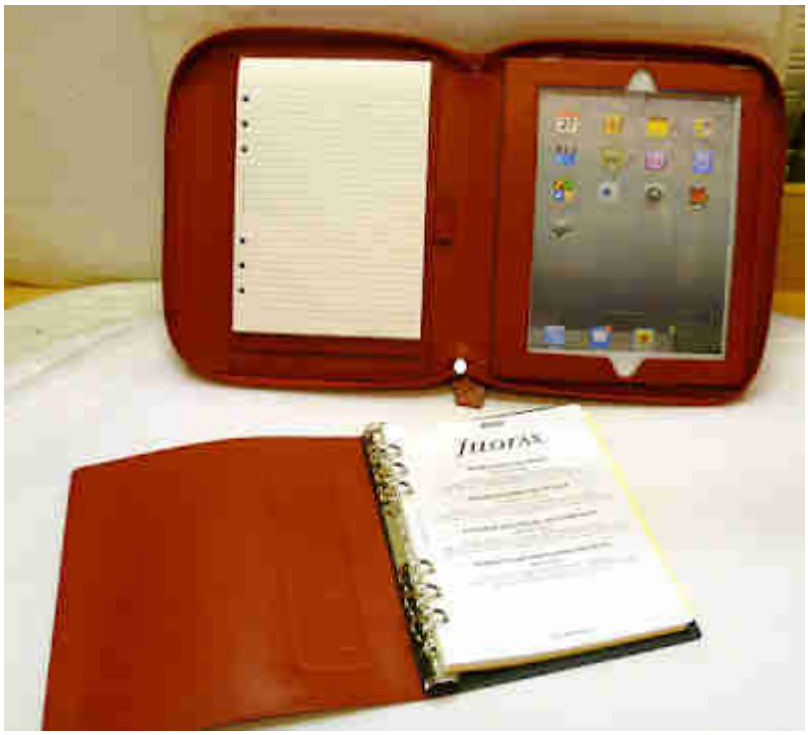
Heather from Heather Holistics (2012-07-03 05:47:57)
I'm sorry but I'm not going to be able to make this one. Hopefully the August one I will though. Missing my Filofax Skype chats

New iFilofax Products (2012-07-02 00:00) - Steve Morton

Once again I got the mystery phone call...

> 'Meet me at the coffee shop at 10:00... make sure you haven't been followed'

So I turned up on this hot sunny morning, I ordered a coffee and an iced water and as if from no where a man in a cream suit appeared in a panama hat and dark glasses. He slid a plain white envelope out of his inside pocket and passed it to me discretely under the table.
Having met this man before I was careful not to open the envelope in public, I waited until later. We sat and enjoyed our coffee. We made small talk, but his rich accent made it difficult to make deep meaningful conversation.
Then just as he was about to leave and disappear in to the back streets he then mentioned a name....Samuel Fedida... the name didn't mean anything to me.. but he said "He has been recruited by 'The Center' " I looked him up later on Wikipedia, but still it didn't make a lot of sense... I will have to wait for another call I suspect.....
Along with the photographs you see below were some brief notes... I guess we will get our spies to stay alert for when any of these new products will be appearing for sale.
This is the A5 Pennybridge with iPad.

[1] 

A5 Malden Zip in Purple, also available in Ochre.

[2]

Filofax Malden A5 Zip iPad organiser, note the hole for the 'hidden' spy camera... in the back cover!

[3]

[4]

The organiser part is removable from the main case and it slides in to a pocket in the left hand side. The ring size is ~~about 25 mm~~, 20mm ~~the same as~~ smaller than most A5's. No pockets on the organiser folder, the interior has effectively been moved to the inside of the case instead.

[5]

And with the organiser being stored inside the left hand side. Note that the interior is a textile material not all leather, I guess to reduce the cost and weight a little. An elastic pen loop is also visible.

[6]

The front of the A5 Zip Malden, it is going to be quite a bit bigger than a normal A5, basically to be able to fit the iPad inside it. Think of it as being slightly smaller than a normal A4 organiser I would guess... weight wise with the iPad it will be quite a heavy item.

[7]

And there is a Flex iPad case as well.

[8]

This one is synthetic leather not real leather.

[9]

It does all the usual folding tricks of most iPad cases.

[10]

And ~~real~~ leather look Flex covers are coming out too.

[11]

[12]

This post will self destruct in 15 days time Mr Philofaxy.... got to find out who Samuel Fedida is and what this connection is to Filofax...

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-QOIjJhjgbUc/T-wuCwlxQiI/AAAAAAAAL58/YV6mAnLqEac/s1600/P1010232.jpg
2. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-ZDYbkuGPFfc/T-wuBxhARJI/AAAAAAAAL50/Fy4y5WCfPDE/s1600/P1010226.jpg
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12. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-4XBOMRJjGXw/T-wuKj4dhNI/AAAAAAAAL7A/U5Tu8Ku3CT0/s1600/P1010244.jpg

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Lime Tree (2012-07-02 00:21:34)
That Samuel Fedida comment was perfect! It cracked me up! I also read it somewhere (I think it was Twitter or someone's blog?) and had no idea who he is and why he was been mentioned!
I also got intrigued by his name as "fedida" means "stinky woman/girl" in Portuguese. haha.
Very interesting that new Malden. Good thing I don't have an iPad; no lame excuses to buy another Filofax that I don't really need :)

Femke (2012-07-02 02:51:42)
Oh.My.Goodness.
I want that purple Malden now!!!

Tim (2012-07-02 03:30:13)
... based on the photo, shouldn't that be "Real leather-LOOK Flex covers are coming"? (ie:more plastic!)
Based on what we know already, there will be "lizard print" leather Flex covers (see Pens & Leather website)coming out later this month and that the leather-look (ie: plastic) cover in your photo will replace the current "First Edition" vinyl. But wasn't there talk of a Malden-style leather Flex too?
And just what colour is the paper in that jot pad supposed to be - certainly not cotton cream?!!

Doris (2012-07-02 03:50:07)
The design of the organizer is interesting - once tablets are obsolete, the binder can still be used. And that binder looks like a marriage between Flex and Filo.

Steve Morton (2012-07-02 04:16:00)
Yep looks more leather look than real leather... notes amended...

Hannah J (2012-07-02 05:11:45)
So pretty - first I need my iPad!!! Hopefully I will have it by Christmas but at the rate I'm going it could be my birthday next year!

HM (2012-07-02 05:30:07)
As usual, great post! So glad you have this spy...
I love this development in the line. I like that the binders are getting even more flexible by getting mixed with Flex, much like the Temperleys. I might have to buy an iPad now :)

Alison (2012-07-02 05:32:47)
I've been after a new ipad case, maybe I should wait!!

MsPencil (2012-07-02 07:02:57)
Enjoyed Reading! Gorgeous Filofaxes with Ipad case! Have a Great Week Everyone!

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-02 07:44:33)
Steve, I love your imaginative writing. Whereas the Filofax/iPad combo looks nice, it lacks practicality. I would not want to remove my personal organizer contents just to read an eBook or surf the web. If I were to own one of these hybrids, I would end up removing my iPad from the Filofax each time I wanted to use it and that would defeat the purpose of the hybrid. Also, knowing how we all stuff our personal organizers, I would have a major concern about the pressure this would place upon the iPad screen. My last concern is longevity. A Filofax from the 80s is still a classic and useable. With the ever changing technology, we do not know if we will be using iPads in ten years or if the iPad size will change. Look at the difference in size and function between the iPad1 and the iPad2. I would not want my Filofax to become obsolete just because Apple decided to change the iPad dimensions or add features that require an opening in the cover. I think zfilofax would have better spent

their time and development efforts in releasing a beautiful Adelphi with 30mm rings...my idea of the ultimate zfilofax.

Steve Morton (2012-07-02 08:10:03)
Totally agree with you, although I suspect if the iPad did change in size people would just buy another case and keep their existing iPad in this case... may be...
I have a leather case for my iPad already
Steve

René Sartoi (2012-07-02 10:16:09)
Tous les goûts sont dans la nature. Bravo Steve!

Josh (2012-07-02 12:27:02)
Would be handy if they made a triptych style, where the third flap held the tablet device, so you could have the two faces of paper with the tablet off to the right or left. You could then consult the tablet while working with your planner pages.
In this current configuration I just cannot see the practicality, aside from having your binder/contents housed together with your tablet.

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-02 12:29:18)
I think these look really nice, makes me wish I had an iPad!
Tracy

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-02 12:30:21)
PS: Scoping out new Filofaxes seems full of intrigue and danger :)
Tracy

Unknown (2012-07-02 12:38:23)
It looks as if it is effectively triptych style if the organiser slots into the left-hand side of the left-hand side (as it were), which is what seems to be the case from the photos (esp. given where the pen loop is!)
If that's the case, there's no need to remove the organiser to read the iPad as the iPad is visible with the organiser closed or open, the organiser sits to the left and then opens to the further left, with pages to the far left and middle, and the iPad visible on the right.
Can I just add a yay for apparently small rings (on the Pennybridge, less apparently small on the Malden)! If they are small, that might persuade me to buy this thing. I find all but the slimline binders unusable because of the hulking great rings; I can barely write on the left-hand pages (unfortunately the slimline binder/paper size is too small for my use - A5 would be perfect).

Jotje (2012-07-02 13:42:28)
I thought the rings were supposed to be 20 mm, and now I read they are 25 mm? Pity. Also, I don't suspect one could by ONLY that small Malden A5 organiser. It looks so pretty and slim. Though I'm afraid I would miss the pockets and clasp to use it continuously...
I wonder if Filofax will march along when Apple releases it's 7 inch-tablet ... ?

Anita (2012-07-02 14:02:03)
I love your narrative, Steve :)
I don't own an iPad, but could definitely see the advantage of these hybrids. Wonder how heavy they would be fully loaded!

SSA (2012-07-02 15:11:43)
I think you are right Joseph... plus it would seem useful to have the ipad case part be removeable, so then for example i could take out the ipad on the train, use it (without a large binder that doesnt fold back on itself bothering my neighbour) and then return the ipad to the filofax after. I would also be worried about the pressure on the screen plus scratches from cards in the card slots etc.

Nellie (2012-07-02 15:24:19)
I like the idea, but I too would be very worried about the iPad screen. Oh for avreal leather flex!

Joey Quinton (2012-07-02 23:56:37)
A final consideration I have concerning the hybrid is the size. I am a proud A5 owner, but I know. I am in the minority. After having read Philofaxy for some time, I can surmise that most of our community carries a Personal or a Pocket, and this trend is probably reflective of the Filofax community as a whole. Will Personal users abandon their Personals for an A5....probably not. I do think even I would not carry this A5 with its added weight from the extra leather and the tablet. I think it would benefit Filofax Corporate to have our community have input in design and field test new products for intelligent and beneficial feedback.

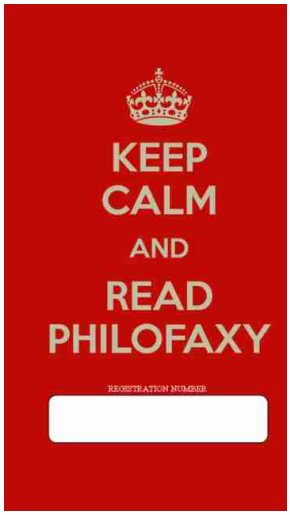
Millie (2012-07-03 06:26:51)
Ooo, I like the look of the Malden and Flex cases. I will definitely browse when they come out!

robynlouise (2012-07-03 23:43:35)
I love that you're already planning for the downfall of technology, Doris! :)

Charlotte Hartwell (2012-07-04 20:57:38)
Wow! This is perfect for me! I've been looking for a new iPad case and I've been thinking about getting an A5 Filofax!

Steve Morton (2012-07-05 17:45:27)
The ring size has been confirmed as being 20mm on the A5 Malden...

Free For All Tuesday No. 74 (2012-07-03 00:00) - Steve Morton



[1]

You never can tell what sort of questions we will get on Tuesday's. But it is your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away... and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

1. `http://philofaxy.com/files/KeepCalmPersonalWin.png`

Preethi (2012-07-03 02:07:57)
Question for all those one Filo for life people -How do you manage your set-up? Would love to get a glimpse.....

Louise Oakden (2012-07-03 03:12:36)
I'm curious to know how many people out there actually have 2 filo's - an A5 and another.

It seems to me to be coming more frequent.
My personal set up at the moment is A5 and Pocket

David Popely (2012-07-03 03:27:45)
I'm firmly in this camp, and there's a complete post on my set-up (December 2011 I think) with photos. I know many many others have also posted about their set-ups, almost on a weekly basis I would guess. I would suggest taking a look through the archives.....

David Popely (2012-07-03 03:28:37)
I've got an A5 and a Personal, but I never use the A5 now, so I guess that doesn't count.....:)

baggirl (2012-07-03 04:16:30)
Hi there, I wonder if there are any lovely US-based Philofaxy enablers out there who would be able to receive a mini Filofax parcel for me and then post it on to the UK? I have found a much wanted filo online to buy, but they will only ship to a US address. I will of course pay everything! Let me know and I'll give you my email address for more details. Thank you so much ("My name is Ros and I am an addict")

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-03 05:16:26)
Hi Preethi! I have just made a call for guest posts about this for my 'One True Filofax' series on my blog! So if anyone would like to do a guest post on my blog about their 'one life, one filo' planner, please look at my blog and leave a comment and I will get back to you! Thanks!
http://thelifeoftheperpetualstudent.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/otf-call- for-guest-posts-on-one-life.html

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-03 05:32:32)
I have a Cuban Zip A5 which sits on my desk and a carry my Cuban Personal with me. I use both but the personal stays in bag until the following morning and until then I use the A5 Desk. In the morning I sync the two ready for a new day.

JasJan (2012-07-03 05:33:10)
I have an A5 for everything really and a pocket as a wallet with notepaper and a week on two pages. It does mean duplicating my diary but I can't carry my A5 and I just can't seem to manage to do a one filo in a personal - no idea why as I really don't have that much going on!!!

curiositykilledacat (2012-07-03 06:24:58)
I have an A5 & a pocket. The A5 for monthly overviews and projects, the pocket is a wallet/purse; with basically everything I do in a day in, food, entertainment, exercise etc.

Circus Life (2012-07-03 06:43:59)
Are there any Philofaxers in the southeast U S that would like toplan a meet-up?

Kelly Marriott (2012-07-03 08:10:13)
I will be happy to do it for you Ros! Email me and we can work it out. (kelly.marriott7@gmail.com.)

Kelly Marriott (2012-07-03 08:11:15)
I'm in Atlanta. I would love a meetup!

Kelly Marriott (2012-07-03 08:11:41)
I will be happy to do it for you Ros! Email me and we can work it out. (kelly.marriott7@gmail.com.)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 08:20:06)
I had one inspiration recently that I thought I'd share - instead of meticulously labelling dividers, eg Money, Diary, To Do, etc, why not go by colour themes?

When I thought of this for me, it went:
Green - all things financial, including purchases planned ahead;
Blue - plans, goals, also quotes, poety etc (I guess because it's sky-colour?)
Red - diary, to do lists, etc... the colour of "Urgent"
And I guess gold or pink or something if you have a lot of family/spouse related stuff in there as well...
Just a thought, I'm not sure I'm ready for it yet but it might make life easier for those of us who obsess unproductively about the perfect titles for our dividers!

Kelly Marriott (2012-07-03 08:23:19)
I'm an A5 and pocket user as well, although I'm considering switching a pocket for a compact. The A5 is the mothership/do everything filo. I use the pocket as a wallet. I keep info in there that I'm likely to need while out: kids' clothing sizes, books to buy, emergency contacts, etc. Also have a monthly calendar.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 08:29:40)
Well... after thinking just on Friday my set-up was good to go for an indefinite period, I had a brainstorm over the weekend, due to changes in my working life & finally starting some new studies, and moved my:
work contents (Finsbury personal) to merge with my
handbag contents (Logic zip personal)
and then copied essentials only from my:
home/personal binder (Kendal A5)
and put those in the Logic zip as well.
Leaving me with:
Finsbury personal, navy blue, smart & gorgeous, in my handbag with pared down inserts & month-to-view diary, ready to take notes & provide maps & info on the go, also to carry selected work pages only as needed;
A5 stripped and ready with lined paper for the class notes;
good old Logic zip doing double duty as work (ie home office) and personal Fax, with a week to view diary and DIY printed dividers.
The advantage is that I've cut about 10 - 20 minutes a week copying stuff from personal sized pages in my work & bag Faxes into the A5, where there was a big crossover from work to personal life, and now I'm back to having all my daily "action" stuff in the same size.
I realised as well, I missed the neatness of having a personal size open on my desk, and that Logic zip binder lies flat now, I think it's at least 8 years old and while it doesn't scream "luxury" (it's microfibre & plastic) it gets the job done and has 2 pen loops.
I'm not quite "one life, one Filofax" yet because I still have a seperate personal for my household renovation project, but I'm a lot closer than I was!
It's the last thing I was expecting to do, but it feels really good...

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 08:48:25)
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Doris (2012-07-03 08:49:04)
Hi Louise! I use 2 now as well – a Personal as an everything-in filo, and a Pocket or Slimline as a wallet/purse. Since I realized a filo works as a wallet, I have not (yet) looked back. It used to be just a Pocket for everything until I returned to a Personal size.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 08:49:27)
PS The "obsess unproductively" bit there refers to my recent changeover, below, and the rather more than healthy amount of time spent wondering if "To Do" should, or should not, be classed under the "Diary" tab...
(I decided on a tentative yes, pending future inspirations! Then made plastic DIY page markers to open sub-sections, in colours matching the print colours on the main divider..)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 08:55:27)
I'm unexpectedly leaning towards OTF now, so shall look forward to reading people's guest posts, and going truffling round the archives here of course...
My only issue is, I don't want my OTF to leave the house, because it has details of personal stuff in (including health-related) that I don't wish to risk losing in a taxi, or leaving behind in a meeting - how do other people handle this?
It's the issue that first drove me to 2 seperate Faxes, and I'm not sure I've totally resolved it yet.

Dave Parente (2012-07-03 09:18:16)
I have an A5 and a personal. I use the personal as a index for my files.

Dave Parente (2012-07-03 09:19:51)
I am also in Atlanta and would meetup.

Lavender (2012-07-03 09:44:04)
Hello all,
Perhaps you could help me out; I have an A5 red Classic Filofax bought a few years ago. I wanted it back in function but suddenly I discovered that after a few days in use, the front leather / paint broke and got loose.
It's hard to explain, a picture I could send you.
Anybody know if there is guarantee with Filofax?
The nivea treatment didn't help.....
thanks for your effort,
Lavender
(lavenderboon @ (h o t ma i l.com)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 09:57:50)
Could you maybe upload the picture to [1]http://imageshack.us/ and then post the link here - it's free and might mean more people get to see it?
I don't know about a guarantee, after a couple of years, but someone might be able to suggest ways of mending it if we can see the damage. If your camera doesn't pick up the details, a flatbed scanner might - just be careful not to scratch the scanner glass.

1. `http://imageshack.us/`

crofter (2012-07-03 10:01:56)
I use a pocket slimline for just appointments and a few notes. I, like you, don't want to take the chance of parting with my Winchester.

Lavender (2012-07-03 10:13:32)
Hi Shanti,
In the meanwhile I have loaded pictures on my (Dutch) blog.
http://maisonartisinale.blogspot.nl/
Perhaps now you can see the pictures?
Greetz, Lavender

David Popely (2012-07-03 10:55:10)
Hi Shanti
I really can't imagine how you could do the OTF thing without taking it out of the house.....I certainly couldn't, especially with the GTD aspect to that.
Maybe leave the confidential stuff at home in a separate place? Not the best solution, but out of the two alternatives, probably the better.....

EmmaNoey (2012-07-03 11:46:25)
There's a real satisfaction in getting a new setup that works well. It's the creative urge, I think. Congrats! Regarding your note on tabs, I've got the FF dividers that you can type on the colored label and then slide it into the tab, so it gives me color and an easy way to change tabs names.

lydhold (2012-07-03 11:57:48)
Slightly non-filofax (sorry!) but after my comment a week or so ago about loving my sale Smythson organiser, I had to pass on the bargain, they've just reduced their Duke in red (A5 and fits film inserts) to £105 (from £340 I think) and there is a red personal size (Bond St) and another smaller one on there in their sale too. Gutted as I bought my Dukes/A5 for more than that!!
On a more filo note - does anyone know where I can get some A5 dividers which have the tabs where you can insert tabs/change them, I have some in cotton cream for my personal and want some for my A5.

lydhold (2012-07-03 11:58:41)
Sorry - damn autocorrect, 'filo', not 'film'!!

Vanjilla (2012-07-03 12:04:41)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Vanjilla (2012-07-03 12:06:02)
Hi Lavender,
i thought you might be interested - this theme also came on on FFAF on June 8th towards the end of the day:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/06/free-for-all-friday-no-186.htm l
I remember Steve saying about peeling off the film..?? I don't know as I don't have a Classic, but please let know if you find the solution!

HM (2012-07-03 12:07:03)
Same as JasJan, A5 at home and Pocket as a wallet! I actually just blogged about the 2 set-ups!

baggirl (2012-07-03 12:28:59)
Thank you!! I will try and contact you directly.

Gail (2012-07-03 13:28:43)
HIya Shanti
I have a personal sized Classic in brown, I got it about a year ago and the condition of it now is just awful. Creases along both sides of the spine, you can see it here.
http://www.flickr.com/photos/gailwh/7495587350/in/photostream
I looked after this so well too as it was expensive, but nothing I did, prevented this from happening.
Not worth the money I spent at all, now it just sits redundant on my Filofax shelf looking very sorry for itself.

Tim (2012-07-03 13:55:51)
For the past 12 months I've been using an A5 Flex with a 13mm ring fitted inside. I've then got a Flex Slim which I use as a wallet.
I've just completed writing a post on my slightly unusual set-up. Hopefully it'll feature here in a couple of weeks time!

Gail (2012-07-03 14:21:26)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Gail (2012-07-03 14:22:55)
Just talking about ideal Filofax Organisers on my blog, so wondered what would be your Perfect style Filofax, or if you could design your very own, would would it be like.
I would have the A5 Malden Ochre leather with the Holborn layout...lots of deep pockets. It would have 35-40mm rings and the clasp would have 2-3 press studs on it so I can stuff it full and not worry about the clasp not

fastening. Where the credit card slots are, would be a clear plastic slot so I can put a photo in there.

ican (2012-07-03 14:27:06)
@David - I'm a fairly new filofax user but know myself well enough to know that One filo is all I can handle at the moment and would love to read about your setup (as you referenced above), but your blog is not available (blocked?) when I click on your link.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 14:33:25)
Oiled leather, navy blue, 30mm rings in the personal size, 2 credit card slots in left/front cover, plus 2 long vertical slots & space with clear plastic for a photo, space for notepad in the back/right cover, 2 penloops with elasticated section hidden to the inside, so they can expand, like the Kendal...
Solid brass mech & chunky brass zip, small square brass plate on the lower right front cover externally with "Filofax UK" on. If it over-wrapped the rings like the Temperley, or lay flat straight out of the box, that would also be good...
... Nope, not overthought that *at all!!!* lol!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 14:39:34)
Gosh how annoyed you must be, not sure I have an answer as I've never owned a Classic, but I can only repost (for this + post below) what Steve posted [1]here:
"Nikki, if you still have it, peel all the film off, it should be leather underneath. They put a plastic film on some of these to protect the leather, crazy I know!"
(Click that link then search inside the page for "film" or just scroll about halfway down.)
I have no idea if this will fix it for you, just bumping an old post I for one had totally forhotten about!

1. `http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2012/06/free-for-all-friday-no-186.html`

Yu (2012-07-03 14:39:43)
Whee! I'm going to Wales (Llangollen) and then London this week and the next! (and London a second time at the end of the month) Are there any Philofaxers anywhere around those places? If so - wanna meet for a mini meet-up? :)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 14:44:57)
Oh and PS it comes with that sexy London skyline marker, but *sans*Olympic/2012 branding, and also with a Paris Metro, and NYC streetmap, as standard... Markers with their iconic skylines should probably be included - wouldn't say no!
(Next in this series of Shanana-Banana Posts: why unicorns make a great *and surprisingly practical!* commuting vehicle; and, how to win a solid gold pair of Manolo Blahniks every time you buy some socks...)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 14:54:42)
Question:
Am I the only grown-up (coz Esme was awesome!) who occasionally buys that weekly Dr Who magazine, the one that's really expensive - just because they include free stationery sometimes? ^ _^
I have a lenticular notebook that's a smidge larger than A5, with the Tardis on, which I'm waiting to re-punch and use in some absolutely amazing way, and meanwhile a mini-ruler with various aliens that actually travels in my handbag Fax and... well a pencil, but it didn't make it to my Faxes because I use mechanical pencils!
I also sneaked a pic of Matt Smith into my Fax, the old ball & chain wasn't crazy about it, but I did point out that my "Social" tabbed-divider MIGHT include Dr Who cons at some point - and anyway, he's a bloomin' alien himself!!

Alison (2012-07-03 14:57:35)
I'm just re-posting here as I posted quite late on Friday's Free For All due to a busy weekend, i'm arranging a North West meet up in Manchester if anybody is interested, hoping for a Saturday in September some time, i've never been to a meet up let alone organised one so you'll have to bear with me lol. if your interested you can contact me via my blog, there's a post on there about the meet up or you can email me alisoncarroll5 (at) btinternet (dot) com :)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 15:02:43)
@David, thanks! Yes, it might well come to that, basically I do freelance work and a lot of it is home office meaning the majority of what I do outside my home is planned, and for now, I can get away with taking relevant sheets with me... (ie not perfect but acceptable solution...?)
Anyway moving back to personal as "my Filofax" size across the board has actually solved a lot of problems, A5 did the biz as my home/base/personal Fax for 4 years, but I think I'm done with format wars... I'm old enough to remember betamax vs. VHS, enough already! lol!!

Sandra (2012-07-03 15:07:20)
My dh has asked me to buy him a personal size Filofax. I am still in shock as he rejected the pocket Fins I bought him last summer. Anyway, many have recommended the Kendal as an appropriate Filo. Any other suggestions are most welcome. Please! Thanks.

David Popely (2012-07-03 15:22:10)
Hi Ican
Sorry about the link problem - we've moved formats within my business website and I suspect the time management side hasn't survived pro tem! I'll try to get it sorted....drop me an email via davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com, and let's keep in touch. There wasn't a lot on the site re my own setup, but I've just completed an update of that Philofaxy post for another blog as a guest poster, and I'll be happy to pass on the info when I know when it's going to be published. Meanwhile, I run a small Yahoo group dedicated to time and life management, and I'm always happy to ramble on about any related matters!
As for only being able to handle one organiser, I'e never seen any need to divide my 'stuff' since I bought the idea of one life, one organiser in the early 1980s. that tactic never works for me....

David Popely (2012-07-03 15:26:38)
@Shanti
VHS vs Betamax...I think that's a bit like Filofax vs PDAs/smartphones, yes? Only in this case the 'old' is very much more functional than the 'new', for most things....

Gail (2012-07-03 15:28:53)
Does anyone know how many Filofax Note pages an A5 Filofax can hold?

David Popely (2012-07-03 15:30:27)
hi Yu, Llangollen's about three hours from us, but I'm in London Tuesday 10th, free in the afternoon.....any use? davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com .....

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 15:30:34)
I worship at the altar of the Kendal myself, but my proposal is to make the divisions (of whatever you buy) less pernickety if he's new to Filofaxes, so depending on his work needs, just have "Info" "Action" and "Ideas" tabs? Subdivide with page markers you cut from acetate sheets?
Add in "Money" or one other thing he needs, because if you're already looking at Kendals, then you're looking at second-hand/re-seller, not complete out of the box: maybe a gift with laminated tabs you made for his needs, might make him really get into this?
Finally, they're old news but Filofax Pak & Logic are 2 tough nylon zipped binders you sometimes get on e-Bay, which should be suitable where a Kendal isn't.

Steve Morton (2012-07-03 15:31:52)
What size rings, 20, 25 or 30 mm?
Steve

David Popely (2012-07-03 15:33:06)
Hi Sandra

Malden in Ochre works really well for me.....

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 15:36:52)
@David lol yes, recently had the very amusing {insert evil grin } experience of some chap on the underground asking for directions, all the smartphones didn't work, my map (in my handbag Filofax, of course!) did, and I was able to write him directions from Leicester Square tube, all without needing "wi-fi" or similar...
Pen and paper will always win over anything with fragile links to external databses, or internal need for power before booting or performing...

David Popely (2012-07-03 15:41:35)
Shanti, in that case you might enjoy this:-
http://weknowmemes.com/2012/06/why-not-try-a-book/
Not quite on-topic, but pretty much there..... :)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 15:44:12)
Can I risk being annoying and say, there is a difference between "can hold" and "can allow to lie flat to the right, on opening" which means your 'Fax contents aren't jumping up at you every time you open it?
And also ask, what about dividers, page markers, card-holder inserts, etc?
Perhaps a more accurate question from me would be, what kind of content and sections would you like to fit into your Filofax?

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-03 15:55:07)
@David: Oh yeah!!
Back on topic - I guess the question is, what in your life needs organising?
Work from need, as in *"I never seem to know when my next exam/dental appointment/troll attack is due!"* and then add sections as you require them?
I have a "Finances" section - other people like "Books Read" or "Children" or "Slaying Vampires" or things like that.
Basically, whatever fits your needs for organisation, and which you'd be happiest if it was all in one place you can see daily...

Gail (2012-07-03 16:00:52)
The ring size would be 25mm or 30mm, I have two Filo's in mind and both have different ring sizes.
Also it would totally be Filofax Note paper only, no dividers at all. I don't mind some paper "jumping out" when the rings open, but to be honest, once these papers are in, the rings won't need opening....I hope! lol

Gail (2012-07-03 16:05:17)
P.S. I've just tried putting 3 full pads of Filofax paper in the 25mm ring one, they sit comfortably and that's with the card backing on each of them. I need 365 sides, so ideally 183 sheetswith one backing for support! Hmm...it's looking tough!

industrious housewife (2012-07-03 16:23:49)
From what's currently available on filofax.xo.uk I'd suggest the Holborn. It spans rugged–>sophisticated and is very practical.

curiositykilledacat (2012-07-03 17:19:33)
Does any one else use a Filofax as a wallet/purse ?
If so what size and what does it contain ?

David Popely (2012-07-03 17:21:34)
My Personal Malden is in effect a wallet, since it contains everything I take out with me each day. The zip compartment can contain coins, arguably the only thing I don't normally carry in it.
Plastic cards in the four pockets inside the front cover, with the remainder in card holders on the rings at the back.

For full details of my set-up, you can refer to my Dec 2011 post :)

curiositykilledacat (2012-07-03 17:29:12)
I can't seem to access your blog,
could you send me a link please
puppy dog eyes* :)

Steve Morton (2012-07-03 17:31:09)
I think David means this guest post:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2011/12/my-gtd-set-up-david-popely-g uest-post.html

David Popely (2012-07-03 17:31:39)
My own time management website is currently 'down', but you can find the post to which I referred here:-
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/12/my-gtd-set-up-david-popely-gue st-post.html
Hope this helps. Given the number of people asking me about 'my blog', I suppose I really should start one centred on my time management stuff! :)
Watch this space.....
David

Steve Morton (2012-07-03 17:32:48)
Snap..... and yes you should David ;-)

industrious housewife (2012-07-03 17:48:36)
I'm currently using the compact Pennybridge, which has a proper purse section, but I'm waiting on a Ranger which I won on ebay and will be using as both my main diary filo and purse.
I found I wasn't really using the small amount of info I kept in the Pennybridge, but would have liked to have my full diary and projects with me. Looking forward to tweaking my system ever more. :-D

David Popely (2012-07-03 17:50:00)
OK, you can find an introductory post at
http://davepopely.wordpress.com/2012/07/03/time-management-and-all-t hat/
I plan for there to be more, so if anyone wants to subscribe, feel free...this is just the start :)

Tim (2012-07-03 17:50:05)
I used a Time Manager compact as a wallet for many years. My wallet is now a Flex Slim waiting for leather version to come out.

David Popely (2012-07-03 17:51:52)
hi Tim
The TM wallet makes a *great* 'carry-around' tool, in David Allen parlance. It's the one thing which really tempts me to go back to the TM binder (which still looks great after 20 years and knocks spots off both of my FF).....

Anthony Hill (2012-07-03 17:53:12)
Hi Alison,
Yes count me in for the North West Meet Up in September. Hope you received my last email (Yesterday). Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Tim (2012-07-03 17:53:26)
I used a Time Manager compact as a wallet for many years. My wallet is now a Flex Slim waiting for leather version to come out.

David Popely (2012-07-03 17:53:29)
Steve - 'tis done :) Basically it's combined with all my other interests, but I think the time management 'strand' will be pretty strong.
Now that the sub-domain at dpassociates.net is no more, this seems like an ideal way to get this stuff 'out there'

Steve Morton (2012-07-03 18:01:51)
And Mr Gromit is on the case as well... looking out for suitable posts to include in webfinds... !

DEM (2012-07-03 18:12:24)
I have to agree with industrious housewife, the Holborn is a fantastic organizer. Were I ever to be lucky enough to have my dh ask me to buy one for him, I would go for the Holborn in black.
Pls keep us posted on what you decide. Lucky duck!

Tim (2012-07-03 18:16:46)
Hi Dave - you spent a lot of time describing your set-up a few months ago. Watch out for a post from me coming soon! It's my attempt at trying to find a decent portable organiser system including a suitable wallet! Tim

David Popely (2012-07-03 18:17:43)
Steve, I've done a post for The Perpetual Student which is basically an update on my December 2011 post for Philofaxy, and which is coming out tomorrow (afternoon, I believe). I'm also planning on scheduling it up for my own blog on Thursday or Friday, which might (from my point of view) be the better version to pick up - if you want to pick it up at all.....

David Popely (2012-07-03 18:19:48)
Hi Tim
I'll certainly be looking out for that.....is it going to be on here, or on your own blog, and if the latter, maybe you could send me the link?
I guess you're not using your old TM compact any more? What a shame....I was actually thinking of the pull-out section of the full TM system, the one with the fold-in punched leather holes which carries the diary,contact book and notebook - brilliant!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-03 19:28:46)
I am also interested!! The 2nd half of september would be better for me! Yayyy!!

Circus Life (2012-07-03 19:44:13)
I am a little west of Huntsville Al.

Sandra (2012-07-03 20:58:53)
Thank you! Will look at each and might even let him decide. Might. ;)

DEM (2012-07-03 21:42:19)
I use 2. An A5 that is strictly for work (note taking and filing only) and a Personal that holds my calendar with both personal and work appts as well as all other personal stuff.

robynlouise (2012-07-03 23:30:03)
I did this, because I couldn't decide what to name mine either, and I knew if I made labels I would either want to change the word on the label or the font. I have covered my dividers in cute gift wrapping paper, and there's one with cakes and party hats for my yearly calendar (because it's mostly got birthdays and anniversaries written on it), there's one with a cartoon girl wearing trendy clothes and talking on a mobile phone for my shopping section, etc. I recently added one with fireworks for my weekly calendar, cos "baby you're a firework, come on let your colours burst..." a-la Katy Perry, lol.

robynlouise (2012-07-03 23:40:33)
I use a pocket Finsbury, which is great for a wallet because it has the billfold at the back, so you don't have to be cramming your cash in some other space that's not designed for it.
I carry my 3 most used cards inside the front cover, and other cards (like store loyalty cards, membership cards, etc.) are in 4 plastic top opening pockets on the rings. Also on the rings is an info card (I make my own), notepaper (I also make my own), a month per page calendar (made my own but I don't like it much - next year's will be better), a couple of dividers, and some FF notepaper at the back where I keep notes about what gifts to get for people.
The best part about the whole thing is that I pre-punch my homemade notepaper and leave a stack on the fridge at home for the shopping list, then when it's time to go shopping the list goes straight on the rings and I never lose it.

Jotje (2012-07-04 05:17:44)
For a description of how I use my Pocket Chameleon as a wallet, see:
http://www.notanotherfilofaxblog.blogspot.nl/2012/05/my-pocket-filof ax-wallet.html
It also links to my video.

Tim (2012-07-04 05:18:17)
You're thinking of the Time Manager Planner Wallet, David. I still own 3 or 4 of those! Although it doesn't have the leather holes (and isn't actually leather), the Flex by Filofax is a direct copy of these wallets in just about every other respect - even down to having a redundant cheque book holder slot on the bottom right. I use mine as a wallet in the same way and will cover this when my post comes up here on Philofaxy - hopefully next Wednesday.
I do have a blog but I don't do Filofax on it - only life in the Yorkshire Dales! http://holidaycottagesyorkshire.blogspot.co.uk

Angel Jem (2012-07-04 09:11:10)
I loved when my sons were young enough to accept the Dr Who mag as a treat..... They were never into stationery so I have an adipose ruler just perfect for my personal!

Angel Jem (2012-07-04 09:13:21)
Ooh yes! Let me know details and I'd be happy to come.

Angel Jem (2012-07-04 09:22:18)
For the summer I have downsized to a one life one filofax approach. I have a personal crimson Malden with everything in it. My cards go in the front slots with extras in credit card inserts later on while notes and coins just about fit in a zip pocket behind my flyleaf. It's been a week so far and so far so good. I'm back in my smaller bag again!

Debi (2012-07-04 09:57:48)
Four hours from Atlanta in AL.

D (2012-07-04 11:47:07)
i'm in Atlanta.

Cindy (2012-07-04 19:01:24)
I use a 2 Filofax system. My A5 Aqua Chameleon is my workweek planner. I use it Monday-Friday for both work and personal purposes. I need a lot of room to write for my work, so the A5 is perfect. My weekend planner is a Pocket Sunflower Piazza. I keep Sat/Sun plans and appointments, as well as shopping lists and tasks/home projects. Separating workweek from weekend helps me avoid overbooking or duplicating, and when I'm running around doing errands on the weekend, the pocket is so much more travel friendly. (I have other Filofaxes, but they all have different uses and they stay at home.)

J (2012-07-05 17:05:21)
Ok, I have no answer, but now I'm curious... 365 sides, I'm guessing this is for some sort of daily journal project?

Holiday Essentials Mood Boards (2012-07-04 00:00) - Steve Morton

My entries are in and here they are.
We have been set the task of creating three mood boards, something I've never done before. Each mood board had to reflect the particular Filofax personal organiser and the suggested location.
So I will start with the Swift in Sage which was perfect for a country side jaunt or a visit to a country house or chateau. Great for taking notes and recording details of your trip and page reference reminders from your guide book.
The Swift is a rather understated appearance, not too flashy, it will not attract too much attention when you are carrying it or making notes in it. The textile exterior will blend nicely with your surroundings.

[1]

The Metropol in Kingfisher Blue is ideal for a holiday by the beach.
Ideal for journalling about your holiday, those lazy days by the beach, listening to music or reading that book you bought in the departure lounge. The Kingfisher Blue of course complementing your beach towel just perfectly.
The Metropol has quite a tough exterior so it's not going to be bothered by the odd bit of light rain or salt spray, just wipe it clean and it will be like new again.

[2]

The Domino in violet is the best choice for a city break.
It needs to match your outfits, slot in to your bag and carry your travel details, hotel arrangements, be a reminder for those recommended restaurants that friends have passed on to you for your first visit to Berlin.
The Domino is a great value for money Filofax personal organiser, whilst it might not be tough on the outside it certainly stylish and up to the mark on the choice of colours, whilst the interior is soft suede type finish.

[3]

I quite enjoyed the challenge of doing the mood boards, not only the photography but joining the photos together afterwards and also thinking up what should go with what.
My entry will soon be on the [4]Filofax Facebook page, take a look at all the entries next time you log in to Facebook
Watch out for the announcement about how you can win one of these three organisers in our giveaway competitions starting on Monday 16th July.

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-dBbG5sJxWwg/T-g6uK9XVWI/AAAAAAAAL4U/39nVrCKQvc8/s1600/Swift+copy.jpg
2. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-V-A8k0a6PaQ/T-g6qk-qgAI/AAAAAAAAL4M/9SHkCToCVw0/s1600/Metropol+copy.jpg
3. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-_zFIl3AHxLg/T-g6nWR6-KI/AAAAAAAAL4E/0NxYAYuZQJQ/s1600/Domino+copy.jpg
4. https://www.facebook.com/filofax

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-04 01:46:51)
I love your mood boards, I might do one too. Looks like fun!

Laurie (2012-07-04 03:21:38)
These look great Steve!

Doris (2012-07-04 04:36:59)
I love the Holiday by the Beach mood board, and your description.

Nan (2012-07-04 06:20:24)
Great job, Steve! I just bought an A5 purple Domino, but its mood board would look very different. It's going to be the household book that lives on my kitchen counter. Since it's not leather, I'm hoping it will be easy to wipe clean. And Filofax USA has it on sale right now!

Alison (2012-07-04 07:21:57)
These are great Steve, loving the Beach one in particular, looks like good fun, maybe I should try this some time :)

gdigesu (2012-07-04 08:58:25)
Fashionist Steve rocks! :))

Butanben (2012-07-04 10:39:23)
Steve.... you've got hidden talents!!!

Consiliumque (2012-07-04 13:57:27)
Wauw.. Looks awesome.. I wonder which mood I'm in with my black a5 domino :)

LJ (2012-07-04 17:24:35)
Fabulous mood boards :o)

Romina (2012-07-04 21:58:03)
Oh how fun! Great job Steve :)

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-04 23:24:01)
A most excellent job, Steve! Congratulations!

Imy (2012-07-05 06:47:20)
Looks really good Steve :)
Does this mean your now "fashionable"?

'Real Leather'? (2012-07-05 03:46) - Steve Morton

'It says it is made of leather' to which I would respond... "Yes but there is leather and there is leather"
Confused? Please don't be...
I did some digging around and found the following definitions of the different types of leather that we find used in Filofax personal organisers.

- **Full Grain Leather**: leather which has not been altered beyond hair removal. Full grain leather is the most genuine type of leather, as it retains all of the original texture and markings of the original hide.
- **Corrected Grain**: leather that has been buffed to remove blemishes, then covered with a new, artificial grain created using pigments and other finishes.

- **Split Leather**: leather made from the lower layers of a hide/skin that have been split away from the upper, or grain layers. Split leather is not as robust and full grain leather.
- **Suede**: is created from the flesh (inner) side of a hide, which is buffed to remove the surface and then flattened to create the suede effect. Suede refers to the process rather than the type of leather.
- **Nubuc**: is created using the grain (outer) side, giving it added strength and durability. It is buffed and brushed to create a soft, velvety effect.
- **Aniline Leather**: leather that is coloured with a transparent dye. The effect is applied by immersing the leather in a dye bath. Because the finish is transparent and shows the natural markings of the leather, only the best quality hides can be used.
- **Vegetable Tanned Leather**: utilises tannin and other organic materials such as bark instead of the traditional chemicals
- **Bonded Leather**: a process where off cuts of leather are cut up and mixed with resin and then pressed into a sheet of leather

A lot of these different types of leather are used in a variety of products, not just Filofax personal organisers, so when it comes to care products you have plenty of products to choose from to keep your organiser soft and supple.

Chris Partridge (2012-07-05 06:05:08)
A nice summary, but one picky point...chemical tanning is not 'traditional', it is the vegetable tanning that is the old way of doing it. Chemical tanning came in in the 19th century, but even today the best leathers are made using traditional vegetable dies in places such as Nigeria.

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-05 08:24:41)
I am assuming the Cuban is full grain leather. I use an Allen bible....produced in England...one of the best Bibles in the world...and it has Highland Goat Skin...luxurious! I also carry a leather satchel made by the Saddleback Leather Company....I love leather products!

janet (2012-07-05 08:41:47)
Never seen the spelling Nubuc before - I always thought it was nubuck. Goes to show...
I always think bonded leather is the chicken mcnugget of leather!

Scoot (2012-07-05 08:47:24)
Since seeing this video about making leather wallets, and being concerned about the thickness of leather used…
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8A03e-AhJE
…I obtained a piece of skived leather from a damaged Filofax….the high end Filofax leather had been skived to a thickness of 0.30mm to 0.50 mm. I think this is a reason why modern organisers don't last long.

crofter (2012-07-05 08:48:20)
I too have an Allen Bible with the Highland Goatskin, mine is made in Glasgow, Scotland. If you have one made in England, it is a rare item indeed!

janet (2012-07-05 08:52:47)
Another useful term (for me anyway) is red rot - when vegetable tanned leather starts to degrade and go powdery.

Paul Taylor (2012-07-05 10:47:00)
So what sort of leather are those organisers which are made of 'Italian Leather'? I was looking at an A5 Bridle and an A5 Pimlico this morning on eBay, which are both 'Italian Leather', but other than perhaps ruling out the bonded variety (and probably suede/nubuck) could perhaps be almost any of the others. Any ideas?

(by the way - the Bridle got away but the Pimlico should be in the post to me right about now!)

Tim (2012-07-05 11:46:27)
I agree. Compare the leather on a modern Filofax with a traditional, British made pre-1990 model, I reckon they've halved the thickness of leather used. It feels thicker than it really is because of the backing card used. The difference between a modern Filofax binder and a Time Manager is similarly staggering.
You can see why Filofax are often able to offer big discounts and why modern Filofax binders can look a bit sad after a bit of use!

Butanben (2012-07-05 12:00:54)
My Finsbury says "real leather" on the inside flap, which could mean any of the categories!!! I must say, I prefer a much softer leather, but I am afraid of scratches and not being able to buff them out. A good job the Filofaxes do wear out after a time..... nothing to beat a bit of enabling!!! I am thrilled with my black A5 Finsbury. It certainly takes a lot of day to day use and throwing in and out of bags,and being in black both looks professional and does not stain. The only other comparable love for me would be an A5 purple Malden..... but for now I'm a happy bunny.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-05 12:03:47)
I've always found bonded leather a bit rubbish, when I was younger I had a few belts & watchstraps made from it, they're not as good at handling creases as real (whole, whatever) leather and start to crumble far more easily than plastic/PU products... I'd rather have honest plastic than this stuff in most uses - probably okay for decorative leather picture frames, or something that's just sat there with no pressure or bending etc applied.
This makes it different to chicken nuggets, which some people at least like, and things like mechanically recovered meat, which gets a bad name but is actually an excellent way to stop waste/rotting meat going into landfills! (steps off soapbox)
Anyway that's a well useful guide there, so thanks Steve!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-05 14:25:22)
From filofax.co.uk's Finsbury listing: "Soft leather printed with traditional 'rambling' grain." - sounds like "corrected grain" to me?
But I'm no expert on the topic!
It seems a consensus here that the oiled leather models handle scratches almost supernaturally well, and I can verify that mine's in a completely different league of indestructability to my Finsbury, which is showing just a little wear on the corners (it's 6 years old).

Savannah (2012-07-05 14:54:50)
My vegetable tanned leathers are outstanding so I would have to agree.

Butanben (2012-07-05 21:02:04)
Shanti, which oiled leather Filofax do you have?? Is the Malden in an oiled leather... ie more durable than the Finsbury??? I need the larger ring size A5 really. My Finsbury Filo is holding up well, but is only a couple of years old.Thanks for the info. xx

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-06 20:17:19)
I have the Kendal, which is amazingly resilient - and David Popely mentioned [1]here that the Richmond was very similar.
The Kendal A5 is still kicking about on e-Bay UK, usually in the brown though they did it in black as well, and that has 30mm rings, a rear notepad pocket as well, it's a very lovely binder IMO.
The Malden isn't in that type of leather, I've handled them in the shops a couple of times (oh *boy* does that sound weird!!) and they're completely different.

1. http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2012/06/free-for-all-friday-no-187.html?showComment=1340014582181#c6352297284299781135

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-06 20:18:02)
D'oh, replied to thread not your post, hope you see this! Kendals ftw!!

DanishGTD (2012-10-05 06:56:45)
What are the models or signs I can look for to get hold of a "British made pre-1990 model"?

Free For All Friday No 190 (2012-07-06 00:00) - Steve Morton

I was thinking the other day, how funny it is that a particular design or colour of Filofax personal organiser suddenly becomes the 'must buy' purchase just as it is being discontinued.
It happened with the Finchley and more recently with the Chameleon. Twitter has been alive with people looking for different Chameleons yet it has been around a couple of years. Why is this?
But it's also Friday so feel free to discuss anything Filofax related. Have a good weekend.

Silver_Elixir (2012-07-06 00:35:30)
I am thinking about a Personal Osterley in Plum for my next big purchase. I was wondering if anyone who has one - in any colour - can tell me what they think of it. Is is a nice FIlofax? Is it user friendly and practical? And the rings - are they 23-25mm or are they an inch? I have seen different specs in different places. It is the only model Filofax that I really like at the moment - nothing else really catches my eye, but I am not able to get my hands on one before I buy.

Ray Blake (2012-07-06 02:10:22)
In the words of Joni Mitchell: 'Don't it always seem to go / That you don't know what you've got till it's gone?'

Steve Morton (2012-07-06 03:20:10)
To continue this theme...
U2 - 'I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For' ■ Big Ring, Small Ring, Personal, A5 etc etc.
Yes - 'I would have waited forever' ■ Slim A5 in Purple
Gerry Rafferty - 'Already Gone' ■ Baroque
Alanis Morissette - 'All I really want' ■ Chameleon, Finchley etc
Human League - 'Don't you want me' ■ Apex!
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-07-06 03:30:13)
Rolling Stones - You can't always get what you want
Joe Jackson - You Can't Get What You Want (Till You Know What You Want) ■ Purple Maldens in the USA

Alison (2012-07-06 03:39:37)
It's on my wish list too :)

angela (2012-07-06 04:01:46)
I've done a blog post on it, which is due to go live on Tuesday if you're still interested :) I have one and it really is lovely. The rings, I'm pretty sure (though I haven't measured), are 23mm.
Basically: the Osterley personal in Plum is lush. The leather is so soft and supple (but I gave it a Nivea Creme facial a few weeks after getting it so don't know if that has had any impact on the leather) and I love the colour. :)

Laurie (2012-07-06 04:30:26)
Slim A5 in Purple: I feel like I HAVE been waiting forever!!

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-06 05:16:40)
The way people chop and change with their set-ups and binders, it surely has to be '(I can't get no) Satisfaction' by The Rolling Stones!

Silver_Elixir (2012-07-06 06:12:24)
@Angela I will definitely still be interested on Tuesday so I will be sure to check out your blog. I will keep in mind the Nivea Creme idea - do you use Nivea Soft cream or is there another kind?

lifeconsidered (2012-07-06 06:29:48)
My Personal Osterly (brown)just arrived a couple of weeks ago and I love it! The leather is soft and beautiful, it lays flat immediately, and it seems to be more lightweight than the Cuban. The rings are an inch. Check out my blog entitled "My Filofax Birthday" from last week's Web Finds.I tried to be economical and find something cheaper, honest, I did. But sometimes there's that one thing that just grabs you and you know you have to have IT, and nothing else.

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-06 06:46:53)
Don't forget 'another one bites the dust' (by Queen) for planner fail :)

fayk (2012-07-06 06:52:32)
I'm investigating getting a FF (or two) in an attempt to organise myself and my family and am looking for some suggestions and advice please!
Issue 1
I have heard of a family organiser lifestyle pack which sounds like it is just what I need but I cannot find a UK 2012 version? I can find a US version on the filofax us website but no uk equivalent? Am I just missing something of has this been discontinued?
Issue 2
I need to organise my life both at work and home - what do people here find is the best approach? A combined ff that allows you to see the whole picture or a separate ff for each which allows more focus?
Issue 3
Most of my work schedule is already in my outlook calendar however is not portable which is why I am debating filofaxes. Any suggestions as to incorporating outlook calendar print outs rather than handwriting all the details into a ff? E.g. what size ff, success stories or otherwise...?
Thanks all.

Butanben (2012-07-06 07:37:12)
@fayk. I am single and not a mum, but I find it impossible to keep separate work and home diaries. I find it is so easy to double book a social event, when there is a work event otherwise.Major planner fail for me that way. One life one diary works. I personally need to see the whole picture. I use an A5 planner with 30mm rings and the Steve and Ray Time Management 5 line diary.... works perfectly for me. With a family the A5 Dodopad may work for you, a column for each member of the family plus an events column??

Butanben (2012-07-06 07:45:01)
PS I don't know the size of your family, but it is possible to combine several people's appointments into the one column. I use a dodopad for my work overview,as I teach, playground duties, homework set, clubs,etc etc during the working day... but it can be useful for a family diary overview. Their website gives examples of how to use your Dodopad.xx

fayk (2012-07-06 07:48:48)
Thanks Butanben- the dodopad looks promising because yes, it's not just my life I need to see but everyone else's appointments too. I think I'm probably going to end up with one as not having any whole picture view is probably one of the reasons why I'm struggling to stay on top of things at the mo.

Tim (2012-07-06 07:48:49)
Issue 1 - Filofax introduced the Lifestyle Packs in Summer 2009. There was Family Organiser, City Dweller and Travel Journal. They were not a success. Only the Travel Journal is still listed in the UK (in Pocket and Personal) http://www.filofax.co.uk/lifestyle but you may find old stock around and if you wait - maybe on eBay.
Search "Lifestyle" here on Philofaxy for past posts.

Issue 2 - You'll find lots on this topic here! Many people have one Filofax for work (say an A5) and another for their private life (say a Personal or pocket size). Others believe in "one life, one Filofax". I work for myself in a hospitality - so not a 9 to 5 lifestyle with work and non-work all mixed up. So one organiser is the only way for me!
Issue 3 - Microsoft Outlook printouts in A5 are absolutely straightforward in daily, weekly or monthly format. Tweak the font size and page margins to fit best. Again, this topic has cropped up many times on Philofaxy.

Butanben (2012-07-06 08:10:54)
@Fayak- I am sure that the Dodopad will work for you. It may take a bit of tweaking until you get it "Your way." I use the back pages for notes and I have a second A5 Dodo for my weekly menu planner for the upcoming week.I am trying hard to avoid any fridge waste whatsoever.....my major ongoing yearly goal and resolution this year.

fayk (2012-07-06 08:30:19)
Thanks Tim :)
Very sad to hear that the family organiser was not a success as I'd kind of been hoping I was overlooking it being listed on the UK website what with being able to still find a US version. Butanben's suggestion of the dodopad is a good one though and I've been looking through their offerings. I found the perfect content for my 'family' content in a family diary by mums office but its bound and not customisable at all :(
Yeah, my job and my home life resolutely refuse to compartmentalise neatly so I think its taken all of two posts to convince me of the need to have it all in one! I guess I was thinking that I separating them would reduce how much I was carrying around with me as I travel lots so will be lugging it around constantly...
Ok, I shall play with Outlook when I get into the office and see what I can do - its not worked very well for me before when trying to print at anything smaller than A4 but I am armed with lots more info now...
Cheers!

Tim (2012-07-06 09:09:45)
Hi Fayk - as long as your printer will take A5 paper (A4 spliced into two sheets), just alter your page size on MS Outlook. For example: File> Page Setup> Weekly style> paper > Type = A5. Tweak margins to add a bit to the left and take a bit off the right, et voila! Good luck! Tim

industrious housewife (2012-07-06 10:27:00)
Jotje was talking about hacking an Organised Mum diary soon and using that in a Filofax I believe.

Filofreak (2012-07-06 11:57:31)
I've been looking for a compact Pennybridge for a wallet and can only find on Filofax UK. Does anyone know another source for purchasing? I've tried all the usual suspects: pens and leather, etc.

PaperMeister (2012-07-06 11:58:47)
Attention Pocket and Mini owners:
I am looking for a Mini with the biggest ring size possible.
According to the Filfaxusa website, all mini's only have a 1/2 inch (I think 19 mm) ring size. But on this website, they all are listed with a 3/4 (I think 23 mm) ring size.
However, I also want a mini that is as compact as possible, so I actually don't want the wallet pocket/zippered part.
Is there a Filofax that has a 3/4 inch ring size that actually fits in a pocket? If so, could you list it's name? I'm assuming this is going to be a 'vintage' version or a Domino.
Thanks in advance for your help!

Steve Morton (2012-07-06 12:00:23)
Erin
Our friends at City Organiser in London have them in all colours. Here's the purple one... http://www.cityorganiser.co.uk/acatalog/Compact-Pennybridge-Purple-b y-Filofax.html
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-07-06 12:02:47)
I think we need to give Filofax USA a lesson in converting from metric (mm) to inches.. or just tell them to not bother because they are always getting the sizes wrong!
For a more definitive answer look here:
http://www.philofaxy.com/files/Filofax.pdf
Steve

Paul Taylor (2012-07-06 13:53:19)
I think I might be going back into the mists of time, but I'll ask this one anyway. Does anyone have any info on the 'Pimlico' binders? I have just received a mint, opened-but-never-used, red Pimlico A5. All its inserts are dated 2002 - I can't believe it's really that old! But interestingly, the leather feels really thick and solid, much more like the leather on my old Winchester from about 20 years ago. Can an old filo really be dated by the copyright dates on its inserts?
The other really amazing thing is that all the paper is fountain-pen friendly - I have one particular pen and ink combination which is lovely but writes so wet that the result feathers on any but the highest quality paper, yet that combo writes beautiful clean lines on the presumably 2002-vintage jotta pad at the back of my 'new' filo. When did the paper quality go so badly wrong?

Romina (2012-07-06 14:37:07)
I've been doing my research and although there are several beautiful binders out there (hello Malden), the layout & size of the compact Chamelon is my fave.
Does is happen to you that you love the look of a binder but dislike the slot/pocket setup and/or ring size?

PaperMeister (2012-07-06 15:38:59)
Steve thanks for posting this!
So now the question is...what does PU stand for?!?

Steve Morton (2012-07-06 15:42:11)
See this: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PU _leather
and of course this post
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/07/real-leather.html
Steve

JasJan (2012-07-06 16:20:12)
Yes, I love the Osterley but not the pocket arrangement. My ideal internal pocket arrangement would be the notepad slot at the back chameleon credit card slots at the front. Baroque and Malden are the closest but a much prefer the rigid leather of an Osterley.

industrious housewife (2012-07-06 16:21:14)
Ring issues!
Just got a new to me Ranger, didn't notice any issues on opening it, but after opening and closing the rings several times while setting it up, the bottom three rings have gaps!
Is there anything I can do?

baggirl (2012-07-06 17:34:33)
Just to say that I had a blue mini Pimlico back in around 2002, so they really are from around that era. I found the leather too stiff and sold it on ebay..... (slightly wish I hadn't now that I have tips and tricks for softening it!)
My only comment about paper is that I use the Quo Vadis "Timer Prestige" diary insert range whenever possible because it is lovely paper.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-06 19:24:10)
"... a particular design or colour of Filofax personal organiser suddenly becomes the 'must buy' purchase just as it is being discontinued."
Seeing it over and over again slowly makes it seem desirable (we all like to think this isn't true, but the fact is the multi-million £££/ $ $ $ advertising industry doesn't subsist on a myth) and then suddenly the threat of imminent scarctiy of this desirable thing - bang, trap closed! ;o)
That's how e-Bay auctions also work, the longer you watch and more often you put in intermediate bids, the more your mind values the item and the more you're likely to fork out more than you'd planned in those closing minutes.
Marketing works by going from the initial presentation of the product (and your brain is saying "so what?") to making you invest in thinking how ownership of, or especially lack of, the product will affect your life - that's why good advertising is mainly about the viewer, and only secondarily about the product - think, investment ad showing man relaxing on beach, while the actual info is in tiny print at the bottom of the screen.
We're too busy tasting the sun, sand, sea and surf to give careful attention to the APR!
Source of my opinion: marketing classes, and psychology textbooks.
Btw, if you only read one pop psychology book this year, make it "Flipnosis - The Art of Split-Second Persuasion" by Kevin Dutton, which is pretty fascinating stuff...

EmmaNoey (2012-07-06 20:09:05)
I have a pocket pimlico in apple green from that period. It's a stiff binder, especially with the wallet pocket. I don't recall paper particularly, although I know I was using the cotton cream week on two pages. I hadn't used it in a number of years due to its weight.

Josh (2012-07-06 22:20:38)
Absolutely! I love my Domino but am not particularly enthusiastic about the pocket layout and wish the rings were bigger. And I love my Success Choice binder but find the lack of real card slots very discouraging! I liked the pocket layout in my Malden but could not get on with the floppy covers or the funny leather feel....

Frederique (2012-07-07 16:52:23)
Hello Filofreak,
I purchased a compact pennybridge in red on filofax.dk (or .se ?) and I find it didn't suit my needs. The zip was a bit annoying for me, I prefer non-zip versions. Other than that, worked great as a filofax-wallet combo, but I went back to my slimline and I like it better there.
I have recently thought of letting go of two or three of my filofax, as I don't use them, perhaps you would be interested in purchasing my pennybridge ?
You can find pictures of the actual color on [1]filofax.se.
Please contact me at 702723@gmail.com if you are interested, and I will send pictures !
I have lots of accessories and am willing to ship worlwide; and I will offer a very reasonable price, as long as you pay for shipping to your destination.
For others who might be interested, I have also a red personal Journey, the "big brother" of the pennybridge, and a red personal metropol (for which the price will be almost free, I think).
Philofaxy or "how to jump on opportunities" :)

1. `http://www.filofax.se/store/organiserdetails.asp?rangeid=158&sizeid=3&dsizeid=3`

Frederique (2012-07-07 16:57:36)
[1]Filofax.de is having a 50 % sale on Mini Pimlicos, black and blue, for 28,50€ instead of 59€.
Just saying :)

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Steve Morton (2012-07-07 17:05:15)
There is a Pennybridge for sale in our Ad Spot page!
Steve

Cheryl (2012-07-09 21:53:00)
Good Lord where did you get your Ranger? I've been looking for one (Personal size) but I'm in the US and the UK ebay had some but not everyone shipped to the US or some of the products had something wrong with them. I've heard people say they've been able to fix their binder rings with pliers but carefully do so. I did this once with a FC binder once and it worked pretty good, but not perfect. Hopefully it will work for you!

kanalt (2012-07-10 06:07:45)
I am also thinking about the osterley in plum, though the compact size. I've been thinking about it for a while but I just can't seem to make the purchase and I'm not sure why, probably because I really do love the compact regency so much and it's working so well for me. The question is why am I compelled to purchase the osterley? I do want a splash of color now and then, so that is the reasoning behind it. Some pictures have shown the osterley not laying flat but maybe that's just because it was too new. I'm glad to hear that it does indeed lay flat. This may sway my decision. ;-)

kanalt (2012-07-10 06:09:05)
Isn't it great how you can find a song for every situation in life? Great picks, Steve!

kanalt (2012-07-10 06:09:39)
And as I read on, everyone else, too!

Web Finds - 7 July 2012 (2012-07-07 00:00) - Steve Morton

Web Finds means.... it's Saturday... have a great weekend.

1. [1]They're taking over my desk… - MacPsych
2. [2]Stickermania! - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
3. [3]Adding a pen loop to your Filofax - My Life All in One Place
4. [4]Filofax MeetUp: Chicago - Lime Tree
5. [5]Poll – Your Filo & a job interview - Honey and Filofaxes
6. [6]End Of June: Sand In My Daugther's Little Hands, In My Jeans And In My Filofax - Vanjilla
7. [7]your filofax week (#11) - Paper Lovestory
8. [8]Filofax related buys!! - Filo Obsessed
9. [9]Filofax Puzzle Book - It's My Life
10. [10]Best Present Ever! - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
11. [11]How To Be An Organization Goddess - Happy Brittany
12. [12]Philofaxy North West Meet-Up - Filo Obsessed
13. [13]Malden, my Filo-on-the-go - Honey and Filofaxes
14. [14]Meet my new zucchini! - The Crazy Suburban Mom
15. [15]Letting go of some Filo-phernalia - The Crazy Suburban Mom
16. [16]OTF: Call for guest posts on 'One Life, One Filofax - The Life of the Perpetual Student
17. [17]This is how I stay organized. Go on, laugh. - Love That Max

18. [18]Friday's Filofax Poll Results: Is There Such Thing As A Filofax Cemetery? - Vanjilla
19. [19]My Collection - It's My Life
20. [20]Finchley - Living with Liisa
21. [21]Enabling 2.0 - The Crazy Suburban Mom
22. [22]Poll - My Filo World
23. [23]Birthday Haul, Continued. - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
24. [24]Review of the Oxford International A5 Activebook - Paper Pens Ink
25. [25]OTF: Guest post no. 1, David's system with GTD - The Life of the Perpetual Student
26. [26]I Trade A Personal Finchley In Teal For A ... - Vanjilla
27. [27]Personal digital assistant or paper for on-the-go collecting - GTD Times
28. [28]Decluttering my Filofaxes - The Crazy Suburban Mom
29. [29]My filofax holiday essentials mood boards - Anita Lim
30. [30]It All Starts With The Filofax Obsession - Filofit
31. [31]Filofax Blog of the Week: The Crazy Life of J - My Life All in One Place
32. [32]My GTD Filofax set-up - Dave's blog
33. [33]Friady's Filofax Poll #4 - Vanjilla
34. [34]My Filofax Birthday - Not far from life
35. [35]My daughter's first filofax!! - Filo Obsessed
36. [36]Philofaxy North West Meet Up - Update - Filo Obsessed
37. [37]Flex as a Bible case - Filofax Sagas
38. [38]Filofax with some Ho! Ho! Ho! - The Crazy Suburban Mom
39. [39]Homemade All-in-One Journal & Travel Kit (with vid) - Jennibellie Studio
40. [40]What's In My Filofax Mini - 2 Scrap Alot
41. [41]Business - Review Holborn A4 - Filo Manie
42. [42]Filofax - 2 Scrap Alot
43. [43]My filofax holiday essentials mood boards - Anita Lim
44. [44]Holiday Essentials (1): City Break - Filomaniac
45. [45]Holiday Essentials (2): Beach Paradise - Filomaniac
46. [46]Holiday Essentials (3): Country Side Jaunt - Filomaniac

And this weeks video's

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IFRAME: [48]http://www.youtube.com/embed/deI8pi4zX-w?rel=0

IFRAME: [49]http://www.youtube.com/embed/yx16-VhCaFQ?rel=0

IFRAME: [50]http://www.youtube.com/embed/8HpM1WkM03A?rel=0

Enjoy

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HM (2012-07-07 05:44:58)
Thanks for including me!! Lots to read today, gonna get some tea first :)

Laurie (2012-07-07 06:18:52)
What an epic list!!

Sandra (2012-07-07 07:55:34)
#23! A great place to be on the list. Thanks!

Gail (2012-07-07 08:15:00)
I absolutly love Saturday mornings now, not only a lie in, but Webfinds to look forward too. Spent the last 3 hours reading through all these and looking forward to trying some of things in my own Filofax.

Romina (2012-07-07 08:22:27)
46 items to read! Awesome :) plus my video made it too! Double awesome ;)

David Popely (2012-07-07 09:13:31)
just a quick heads-up - you have included m 'MY GTD set-up' post from my own blog, but also the identical post which I submitted to The Life of The Perpetual Student, and which appears in the OTF series there.
You don't need to read both! They're identical!
Thanks for including me.....I really appreciate it....
Happy browsing!
David

Steve Morton (2012-07-07 09:20:45)
Yes, it's #25 and #32, but one of the other aims of Web Finds is to get new visitors to your blog to explore other posts on the site not just the ones we signpost... so both were included.
Steve along with his friend Gromit!

David Popely (2012-07-07 09:25:18)
Indeed..... was just concerned to save the Faithful some work!

Rori (2012-07-07 09:33:28)
Thanks for having me over! :D

Rori (2012-07-07 09:44:23)
Another SNARLing enabled purchase! Well done!! XD

Rori (2012-07-07 10:12:45)
WOW the videos this week are so good! (not mine) I love to see how creative people get with their Filofaxes–thanks Steve!

LJ (2012-07-07 11:06:46)
Huge list - I am late getting to this today, but have no children to interrupt my blissful viewing of all things Filofax - thank you :o)

Romina (2012-07-07 12:17:23)
Ha! I know she is busy with life and stuff but i miss reading a new post from her...
We should egg her on.. Tweet tweet , haha...

Anita (2012-07-07 12:39:52)
Wow, epic list! And thanks for including my post :)

Dizzy264 (2012-07-07 14:26:02)
Wow you have selected my video (A5 Chameleon)!!! Thanks so much. Philofaxy is the best :-)

Ellen (2012-07-07 22:25:10)
Thanks so much for including me in this amazing list! (#17). I am glad to have found you, I honestly had no idea there were so many diehard Filofax lovers like me! Only one other person in my circle of friends still has one. I'm sticking with it!

Liisa P. (2012-07-08 15:14:38)
Yours, too! :)

Liisa P. (2012-07-08 15:16:35)
Seems that you had the last laugh after all! :) Welcome to the community!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-07-08 17:37:26)
Thank you for including me!
I've been away for 2 weeks and I have only just caught up on the 23/6 list!! With 45 (allowing for the duplicate...) I will never get caught up!
:-)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-09 16:27:12)
I now have the book "Getting Things Done" on its way to me as a result of reading David's posts, and also bookmarked the Oxford International A5 Activebook to buy next payday - not a bad little haul of practical things there, thanks Philofaxy & bloggers!

New to Philofaxy (2012-07-08 00:30) - Steve Morton

[1]

Welcome to **Philofaxy**.
If you are new to the site or you have been here for a while, this post is a way to show you around so you get the most from the site.
As you might have seen there is a lot of information on here and you might have problems remembering where everything is, so we hope to be able to help you out with how to find things to get the most out of the site.
So looking at the Home page you are on now, below the banner you will see: Home, About, FAQ etc
Home: Takes you back to the start page from where ever you are on the site, clicking on the banner does the same.
About: How to contact us at [2]Philofaxy and some background on the contributors.
FAQ: This is a good place to look for the simple often asked questions. We try to up date it from time to time to reflect the current topical questions.
Files: This the home for all our downloadable template files which you are welcome to customise to your own needs or just print them off as they are.

Links: Links to lots of blogs and other Filofax related sites.
Suppliers: Looking for a Filofax or inserts or accessories, then this page is a good place to start.
Ad Spot: This is our readers advert page, you can place a wanted or for sale advert for your Filofax goods here free of charge. However, we do recommend donating to one of our favourite charities, but it's based on an honesty system, we don't check up on who has made donations and who hasn't. This page is great because you are buying from people that do understand the Filofax range unlike some Ebay sellers...
All Stars: The Philofaxy All Stars... a group of readers who have done guest posts on each others blogs not all Filofax related, but a great read anyway.
Flickr: An overview to the Philofaxy Flickr group where you can share pictures of your Filofax and there is a small discussion group there too.

Searching Philofaxy - With in excess of 1000 posts on Philofaxy spread over six years, finding exactly the information you want could be quite a task... however we do have some tools to help you:

- Search - Pop a key word in to the search box in the sidebar and the search tool will find all of the posts with that keyword in it.
- Labels - Further down the sidebar you will find the label cloud again this will find all the posts with those labels on the posts. We try to label all posts, although some of the earlier ones are unlabelled... another job still to be done!

Subscribing to Philofaxy

- RSS - You can add Philofaxy to your favourite RSS reader such as Google Reader.
- Email - If you want to receive each post by email, pop your email in to the subscribe by email box and follow the instructions. This service is provided by Feedburner. They will send you a verification email which you have to click a link in to confirm your email address in the usual way.

Philofaxy on the Web

- Facebook - You will find our [3]Facebook page here
- Twitter - We are very active on Twitter as [4]@philofaxy and our experimental newsfeed [5]@philofaxynews
- Flickr - As mentioned above there is a [6]Flickr group for sharing your Filofax photos and ideas
- Linking back to Philofaxy - If you would like to link back to Philofaxy from your website or blog we have a 'badge' with the exact code which you will find at the bottom of the side bar.

Regular Posts on Philofaxy

- **Free For All Tuesday** - Questions and Answers on any Filofax related topic
- **Free For All Friday** - General discussion, open house for anything Filofax related
- **Webfinds** - Each weeks round up of other Filofax related posts on the web

Other Philofaxy Events

- **Skype Roundtable Voice and Text Chats** - once a month we have a Skype voice conference, this is open to anybody to join in. It is an open agenda and we don't only get to talk about Filofax things. People taking part can be spread around the world, so it can be quite educational as well as good fun. Look out for [7]announcements on the blog about when the next one will be. Generally they are the first Sunday of the month, but they can move slightly if this conflicts with public holidays or Steve's travel arrangements!

- **Meet Ups** - We have held several very successful [8]meet ups, they vary in size from as little as two or three people up to twelve people, these have been held in London, New York, France, Holland, with other ones planned for other countries around the world. Although meeting 'people off the internet' can sometimes seem a little odd, we all have at least one interest in common and everyone I've met at all the different meet ups have been great people to sit and chat with.

That was a bit of a lightening tour around the site and some of our activities. Please do add a comment on to posts, we love to get feedback and we do read all the comments.
If there's something you haven't understood or there's a topic we haven't covered that is Filofax related please get in touch with us and we will do our best to respond to your email within a day or so.

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Gerard (2012-07-08 16:08:21)
Thanks Steve - I hadn't spotted the dedicated Diary and All-Star menu items.

Steve Morton (2012-07-08 16:23:12)
Just noticed the order had changed.. now back the same order as this standard post!
Steve

New Filofax Personal layout - Landscape week on two pages (2012-07-09 00:00) - Steve Morton

This one began as a request from a Philofaxy reader who asked for a version of the Filofax Week-To-View Horizontal layout that was not quite so discourteous to weekends:

[1]

The obvious enhancement here would be to put four days across the page rather than three, but we worried that then the columns would be too narrow. Our reader agreed, and came up with what Ray and I thought was a fantastic idea. See if you agree:

[2]

Weekend days are afforded as much respect as those in the working week, while each week's layout ends with a 'Notes / Next Week' space.

You can download this layout as a prepared set or you can download the source files to adapt the design for yourself.

Pre-prepared sets

You can download the 2012 set as a [3]Word file or as a [4]PDF file.

You can download the 2013 set as a [5]Word file or as a [6]PDF file.

Print this double-sided. If you have a duplex printer, set it to flip on the short edge. If you don't then you'll have to print odd-numbered pages and then refeed to print the even-numbered pages on the reverse. You might have to experiment to find out how to refeed the paper.

On one side of each sheet you'll find crop marks. Use a craft knife and a steel ruler to release the Personal pages and punch them. The templates are set up with mirrored gutters to accommodate the holes.

If using the PDF be sure to set it to print at full size as explained [7]here.

Source files
You can also roll your own using our source files. You'll need [8]this Word file and [9]this Excel file.
If you want to know how to go about using the source files, [10]this post will help you.

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JohnofJenkins (2012-07-09 03:54:36)
I like this layout particularly the "notes next week" section. That works for me. I have tried to download and it printed off well on the duplex, however, the guides for the holes did not come through so I may have to do something about that. I did read recently that a lady got all her sheets together and used her husband's drill to go through all the sheets - marking the positions and sorting them out later. That might be an idea.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-09 16:15:51)
That's a *really* good idea: I've spent many years working weekends, and the way most diary formats act like no-one ever has anything to schedule used to drive me disproportionately crazy!
It's bad enough everyone assumes they can be loud, late, into Friday and Saturday nights, the missing out on parties and things was worse, then not having enough diary space to even write things down?! Makes you feel like a refugee from the human race!

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-11 03:46:54)
Yes my printer does reduce size and I cannot seem to solve the problem - yet. And yes, not only have I read your comments about how to dove the problem I have downloaded your page as a reference but I have a Canon Duplex Printer and I have even tried going to USA Legal size, but they still come out smaller. I'll have to work some more on it and see what I can come up with, but it could well be that they just won't print in US / Australian printers either in Docx or PDF.

Steve Morton (2012-07-11 04:32:12)
Look for some sort of scaling box in the print dialogue box
Are you using a PC or a Mac? Word file or PDF file?
Steve

Ray Blake (2012-07-11 04:54:46)
Incidentally, there aren't any hole guides; those are just added to the picture in the post to give an idea of what they'll look like when printed and punched.

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-11 05:27:01)
Yes there is a scaling which is set at 100 %. I am using a MacBook Pro. I was using PDF files as well as Word Docx. I downloaded both. The printer is a Canon Ip 4950 Duplex. I am also using the latest MS for Mac.Thank you Ray. That's one thing out of the way.

Is your partner a Filofax user also? (2012-07-09 06:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

During our enjoyable 2 hour round table chat yesterday afternoon, one of the topics of conversation amongst many was..... 'Does your partner use a Filofax?
We wondered if your partner is also a Filofax user how do you cope with sharing your stack on inserts/organisers?
Imagine going to your box/cupboard/room/drawer and finding that there were no To-Do lists in personal size left, or the Filofax organiser that matches your bag/suit has been taken by your partner, because they decided to swap set ups without consulting you.....
So tell us in the comments about your partners and their attitudes towards Filofax personal organisers....

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Tommes (2012-07-09 06:04:43)
My girlfriend started using a Filofax, shortly after we met each other. She was very impressed by the opportunities she saw when I use mine...
Happily, she decided on a the pocket size, while I am unsing Personal and Mini. We do discuss about the different inserts and layouts, but never "interfere".
Best regards, Thomas

Ruby Scarlett (2012-07-09 06:30:34)
My boyfriend wouldn't know the meaning of organisation if it danced before him wearing nothing but a tea cosy. No, he doesn't own a Filofax or a planner for that matter. Luckily for me he has a ton of other qualities :)

Delmajesty (2012-07-09 07:20:21)
I'm with Ruby on this one... my boyfriend's version of a planner is emailing himself a to-do list. He doesn't understand my obsession with all things "planners", but lets me go about my business. He did, however, make me stop sleeping with my planner when we moved in together. Something about he needed room in the bed too and a pillow just for my planner was ridiculous. :(Hrmph.

Josh (2012-07-09 07:27:18)
My partner has one of my castoff fill's, (currently the Kendal personal in brown, a truly lovely binder) and does use it for appointments and tracking expenses. He has not really gotten into the habit of making full use of it, but does carry it to work and home.
He has small, very neat handwriting, and was able to copy our desk size dodo pad into a personal size filofax dodo insert in full. Amazing! He carries the dodo insert in the Kendal, along with various note paper and card holders and a zip pouch.
Thankfully, now that I'm not using the personal size any longer, he is able to use some of my rather absurdly huge

stash of inserts in that size.

Josh (2012-07-09 07:28:36)
And now Apple has apparently implemented it's damn auto-correct even on the mac OS? Clearly, I mean filo's, not fill's. Anyone know how to turn this feature off?

Forever New (2012-07-09 07:57:08)
Oooh...I see an advantage to being single at the moment. I'd sure hate someone else picking through my stash!

Consiliumque (2012-07-09 08:16:07)
Hey.. I know that situation :)
Although sometimes it seems like he envy it and its ability to create a perfect overview of.. everything..

Gail (2012-07-09 08:35:00)
I've got my hubby using a Filofax just recently, I blogged here about it.
http://gailwheatley.blogspot.co.uk/2012/06/hubbys-filofax-ranger-mos t-of-you-may.html
I don't think he would raid my Filofax stash though...he wouldn't dare. lol

Ray Blake (2012-07-09 09:02:41)
Throughout my misguided ten-year dalliance with electronic organisers, my wife kept the faith with a Pocket Filofax and an A5. She views my admission of defeat and return to paper-based Filofax organisation with affectionate amusement (or perhaps well-disguised schadenfreude.) My main organiser is Personal size, a format she doesn't use (although this is not why I use it.)

industrious housewife (2012-07-09 09:06:11)
My husband is not at all interested. He has an iphone.

Paul Taylor (2012-07-09 10:16:50)
My partner does *own* a Filofax - an old Microfile personal sized one in black leather, last time I saw it while rootling through the loft - but hasn't used it or looked at it in more than 20 years that I know of. My other half doesn't even routinely maintain a to-do list - I'm often the one who, when headless chicken mode is engaged, has to say 'Stop; get a piece of paper; write down all the things you have to do; put them in order if you need to; start at the top and work down!'
I'm returning to Filofax at the moment after a long hiatus. I used an old brown leather personal (no idea which model, it's >20 years old and long discontinued) up until about 10 years ago but I've been largely electronic since then. I came back to paper via a Rhodia webnotebook a couple of years ago for to-dos, but I've recently come to the conclusion that I need the flexibility of a loose leaf system; I'm therefore in the setup phase with a new-old-stock A5 Pimlico off eBay and currently trying to work out which bits I need. Life is complicated by having to have my calendar in work Outlook, which doesn't like the idea of syncing with anything - I may end up with paper printouts from Outlook in my new Filo!

Butanben (2012-07-09 10:41:54)
WLTM handsome, caring male with a love of life and above all a love of Filofax planners.Good sense of humour utterly essential.

Steve Morton (2012-07-09 10:42:35)
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J (2012-07-09 11:22:34)
Organization? If you asked my fiance to define organization, he'd probably give you a blank stare while looking pleadingly at me! While I've FINALLY got him to use Google calendar, he still looks at me anytime someone asks us if we're free on a certain date. Then I go consult my trusty Filofax- duh!
Oh well, at least one of us is organized and I don't have to worry about him stealing inserts!

Jana (2012-07-09 11:56:28)
My partner will be a filofax owner on the 20th July (his birthday).

M Ng (2012-07-09 14:57:38)
My partner uses Google calendar, todoist, and other web-based services to help him stay organized. Rather, we both use these web-based services to help him stay organized, because I help him plan and schedule. I thought briefly about foisting a Filofax on him (it's hard for me to plan without paper and pen), but considering the fact he works with tech start-ups, it felt wiser to let him run with his cobbled together system of apps and doodads. I did, however, turn him onto better pens and notebooks, so maybe in a few years I'll sneak a Filofax into his life. It'll just have to be A5 or pocket, because I'm really not into sharing my personal-sized stash!

Rianne (2012-07-09 17:22:36)
Well recently I have started the personal size and he saw my obsession with it and what I put in my Filofax he said to me. Maybey I need one to....soo he has one. but doesn't use it al day. I use his personal classic more to put his workhours in and his declaration for work. I know exactly where it is, if he (always ask me, what time did I got home yesterday) I pull out his organizer and say to him look at your planner. He likes his Secretaresse more than the planner himself I guess :)

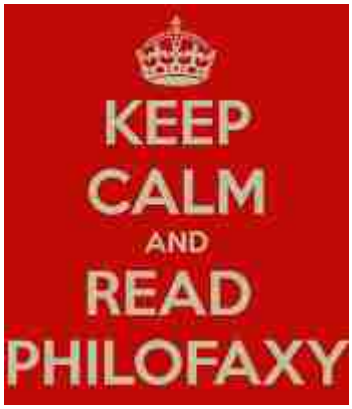
Helen Conway (2012-07-09 18:05:39)
My husband is very organised and writes everything down even the TV programmes he wants to watch so I am at a loss to know why he looks so baffled when I suggest he gets a filofax! He says he is trying really hard to get it but he doesn't. Which explains why my new catchprhrase is " but it's NOT just a notebook".

robynlouise (2012-07-09 23:13:48)
An organised husband...I wonder what that would be like? ;) This is a man who carries all of the cards in his wallet in the one slot and leaves about six other slots completely empty. He writes on the calendar in our kitchen only when specifically requested to do so (by me). When he asked me what I wanted for my birthday and I told him a new Filo, he wanted to know why. No, I don't think a conversion will happen any time in this lifetime!

kanalt (2012-07-10 06:21:22)
I am so with you on this one, J! My husband would never schedule anything without checking with me first. I am the keep er of all events. My husband isn't disorganized, but he's not organized either. I update my google calendar every week so that he has a copy of my (and our) schedule. But it's a challenge to get him to even look at the thing. So B is one step ahead!
As for the planners themselves, my DH has absolutely no interest in them. He doesn't understand why I like them so much, shakes his head when I buy one, and cringes at the money spent.
With that said, if my husband did participate in the Filofax world, we would need to have some ground rules for inserts - there would be separate storage boxes and he could not take aching of mine without checking with me first. Same would go for me. One needs to have rules regarding these things. ;-)

Anita (2012-07-10 08:36:31)
My husband is pretty organised using a mixture of iCal, apps on his iPod touch & more recently an A4 to-do pad. I could see him using a filofax, but when I offered him my personal Kendal he really wasn't that interested.

Free For All Tuesday No 75 (2012-07-10 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1] 

Tuesday's are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away... and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-bJDrXVhsvXI/T-3uAaeb2dI/AAAAAAAAL9Q/I7Nbi2OZwrU/s1600/keepcalm1.png

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Abigail (2012-07-10 02:19:07)
Hi! Thanks for doing this to help out newbies like me! I'm a student looking to get organized with my first Filofax. I'm hoping not to spend too much, so I was thinking about the Domino, but noticed that on the Filofax US website the Sketch is currently on clearance. I'm looking at both the A5 and Personal sizes, if that makes a difference. I would use it mainly to keep track of appointments and important assignments and also to keep a to do list. If anyone has any advice or suggestions on style (either regarding these two or another possibility) or size, that would be wonderful!

Gerard (2012-07-10 03:37:08)
Back in the 1980s Filofax produced a set of inserts called "Free Form Time Management". It consisted of various time management forms and a set of laminated "Keypoint Reminder" inserts offering advice on topics like managing meetings and productive thinking. Do any Philofaxy readers remember this setup? Or better still, have a copy of the inserts?

Vanjilla (2012-07-10 04:04:25)
Gerard, maybe this is the way to find them?
http://www.flickr.com/photos/30775101@N04/5970130645/

Steve Morton (2012-07-10 04:10:23)
Gmax is one of our readers, it would be great to see them all laid out so that we could recreate them in some way?

Gail (2012-07-10 04:19:29)
Why are some people just soooo.....oh what's the word.... ignorant!
If I post something on Filofax facebook, the whole of my (so called friends) can see the comments and often have a little sly reply...mostly like, do you really need all those Filofaxs and I didn't realise you had a nerdy side! or Wow you must spend an absolute fortune on them!
It's really starting to bug me! My Filofaxs are my little indulgence, I don't go out drinking (or drink in the house), I don't smoke and I only buy clothes as and when I need them, I'm not a complusive shopaholic like a lot of women. So my big spend is my Filofaxs. Last year I bought two, this year I bought 6. So why do people have to be so irritating when it comes to reading what I post on my favourite hobby?
Does anyone know if I can make posts on Facebook Filofax group and not have all my nosy friends read it?
Does anyone else have friends who don't understand your obsession?
Sorry...rant over! x

Steve Morton (2012-07-10 04:24:53)
Gail,
When you post to a group I don't think it should appear on your time line so that your 'so-called' friends can see it, but you know what it's like with Facebook they are forever moving the goal posts and things like that are always changing.
Might be wise to run through your privacy settings to see if there is something a miss there that is letting your posts appear on your time line.
And to pacify you a little... your spend on a single Filofax is nothing compared to what you might spend on shoes, handbags, fancy dresses or jewellery all of which might go out of fashion in a few weeks and might get very little use....
Even if you spent £400 in a year that doesn't go very far these days in terms of shoes etc does it??
Steve

Gail (2012-07-10 04:46:17)
Exactly Steve that is my point too, my Filofaxs will be still in use and (hopefully) working order in 20 years and more, where as that fancy handbag or expensive dress will be long gone! I've been a Filofax user for 2 years now and in that time, on the organisers alone, I have spend just under £1000. It sounds a lot I know, and my hubby nearly had heart failure when I told him till I explained, it works out to be less than £10 a week! I have some friends who pay more than that for a lipstick or a face creme or a weekly eyebrow pluck!
Thanks for the heads up on Facebook Settings, I used to have it set secure, but as you say, Facebook loves to change things often. It seems everything I post get showen to all my friends.

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-10 05:01:12)
Hi Gail. I totally get you. Whenever I post anything Filofax related (ie: on City Organiser or Filofax), I go to my home page, find the mention and delete it. I also don't spend much money on clothes, shoes or beauty treatments (but I get the occasional handbag!). My hubby has a good job and I also work part time to contribute. I'm tee total and don't smoke either (my hubby has the odd drink but also doesn't smoke) and we rarely go out for meals or big nights out. We're not in ANY debt (obviously apart from our mortgage), so what we spend our money on is our business only. It's annoying isn't it??? Grrrrrrrrrr.....

Saffy (2012-07-10 05:30:21)
Gail, I know exactly what you mean. I have 'friends' visit my house and see my Filofaxes and make snide comments like the ones you get. It makes me feel like I need to hide things in my own home before letting anyone in. I wouldn't dream of going into someone's house and start criticising them for their spending habits. I have been using Filofaxes since '86 and until reading Philofaxy only had 4 over a 20 year period (3 of them worn out/damaged from use). I almost always buy my Filofaxes on sale or find them ridiculously cheap at TK Maxx and now find I have a collection. It is one of my pet hates that people feel they are entitled to comment on the way you spend your money. There, my rant over too.

Gail (2012-07-10 05:30:59)
It really is annoying Lucy!
I've been going through my settings and can't see how my Filofax posts are appearing on FB, I have checked my timeline and they are not appearing there. I found out a few mins ago, a distant FB friend is now reading my Filofax blog....wonderful!!! I only posted the address on Filofax website and Filofax UK. I am wondering if that is the one, that is allowing people to read my Filofax stuff.
So deleting the post from your homepage would not delete from the Filofax page?

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-10 05:44:17)
No it doesn't delete the comment you put, just the 'advert' on your profile page (sorry - I meant I delete it from my PROFILE page, not home page). That's what I do anyway and I'm hoping it works! I haven't put anything to do with my Filofax hobby or blog on my Facebook page because it's private and I don't want anybody knowing about it. Only my hubby knows (and my daughter through having big ears, but she's got strict instructions not to tell a single soul!). It's difficult because she's just got her first mini Filofax and is desperate to write about it on her blog

at school. I told her she can but she's not allowed to mention that I've got one! I sense a guest post coming up soon...

Babs (2012-07-10 05:48:56)
Both sizes will work well for what you want, but I find the A5 heavier and therefore it stays in my desk. If you want to have a filo to carry around with you, then I'd go for the personal size.
I'm a masters student (and mum!) and like the "time management" inserts to keep track of assignment dates, weekly reading, etc. It works well.

Helen Conway (2012-07-10 05:51:26)
Has anyone ever had their hands on a Dakota A5? I think they may only be US available but I am compiling a priority flatrate box full of goodies to be sent over to me, so this is a possibilty. In particular I like the sand colour but cannot see an internal picture of the pockets and of course I do not know what it feels like. Is it stiff or floppy? Which other does it most feel like in that respect? Does it have a slot of a swing pad at the back? Generally I go for more expensive ones (classic cuban finchley and aston are all in my collection) but I am thinking of one to keep acrylic painting technique samples in which could be more rugged. Thanks in advance.
Oh and re previous posts. Its my money and I'll spend it on what makes me happy thank you very much!!

Helen Conway (2012-07-10 05:54:16)
I use both sizes. For a pure planner with diary and to do lists th epersonal is fine but as soon as I start totake notes I need the A5. I suggest you cut some paper to the right size and do a sort of mock up for a week allowing for the rings to take up space and see which you like. Also, consider looking on ebay and the adspot here to see if you can get a leather version for the same cost as a new cheaper model.

Babs (2012-07-10 05:54:16)
I have managed to find a nice second hand filo (thanks Anita!) and want to set it up as a gift for my friend. I'm going to have all the usual sections, but I want to custom-create a section for her wedding as she's getting married next August.
She already has quite a lot of things already organised; but I thought I might do an invite checklist (sent, RSVP, etc) and some plain sheets with a monogram or wedding logo of some sort. What else can I include?
It's been so long since I got married I don't think I can remember what was in my filo now!!!

Gail (2012-07-10 07:31:52)
I think I might of figured it out Lucy thanks. Yes my son asked for a Filofax at the weekend and we set him one up and did the pictures for a blog post. Hopefully it will appear later in the week. Lovely to have children enjoying them too. I also like to keep my FF obsession just to me.
Saffy I know where you are coming from too hun, if I have a new FF laid on my counter, I run and hide it if we get visitors, too many past irritating comments.
A question I get asked a lot is, "Why do you need so many, you can only use one at a time?" (actually I can use a few at a time).....my reply, "How many pairs of shoes do you own, you can only wear one pair at a time!"

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-10 08:09:11)
Babs, I just googled *wedding planner list* and got loads of websites offering free info, including what to do 12 months, 8 months, and 3 months before etc, I think they might be a good starting point? They're something that didn't exist a few years ago, when the only options were books or paid wedding planners!
It'll be a lovely gift, you sound like a great mate! :)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-10 08:17:54)
Ask them how much time & money at minimum wage rates they spend online, reading about people's hobbies that aren't even of interest to them, and whether they think that's an acceptable use of their lives (we can usually get more money, none of us can get an overdraft on time) - or, if you know they're reading at work, ask if their employer *knows* they're stealing paid time from the company to faff about on Facebook.
That kind of thing usually shuts people up!
I have absolutely zero tolerance for people who moralise about how others spend their money in this underhanded

way to supposed ”friends”... everyone has different priorities, ALL of us own and buy non-essentials.
I can’t find the link but BBC news recently reported that this was true even of people with subsistance incomes, they all bought non-essential goods even when it cut back on essentials: it seems like it’s basic human nature, globally, and because of this, it’s always deeply hypocritical.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-10 08:24:04)
I gave up too soon! Here it is: [1]Dollar benchmark: The rise of the $1-a-day statistic
Relevant snippet:
... surprisingly perhaps, people who live on $1 a day do not spend all of it on that basket of food - on staying alive. They typically spend about 40 cents on other things, says Professor Abhijit Banerjee of MIT.
”Even though they could actually buy enough calories, the fact is they don’t. If you look at the people especially in South Asia who live on $1 a day - huge malnutrition.
”They sacrifice calories to buy some entertainment, some pleasure.
”It’s a balance between survivalist behaviour and pleasure-seeking behaviour. I think as human beings we need both.”
If that doesn’t shut people up, nothing will!

1. `http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-17312819`

Anita (2012-07-10 08:38:57)
Babs, I’m glad I could be of service & hope your friend loves it :)

crofter (2012-07-10 08:40:28)
Re-affirms my decision to not be on Facebook. It is very intrusive, and as a private person, I don’t care for the whole world to know what is or is not happening in my life.

Anita (2012-07-10 08:46:27)
I know what you mean... I have some friends & one family member who laugh at me & call me a saddo. Most of the time it doesn’t bother me, but sometimes I wish they could be a bit less sarcastic with it. Like some of the other people, I rarely drink, don’t smoke or spend lots of cash on other stuff. I enjoy my filofaxes & the lovely people on Philofaxy, so I think they’re the silly ones :)

Sandra (2012-07-10 08:55:34)
I need to write a blog post on why Filofax are more fun collect and use than shoes...I am with you all 100 %. Love my collection, although I use only a few at a time.

Steve Morton (2012-07-10 08:59:07)
Gail
I think I might have found the answer to your FB issue... If you are on the new Timeline (and I recommend you swap over to it... because you will all have to one day) there is an Activity Log, under this you can change the privacy of certain posts so that they don’t appear on your timeline. Give it a try.
Steve

Gerard (2012-07-10 09:07:32)
Vanjilla, Steve,
Thanks for your replies :)
Many of the forms appear in the Filofax Facts book, and I’ve already reproduced some of these for Fx computer paper: Flexible Time Log, Timetable, Delegation Brief, Travel Information (the successor to Travel Planner), Budget Planner, Monthly Time Planner - they’re all in the Philofaxy Files section.
I’m especially interested in the laminated Keypoint Reminders cards, and it would be great if Gmax or anyone else could share these. *crosses fingers and toes, and signs off*

aprilquilts (2012-07-10 09:12:31)
I went to Staples yesterday, and found adhesive pen loops in their notebook section for $1.99. I about did a flip, if I could do a flip, that is ;). I have it in my Chameleon, and my fountain pen fits! I’m thrilled. It is item 40067

Babs (2012-07-10 09:36:26)
Shanti - Great idea, thanks!! I'm glad someone's more on the ball than I am! ;-)
Anita - I'm sure she will. She loves all things pink!

Gail (2012-07-10 11:23:19)
Thanks everyone for the moral support, it's good to have like minded friends. x
Steve I am on the Timeline, I've had a good look at it all day and I think I might be save from now on. It's just such a sad shame I have to "hide" myself from certain people.

J (2012-07-10 11:25:57)
Hi Helen,
I just saw the Dakota for the first time at a recent Filofax Meetup- it is super stiff!!! Not sure if that's what you're looking for, but I found it very unpleasant to the touch. I have one photo of the inside pocket layout on my blog, but only on the pocket size. Can't remember if it has a notepad slot or not...
http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2012/06/spoiled-second-filofax-m eetup-in-less.html

J (2012-07-10 11:29:56)
I'm about to get married (under two months, eek!) and I decided to do a top-tabbed wedding section in my Filo for all of my planning. I have the following: Ceremony, Expenses, Gifts, Food/Cake, Decor, Honeymoon, and Misc. Behind each tab I have a few blank pages, which act as a dashboard of sorts for notes, business cards, etc. I found the open format much more useable than strict forms.
I'm using this system combined with a large ring bound wedding planning book that has more "official" checklists, as well as places to put contracts, photos, etc.
Congrats to your friend- it sounds like it will be a great gift!

J (2012-07-10 11:30:29)
I have one of those as well- they are wonderful!

industrious housewife (2012-07-10 11:33:40)
A plastic envelope with a blank sheet in to stick samples of dress fabrics etc. for when shopping for accessories etc. What a lovely present. I wish I'd had a Filofax when planning my wedding.

Laura (2012-07-10 12:36:37)
I've just finished my art degree and found the compact chameleon to be the perfect sized filofax for me. In it I kept a month on two pages diary and a week on one page diary. I also had a print out of my timetable so I could see the whole semester at a glance.
I kept a daily log, in which I listed my appointment and to do's with space at the bottom of the page for a brief reflection on the day's progress(my own version of the 'Day Planner' insert which I made in Word). I would only keep 5 of these sheets in at a time, to avoid carrying excess bulk.
If you are just wanting to track appointments and to do's, an A5 might be too big as they are quite heavy to carry around every day.
'Uni stuff' was just one small tabbed section of my filofax (which has now been replaced by a 'jobs' section). I found it easier to keep lenghty notes from lectures/seminars in a seperate book/folder, and just use the filofax for important info and quick reminders.
I would advise making a list of everything that you want to have with you all the time. Doing this helped me realise that I didn't need as much space/pages as I thought!
Hope this helps :)

Filofreak (2012-07-10 14:00:52)
Hey Steve, thanks for the info on City Organizer. However, I can't tell if the Pennybridge has an outside pocket on it? (This is essential to me for receipts etc). I can't find a view of that. Do you or anyone else know?Thanks!
Erin

Alison (2012-07-10 14:05:21)
This is the very reason why I came off Facebook, not specifically because of comments on my Filofax collection as nobody knows about that but similar reasons, nasty comments, over opinionated people, none of my friends know I have a blog. I know I spend too much money on Filofaxes and books for that matter, I don't need anybody else to point that out, but I don't spend much on shoes, handbags (just the occasional buy every now and again), make up etc and I don't drink at all or go for nights out very often. Were all entitled to spend money on what makes us happy and it's nobody else's business. If my money wasn't going on these things it would be going on another similar obsession, at least a Filofax keeps me organised, what would I get out of a pair of designer shoes? Blisters probably haha !!

Filofreak (2012-07-10 14:19:18)
Hey Sandra: That would be a great post! Are you getting a new EC Life Planner this year?
And Gail: I agree with others; just tell them to get a life! If they're so worried about what you're doing maybe they should worry more about themselves. As the saying goes, when you point a finger at some, there are MORE fingers pointing back at you!

Frederique (2012-07-10 14:48:07)
As I have one, I can confirm that yes, the Pennybridge has an outside pocket: super-practical indeed.
You can find a picture of this pocket on Iris's Pennybridge at [1]http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2011/08/die-qual-der-wahl.html !

1. `http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2011/08/die-qual-der-wahl.html`

T-na (2012-07-10 15:00:53)
I used one similar to Sketch when I was in college. It is bulkier that Domino but the external pocket on the back and the notepad pocket on the Sketch made up for that. The external pocket is great to slip the odd paper slips and receipts during the day without having to open the planner. Sort of an inbox that I process at the end of the day.
My notes were transcribed into a Miquelrius notebook or a text file so I didn't have a problem taking notes in the Personal size. I review the notes later and flesh it out when I transcribed them.
A5 was too big for me and I tend to stuff it and only clean it out at the end of term. With Personal size, I cleaned it out weekly as part of my weekly review.
The Urban is also a good option if you can find it. It is not as bulky as Sketch and has that external pocket with a zipper.

Cheryl (2012-07-10 15:05:25)
Ha! I just got one in the mail today which I ordered from Container Store online. Can't wait to use it!

Romina (2012-07-10 15:19:02)
I am an adult and I pay for my stationery obsession. I do not apologize for spending money on paper, pens, Filofaxes, etc.
Why should anyone else feel entitled to comment (negatively) about how I spend my hard earned cash? I dont tell others how to clean their house or raise their children. Respect above everything...and minding your own biz too!
Filofaxes are awesome and you can get as many as you want, need, love, etc.
steps off the soapbox*

T-na (2012-07-10 15:24:16)
Does anyone know when Filofax started naming the planners and when they started adding the codes and names to the inside covers?
I have an old Filofax, similar to the Winchesters I see on Flickr but mine only has Filofax, Made in England, Real Calf imprinted in gold lettering on the cover. No codes. Most pictures of Winchesters I've seen has the code e.g. 4CLF 7/8 to designate its pocket, leather and ring size.
Any ideas?
Thanks.

LJ (2012-07-10 15:33:08)
I was embarrassed about letting friends know that I blog (especially as it's mainly about Filofaxes), but I have figured that it doesn't matter what anyone else thinks or says (although I am thankfully quite lucky in that I have had few comments on FB, most of mine come direct from workmates as they see my beauties when they arrive - and to be honest, it's usually along the lines of "Oh God, another Filofax..." the anything offensive), so now I almost always put a link on FB whenever I add a post to my blog.
Three of my work colleagues now have filofaxes (one is also a tad obsessed with them), and a couple more are considering them. I work hard to earn my money, I rarely drink, don't smoke and don't go out as babysitters here are ridiculously expensive. My children are well looked after, we have no debts and therefore I do not feel the need to justify my purchases to anyone.
Also, as I rarely go out I need something to keep me entertained that is just for me. My Filofaxes give me my freedom to express myself in my setups and other bits and pieces that I love to look at and play around with. They are a sort of hobby...
I have once had a comment about it being wrong to spend money on frivolous things, and was a bit offended, but then said that it is totally up to me what I decide to spend my money on providing all the things I am responsible for are dealt with first, and the person soon backed down.
I am firmly out of the Filofax closet and very proud :o)

Alison (2012-07-10 15:55:13)
Good on you LJ, i'm not bothered about people knowing I use a Filofax, I whip it out anywhere, outside school, with a friend over coffee to arrange our next meet up (she never even bat an eyelid lol), in the middle of a shop, I suppose I wouldn't really bother about anybody reading my blog, there is nothing on there a real friend doesn't know anyway and they'd probably not be that interested in my Filofax posts anyway!!

Cheryl (2012-07-10 16:11:09)
Oy! Let me try this again...I don't see A5 Cotton Cream To Do sheets on the Filofax US or UK websites. Am I missing something?!
I dread going to Filofax website...I find it annoying (rant over):)
Thanks!

Steve Morton (2012-07-10 16:41:49)
Do I get a prize?
They don't do any pages in Cotton Cream in A5 size.... unless someone else knows different?

Anthony Hill (2012-07-10 18:55:52)
Hi Gail,
I had a similar experiance on a message board, snide comments and point scoring exercise. Needless to say I have never returned to that area infested with Pihrana's waiting for the unwary. I too took down my Facebook due mainly to the adverse publicity and fares of security. Do those same people make the same comments about someone who has many, many books or have an extensive record/CD collection who have built up their collections over many years. No one here has critized another reader.
Stick with Philofaxy your in safe hands here.

robynlouise (2012-07-10 23:24:07)
My Collins Debden (I have this one: http://www.collinsdebden.com.au/index.php?page=shop.product _details &flypage=ja _vm _cat _browse.php &product _id=653 &category _id=169 &manufacturer _id=0 &option=com _virtuemart &Itemid=95) has a pocket inside the back cover for a notepad, but I didn't use the notepad much and the back cover has started to come off, so it's got nothing to hang by in the back pocket. The pocket is different from the one in say, my pocket Bond, which could be used for notes, cards, etc. I'm not sure what to do with this pocket. It's really just a slit in the plastic, rather than one piece of plastic on top of another. Sorry, it's difficult to describe.
Does anyone have any suggested uses for this now-useless pocket? As I never really used the notepad when it was

there, I'm not interested in purchasing another one to go in the same spot.

Butanben (2012-07-11 08:37:41)
Cheryl, Ray produced some great Turbo charged to Do sheets, which you can print off onto your own cotton cream paper. Available in A5 download on his site My Life all in One Place. I use them all the time... much better than the usual to do sheets. Have a lookie doo and see what you think.

janet (2012-07-11 08:39:56)
I love jewelry (particularly rings and diamonds), handbags and all kinds of planners/journals. I have gazillions of all of them and it doesn't bother me at all to be honest. I work hard, earn a good salary, pay my taxes, volunteer at an animal shelter and pay for one disadvantaged child to go to school each year. I pay for everything myself, I don't owe anybody anything and so I feel they can say what they want about me and my hobbies. it runs like water off a duck's back. It also says more about them than it does about me. So try not to let it bother you.

MTH (2012-07-11 11:15:40)
Hello! Long-time lurker, first time poster - I have had a Filofax since 1998; my first (which I still have) was a brown pocket Hamilton I bought at KaDeWe in Berlin for the princely (for my graduate-school self) sum of 90DM! Since then I had a personal size navy something or other with pebbled leather that I have unaccountably managed to lose in a move two years ago, and earlier this year, I rediscovered my Filofax love when I found a turqoise Personal Baroque in a local stationery store and fell in love. I have also bought an A5 Domino (on sale!) and the Personal Chameleon in Raspberry for half-off. And of course I am always tempted by more.
But other than introducing myself I have a question, which is that I seem to have some ballpoint pen marks on the back of my gorgeous Baroque - what's the best way to get them out? (I know rubbing alcohol does take out pen marks but will it damage the leather or the dye?)
Thanks for your help!

Cheryl (2012-07-11 12:43:49)
Thank you...ha...I didn't even notice there were no cotton cream anything for A5...I was just focused on those to do sheets. I got an A5 Finch awhile back (empty, bought used) and haven't used it yet so was unaware about the cotton cream not being available for A5. Well, that just ... fill in the blank. However, I will check out Ray's to do sheets. Thanks!

Angel Jem (2012-07-11 12:51:18)
So long as children are fed and loved, house is relatively well looked after and obsession harms no one else, who cares what others say? Come the post apolcalyptic holocaust, we'll still be able to schedule drinks when others are left unable to know what day it is. Toleration and moderation are the key words.

baggirl (2012-07-11 13:38:37)
I have some of them! I have laminated free-form "Keypoints reminder"s: "Effective Delegation", "Managing Meetings" & "managing pressure". I could probably scan them and email them to someone. To Philofaxy?
btw their ref numbers are DS53, DS52, DS59.

baggirl (2012-07-11 17:17:38)
Oooooh, I've just found 4 more - "Finding more time", "Problem solving", "Productive thinking" and "Thinking ahead" (DS54, DS56, DS57 & DS58 respectively).

Gerard (2012-07-11 18:07:20)
Oooooh yourself! Will you *please* be a sweetheart, and scan and email these to gerardmccabe [at] eircom [dot] net
I notice that DS55 seems to have gone astray O _o
Nevermind - please send on what you can :-D

Gerard (2012-07-12 07:07:08)
Someone has gone to the trouble of translating the Keypoint Reminders into German here...
http://www.arow.biz/cgi-bin/cm.pl/?id=11IzjTSr/AiJo11004002343
... so it seems that I'm not the only one who found them useful. Here's hoping that a copy turns up!

Gerard (2012-07-12 18:13:56)
baggirl, thank you very much!
I <3 Philofaxy.

Guest Post: In search of the ultimate compact A5 Filofax – Part 1 By:Tim Edwards (2012-07-11 00:00) - Steve Morton

A big thank you to Tim for this excellent (picture heavy) guest post about his Flex which has rings in it... read on.. and as it says at the end Part 2 is tomorrow.
They say that size isn't important. But not a week goes by on *Philofaxy* without the topic cropping up – particularly A5 versus Personal size. Is the original the way to go for compactness and portability? Or is A5 the better bet, combining extra page space and ease of printing information sheets for inserting into your binder? (I know this doesn't apply in the USA or Canada, where you've yet to switch to the international paper size standard. Hey guys! Even the UK adopted it - in 1959 - and we're not usually with the avant-garde!)
It's certainly not a new topic. I've been having this debate with myself since 1986 when I purchased my first organiser. It was an A5 vinyl Time Manager system. Tens of thousands in the UK and around the world went on the TMI two-day course which got you the organiser system. If (like me) you weren't high enough up the greasy pole to go, you had to buy it yourself and read about how to use it in your own time! It was available in two sizes and I chose A5 rather than the 'original' version (which was the equivalent and key competitor to Filofax). I was persuaded by the roomier pages, and (as a left-hander) being better able to work around the binder rings when writing. Even so, I soon got fed-up lugging the bulky A5 binder around due to its' size and weight.

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Even in the 1980's, portability was becoming an issue. So, when TMI introduced their Compact binder in 1989, I purchased one. It was a great size for carrying around, but hopeless for inserting any printout information (agenda's, contacts etc).

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My A5 was soon confined to the desk and major conferences, but even then often replaced by a Psion electronic organiser (remember them?)

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Filofax didn't introduce A5 until around 1991 and it was only when I migrated to their Time Management system in 2004 that I again found myself unhappy with the bulk of an A5 zipped monster. This time a nylon faced Logic binder – typical weight with contents 1.6Kg! Indestructible. Built like a tank. It felt like I was going back in time!

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So out came my Time Manager compact again and a few pages switched between that and the Logic-zipped. One day (probably having dropped the Logic on my toe again!) I purchased a reduced price A5 Kendal. I was trying to get to "one life, one Filofax"! OK! it was smaller and a bit lighter, but not slimmer (still 30mm rings).

Last year when the A5 Holborn came out (with 25mm rings), I purchased one of these. However, like many Philofaxy readers have found, being A5, it was still bulky to carry around everywhere. I was finding that the looks of admiration I got 20 years ago when whipping out my well-structured, professional-looking A5, were now being met with glances of pity. I remember one meeting when I was sat thumbing through my rather obese Filofax and a colleague very vocally recalled: "Oh! I used to have one of those things" before giving everyone an unrequested demonstration of the merits of his new iPad! But, he did have a point. 20 years before, everyone in the room would have had a paper organiser. Now I was the only one! But, I still enjoyed a paper-based system and had no wish to go completely digital. I just needed a way to stick with A5!

Then came the Flex by Filofax announcement. I instantly recognised the Flex design as a direct copy of the 1980's [5]Time Manager Planner Wallet. To be fair this had never been produced by TMI in A5. I was one of the first to buy a Flex - motivated by a brilliant video by Imy of Imysworld Unfortunately, Imy took the video off (she told me it was a bit embarrassing), but there is still a [6]great review by Imy here; [7] and [8]Steve did a review too.

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Could I abandon a ringed system and use a ringless Flex? Well, I tried for a few days. Honestly, I did! But I quickly got frustrated at not being able to move pages around into order. Without a ring I couldn't

add new sheets or remove others. Also, I only use my diary as a journal. All appointments have long since been coordinated through Microsoft Outlook and synced to my 'phone. So carrying a full 12 month blank diary and a big empty notebook wasn't for me.

So, If not Flex - what might work? I loved the Flex binder size. It slotted into a small pocket in my briefcase and took up little room in a rucksack or day bag. OK - the plastic vinyl material is dire but I could predict from the outset that leather versions would follow, if I waited (I'm still waiting!). We've long campaigned for a slim A5 Filofax (no, not Adelphi) but with no prospect of a decent slimline compact A5 being launched (this was June last year) which way could I go?

After close examination of my A5 Flex, I realised that there was potential. I could fit a slim ring mechanism into the spine and still use the Flex in the intended way - both the inside and outside pockets. After a trial with a ring fixed to a flexible insert (similar to the pen holder) I found that the 13mm ring from my old Time Manager Compact worked well. Indeed, so well that I confidently took a modelling knife to my virtually new Flex one evening and fitted the ring to the spine. TMI don't use rivets for their compact mechanisms, so the two-piece ring mechanism was fairly quickly fitted to the Flex. In minutes, it was transformed to become my first compact A5 organiser!

Here's how I did it... Important: this technique involves using a sharp modelling knife. If you were to use a riveted Filofax ring mechanism, you would also need a sharp instrument such as a pocket screwdriver. This is not a recommendation for anyone to do what I did. Proceed with the greatest care and at your own risk if you are tempted to try anything similar!

As mechanisms are not sold separately, my only option was to use one from an old organiser. I removed the 13mm ring from my old Time Manager Compact. If anyone wants to try to source one, they are made by a small Swiss company called "Krause". (Note that newer TMI Compacts have 17mm rings as the smaller ones were regarded as too small!). Filofax mechanisms are made in China by a company called "World Wide". I suspect they would want a minimum export order of several thousand! Such is life! *[See Note 1]*

First, I carefully unclipped and removed the mechanism. I worked out exactly where it was to go in the Flex and where I needed to make two holes in the inner cover. I then, VERY CAREFULLY, cut the holes ensuring that I only cut through the inner layer of plastic and not through the separate outer layer. The holes didn't need to be too neat as they would be covered by the mechanism.

[10] The TMI compact mechanism is in two parts that just clip together.

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I applied some impact adhesive (Evo-stick – other brands are available!) to the baseplate and carefully pushed the plate through the bottom hole I had made, pushing it up past the top hole and checking it was correctly aligned.

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I then offered up the ring mechanism sliding it onto the two sets of lugs on the baseplate..

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..and finally checking that the lugs had engaged correctly with the ring mechanism.

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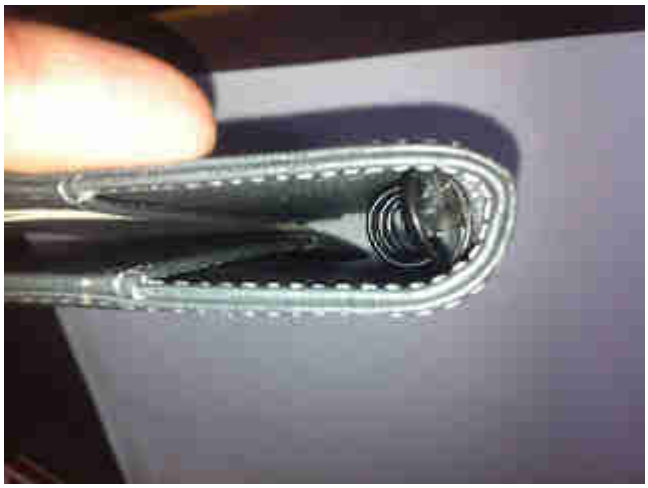
This is how it looked when complete

[15] 

Fitting a Filofax mechanism would be harder as mechanisms are held by two rivets protruding from the baseplate. It can be tried by gentle easing the lip of the rivets up using a pocket screwdriver (with great care to avoid scratching the chrome and to avoid personal injury!)...

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...then removing the mechanism from the baseplate...

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... then proceed in reverse having fitted the baseplate inside the Flex cover.
Just as the glue had dried, I realised that by moving the binder ring slightly off -centre (slightly lower) I could have created enough space for some dividers with tabs on the top without them sticking out at all. So I unclipped the mechanism, gently eased the glued baseplate off and re-glued it a few millimetres lower. It worked perfectly! My dividers were made from Time Manager storage box dividers, suitably punched, but they could have been easily cut from plastic.
I decided that three tabs would be a suitable compromise – basically a section for my work, one for personal and a third for information.

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Despite what this photo suggests, the tabs don't protrude from the top or the dividers stick out at the bottom of the binder – they are just flush as you can see (or not see!) here...

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There was the issue of the hole spacing being different to Filofax A5 (TMI use the same spacing as Filofax Personal). However, having been long unhappy with Filofax insert quality, I decided to use up my stock of old Time Manager inserts (some over 20 years old but still better quality than modern Filofax paper). As for diary/ journal pages my modelling knife soon converted the Flex diary into loose leaf format ([21]Steve by coincidence did the same thing a few months later[22]). I used my solid robust TMI hole punch to make the correctly spaced holes in the cotton cream paper and they've been fine.

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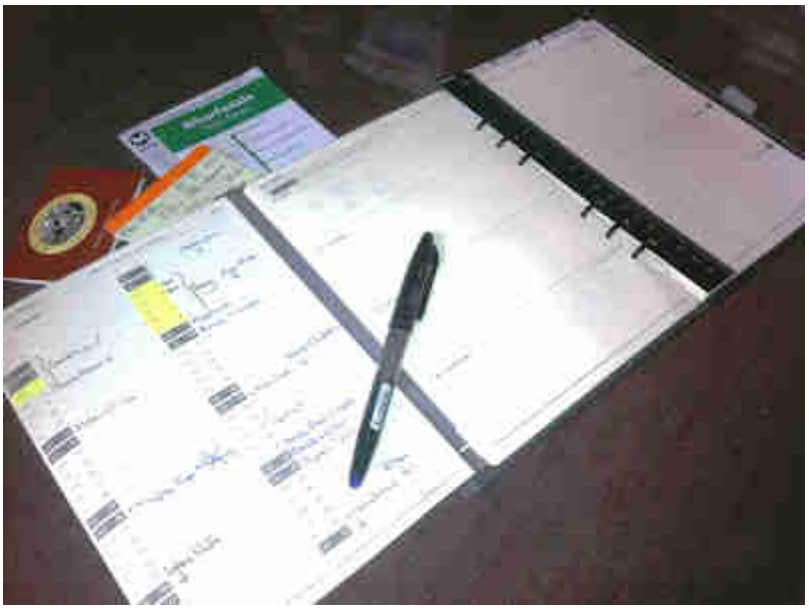
So, could I fit everything I needed into my new "Filoflex"? Or would I fail and end up back with a traditional A5 Filofax? Or would I give-in altogether and succumb to the temptation of going Personal? Find out in part two, tomorrow...



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Note 1: Steve found some suppliers of ring mechanisms in this post on [25]creating your own organiser. Additionally I tracked down two other companies:

- Krause is the Swiss company that make rings for Time Managers [26]http://www.krause.ch
- Worldwide is the Chinese company that make rings for Filofaxes [27]http://www.wwstationery.com/

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Steph (2012-07-11 00:34:39)
That looks like exactly what I have been looking for....you should sell them lol....genius

Laurie (2012-07-11 02:50:19)
Filofax has ignored years of us begging here on Philofaxy for a truly slimline A5 binder. Maybe they will finally take notice when they discover people have started to make their own!!
Well done, and let us know how you get on with your slimline A5!

Hereford Ted (2012-07-11 05:13:02)
This is a really interesting post. I've been wanting to switch to A5 for ages but can't cope with all the enormous binders that Filofax make. I bet loads of us on here have had this problem. The A5 binders are nearly all the same - 25mm rings and identical pocket layout.
Can't wait to hear if it worked for Tim or not - bet it has! Filofax should listen to their customers and not keep making products that are heavy and impractical.

Tim (2012-07-11 05:54:48)
Many of us are now wedded to portable electronic devices, but also want to keep with a paper-based system. That was my dilemma. Surely a great opportunity for Filofax? Instead they stuck with traditional designs rather than respond to A5 market demands. So just Adelphi as a supposedly slimline, compact A5 - with very limited appeal! Flex is good but traditional Filofax users have had to switch completely from loose-leaf - a step too far for many of us.
Now it seems like we've been waiting for a London bus. (You hang around for ages and then, just as you're about to give up, several come along all at once!)
Luxe - new to most markets - will have 20mm rings in A5, as will the new Boston. Now it looks like the "iFilofax" models are also all going to be 20mm (Pennybridge and Malden Zip).
It'll be interesting to see whether this sudden burst of activity works, or whether it will just saturate the market.

Gail (2012-07-11 06:44:35)
Oh my goodness, I nearly had to go and have a lie down when I saw that knife against your Filofax...chilling it

was! BUT you did a fantastic job of creating a beautiful sleek organiser. Looking forward to part 2 now. Filofax need to start listening to what people want in an organiser or they are going to start making their own.

Jotje (2012-07-11 07:44:17)
Excellent post, Tim! I was just getting on Steve's nerves about it during the last Skype chat, he he.
This is brilliant, as it would allow to carry the utmost essentials with you, while leaving the bulk at home.
So, do you take orders? I'd like a pink A5 Flex with 17 mm rings please!!

Amanda (2012-07-11 08:20:07)
Yes I'd like to make an order please!
Actually here in Australia, our 80 year old chocolate maker is going broke because their products didn't move with consumers tastes. Here is a perfect example of what Filofax is missing out on. They already have the products, they just need to combine them properly and not just try to force us to choose 'one or the other'. I've been using an A5 slimline I found in Bangkok (A5 really is the perfect size to my needs) and I'd much prefer the extra quality of filofax, but needs must. I now have 3 not quite right beautiful filofax A5's, and one works well, not quite right but a perfect size almost, plastic planner made in Thailand with 17mm rings that fits nicely in my bag.
By the way, has anyone found the Slicci range of refillable pens by Pentel? I've just started using a 3 colour version - blue, red and green. I purchased the 'Princess' barrel and added my choice of colours from refills. Three is a lovely range of colours and the three colour fits nicely in my Cuban zip and also in my Holborn personal size (now retired to archiving due to my new plastic A5). Slicci range also has double colour barrels, but they are the same diameter as the triple so I went for three colours.
But back to A5 slimline. Come on Filofax. Keep up!

janet (2012-07-11 08:30:23)
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Butanben (2012-07-11 08:30:54)
Wow!! I just love the inventiveness of all the Philofaxers out there!! Mind you, if I tried it, I'd end up in casualty I think!! Sooo come on Filofax, get widening your product range, after all you don't really want folks risking life and limb getting enthusiatic with craft knives now do you??

Tim (2012-07-11 10:01:51)
Hi Janet - Gosh, I'd forgotten all about the battery fallout problem. It could be solved by having a back-up card in one of the slots, but you had to be sure to save your work frequently!
There was a program called "Psiwin" to exchange info - though it probably wouldn't work with anything more recent than Windows 3.1! And you would need a 3.5" or 5" floppy disk-drive! How technology has changed in just a few years!
I had a 3, then a 3a and finally a Psion 5. (There was a Psion 2 but never a 4). There was one final model before they withdrew from the sector (still as market leader!). That was the 5mx. Steve has got one of these and still uses it! If you look carefully at mine, you'll there is a crack on the screen - it still works though!

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-11 10:08:15)
That's amazing! I'm itching to cut one of mine apart....
Tracy

Lostwithoutyou (2012-07-11 11:14:04)
Talking of the flex, I popped into the Conduit Street store today. They have a slim line flex in leather in a lovely purple colour. I really wanted it but don't use the slim size. They had grey leather slim size and A5 sized flex's too. The leather is beautifully soft. The lady said that's all they've had in at the moment but they're hoping to get more middle of August/September. The slim leather flex is £19 and the A5 leather flex is £27.

Tim (2012-07-11 11:41:22)
Hello Lostwithoutyou - certainly leather Flex is promised during 2012 and maybe Conduit Street does have a sample. If so, they must surely have the prices wrong! The current A5 vinyl plastic model is £27 in A5 and £19 in Slim (currently 25 % off on the Filofax UK website). The leather A5 Flex is expected to be more like £55. Are you sure it wasn't the soft "leather look" version that Steve featured last week?

Cheryl (2012-07-11 12:07:23)
Drat! I used to have a Franklin Covey ring mechanism attached to a pliable plastic 'sleeve' but I think I got rid of it. Double drat. I think it may have fit into that flex cover. FC made these ring 'inserts' for their wire bound planner covers for those of us who couldn't between wire bound or ring bound or for whatever reason wanted both options in a flex like cover. I recall the ring size was very very small though so not sure how many pages it would have held.
Pretty creative converting that A5 into a ring binder. I do like all the pockets the Flex system has but like you and others can't deal with that style of insert...I need to be able to move things around!

Tim (2012-07-11 12:59:01)
Hi Jotje - glad you like! You've done some excellent stuff yourself!
Not wanting to give away the plot, but tomorrow is all about finding a way to carry only everything I need to have, rather than a way to carry everything I have!
I'm afraid we're currently out of pink (and purple!)

John (2012-07-11 13:09:26)
A Psion Series 5!! I still have mine in storage with my papers. Loved the portability at a time when sub-4lb laptops were + $3k and the sheer elegance and foresightedness of much of the design. I've never heard of this battery issue, and never had that problem with mine. To this day, the SD card has drafts of stories I wrote in my early twenties, just as accessible with AA's or the AC adapter- and editable! - now as when I wrote them in 1999.

Tim (2012-07-11 13:38:45)
Hi John - Looking at my Psion 5 (8Mb), you're right that they had solved the battery cover problem that plagued the earlier models. I've just put some fresh batteries in mine. Full of stuff from 1997 - just before I was made redundant! I had completely forgotten that the Psion 5 was touch screen. Way ahead of its' time!

Steve Morton (2012-07-11 13:45:20)
Yes I'm the proud owner of two Psion 5mx's both still work and one of them sits on my desk next to my iMac! Both are 16 MB capacity and I have CF cards in them as well But they are a great little machine I got quite proficient at typing on them and I've taken lots of meeting minutes on one.
Sadly because technology has moved on a bit it's not easy to use these on line these days.
I later on bought an HP iPaq which is colour touch screen, but it died and the battery will no longer charge.
But I love the Psion because it uses ordinary AA batteries, I've never had the problem of the batteries falling out.
I can still sync my Psions with Windows XP using PsiWin 2.3.3 there are still quite a following for them as well.
These days I have an iPad and an iPod Touch, but I keep the Psion going because I have a couple of databases on there and a few other calculation apps that I use quite a bit, it's just easy to use rather than to transfer them to something else!

janet (2012-07-12 05:51:20)
I had a Psion 3c and a 5 then switched to Palm Pilot. Went through all their updates and after the Life Drive I

switched back to paper which I have used ever since.

Laurie (2012-07-12 06:01:03)
Unfortunately the Luxe and Boston will be out of my price range. The Pennybridge in slimline would be great, but since I don't have an iThing that would just be wasted bulk.
Filofax, I'll say it again: a slimline A5 Finsbury please!! Or even a non-leather, true slimline without extra pockets and add-ons.

David Popely (2012-07-13 04:31:17)
Hi Tim....great post, and a pleasure to read it from someone I know to be a fellow TMI veteran.....
I've finally got round to re-tooling my old (Original size)TMI binder for GTD, and it works *great*! Based on what you've written here though, I might bid for a TMI compact binder on Ebay (none available at the moment, I checked). I used to have one but it got disposed of during my misguided 'electronic' phase. Lesson learned!

Guest Post: In search of the ultimate compact A5 Filofax – Part 2 (2012-07-12 00:00) - Steve Morton

OK - so you [1]missed yesterday? Where were you? Here's a quick resumé! I've resisted switching to a personal size organiser and I've now made my own A5 "Filoflex". It's a standard Flex by Filofax cover fitted with a 13mm binder ring (ex. Time Manager). Now I've just got to decide what to put in it!

[2]

Big problem. How on earth could I get everything from my 25mm ringed A5 Holborn into a mechanism barely half the size? Put simply, I couldn't! So, I thought long and hard about what I really needed to carry around. I undertook a week long trial with my A5 Holborn, putting a little dot at the top of every page when I used it. I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised at the results. 60 % of my pages were never looked at all week and a further 20 % could easily be discarded if I used my iPhone (boo! hiss!) more efficiently and avoided duplication of information. In particular, why did I need to carry all my contacts on my 'phone and an identical set in my organiser in printed form? I think this one comes from the days when 'phone batteries were poor and likely to give up at a crucial moment!
I think some tasks still can't be done effectively on a smartphone. For example, a foldout year planner is a great way for your advance planning overview. It's far better than trying to plan on a tiny 'phone screen. Paper is the best way for structured thinking too - for example designing this post so it flowed smoothly. (hmmm!)
So I sat down and went through everything I needed each day and the best way - and indeed from now

on, the only way - of carrying it around. I included everything I used on a daily basis – debit cards, credit cards, business cards, stamps, a pen, the need for pockets for money, receipts, tickets etc. As well as my A5 Flex and iPhone, I realised that I would ideally also have a new smaller-size wallet. I decided that a Slim Flex would fit the bill – as well as matching my grey slate A5 Flex.

[3]

Here's the list of things I went through and where it seemed to fit best (Time Manager fans will recognise my TMI thought processes!):
Flex A5 (with ring) - * indicates items to be held in the ring mechanism

- Long-term planner – year/ month (Flex)
- Short-term planner/ Journal*
- Goals for the year (business and personal)*
- Key areas*
- Current projects (tasks and activities)*
- Core information (passwords, overnight packing, grocery list etc)*
- Blank pages*
- Mind mapping pages*
- Business leaflets and business cards
- Pen (held in two Flex card holders)
- Jot pad (Flex)

[4]

Flex Slim

- Bank notes pocket
- Receipts pocket
- Jot pad (Flex)
- Business cards
- Credit/ debit/ membership cards
- Rail and other tickets
- Pen (in 2 Flex card holders)

[5]

iPhone4 (no photo needed!)*Ed:I found one?*

- Contacts
- Agenda (I use the "weekcal" app as it has a weekly and mini-month view)
- Reminders/ to-do/ don't forget (I use the "tasklist" app)

- Key dates - birthdays etc (reminders by “weekcal” synced with MS Outlook)

[6]

The only things duplicated are that both the Slim Flex and A5 Flex hold business cards, jot pads, Frixion pens and two card pen holders which also act as closures. So I can go swimming or shopping, mountain biking or down to the pub and just take my Slim Flex, using it as a wallet and still be able to make notes or give out a card.

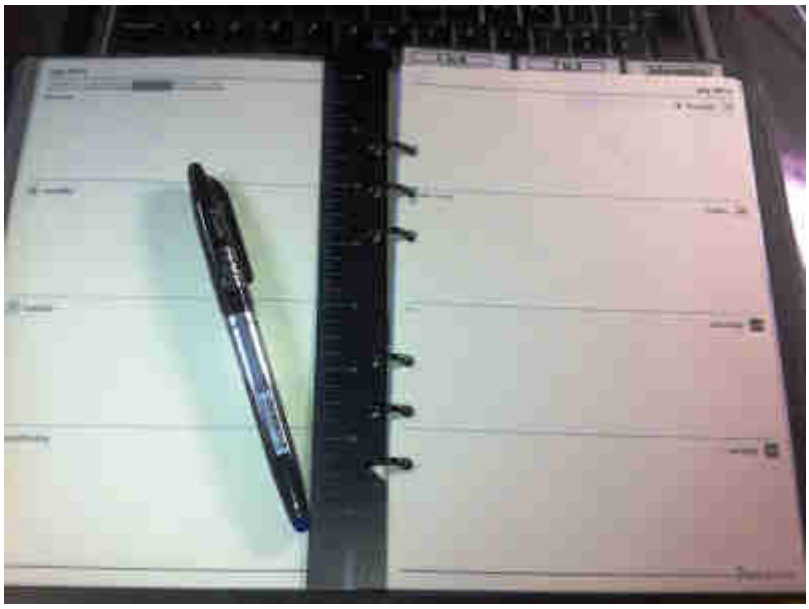
[7]

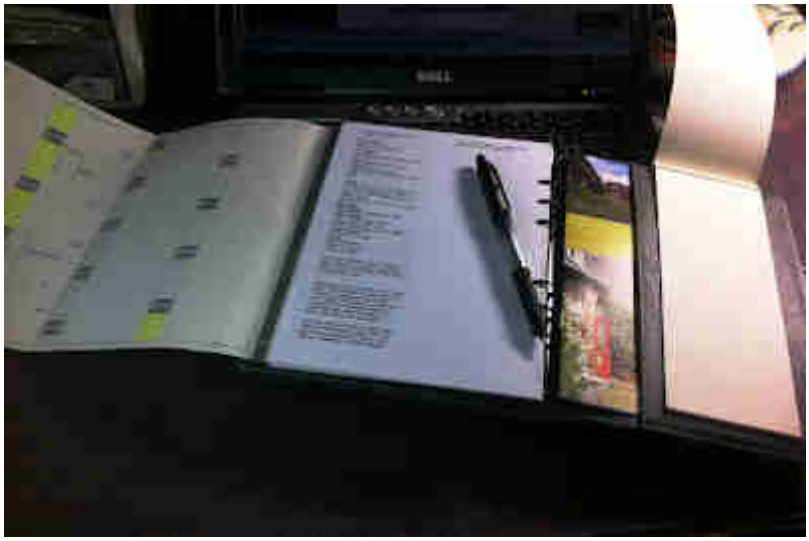
[8]

It has worked brilliantly! So much so that I've hardly changed anything in 12 months. Initially, I originally also had a Flex fold out year planner in the Slim wallet. I quickly abandoned that as I found I only do long-term planning when I've got the A5 with me (i.e. not in the pub!)
Due to the number of cards we seem to need these days (loyalty cards, membership cards, discount cards etc) I added extra cards to the Slim wallet by cutting down a couple of clear business card holders. Each holds four (back-to-back) and they sit in the outside pockets with the pen holders (that also act as the wallet closure). This means I don't even need to open the wallet to remove one of these cards and can now hold 14 rather than 6.

[9]

As you'll have noticed, I'm still using the spliced and punched Flex diary pages in my A5. When these run out at the end of July (it was a 2011/2 academic year Flex diary which they haven't produced this year), I'll switch to printing my own using the Steve n'Ray "enhanced time management" templates (which I also had a tiny say in the design of!) CLICK HERE

[10] 

[11] 

This photo shows how the A5 binder normally looks on my desk. I have the month/year overview on the left and the diary pages open next to that. I can then flip directly to project or information pages as I need to. Two folds and I can pick up the binder with thumb and two fingers, just needing to fit the Frixion into the two elasticated holders and I'm off!

[12]

If you love carrying a big A5 Filofax and having everything in printed paper form, then this isn't for you. If however, you largely use an iPhone (or other smartphone), iPad or whatever, but still love paper and just need to keep a few core pages of overview, journal, project management info and blank pages for jotting down ideas, planning and making notes, then this type of approach is certainly worth thinking about.

Finally, if you're still not sure I've done the right thing, here are the size and weigh-in comparisons - all with contents:

Filofax A5 Logic zipped (black)

265mm x 205mm x 48mm = 2,607,600 cubic millimetres.

Typical weight: 1650g

Filofax A5 Holborn (brown)

235mm x 195mm x 38mm = 1,741,350 cubic millimetres

Typical weight: 1320g

Flex by Filofax A5 First Edition as modified (grey)

223mm x 165mm x 25mm = 919,875 cubic millimetres.

Typical weight: 425g

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..and for those of you that think an A5 Filofax is a bit like carrying a brick, here's a comparison with one!
British Victorian Housebrick
200mm x 115mm x 79mm = 1,817,000 cubic millimetres
Typical weight: 2700g – so about the same capacity as a loaded A5 Holborn and twice as heavy!

[16]

Hope you've found this of interest. All the photos except one, have just been taken, so show the set-up after 12 months of daily use. So, even though it's vinyl and not leather, it has worn pretty well.
I wrote to Letts Filofax about my experiences and made a few suggestions. Sure enough, I didn't even get an acknowledgement! Their customer service is good but their attitude to product development and lack of interest in suggestions from serious and enthusiastic users, staggers me!
Thank you for reading. Thanks too for all the hard work the editorial team puts in and to everyone for all the banter, e-mail exchanges and helpful tips I've had from members of the Philofaxy community over the years!

Tim Edwards – Yorkshire Dales UK
Thank you Tim, I hope it has given some of our readers some ideas to help create their own Filoflex (TiM)

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Iain (2012-07-12 01:49:31)
Brilliant set of posts! Really ingenious set up. Particularly like the joint set up between planner and wallet. Thanks for sharing

Tim (2012-07-12 02:59:48)
Love the 'phone photo Steve! My first Motorola portable was like that one. We didn't call them mobiles" (or "cellphones" USA) in those days!
I reckon such 'phones date from the mid-1980's - just when I was on my first paper organiser system!

Saffy (2012-07-12 04:02:22)
I thought it would be interesting to note that the A5 Luxe is lighter than the A5 Adelphi and the personal Deco. Their empty weights are; Luxe 298 gm and Adelphi is 373 gm. This surprised me because the empty weight of the Deco is 317gm.

Hereford Ted (2012-07-12 04:08:20)
Tim - this is one of the most thoughtful and inspirational posts ever on Philofaxy. Well done! It has given me lots of ideas to revive my own failed planning system.
Just one question - would you have done the same knifework if it had been an expensive leather binder?

Tim (2012-07-12 04:42:02)
Hi Saffy - Gosh! What a difference! I've just emptied my A5 Logic Zip. That weighs 535g empty!

Tim (2012-07-12 04:47:50)
Hi Ted - thanks for that lovely comment! Yes, I would certainly do it again - and will - when a leather version eventually appears!
I think the main aim of Philofaxy must be to motivate each other to get the best out of our planners - whatever brand or size. Above all we can help sufferers of the dreaded "planner fail". (I've been there more than most!). Good luck with your efforts!

Tim (2012-07-12 05:13:09)
Thanks Iain - I hope other ordinary members of Philofaxy might feel inspired to write about their system!
For me the problem has always been what to carry around with me. Like many folk, lugging a big A5 around everywhere, just didn't work. Now I have an A5 system that really is portable and forces me (due to ring size) to keep it streamlined and minimal. I've then also got my satellite Slim Flex for when I'm just out-and-about. Anything that crops up can be transferred when I'm back with my A5. It has worked for me anyway!

Saffy (2012-07-12 05:31:00)
Ouch! 535g empty! I can feel my shoulder dragging and back aching at the thought of the full weight.
Filofax weight is a big issue and I am constantly weighing my collection to try and reduce what I lug around with me. I now have a list in my stay at home Filofax just with empty weights so I know what can go in my handbag and what can become a stay at home filo. The inserts I carry are almost always the same so it is the binder that makes the difference for me.
Really enjoyed reading your 2 part post by the way :)

Sari (2012-07-12 05:55:07)
Hi, Tim, thank you for two fantastic posts! I absolutely agree that especially long-term planning and 'thinking'works much better on paper than digital (for me also to-do list´s don´t work digital - I just keep pushing them to the next day - and out of my mind). But paper + leather+ ring-mechanism is a lot of weight to carry, as you have shown. Your solution is right: just carry what you really need and customise your tools if necessary (in a very elegant way, I love your Filoflex!). I am looking forward to see your leather version of FiloFlex.

Laurie (2012-07-12 06:06:31)
Hi Tim, I love your result with your slimline A5! This is exactly what I'm looking for. I could keep my weekly and monthly pages and relevant notes pages, and switch out pages into my big A5 binder at home as needed.
And I'm not surprised that you got no reply from Filofax! They are neck-deep in the fashion industry these days and seem to have little interest in those of us who like to use binders for time management.
Well done creating your ideal system!

Gerard (2012-07-12 07:04:59)
Thanks for these two posts Tim - very inspirational!

Steve Morton (2012-07-12 12:27:42)
Transportable I think is nearer the mark I think with that one!. And despite having a big battery those things only lasted a day if you were lucky!
I had the pleasure to test one of the first GSM portable phones made by a UK company, that was quite chunky by modern standards!

Paul B (2012-07-12 15:21:40)
Tim,
Thanks for a fascinating and very well-written couple of posts. These are great examples of what most of us come to Philofaxy for, to hear new ideas, learn new methods and to exchange info. Brilliant idea, and really well described. I've had my A5 Finsbury for the last three years, and it has steadily got heavier. I decided to weigh it, after reading your second post. I was very surprised to see it weighed 2.1 Kilos. That's more than the laptop my company gives me. It just prompted me to make the switch back to Personal and to be more ruthless with what I need. I decided on the spot that I'd make it a "no going back" decision, so I just emptied the A5, and put it on Ebay. Decision made. I think I'm tempted to have a go at creating a Filoflex like you described, and keep a slim folder for work info, and use my Personal as my main filofax. By the way, I have seen just the filofax ring assemblies for sale on Ebay at various times, by someone in the UK, and they were only a couple of pounds each. I haven't checked for a couple of weeks but there were a few 3 weeks ago, in (I think) pocket, personal and A5. Your post shows what some thought, some imagination and some patience can result in. Keep the innovation coming!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-12 22:05:13)
Absolutely *cracking* posts, thank you VERY much!
I especially liked that you've been using this sytem for a while now, so it's not just a theory, and the detailed photos are very helpful.
Thanks for taking the time to share!

Tim (2012-07-13 03:52:05)
Thank you for all the kind comments and questions. I always enjoy reading guest posts myself. It's not fair that the core editorial team has to do everything! So, I hope other Philofaxy readers will now be tempted to put pen to paper, write a post and let's exchange more ideas to help each other!

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 08:42:25)
I love Filo-DIY and this is more extreme than most. Well played. I'd be interested to see how far away from this the A5 compacts are when they become available.

Stephen Gazard (2012-08-08 02:45:54)
Tim thanks for this it was the inspiration I needed ... I've just taken the knife to mine to create my version .... I used the rings out of a slimeline Finsbury which clip and slide in rather than riveted like some filofaxes.
I then bought the new leather version from CityOrganiser and was going to do the same to that but they've changed the layout on the leather version so it doesn't have the credit cards slots ... so that's gone back and I'm waiting on a 'smooth' version arriving which I will then apply the same surgery.
Thanks for the tips.

Tim (2012-08-31 04:30:05)
Hi Stephen - Well done! How about a quick Guest Post on your version? We don't have too many Flex posts on here!
Sorry to hear the leather version hasn't worked for you. My understanding is that all the non-leather models (including the new "Smooth leather look") will keep the 1st Edition pocket layout. Let us know how you get on!
(ps to other readers: see also post of 30th August 2012 for related comments)

Free For All Friday No. 191 (2012-07-13 00:00) - Steve Morton

I was quite surprised by the negative attitude some people get when they are seen to own more than one Filofax personal organiser, remember the old saying though *'Sticks and stones will break my bones but words will never hurt me'* Yes something my late mother taught me when I was being bullied at school. Personally I think it's envy, we are being different by using paper rather than going along with the herd of only using electronic gadgets. Not that we don't use electronic gadgets ourselves, but we have found what works best for us. People might pock fun, but just ignore them, don't let them persuade you to change. I've found more people that look at it in a positive way myself. Sure I get a few people joke about it, but they are quickly silenced when I tell them about Philofaxy and how popular it is!
So let us not dwell on that topic, after all it's Friday and you are free to discuss anything Filofax related.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-13 02:39:11)
On that topic of people carping about Filofax/shoe/whatever collections, maybe because I'm older and thick-skinned, I find telling people "Oh yes, I'm dead selfish, terrible but it's just who I am!" shuts *anyone* up, so I always make sure to own up to it whenever I sense a conversation is about to turn judgemental...
If people try to shame you by implying something, and you just throw it in their face, they usually haven't got anywhere to go from there!
Trying to please and justify ("Look how good I am, I never buy X, Y and Z") only feeds the problem and perpetuates the critics' happy little notion that they get to sit in judgement on you - don't feed the monster!!
And remember, *Haters gotta hate* - as I believe the kids say..
JMO. ;o)

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 03:18:02)
"I don't believe it affects you, but if it does, tell me how and we'll discuss it. Otherwise, it makes me happy, so get over it and leave me alone." If they've been really unpleasant you can add, "Find someone else to bully." and watch their face.

Steve Morton (2012-07-13 03:26:45)
Different topic! Have you ever given someone a Filofax as a gift, may be someone who uses a non-Filofax organiser or may be a normal paper planner.
I'm thinking of donating one of mine to someone but I'm not sure yet what their reaction will be yet...

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-13 03:31:44)
Question: after my recent switchover, I ended up with a spare personal binder (Active zip) that I plan to keep computer data in, eg coded passwords, simple repair procedures, license keys, things like that.
I'd also like to keep a few pages torn from computing magazines, which have various procedures that are too long to memorise or write out, can anyone suggest a reasonably tidy way of doing this?
They don't needs to be laid out so I can read them, they'll probably only be accessed every few months, and I could just shove them into a clear envelope or custom version, but thought I'd ask if any of you Filofax whizzes have any better ideas first!

Butanben (2012-07-13 04:11:43)
I have just bought a fold out vertical year planner, the one with long thin rectangular boxes, which pulls out like an accordion, ie is tri- fold. WH Smith had the 2012 ones on sale for 99p!!! Being one for a bargain, I bought it, thinking how useful!! Now I don't know what to use it for and wonder if others find this useful and therefore synch more than one diary, ie daily, monthly, yearly, etc in their filos??? Or are folks just one diary people?? Any novel and interesting ideas for using my pully outy diary bargain????

Butanben (2012-07-13 04:19:00)
I gave one to my best friend. She loves the colour green and I found a lovely.... and unusual personal green Metropol in TK Maxx a couple of Christmases ago. I was wary that I may be sending the message "Get organized!!!" which of course I wasn't.... and I certainly didn't want to cause offence as she is one of my best pals and one of life's super organized even without a diary people!!! But I needn't have worried.... she loved it, because she had never owned a Filofax before, and because she knows all about my Philofaxy hobby, understood why I had given her that gift in particular. I only wish I had made her some home made inserts and wrapped those separately too. Hope that helps you decide.

PrincessK (2012-07-13 04:28:22)
Hi,
Does anyone know if its possible to get scratches and scuffs out of a ochre Malden?
Thanks in advance x

David Popely (2012-07-13 04:34:38)
I like my ochre Malden a bit scratched up....looks like I may occasionally use it (which I do!)
However, the scratches on the screen of my BlackBerry (keys and phone, same pocket, big mistake, don't go there) don't enhance it at all.
Another win for paper based systems over electronic - result!

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 04:35:30)
I've found the best way to use these is graphically rather than trying to squeeze words into the boxes. Using highlighter pens, you can use this in the way people use a wallchart, blocking out holidays or other significant periods, marking key project deadlines or other important dates.

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 04:36:53)
Screen scratches may polish out - a TINY bit of metal polish and a very soft cloth. Any coating will be lost, but the scratches already did that!

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 04:39:01)
I want to emphasis I'm talking about screen scratches. Don't be rubbing Brasso into your Filofax.

PrincessK (2012-07-13 04:43:21)
I dont mind it either, it looks like it has a bit of character! But i've downsized to a pocket so im trying to sell it and i think the pictures with scuffs on are putting buyers off.

David Popely (2012-07-13 04:46:21)
Isn't it the case that anything which has real class will look better as it ages, whereas anything which has no class will just look worn? :)
Filofax 1 BlackBerry 0, je pense.....:)

David Popely (2012-07-13 04:47:31)
Good tip with the Brasso Ray - I'll try that.

David Popely (2012-07-13 04:48:30)
I always just enter a single word, usualy where I'm physically going to be on a certain day (e.g. 'London', 'Bristol' etc) - that's usually enough to remind me of the 'whole story'....

Steve Morton (2012-07-13 04:49:31)
I bought a used Ochre Malden and it had a few scuffs on it. As a bit of an experiment I suppose I managed to reduce their visual impact by using a little bit of brown wax shoe polish on a soft cloth and rubbing it in to the areas and then the surrounding areas. It bought up the shine to the damaged areas without making them so obvious.
It also keeps the leather supple.

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 04:50:45)
[1]This stuff is fantastic on leather and improves the look of scuffed surfaces significantly.

1. `http://www.leathergenie.co.uk/`

David Popely (2012-07-13 04:52:08)
Steve, on a more general 'maintenance' level, I would think neutral leather shoe cream would make an excellent way of maintaining the suppleness of the leather

Alison (2012-07-13 04:54:55)
I'd have thought the Ochre Malden would look better with a few scratches, adds to the vintage effect!! Personally i've given over bothering about scratches on any of my Filofax(es), at the end of the day their there to be used.

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-13 05:34:14)
I bid for a Filofax and won it. Exterlunt!! Then I gets a message from Ebay telling me that the seller won't post to Australia and that the transaction has been cancelled. And that was for an old Hamilton Zip. Wasn't very impressed.

Steve Morton (2012-07-13 05:36:19)
Yes David, I've used some AutoGlyn Leather Care cream for a while now, I had it already for the leather seats in the car!
But any neutral leather care cream will certainly do the trick.

Steve Morton (2012-07-13 05:37:03)
Would it be possible to get them to ship it to a friendly Philofaxy reader in UK (assuming it is in UK) and then get them to post it on to you at cost?

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-13 05:37:15)
I gave a Filofax as a gift about two years ago and I rather suspect that despite all the lovely words, it was probably chucked in a drawer somewhere and promptly forgotten about it. That was a Pink Metropole - personal.

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-13 05:45:05)
Don't know Steve, just got very cheesed off when the transaction was cancelled and yes it was in the UK. I couldn't believe it - I won and got the "Congratulations" emails followed by a request to cancel the transaction because the seller won't post it to Australia. Oh well, back to Pens and Leather :o)

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 06:03:00)
If in the listing they'd said they would post worldwide, then you can pursue them through eBay's complaints process. If, on the other hand, they'd restricted the locations they'd post to, there's nothing you can do except shrug and resolve to check the listing for this next time.

kanalt (2012-07-13 06:45:03)
I gave two Filofax gifts - a personal Kendal from my own collection to a friend who wants to be organized but never seems to have the time to get there. I can almost guarantee nothing happened to it - it's probably sitting around somewhere unloved. Should have passed it along to a real filo lover. Then I bought an a5 domino for another friend - she got it all set up the way she wanted it. I don't know if it gets used beyond that or not. I'm going to think positively that it does...

kanalt (2012-07-13 06:48:42)
I have some magazine articles stashed away in a Filo or two myself. I cut them down to the smallest size possible while still keeping all the text. Then I folded it over probably 3 a 5 times, leaving enough space at the edge to punch. And that's it! I do have a separate section for these articles, at the back of the filo since they tend to be a little bit larger than the regular personal size paper.

kanalt (2012-07-13 06:50:27)
I just bought a compact osterley. I have been going back and forth on that for the past few weeks, but I just decided to go for it. I'm excited and can't wait until she arrives!

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 07:19:41)
This comment has been removed by the author.

aprilquilts (2012-07-13 07:20:53)
I have an unexpected gift card from Amazon, and I'm thinking of buying a personal Malden. I saw one in person, and GASP! It is awesome. I currently have a personal Chameleon, and wonder if there is any difference in size and weight? I currently have a great bag set up, and the Chameleon fits perfectly in the front pocket.
Was also debating the Holborn vs. Malden, but I'm off to research that question. Love Philofaxy, but my wallet has suffered ;)

Tim (2012-07-13 07:35:19)
John - to be fair to the seller, the advert did say "Postage £2.50 United Kingdom" and he/she had excluded all other countries in the postage/ shipping section. I've found that it always pays to ask a question before the end of bidding in these sort of situations. I guess that with a single winning bid for the Filofax of £4.99, he/she isn't minded to be flexible!

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 07:38:19)
If you are prepared to pay the extra postage to me via paypal and can get the vendor to reinstate the sale and post to me in the UK I can help you out there. email me on studioconway (at) gmail (dot) com when you have contacted the vendor

JasJan (2012-07-13 08:04:43)
Does anybody know where I can find a Brown Compact Chameleon? I have it in red and find it is the perfect wallet/purse for me, its just I would prefer a brown. I have searched the European filofax sites but nothing there though I did see an A5 Domino in Snake which I had to buy as reduced to £25!

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 08:08:33)
We have lots of posts about how many filofaxes people own but I am curious - what is the highest number of filofaxes someone has in actual use all at the same time and what do you use them for? iam off to the gym now (toting my health Filo containing workout logs etc) but will be back to confess my total later once I (hopefully) have some caomaprion comments!

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 08:09:51)
sorry... comparison comments that should have been!

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 08:19:17)
Two. A personal for running my life and an A5 for running occasional work projects.

Kate Trotman (2012-07-13 08:51:42)
This is my first post here so Hi all :-)
I ordered 5 Filofaxes since last night lol. They is a good reason for each one though. I had a Blue Personal Graduate a long time ago and have finally decided to buy a new one so I've ordered the Finsbury in Raspberry from Office Allsorts. My other half has decided to try one too so we've ordered an A5 Chameleon in Brown from Filofax (sale price). I bought a pink breast cancer Filofax a few months ago from e-bay but though it said personal it turned out to be Pocket and I never got round to returning it. So that's going to my youngest daughter now and thus I've ordered the black Petal for my other daughter. However the pink one will need a new diary and when looking for a cheap 2012 diary for her for now (no point getting an 18 month now, she might not use it often) I stumbled across the Olimpics organisers on Staples for just over £6 for the Pocket and £8 for the Personal (the black ones, the bright coloured ones are only a little more too). So I bought both of those just for the contents of each and we can use the folders themselves for spare inserts.
So there's 5 Filofaxes on their way here now :-) oh and a pack of 900 multi-coloured metallic star stickers too (just because).

Sandra (2012-07-13 09:05:24)
I just some Filofax off of ebay with gifting in mind. Really! A pocket Cham for a friend and a pocket Malden for another friend.

Sandra (2012-07-13 09:06:54)
Yay for you! I have thought often about one but haven't pulled that Filofax trigger yet. :)

Butanben (2012-07-13 09:10:57)
Ahhh.... thanks Ray and David!! Colour coding and/or single words are the way to go then. I wondered how people use this insert, as the boxes are pretty small.I already use the square boxy horizontal one to block out holidays, sick leave, training days, etc etc in colour coding.Thanks folks. xx

Butanben (2012-07-13 09:22:13)
Three always in use. An A5 for my whole life and diary, an A4 for this week at work- immediate stuff and a slimline personal Amazona in the handbag for cards, an address book and this month's finances.
I also have an aqua Finsbuy for my dreams and hopes and planned purchases, pictures and articles etc and an A5 raspberry Finsbury, which I am currently turning into a travel puzzle book, with a Countdown puzzle pad. By my bed I have a pocket red Adelphi, which I adore and that is my nightime dream diary and prayer card holder.... actually it is very interesting to record your dreams and see what your sub- conscious is whispering in your ear.

Romina (2012-07-13 09:37:13)
Question for the Malden "parents": is there a difference between the leather of the pocket & personal size?

industrious housewife (2012-07-13 11:05:32)
Currently in use - 4.
My Vintage Pink Personal Malden has diary, address, projects, cards etc. Nearly everything.
My Red A5 Domino is my Household/ Kitchen binder, with Flylady routines, budgetting, recipes, grocery lists and a Dodo pad for meal planning.
My Black A5 Chameleon currently houses a Page Per Day diary in which I'm logging things like when my daughter wakes up (all night!!), what we do, if we took our vitamins etc.
I bought a Pocket Metropol for the colour - Amber, just gorgeous! I've filled it with Lavender notepaper and am using it for taking notes on Tarot, when I have time.
I have an unused Pennybridge and Ranger, as I've decided to just carry the Malden. They will either be ebayed or gifted eventually and an Olympics Personal that I may use for planning Olympic viewing and school hols activities.

I'll give that to my little boy afterwards I think.
Butanben - I like the idea of using a Filofax for a dream diary. Noting meditations/affirmations that one does before bed, or straight after waking might combine well with that. Hmmm....

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-13 11:23:37)
@Butanben: I use the 'single word' too and use it for birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, key dates (ie: MOT), when I'm on call, school holidays and my band's concert dates. It just gives me a quick overview and I can use it to plan a date that goes beyond the amount of diary I have in my Filo at the time. I colour code the entries too but using coloured pens rather than highlighters.

Doris (2012-07-13 12:09:00)
Hi Romina! I think the differences in the leather is between the colors, not the sizes. My personal and mini ochres are made of 'thinner' leather while my pocket vintage pink seems made of thicker leather. My sister's crimson pocket is the same as my pocket. I think it has something to do with the dye used in the colored ones, while the ochre has a more 'natural' finish.
Hope that helps you.

the Merry Lemon (2012-07-13 12:28:55)
I have 6 in use right now. I find I often us a Filofax where I might have used a notebook in the past. I like being able to move the pages around.
I have one Filofax containing all NYC contents, and one with all Paris contents. I visit these two cities often, so as I find a place I want to visit or some other information, I stick it in the appropriate binder. Then when I travel I just put a few planner pages in the front and I am ready to go. They are both personal Cubans (I really like mesh zipper pockets.)
Then I have a personal set up as my personal address book. It's really a backup, I also have all the info in Outlook, and on my iphone.
I have a Chameleon compact I always have with me with a week on two pages, my medical info, loccal addresses, things I use for everyday.
Then I have 2 additional personals I use as notebooks. One is for work (burgundy) and has a tab for each project I am working on. The other is for personal use (red) and has a tab for each personal project (travel, finance, writing, photography). These are both Winchesters. I really prefer the older binders. Simple in design, beautiful leather. As soon as I can get a slim A5, I think that will work better as a work filo for me.
When I got my first Filo, more than 20 years ago - it was one life, one filo. I have yet to figure out how to do that in my present position. I'm not at planner fail, I'm at planner still not yet the right fit. But reading this blog has given me so many great ideas on how to get better organized.

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 14:28:59)
Hmmm. I am beginning to wonder if I should have started this thread! i currently use:
personal aston mushroom : diaries (monthly weekly and daily) and to do lists
Personal Aston Orchid : by my bed as a gratitude journal and a list of dream things to do in the future
personal olympic line burst : health filo with workout diary, yoga class lists, training info etc
A5 classic pink : used at work for legal notes
A4 classic black : used at work for note taking, to dos, proforma sheets etc
A5 classic cherry : my studio journal cor current art projects and business, calls for entry etc
A5 jade Finchley : long term life planning notes and home filo with sections for garden landscaping, planned garage conversion, food and finance,travel plans
A5 mustard Finchley : binder for notes on contemporary african art / galleries
A5 saddle brown cuban : sketchbook holding notes and sketches for currently worked on or immediately forthcoming art quilt projects
A5 cuban chilli : I am using this as a ' transit' binder. Having so many a5 folders I found that I wanted A5 papers when I was out and about and at work so as I park on the premises at work and have no concerns about carting both this and my personal aston I use this as a note taker binder but also have next step lists for ecah of the relevant sections in my other filos so I can do small bits of work on them whenever I get a few mins wherever I am.

Its a sort of hub and spoke system.
Then finally a5 chocolate classic - not really set up yet but as the cherry is full with current project information this is to be my Prepared for Success folder where I store material for future projects and make notes on skills and information I will need as I get more established as an artist.
So, I make that 11 in current use.
Should I stop?! There are a couple of other models I have my greedy eye on!

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-13 15:20:14)
I am one of those who adhere to the adage one life, one Filofax. However, I have been considering purchasing a Personal Ochre Malden to use as a Bible Study Filofax. So far, I have decided to have the following sections: creeds, prayers, and prayer list. Can you help e generate other sections for my Bible Study Filofax?

industrious housewife (2012-07-13 15:33:22)
Helen, wow, lot of A5s! Great to hear all the uses.

Ray Blake (2012-07-13 16:17:15)
Helen, I suspect you buy a new binder because you like the binder, then feel obligated to find a use for it. Does the thought of an empty binder disturb you?

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-13 16:18:42)
I just woke up (about an hour ago) from a dream where my emerald finsbury rings were suddenly misaligned. I was distraught! So much so I woke up... I'm not sure what that means in a 'dream meaning' sense... I guess I love them so much I overly worry about their well-being... Weird, I know but it is free for all friday and I don't know anyone else who might understand.
Tracy

Andrea M. (2012-07-13 16:20:59)
I gave my old personal Domino to my mom when I upgraded to a Malden. She isn't much of a planner person but for almost a month, she was habitually saying "Oh I know, I can put this in my Filofax!" or "I forgot where I put that piece of mail, but then I remembered I put it in my Filofax!" It was sort of nice to see I had passed the obsession along, but now, I believe it's sitting in a basket in our living room. I just feel too guilty to ask for it back.

Andrea M. (2012-07-13 16:26:58)
I agree with Doris. I'd think it's between the colors. I have an A5, Personal, and Pocket Malden all in grey, and there isn't any noticeable difference between the three.

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 17:13:38)
I wouldn't say it disturbs me but it does seem a waste of money not to use them. I could live with changing the Colour now and again to match clothing... Except like my clothes my binders all seem to be green and brown anyway!

Anita (2012-07-13 17:13:57)
Steve, I gave my Dad a burgundy Winchester. I knew he already loved stationery, but I still wasn't 100 % sure either what his reaction would be. I did ask him a couple of times if he was really sure he loved it :)

Anita (2012-07-13 17:25:16)
The most I've ever used together is two filos - a personal & an A4. I'm now back down to one personal Malden & love having everything in one place.
@ Ray: yes, the thought of an empty binder does disturb me! :)

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 17:43:56)
i think my life is too big for a one life one filo system!

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 17:45:43)
Do you keep notes of sermons you hear at chutch or a Bible week? You couldput those in there and also use a journal for your own reflections on your days reading.

jemilyea (2012-07-13 17:49:05)
Will you take this to church with you? Maybe a section for sermon notes would be helpful. I find the Personal size is too small for sermon notes though, and use an A5 notebook.

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 18:02:22)
Did you check them as soon as you woe up?

Helen Conway (2012-07-13 18:03:49)
Hi to you too and welcome. Five is just a start! I bought the olympic filofax too for the inserts and love them. I will miss them next year.

Yu (2012-07-13 19:33:40)
I think I've managed to convert my cousin to use a filofax... it started out with the "why paper?" question and kind of snowballed from there. We're going to CO next week as it's closed during the weekend. She has pretty much said that she thought that the ring mechanism idea is very interesting and that she had planner envy whenever she watched me jot down stuff in my lovely Miss Adrienne (my Baroque). ^ _^

Yu (2012-07-13 19:42:55)
Oooh! Exciting! :D I just put two, a personal and an a5, grey (possibly brown) Osterlys on my birthday wishlist. XD;

Anna Doyle (2012-07-13 19:45:23)
I just got a personal Classic in cherry right before the new year... however the leather is cracking already & some of the plastic protective covering stuff bubbled and then came off. I contacted Filofax and they sent me info on sending it to them so they can determine if a replacement should be issued. I'm not sure if I can go without it for that long though! Makes me sad :(I've had my eyes on a Malden but then I found a personal size Aston in Orchid on sale (30 % off) & cannot decide between the two! Anyone have a comparison or recommendation for me? It will only be my 2nd Filofax :) I've used other ringed planners previously, but finally got my hands on a Filofax at the end of last year! I'm in love ;)

Steph (2012-07-13 19:47:39)
I have given my mother, my sister and my best friend each one and they loved them. They don't all use it for the same things, but I think that is the best part. I even managed to hook my mom in to the point that she bought one for her friend lol.

Anna Doyle (2012-07-13 19:48:09)
Also I am currently a preschool teacher and working on finishing my bachelor & considering going into early childhood education - I was thinking of getting a larger size to use for lesson plans etc. since I currently use a personal... anyone have experience using an A5 or some other larger size for this?

Yu (2012-07-13 19:57:25)
My next blog post will include how I use my different diary inserts... hm... a somewhat rambling answer (it's very late, so I am sorry for any grammar inconsistencies):
In my personal filofax I have a year-fold-out (what are they called anyway?) where you only have a tiny line to write stuff on. That's only good for seeing where in the month/year I am. But it gives a really good overview of six months. :) I also use the month on two pages (boxes) to track deadlines and count down to exams etc. (or "Flight XX to YY"). I use the week on two pages for detailing the month on two pages (boxes) and when it lacks space, I use the "detailed projects" part of the note-taking section of my filofax.
So... basically it "zooms in". This is my desperate attempt to be able to use a personal instead of an A5 on a daily basis. My back will love me if this works during the fall semester as well. Otherwise, I'll have to get another

”book-box” in the university library... - _-;

Yu (2012-07-13 19:58:41)
Um. Forgot to write that I jot down key events in the ”6 month view”. :)

Butanben (2012-07-13 20:37:52)
Thanks Lucy and Yu- appreciate your help. xx

Romina (2012-07-13 20:40:54)
Thanks to both for your input! It was very helpful :)

Butanben (2012-07-13 20:50:26)
I use the little pocket in my Adelphi pocket for prayer cards- those business sized prayer cards you get in SPCK shops or cathedrals. Some are my favourite verses which I like to meditate over from time to time. I particularly love the Julian of Norwich card with the all shall be well passage. Her writings are so very wise and calming. I keep a few cards by with beautiful passages from the bible and prayers, which may help friends in times of celebration, illness or bereavemnet. So easy to pop them into a card and post!! I have a couple of prayer cards in the A5 business card holder too in my A5 Filofax. xx

Butanben (2012-07-13 21:02:31)
For lesson plans, schemes of work,policy documents etc I am afraid you will need a large A4 non filofax clip file, at the very least, to largely keep at work, as the paper work, certainly in the UK, is enormous!!!! Bigger than a Filofax can reasonably hold. Having said that, I have an A4 binder which I use just for this week's focus at work, with just the immediate stuff.... diary of duties etc, timetable,class lists, mark book and extra curricular registers and just this week's plans. Also today's to be photocopied bits and a work contact list of phone nos, addresses and e. mails- just 1 page of A4.I decant the odd bit of paper from the huge file, as required, and decant things back again out of my this week file when I progress on to next week. It is an A4 Strata which I have.

Butanben (2012-07-13 21:04:40)
PS- Think it is called a Strata..... but now I am not quite sure!!!!! It is quite thin and light weight for an A4.

Anna Doyle (2012-07-13 21:47:14)
Well as of right now I'm about to go back to classes (after taking a 3 year hiatus from college - oops) so I just have a regular 3 ring binder for work with lesson plans etc, because it was a cheap & easy solution for now. I will hold off on getting anything else (for work purposes) until after I've finished school & found another job. Just getting ideas for now :) I think I will stick with my personal for everything else though! I recently started using it as my wallet too, it's much easier that way. Now I can just throw it in my purse or work bag and head out the door instead of having to grab a wallet also! I do keep work to-do lists in it just so I can jot down things I need as I think of them. Thanks for your input though, greatly appreciate it!

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-14 02:58:51)
I just read Tim's comment and he's probably right, I wasn't too careful when I looked at it. It was a Filofax I had never seen before and I just got carried away. I might see if I can contact the seller and see if he/she is willing to post it to an address in the UK and I can get it posted on. Lesson - don't rush into things and look carefully before you bid. Thank you...

Helen Conway (2012-07-14 03:19:16)
A a big fan of classics as I like the firm feel and so far I do not have any problems withcracking. I do not have a Malden because when I tried them in the shop they were too floppy for me... i like that sort of executive no messing support that a Classic gives. But I do also use a personal Aston and Although it is softer than the Classic it is firm enough that it is a nice everyday binder. Have the mushroom and Orchid and the latter is a lovley soft purple. More restful than the Finchley purple. Hope that helps some.

Silver_Elixir (2012-07-14 10:14:51)
I have just ordered a Personal Osterley in Wine! Can't wait! Did I read on here that some one wanted the family pack? I found a site online that has them in A5. Not sure about other sizes. If anyone is interested I can post the link.

kanalt (2012-07-14 10:19:38)
As of this morning, she has shipped! She should be here by this time next week. I already have BIG plans for her (and some surprises for all of you). Woo hoo!

kanalt (2012-07-14 10:20:49)
There seems to be a lot of osterley love lately. I'm waiting on my compact to arrive.

DEM (2012-07-14 10:31:58)
Right now I think the Osterley would be the only one that could possibly tempt me. Would love to hear some reviews of it.

DEM (2012-07-14 10:35:56)
I recently purchased a pocket Metropol as a Christmas gift to my sister. She has complained that the FC binder that she is using is too heavy and thick. I can't wait to introduce her to the "wonderfulness" of FF! I say, "Go For It, Steve!"

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-07-14 14:40:29)
I did! How did you know???

kanalt (2012-07-14 15:33:19)
I will definitely do a review once she arrives! There have been a few reviews of it in the past couple of weeks - you can probably find them via the web finds. Maybe search for the osterley in the search bar at the side.

DEM (2012-07-14 20:56:34)
So exciting! Can't wait!!

DEM (2012-07-14 20:59:11)
Did just that! Thanks, kanalt! Lucky duck...one of those beauties on its way to you!!!

Kate Trotman (2012-07-16 07:21:19)
My first delivery has come today, it's from official losers. However my Personal Finsbury in Raspberry has magicked itself into an A5 Cuban in Chestnut. It's gorgous but it's too big for me and it's not what I wanted so even though it's worth twice as much, it's still going back. Got a further wait for my Finabury :-(

Mrs.Badger (2012-07-16 11:37:46)
I have these for 2012 & 2013. As someone above said, I use them color-coded with highlighters, one colour for when we are all on holiday, another colour for when the children are off school (& we therefore need child care!) A third colour for family & friend's birthdays.

LJ (2012-07-16 12:30:14)
I recently gave a work colleague three of my filos (different sizes)as she has admired mine in the past and she is now a very happy bod and loving having filos to keep all her routines and organisational stuff in. I think she may need another A5 shortly for work :o) Do it!!! :o)

austinlinda (2012-07-18 16:47:33)
This comment has been removed by the author.

austinlinda (2012-07-28 06:40:53)
I am embarrassed to say I have 9 Personals, 3 pockets & an A5. I love them all.
But it's WAY too many—and I can't make a decision which to use, which to give away - or sell.

I want to use my Ruby Deco, but is it too fancy to carry & use as an ”everyday” planner?

Web Finds - 14 July 2012 (2012-07-14 00:00) - Steve Morton

Well it’s a national bank holiday here in France today, although the hot sunny weather seems to have passed us by, never mind. Not such a huge list this week, but I hope there are some quality posts for you all to enjoy.

1. [1]Long overdue Midwest Meet Up Post - Miscellany from a Filofax Fanatic
2. [2]Reader Question: What do you do with filofax pages you don’t need all the time - The Life of The Perpetual Student
3. [3]my filofax week #12 - Paper Lovestory
4. [4]OTF: Guest post no. 2, Nia’s system - The Life of The Perpetual Student
5. [5]COMPETITION: Filofax for the Olympics! - My Flash diary
6. [6]Filofax Dilemma 101 - Imysworld
7. [7]Filo auf Reisen (6): BeNeFax, reloaded - Filomaniac
8. [8]Recycling Filofax Paper for Revision - Imysworld
9. [9]Getting Organised!! - Filo Obsessed
10. [10]Filofax Labels - It’s My Life!
11. [11]Diary testing: 2PPD - Living With Liisa
12. [12]Filofax VS Sammie - My life in words
13. [13]Mein Filofax.... - Hauptsache schon und glucklich
14. [14]Plastic Envelope in a snap! - Lime Tree
15. [15]Photographic Filofax dividers template for Pocket size - My Life All in One Place
16. [16]Neue Umfrage: Welcher Holiday Essentials Filofax ist Euer Favorit - Filomaniac
17. [17]osterley: a plum surprise - Paper Lovestory
18. [18]Office cleanup unearths treaures! - Krista’s Filo
19. [19]Tart up your filofax with a side order of enabling - The Crazy Suburban Mom
20. [20]Downsize and Colorize – Goodbye Comfort Zone - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
21. [21]Acid & A Filofax Update - Imysworld
22. [22]Kieran’s Organiser - It’s My Life
23. [23]Friday’s Filofax Poll Results: You Stalker You! - Vanjilla
24. [24]Mein Freund ist aus Leder - Filomaniac
25. [25]Compact Maldens for sale - Anita Lim
26. [26]Filofax Blog of the Week: The Zeitgeist of Zoe - My Life All in One Place

27. [27]Keeping Track of Daily Life, the Old Fashioned Way - The Wall Street Journal
28. [28]another washi tape use - Paper Lovestory
29. [29]Poll result follow-up: Using more than one planner - Plannerisms
30. [30]The Summer Olympics are Coming - Joseph David Quinton
31. [31]Setup of my Travel-Filofax - We really didn't need another Filofax blog.....

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can't guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Don't forget to give your posts a title...

And here is this weeks Video Finds

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IFRAME: [33]http://www.youtube.com/embed/aOlSSVTcJek?rel=0

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IFRAME: [35]http://www.youtube.com/embed/vdXHXrvFen8?rel=0

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IFRAME: [37]http://www.youtube.com/embed/QCDlF6qmi0M?rel=0

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Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-14 01:24:34)
Just a random thing, re last week's Web Finds: many years ago in Borders on Oxford St I leafed through the book "Getting Things Done" by David Allen and, for whatever reason, it didn't strike the right note for my needs at the time, and I pretty much wrote it off.
But then since I moved back to a single Filofax 2 weeks ago, I was thinking there must be something out there that would be like oiling the engine (!) and reading David's posts linked from last week's Web Finds about his use of GTD, and spotting that it recommends a technique I'd already *kind of* designed for myself, made me want to give it another go, so I ordered it online.
I spent most of yesterday reading it, really taking it all on board, and already I feel like this book is really making a positive difference, to my general peace of mind as well as all things planner-related! I can't wait to get deeper into using this and seeing how it pans out over the next few months.
Thanks for your mentions of the book, David, and to the whole community, without you all I'd probably not have started reading here and so never been prompted to give it a second look.
For anyone debating whether to try the book, here's a quote I liked very much, to give you idea of how big the scale of these ideas can be:
"There is no reason ever to have the same thought twice, unless you like having that thought."
Brilliant stuff! ^ _^

Have you ever..... (2012-07-14 18:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

Have you ever sold a Filofax organiser and then later regretted it and then had to scour the internet to try and buy a replacement? May be after that particular model has been discontinued.....
So what was it? and did you find one? Tell us about it in the comments....

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-_y8Jv8XurnA/T8S82VeVkDI/AAAAAAAALsk/_1mdfhwXOLw/s1600/IMG_1431.JPG

Angel Jem (2012-07-14 17:22:25)
You keep photographing your filofaxes outside in the sunshine. It's not fair, torturing the poor filofaxes struggling through the vagaries of an English summer.
To answer, I know I would always regret any sale I make so I would rather have a drawer or a shelf to go back to.

Steve Morton (2012-07-14 17:25:41)
I promise they only get out on the table for a few brief moments... The light is always better outside...

Cecilia Tudo (2012-07-14 19:20:42)
Apologies for hijacking the comments, but last week I emailed about selling some things on Adspot, and haven't had a reply yet. Does anyone know how long it should take?

Steve Morton (2012-07-15 02:18:07)
Please resend your Adspot request, I can't find it in our inbox, unless you know the exact date.
Steve

Marcus Myles (2012-07-15 02:34:39)
Someone yesterday sold a Pocket Malden in Ochre on Ebay for £17. I hope they are not regretting it now!! Sadly I was not quick enough on the bid trigger.

Jana (2012-07-15 04:18:06)
At the moment I am selling all my non-leather filofaxes and some leather filofaxes I don´t like (like the chameleon, the rings too small). I don´t regrett that. I just want to have real leather filofaxes. I like them more.

Paul B (2012-07-15 06:15:35)
I put my oldest Filofax (vintage Wichester) on eBay 2 days ago and with less than a day left, I'm already wondering if I'll regret it! In the late 80s, I had the dual ring Filofax, in leather, popular with the Military at the time. I gave that away in 1992 and definitely regret that now. And the last one was loss rather deliberate decision, but I had my Personal stolen in the mid 90s, which I'd had since the late 80s. I don't think it even had a name then, just the code, but it was very similar to the Sandhurst. It had acquired a beautifully smooth patina and was much loved. Alas, I didn't keep my eye on it 1005 and it was stolen. I hope it is still out there somewhere, providing a service to somebody.

Cheryl (2012-07-15 11:34:13)
Oh Lord another post to amuse me this am. Yes I'm a bit weird, sorry. But I had to grin reading this...I have not done so with Filofax. But in a crazed moment of trying to simplify life, downsize 'stuff' and be a bit more practical (a lesson or experiment for me because though I am quite an organized individual and not a pack rat in the least, I do tend to get a bit obsessive with a few things that I really, really like and will go on a buying spree of sorts)... I did donate probably 15-20 Franklin Covey's over the past 10 years or so and I am truly sorry that I got rid of many of them. And the worst part is I never even tried to sell them. ????? I mostly donated them and I think I gifted one. Now having said that I wouldn't necessarily want all of them back cluttering up my lovely organized downsized book cases but there are a few I seriously regret getting rid of. And yes...I was just last week on ebay looking to see if they had any of the same style. Which is ridiculous I thought to myself...paying twice for something I already owned and knowing that mine were 'perfect' and not knowing what I'd get second hand. I had a light bulb moment and quickly got off ebay. (Not to say I wouldn't go back and stalk again!) I have these moments of frustration with too much 'stuff' cluttering up space (I do not like clutter!!) so I go on these cleaning frenzies and out come the donate boxes and then yes, I end of regretting some, not all, of my hasty donations. Not to mention lost $ $ $ had I been patient enough to list them for sale somewhere! What a fool am I. No need to comment on that last statement :)

Cheryl (2012-07-15 11:38:03)
I was also thinking...what are the chances of buying back 'your own' on ebay since I donated most of them someone likely got then at a tag sale or the Salvation army and was smart enough to turn around and sell them on ebay. Ha...that would be poetic justice buying back my own binder that the other person was smart enough to 'sell' when I wasn't. Oh brother....

Laura (2012-07-15 14:38:41)
I made the decision recently to treat myself to a more expensive model, so have been selling off some of my

filofaxes to fund this purchase (my compact chameleon is for sale on ebay uk at the moment). I don't regret selling at all as i now have a lovely compact osterley from the Adspot page :)

USA vs UK/European Ring Sizes (2012-07-15 00:00) - Steve Morton

I'm often see people questioning the ring sizes of different Filofax personal organisers for sale on Filofax USA. I sometimes end up 'throwing my toys out of my pram' in frustration that someone somewhere can't do the maths or *math* correctly to convert Metric millimetres in to old Imperial Inch fractions...
I've actually written to Filofax USA more than a few times pointing out the errors on their website.
So in a lazy afternoon moment I constructed a table to show how and why they get the measurements wrong:

Fraction Imp mm mm Filofax Ring Sizes 1 / 16 0.0625 1.5875 1.6
1 / 8 0.1250 3.1750 3.2
3 / 16 0.1875 4.7625 4.8
1 / 4 0.2500 6.3500 6.4
5 / 16 0.3125 7.9375 7.9
3 / 8 0.3750 9.5250 9.5
7 / 16 0.4375 11.1125 11.1 11 mm 1 / 2 0.5000 12.7000 12.7 13 mm 9 / 16 0.5625 14.2875 14.3
19 / 32 0.5938 15.0813 15.1 15 mm 5 / 8 0.6250 15.8750 15.9
11 / 16 0.6875 17.4625 17.5
3 / 4 0.7500 19.0500 19.1 19 mm 13 / 16 0.8125 20.6375 20.6
7 / 8 0.8750 22.2250 22.2
29 / 32 0.9063 23.0188 23.0 23 mm 15 / 16 0.9375 23.8125 23.8
63 / 64 0.9844 25.0031 25.0 25 mm 1 / 1 1.0000 25.4000 25.4
17 / 16 1.0625 26.9875 27.0
9 / 8 1.1250 28.5750 28.6
19 / 16 1.1875 30.1625 30.2 30 mm 10 / 8 1.2500 31.7500 31.8
So as you can see there is plenty of scope for who ever fills in the details in Imperial Factions of an Inch on which ever side of the Atlantic they happen to be to get it wrong...
Lets look at the standard size Personal ring size of 23 mm, you will often see this expressed as 7/8" or 15/16" neither of which is correct you have to go to 29/32nds of an inch to get reasonably close to 23 mm.
Similarly 25 mm rings are sometimes described as 15/16ths or 1 inch rather than 63/64ths... I think 1 inch is the accepted 'practice'
Because Filofax (generic) don't go below an 1/16th of an inch in their Imperial measurements you will see that they can easily over or under estimate a ring size.
I wonder when the USA will move to metric measurement.... *Steve runs for cover!*

Josh (2012-07-15 00:11:08)
I don't think the US will ever convert to metric. We do have metric measurements on some highway signs but it's a rare sight.
That said, I always consider 25mm to be essentially equal to one inch, as you pointed out, and consequently 23mm is a bit less than an inch and 30mm is roughly 1.25 inches.
Being one who stuffs his binder to absurdity, I do not concern myself with rings smaller than 23mm.
Most of us in the US have not the foggiest idea of how big 1mm is, nor do most of us care! Quite sad. I can manage temperatures and lengths, but have little familiarity with weights and volumes.
Many times the FF usa site is just WRONG. They did not get their math wrong, they just can't be bothered to publish accurate information about the product.

icclewu (2012-07-15 02:23:08)
What an interesting read!! Very strange how a company can work so differently over the pond :) xx

Leslie Pauley (2012-07-15 02:45:47)
Noooo I am too stubborn to switch! :-) good post though. Have you emailed this toFFUSA to let them know?

Steve Morton (2012-07-15 02:46:47)
Not yet....

Romina (2012-07-15 08:37:08)
Thank goodness i can check Philofaxy or the FFUK site for correct measuments :)

the Merry Lemon (2012-07-15 09:14:48)
What a great topic for discussion! I thought I was going crazy!! I recently purchased a compact filo. I am in the US. I went on the FFUS website to compare the various binders. The Temperly and Guinea are shown with 2/3" rings. The Regency listed as 9/16" rings. The Osterly shows 5/8" rings. And the Finsbury as 7/16" rings. On the FFUK site all of these binders are listed with 15mm rings. Are you kidding me?
It is one thing to take liberties with the conversions, but this is beyond sloppy. How can any business show such complete lack of attention to details. I am convinced they think their customer base is just stupid.
And here I thought my biggest complaint was the lack of pictures/illustrations of the interior of the binders. ESPECIALLY the expensive ones!
rant over* (for now)

Joey Quinton (2012-07-15 09:53:20)
As an American, I would be very grateful if the US would adopt the measurement system of the rest of the world. I cannot understand why we are so insular on this system which makes more sense because it is more easily understand since it is based on a decimal numbering system.

Cheryl (2012-07-15 11:18:32)
This post and these comments gave me quite a chuckle this am. As being from 'across the pond' and equally frustrated with our US website I can appreciate this. As someone who is quite 'number' deficit (I don't get US measurements or metric) I often stare at the website in dismay wondering just what the heck is 7/16 and 9/16 anyway? In actuality I do know how to measure this out on a ruler but that isn't the point. I just stare at these figures and scratch my head. All I want to know is...is it 1 inch, 3/4 of an inch or 1.25 inches so I can visual the ring size in my head. I do not want to guess, pull out a ruler or waste any more time on it. LOL When I was into Franklin Covey they had a diagram of the various ring sizes and I would look at it and go, 'oh yeah, small, medium and large.' Worked for me! :)

Ray Blake (2012-07-15 15:37:27)
I think the metric and imperial systems work equally well until you have to worry about small measurements. It takes thought to work out whether 11/16ths is bigger than 2/3rds, for instance, while 17.5mm is clearly larger than 17mm.

Arielle (2012-07-16 19:06:44)
I first stumbled upon this site about a week ago when I was considering downsizing from a Personal to a Pocket sized Filofax and have been lurking ever since. Thanks to the posts I read here, I decided against the Pocket and decided to purchase a Compact or Slimline instead. While browsing the US Filofax site, I ran into this very issue of trying to figure out exactly how much smaller the ring sizes were, so this post couldn't have come at a better time. Thanks so much!

Brian (2012-07-16 20:23:53)
It was agreed in the USA Congress that the Metric System should be adopted. This was around 1860!
Here in England many of the Metric measurements have been adopted. A couple of exceptions are miles on the road and pints for drinks.
Brian

Cruz Johnson (2013-01-08 02:43:43)
I can do imperial weights, volumes, and lengths, but trying to convert from Fahrenheit to Celsius in my head is too hard!

Cruz Johnson (2013-01-08 02:48:19)
Pints are an interesting thing. I didn't know until recently that there is such a thing as an 'American pint'; it's roughly 473 mL, smaller than an imperial pint. Some local pubs got in a bit of hot water because their 'pints' weren't the 568-mL pints one would expect in a Commonwealth country and former British colony.

Cruz Johnson (2013-01-08 02:51:37)
That conversion took me a while!

One Life One Filofax? An Argument Against. (2012-07-16 00:00) - Laurie

A common theme here on Philofaxy is whether one should use only one Filofax. After all, the argument goes, I am only one person, I have only one life, therefore I should use only one Filofax.
Let me be quick to point out the difference between "One Life One **Filofax**" vs. "One Life One **Planner**."
I do understand using only one **planner** to plan your life. Sometimes people feel scattered using a planner for work and a different one for their personal life. Many time management experts recommend using only one planner for scheduling your days, to avoid things slipping through the cracks. After all, there is only one of you, and you occupy each day in its entirety, so it makes sense to use only one planner to schedule your time. (I don't do this, but it is a very streamlined way to live.)
Contrast this to Filofax. Keep in mind that a Filofax is a binder which has the potential to be used in endless ways beyond just a planner, or even not at all as a planner.
Early in my Filofax usage I felt like I should be able to fit my entire life into one Personal size Filofax, and I was very frustrated when I couldn't make it work. Then I realized it was unrealistic to expect one binder to hold every aspect of my life and my entire schedule.
Awhile back on Plannerisms I posted [1]How many notebooks/ planners do you need to use? In that post I itemized the different types of places you need to capture your schedule, work notes, personal projects, lists etc. Some of these items can be combined, and some items can be stored electronically. For example, some people keep their contacts electronically but their schedule on paper. Others keep their schedule electronically but write their lists on paper. The combinations are endless.
Of course Filofax binders can be ideal for categorizing by topic. I liken it to how I used a different notebook for each class at university. Using Filofax binders for different aspects of your life works really well. Some uses for a Filofax include crafting, garden planning, recipes, work projects, blog post planning, tracking finances, household chores and maintenance, and any other way you can think of really.
So if you are feeling frustrated trying to use only one Filofax to contain your entire life, cut yourself some slack and consider branching out into multiple Filofaxes.
(Not to enable any Filofax purchasing, of course!) ;)

1. `http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/05/how-many-notebooks-planners-do-you-need.html`

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-16 01:13:27)
I'm not sure I personally feel like I HAVE got just one life... to illustrate that, one thing I keep coming up against is, I want to keep all my bank, NHS & utility account numbers, personal phone numbers and info on log-ins & passwords in one place (some coded)... I also want a Filofax I can, within reason, take everywhere.
For years I solved that by having a desk Fax that never left the house, and various combos that did.
Now, after a few changes in my life I'm back to one Fax for everything, and only the stuff I can't afford to have fall out of my bag in a cab stays home. It would almost sound like I have a "secret life" there - and yes, I do!
And so do any of us with a bank account, and e-mail address... the list goes on.
I think the *ONLY* hard and fast rule is, your planner/s and Filofax/es need to work for you - be it one, two, or twenty, they need to be meeting your needs, and the minute they don't - change it up!

I just completely revamped my system this weekend and it's already beginning to feel smoother and more in flow.

Ray Blake (2012-07-16 01:24:42)
Yes, there aren't rules; do what works. All I'd say is that it's very hard to carry more than one binder around everywhere with you. Over time, all your important, everyday content is likely find its way into one portable binder.

SSA (2012-07-16 02:26:31)
Good morning all. I am glad this topic came up as I have read some of this one true Filofax staff on various blogs and I was amazed that people keep EVERYTHING in one binder and blah blah blah.... then I found out that in fact they dont 'really' have this one binder thing going on (as I imagined) some it seems keep pages (stuff that doesn't need to be looked at everyday) in storage binders at home. I am therefore not certain if it counts as having 'one binder'.....
(I have 2 - A5 zipped holborn for work and Pocket Malden for me) I could move the pocket into A5 and then cart my teaching plans and work around all weekend...no thanks. I am not fully convinced of the one binder idea if you have binders at home containing pages too.... i feel..... decieved ;)

Lime Tree (2012-07-16 02:46:24)
Oh, I love that *aham* not-enabling post! I finally accepted the fact that it's ok to use more than one Filofax but took me a while. Each purchase was a little internal struggle. It certainly got better once I really started using each one of them. :)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-16 03:36:50)
"In that post I itemized the different types of places you need to capture your schedule, work notes, personal projects, lists etc."
For "capturing" things, right now I'm trialling using the notepad at the back of my Logic zip: I've adopted a GTD-based system after spending all weekend adapting to it, and I feel this is a very positive way to handle the Inbox/Collect "Stuff" part, because it can pop out and go literally anywhere, even into a small evening bag for a night out, or into a pocket, hiking...
No more finding a bright idea, scribbled on the back of a bus ticket or receipt, weeks too late to implement it! O _o
It'll also prevent me doing what used to be my biggest bugbear pre-GTD enlightenment - stacking up all stages of any project, no matter how old.
Example:
have an idea, eg "Learn Martian?" and, make various notes during decision making process. Then, on the same page/s, develop it into data on "how to" ie practical Project Plan stuff, including supplies needed ("spaceship + green lipstick?"), contact & website info, and eventually even adding bits of Next Action/Calendar content, as well. All tangled up, which made culling dead pages too complicated, takes up ring-space, and generally clogs things up nicely!
I mention this (sorry for the long reply! I seem to have my typing fingers on today) because it's an example of how, even though I've gone more towards OTF recently, there's still an element of distributing functions specific to a Filofax going on. It's new-ish as part of my trial of GTD but very similar to the portable notepad I used to pop in and out of my old desk Fax, so I'm optimistic it'll work to keep what's on the rings a lot cleaner & more focused.

Laurie (2012-07-16 03:37:40)
Ray I completely agree with that. I like to use tabbed sections to categorize pages that need to go in my everywhere-Filofax, then put them into a different categorized Filofax when I no longer need to carry those pages all the time. "Satellite/ Mother Ship" Filofaxes can work very well if you are diligent about keeping up with which pages are where!

Angel Jem (2012-07-16 06:17:38)
Purse pennybridge personal goes everywhere with me. It has the next 3 months pages and all current action pages eg holiday info, Christmas lists and pages for capture as well as GTD next action lists.. My lovely leather Malden sits by my bed. It's having a break in the holidays full of sand sea and bad weather before reassuming OTF status as my carry round planner. But I use other Ffs as folders for the house, for school and for personal development. I don't think I could have *just* one filofax at a time.

DEM (2012-07-16 11:17:05)
I completely agree, Laurie! I use my personal everyday and it goes everywhere with me and has yet to let me down with regards to needing information, etc. I have an A5 that is solely for work and is used only for note taking and filing. It has no calendar in it. And I'm about to create a master Filo that will stay at home and that will contain phone numbers, medical history, etc. I still consider my Personal Ostrich as my OTF.

Nellie (2012-07-16 12:46:18)
Having coined the term OLOF in my post about my Amazona, I think it has morphed into the idea that everything should be in one filo. My post was basically about me splitting out the planning type things from others and putting these things in one place, just as Laurie says above. I hinestly don't think it is possible to have everything in one Filo!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-16 15:47:06)
"I hinestly don't think it is possible to have everything in one Filo!
Nope, I did for years, some of the busiest years of my life in fact... back then the idea of having more than one didn't occur to me, any more than wearing more than one watch, or more than one hat at a time. We were poor as church mice when I was a child, and that was in the '70s and early '80s as well when there was no mass concept of "abundance" as some kind of spiritual/moral *right*, and the whole credit-fuelled consumer culture hadn't kicked in, so buying a Filofax in my '20s was still (in my perceptions) a big expenditure.
I'd first heard of them in the yuppie era, when your BOOK (singular, *never* plural) was this huge status symbol, and my mental model was you buy the best one you can afford that you like, and that's it - it's your "life book." The relative expense of the inserts, and weird ring layout & sizing just added to that special unique ambience...
I managed for ages, coding confidential numbers in it, and then just keeping it in my home office all the time, right by my phone... this was before mobiles, internet & so on, when "I'll check my diary and get right back to you" was an acceptable professional response.
Only when a friend got a Kendal A5 a few years ago did I convert to having more than one.
And... sometimes it occurs to me that I love and treasure my main Filofax (whatever it is at the time) just a LITTLE less, because it's not the One True Filofax... just another form of file folder, with all the rest - and nothing more.
This is not a comment on anyone else's use/acquisitions, just my own relationship to the little darlings! ;o)

Ro (2012-07-16 17:00:28)
I am a one-life-one-Filofax person. Mine is all encompassing, plus acts as my wallet as well. Err... or did, until I decided to give going all electronic a go via my Droid. But I am here to tell you, one Filo is definitely do-able

kanalt (2012-07-17 06:53:05)
I find this "debate" interesting. I a completely agree with the sentiment of doing what works. I would venture to say that the reason we all love Filofax so much is because we can make it what we need it to be, whether that means insert layout or binder size or how many binders to use. Personally, I use one binder as my main planner (they get rotated out sometimes for seasonal use) but the information is all in one place. But I do have other binders for other uses, including a stay-at-home personal Malden that holds all of the items I cannot fit into my go-with-me-everywhere compact. Then there's my health binder and my happiness binder and several binders to hold all of my extra inserts. So each binder has a purpose, but not necessarily used as a planner.
The reason I find this debate so interesting is because people seem to be on one side or the other; people are very passionate about which side they are on. And that's great! But from what I've seen, no one seems to be as passionate about which planner size or insert style others should use because it's a very personal thing. As stated above, there are great reasons for each side, but the ultimately what it comes down to is what works for YOU! And that's what makes Filofax so great!
Great post Laurie!

Lady_Filo (2012-07-17 09:28:16)
I totally agree. Used to think I had to keep my entire life into just one main Filofax, but failed.. Didn't mind it though (means more Filofaxes :P). At this point I do use a 'main' Filo which contains most of my 'life', but also

use a Business Planner (for my projects etc. in a differint binder, A5) and in my handbag a Pocket version, which I only use for appointments and a few reminders.
For al the Filofaxes I use, there's a certain setup. I like it al lot when there somehow 'connected'. Still working on the pictures of the set ups for my blog. Hope to post soon :)

Butanben (2012-07-17 20:36:14)
I am a one life, one diary planner person, otherwise I double book stuff and it is a pain synching separate work and home planning pages. I do however have more than one Filofax for different uses, but not more than one appointments and social page!!!

Quiz - Win the Filofax Swift (2012-07-16 04:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

Would you like to win a Filofax Swift personal organiser?
To win this prize answer the following question:

Which island is separated from the British mainland by the Menai Straits?

Send your answers in to philofaxy at gmail dot com with the Subject 'Swift' Please include your name and mailing address as well as your answer.
Closing date is 17 July at 15:00 UK British Summer Time. The winner will be announced on Wednesday 18th July.

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-YP_ddhQ6xrc/T-hjzNvH-nI/AAAAAAAAL5U/lYPDIEJUIBw/s1600/IMG_1859.jpg

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Jana (2012-07-16 05:20:20)
Hi!
Is it just for UK or Europe?
(I live in germany)
Greets Jana

Gail (2012-07-16 06:03:37)
Ohh ow lovely, I have a bird cage so this would be fitting!

Steve Morton (2012-07-16 06:56:25)
Yes open to everyone, worldwide, the universe etc! International Space Station...

Alison Reeves (2012-07-16 07:50:26)
Recently back from hols (which is why you haven't heard from me recently!) I love a competition!

SSA (2012-07-16 08:00:23)
Will the kingfisher blue metropol ever become a prize?

Steve Morton (2012-07-16 08:04:27)
Yes all three are in quizzes this week.

Alan Marshall (2012-07-16 12:11:59)
This is a contest to determine if
(1) you know how to use Google or Wikipedia, and
(2) if you are checking Philofaxy regularly.

Steve Morton (2012-07-16 12:29:18)
Wednesday's will be harder... you have been warned!

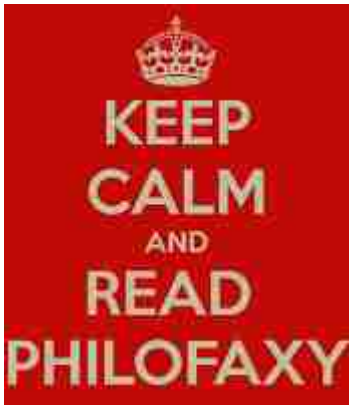
Joey Quinton (2012-07-16 19:08:21)
Oh, boy...love a contest!

Clareio (2012-07-17 05:17:16)
its a gorgeous filofax, doesnt take much to lie flat and the elastic can take a lot of stretching. I have a few pictures of my pocket swift on my blog

Alice x (2012-07-17 06:22:20)
Am so excited.....i might actually win!!
Maybe.

Steve Morton (2012-07-17 12:51:49)
This quiz is now closed please do not send in any more entries.

Free For All Tuesday No. 76 (2012-07-17 00:00) - Steve Morton



[1]

Tuesday's are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away... and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-bJDrXVhsvXI/T-3uAaeb2dI/AAAAAAAAL9Q/I7Nbi2OZwrU/s1600/keepcalm1.png

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Kate (2012-07-17 01:59:33)
Can anyone here help me track down the A5 Luxe in black currant? I've googled without success. Did I dream it?

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-17 02:20:51)
No you did not dream it - you will find it in Pens and Leathers. On sale at $135 US

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-17 02:22:21)
Here is the web address http://www.pensandleather.com/filofax-a5-luxe-black-currant.aspx

Barry (2012-07-17 02:31:24)
I'm struggling at the moment on the best way to view projects using a Personal Filofax. I have my own business developing eLearning modules and can have a number of them going on at the same time. I like having a month view where I can block off the time needed to develop, and have been writing down the module name on month on two pages sheets, which has been okay. But I think I may need another sheet somewhere?
Problem is that the M2P sheets can get quite messy when waiting for feedback from the client is delayed, and perhaps deadlines change for other modules, and I need to cross/rub out here and rewrite there, etc. It's not a massive issue, but interested to hear any top tips from others :)
Many thanks, Barry.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-17 02:40:55)
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Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-17 02:41:49)
I have a couple of Filofax-specific questions for GTD users:
I'm thinking of keeping my Projects master-list in a Word doc, reviewed weekly, so that I can print it out when it needs updating.
And printing it in a size that can be slotted into a standard transparent envelope (I'm using a personal size Filofax), then using that envelope as the marker between Next Actions & Project Plans. I like using those envelopes as markers, within reason.
One side would be for ongoing, larger projects that i like to have a visible reminder of (Clicker-training for dog, Walk X Miles/Week, etc) and one for projects that can be completed and closed, like Paint Bedroom, Buy New Bedlinen, and so on.
This is because many of my projects/open loops are ongoing/never-ending, yet might fall out of my head when I'm rushed, and also because if I have to handwrite a long list periodically, it WILL eventually get put off, and become confusing.
Does this idea sound like a problem waiting to happen, to more experienced users?
Secondly, bit less specific, are there any things people who use GTD and a Filofax as their main planning tool wish they'd known when they got started - any problems you hit that weren't obvious until a few months in, or any successful strategies that aren't in the book, but really helped?
I'm just a neophyte on this stuff, I've been trying to read as much online as time permits but not all of it is tailored to Filofax use, so any big breakthroughs or disasters, please give me a tip-off!!
Thanks in advance for any thoughts! :-)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-17 02:47:50)
ˆ Sorry about that, 2 tabs open & the wrong post went up replying to yours!
I wanted to ask, do you think the issue could be solved by somehow changing your paper-based layout, or do you think it's more to do with the physical act of erasing the entries?
Also, I'm not clear on whether it's the bits you're blocking off and the written part that's the problem, or just entires in writing? Sorry if it's cheeky saying that, I've been up all night and not functioning at my best this morning!
Would small post-it tabs help - or does that get too fiddly? I use cut-down post-it pieces on my A4 wall calendar for blocking out large areas where pen wouldn't work, and/or when dates & plans might change, is that anything you could use?

Kate (2012-07-17 02:50:04)
Thank you. I've been over to the site and contacted them so fingers crossed.

Tim (2012-07-17 04:02:28)
The A5 Luxe hasn't yet been launched in the UK although it has been available in other countries for sometime. If you can wait a few weeks, I'm sure it will freely available in the UK. City Organiser are already advertising all colours except purple - sorry blackcurrant!

Kate (2012-07-17 05:03:21)
Thank you, John and Tim, for your replies. No luck at Pens and Leather but I check City Organiser regularly so I shall keep my fingers crossed.

Gail (2012-07-17 05:37:58)
I was wondering if anyone has had to return their filofax to Filofax UK and what their outcome was? I have a personal size classic that's only 7 months old and it's in a right state. You can see what I mean here: http://www.flickr.com/photos/gailwh/7495587222/in/photostream
Filofax have told me to return it to them to see if they can do anything about it?

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-17 05:38:51)
Sorry to ruin your day but City Organiser posted this on their Facebook page on 15 June:
"The final part of our triptych of posts on the Blackcurrant Luxe is the news that despite being on page 2 of the 2012 Filofax catalogue, we won't in fact be seeing it until 2013! "The nature of bad news infects the teller" - it was our second favourite of all new 2012 Filofaxes!"
I'm gutted too! Although my purse and husband aren't...

Barry (2012-07-17 06:11:03)
Hello Shanti, thanks for your reply. The mini post-its on the monthly calendar might possibly work, as I use them for the W2P layout that I use too. Emm, would have to cut them to small pieces :) As mentioned, it's not a hugeee problem I'm having, but just curious as to how others are managing multiple projects on some sort of monthly calendar view in their Filofaxes. Thanks again.

Sari (2012-07-17 07:15:39)
Hi, Shanti, I really like your idea using an envelope as a marker! I use GTD in my Filofax since this spring and I am quite happy with it (works much better for me than digital). I find it quite helpful to have the monthly JAN -DEC tabs from Filofax in my projects section, I write lists for tasks I have to do in specific months, so I will be reminded automatically at the right time and also -for recurrend tasks- next year. Not strictly from the book but so far it works quite well for me.

Shabby Vintage Junk (2012-07-17 08:25:10)
Hello there....!
I'm wondering if anyone has had success training an A5 Cuban Zip to lay flat....?
I bought a second hand (brand new never used still in box) a couple of days ago & LOVE it to bits but the bendy thing is a bit bothersome....!
Cheers,
Tamarah :o)

T-na (2012-07-17 08:30:18)
Sari's monthly tabs sounds like a modified GTD Tickler system - - - 12 month tabs instead of 43 folders.
Shanti, are your current projects for the week (buy bed linens, etc.) static or dynamic? Do they change a lot - - - you add new ones during the week or finish many during the week? If you do, having the list in the plastic envelop may deter you from updating it. Maybe keeping the list of current projects (and I'm referring to projects in GTD-speak) on a separate page where editing it would be quick & easy? Use the back of the list in your envelop for

Someday/Maybe or maybe your weekly checklist. If your project list does not change much during the week, then keeping it in the envelop should work fine.

Alison (2012-07-17 08:45:27)
I've just returned one but don't know the outcome yet, I've always found their customer service to be good :)

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-17 10:03:26)
Hello good peeps! Would you imagine I found this place only yesterday?!? Could you? Until now I thought I was the only odd ball obsessing about my Filofax. " It´s only a calendar ", I´m told. SOOOO WROOOONG! It is an organizer, it is a Filofax. Pfffft!
Okay, moving on.
Does anybody have any experiences of A5 Osterley? I simply think I need to have it in order to be able to carry on. I bought my Balmoral... nearly two decades ago and have been using it ever since. But, I think Balmoral has earned its well- earned retirement. Even now, after all these long years the shells show very little to no wear and it´s just perfectly beautiful.
What I want from my new Filofax is to lay completely flat on my desk. And to look impossibly dashing. Much to my dismay I live in a country that really doesn´t shine on Filofax retail but there always is the option to order overseas. And I just called to my trusted Filofax- provider and they now are doing the research if they could find an Osterley (in plum) for me as it doesn´t include in their normal selection. I would have to drive +6 hours to go get it but hey, what would a gal do for her Filofax. This is dedication, folks.
Another question I have is, based on my research on line Chameleon would be best for my needs as a wallety organizer? It has most of the card slots and an ample, zippered pocket for coins (I always toss coins in the jar when I come back home but sometimes my days get long) and it´s supple leather. ANY suggestions and / or hints are most welcome!
The thing is, I´ve perfected A5 for the use on my home office. It sits on the desk and provides with necessary writing space and it´s just perfect for my usage. But I also need a more portable, smaller calendar that doesn´t grow biceps as much. I´like my stuff to be on paper, transferring a meeting or a date from Pocket to A5 is no issue. Since I need also desktop organizer that holds all info, this combo is perfect in every ways.
So, after all this hopeless jargon
- experiences about A5 Osterley?
- suggestions for wallet in pocket size (must. be. leather)
Nice to meet you all and spread the madness!

Maus (2012-07-17 10:13:54)
Does anyone know, whether there is a Personal Filofax with a ringsize of more than 23cm?
Thanks, Renate

K. (2012-07-17 10:53:59)
NEW TOPIC* So I love Filofax – no one makes a better binder, honestly, and I just adore the trim dimensions of the Compact Personal organiser – but their inserts are totally substandard, especially in the calendar department. I've tried everything they've got & watched it fail, including the montly, weekly, and daily. For a few years, I was a Franklin Covey aficionado, but they're flailing, too. I'm not willing to futz with printing out my own pages now (sorry, Philophaxy die-hards!).
Absenting a nice Quo Vadis W2PP overview layout that fits a 3-ring binder, I've defaulted back to old-school Dayrunner. I'm now using their W2PP with appt times, as well as the tabbed Dayrunner M2PP insert.
Is anyone else making a go of the current Dayrunner inserts in their favorite Filofax?

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-17 11:04:01)
How about just punching new holes to accommodate Filofax binder?
I have used some pages from other calendars to use as project templates (just carefully cut them apart with a crafting knife) and punched holes to fit my A5. I don´t have a Filofax puncher but I use their own pages as a model and punch it along with several pages that need punching. Just stack the pages up and then go to town. I make the punches one- by- one and it really is no fuss at all.

Kay Em Squared (2012-07-17 11:07:24)
Since I use the compact personal size, not the A5, I find the punching laborious, time consuming, & ineexact. I just want something that is made to fit & does fit my 3-ring Filofax!

Kay Em Squared (2012-07-17 11:08:38)
Dayrunner & Daytimer both make the 3.75x6.75 in. sizes available for sale.

Gail (2012-07-17 11:16:58)
How long have they had it Alison?

Kay Em Squared (2012-07-17 11:30:33)
One qualification of the Filofax calendar critique, which I otherwise stand by: actually, their fold-out calendars (vertical 1-yr at a glance and also 4-yr planner) are actually quite good & come in handy.

Anita (2012-07-17 11:38:53)
Hi Gail,
I returned a cherry personal Classic with similar problems. Mine was about a year old & no where as bad as yours though. Filofax very quickly got back to me & I got a Malden as a replacement instead. I was very impressed with their service, especially as I hadn't purchased the filo from them :)

Gail (2012-07-17 12:06:18)
Wow Anita that is good service, so they allowed you to choose whatever you wanted? Must admit, I am very disapointed with the Classic, never would I have thought it would wear so easily!

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-17 12:20:25)
Even though Laurie made an excellent argument the other day, I am one of those "one life, one Filo" kind of guys; but of late, I have been considering purchasing other Filos for the sake of variety. I have heard great things concerning the Malden and loved the video from last Saturday featuring the blue Finsbury. I went to Filofax USA and found that the Finsbury comes in red, antique rose, black, raspberry, blue, and yellow. When I checked Filofax UK, I found the Finsbury comes in grey, black, raspberry, red, pink, and blue. Filofax France offers the Finsbury in aqua, grey, black, emerald, raspberry, red, blue, and yellow. And then poor Japan has the Finsbury in just black, brown, and red. Why is there such discrepancies among the nations? Why must I pay high international shipping just to get an emerald Finsbury? Can anyone enlighten me to the discrepancies of product availability?

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-17 12:26:02)
Nice to meet you, WeirdRockStar,....and welcome to the community!

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-17 12:32:16)
I do this as well. I like to write on Clairfontaine paper so I keep a Clairfontaine A5 tablet in the back of my Filofax and punch holes as needed. The French make such excellent paper and the Germans make wonderful hand-made ink!

Alison (2012-07-17 12:55:41)
I'm gutted, was hoping to purchase as soon as available on City Organiser, at least I have time to save up now!!

Wannabe Mummy (2012-07-17 13:22:20)
Hi, I have a raspberry compact Chameleon that I love love love! I use it as a wallet/day planner and it works amazingly well - I event got a comment about it today at work. I use the back zipped compartment for both notes and coins because I use the long slot behind the credit card slots for my oyster (London bus/travel card) and odd bits like invitations for my kids to their friends birthday parties.
I got the binder for half price from the Denmark site.

Cheryl (2012-07-17 13:39:33)
My question went into the stratosphere and it was long one...here we try again. :)
Regarding the Holborns: Am I correct in that there are a Personal, Slimline and Compact version? I had to go to 4 websites (Filo UK, Filo US, CO and P &L) and that is what I came up with, I think! US only has the Personal and Slimline as does UK, can't remember what P &L has and CO has all 3.
It appears the Compact has a different card slot configuration than the Personal size, correct? Do the Compact and Slimline have the same card pocket configuration? Do all 3 have the hidden zipper pocket or is that only in the regular Personal? None of the websites even mention the zipper pocket! Good Lord.
You wouldn't believe how I know have 4 browsers open going back and forth between websites to track this info (oh yes you would!) and only one or two show the interior configuration of the Personal and Compact but I don't think I saw the interior of the Slimline.
I also come here first and last to get the straight scoop so thank you for your help. And I did read a few reviews here on the Holborn (thank you reviewers!) but can't recall finding one on the Slimline or Compact.
Oh, and Pens and Leather said a new color for the Holborn was coming July 30th???? Anyone know what that might be?

Cheryl (2012-07-17 13:42:18)
P.S. Excuse my grammer errors...my laptop has overheated from the shopping frenzy this am and well you know what's it like using a small phone keyboard! :)

Cheryl (2012-07-17 13:53:13)
ahhhh now this American finally knows what you all mean by 'oyster'...thanks for that! Haha, I've been meaning to google that!
The first time I read that someone keeps their Oyster behind their Filofax card pocket I scratched my head and thought 'gosh I love those Brits!'

Cheryl (2012-07-17 14:01:09)
Hello fellow past FC aficionado...I agree. FC is really flailing the past few years (darn technology). They've closed most of their stores and their products offerings (especially binders!) are just so pathetic. I've had over 20 of their binders in the past 20+ years and I can honestly say that only once did one ring one binder fail to close properly and i just stopped by my local FC on the way home from work and they promptly on the spot replaced the ring mechanism. Their service was always incredible, even allowing binder exchanges after a few months if you decided you didn't like the one you had (as long as it was in good condition). Their binders were always quality and the paper wasn't bad, I loved the layout. Such a shame they are struggling so...now at their website and one lonely store left here in Michigan, they sell all sorts of random office supplies like an Office Depot (!) - out of necessity I guess. Sad, really.
Anyway, yes I've used and currently have a set of Dayrunner inserts. The monthly calendar is sturdy but I find their weekly and daily paper to just be too thin and not on par with FC's paper. And I won't even talk about the Filofax paper which every time I receive a pack of it seems to be even less in quality than the previous one!

Cheryl (2012-07-17 14:04:52)
Well I certainly can't but I lament over this quite regularly. It just makes no sense to me that Filofax doesn't make available the same size/style/color options to all stores in all countries on all websites!!! Rant over. Can't wait to hear someone weigh in on this!

JasJan (2012-07-17 14:21:48)
Hi, I have an A5 Osterley in Plum. It does lay flat straight away and is also quite compact as the pen loops are at the top and bottom rather than the side. It is a lovely leather really classy and a dark plum colour. I also like how the press stud is metal rather than leather so it can't wear through in time. It is by far the best quality filofax I have had (30 at one point!) I just wish it had 30mm rings!

JasJan (2012-07-17 14:22:40)
Cuban zip or the Daytimer do good personal size binders with 25mm rings.

Alison (2012-07-17 14:43:39)
I only sent it on Friday Gail !!

mstraat (2012-07-17 14:57:21)
I have the compact Holborn in brown. The card slots are vertical. It has the right and left entry vertical pockets on both left and right but no zipper pocket. This is a wild guess, but as Germany already has a grey Holborn, I would think that will be the new color at Pens and Leather.

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-17 15:14:06)
Hullo, lovelies!
Gaaah, I so need that Osterley now. My heart is quite set on it actually but I´m somewhat realistic when it comes to thinking how easy it would be to find one on this country.
If all goes south, I´ve been toying with the idea of A4 as well. The thing is, this one needs not to travel anyplace. These larger organizers have their places on my desk. A5 is enough on most cases but the more I write, the more I seem to do. And it all just goes with the " flying by "- attitude, since it´s written down and I might as well... why not and ta- dah, another task done. For example today I needed to have another additional paper to write tomorrows activities, meetings and visitors. Meal plans and shopping list of course needed to be stuck on additional post- it´s atop of the additional paper. So... I might be a great candidate for a A4, but my heart is somewhat set on the plum Osterley. It´s just so much like my red Balmoral, only new.
... it is a relief to see I´m not the only papersnob (nod to Mr. Quinton and Cheryl). I´ve actually not used Filofax´s own notepapers for years (hate it when ink gets soaked in the paper, rather than just fly by, ON the paper) but have added my own papers and I just added agreeable punch holes.

Helen Conway (2012-07-17 15:20:34)
A late in the day question so I hope you are all still reading! Does anyone know whether the caramel A5 Finchley was ever sold by Filofax In the UK or just on mainland Europe?

David Popely (2012-07-17 15:23:49)
This is a real bugbear for me. I'm an accountant (sole practitioner)and I have lots of projects to track. Presently I'm following a form of GTD in my personal FF, which seems to work, but I would sometimes wish for a more structured approach - I do find GTD rather 'free form' at times, and I worry that I can't 'see the wood from the trees' with the 'big lists' which GTD seems to generate.
If you'd like to email me offlist maybe we could discuss - davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com - although I'm in London for the next three days so internet connections may ne at a premium! I'll do my best.....

David Popely (2012-07-17 15:27:32)
Sari, where did you get these Jan-Dec tabs for your personal? So far as I know they're not available off the UK FF website. I'd be quite willing to order in from abroad, as I did with one of my 2012 diary formats.
Side note: I do get *very* ticked off with FF' apparent indifference to getting a global website ordering and delivery system in place. The really do *not* deserve the loyalty their customers (us) show them. Disgraceful....

David Popely (2012-07-17 15:30:44)
As I never tire of saying (sorry!), my Time Manager binder looks as good as it did in 1987, still *smells* of leather, and the ring mechanism has never given me a problem, ever. Also it has natty 'D' rings which help the paper lay flat. Result!
not cheap though....

Liisa P. (2012-07-17 16:04:52)
Here they are UK site. http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId= 152

Liisa P. (2012-07-17 16:07:07)
Here they are UK site. http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId= 152

Liisa P. (2012-07-17 16:16:23)
I bought a Cross mini (a similar model before the Classic, I think) off eBay quite some time ago (it was in excellent condition). I ultimately gave it to my husband (still in excellent condition) and within a couple of months it looked like yours. :(Never would have guessed it would wear as quickly and terribly as it did, especially it being one of the pricier models.
I hope you get a good refund (something like Malden sounds very nice!!! :))

Alison (2012-07-17 16:26:49)
I've had an email from Filofax, they are refunding my card, now that's good service, will pay for the pocket baroque which fell into my basket on Filofax France, well the personal needed company :o

Steph (2012-07-17 17:27:45)
I was just wondering, can you use the nivea trick on finsbury leather, and I have tried to youtube a video on it but I can't find anything...any help...

Gail (2012-07-17 18:12:24)
Wow Alison that is great.....and fast too. What was the problem with your Filofax? I don't think I would get a refund as my hubby brought it for me from The Pen shop. But at £80 for a personal size, I would have expected to get much more wear out of it.

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-17 18:22:41)
For ANY leather, please please please please only natural oils and fats.
Try to find a natural, preferably lanolin & beeswax based leather conditioner or just make one yourself. I just polished & cleaned my old & trusty Balmoral with coconut oil. If you use natural oils, choose ones that won´t go rancid on room temperature. I sometimes use olive oil (the lighter the hue, the less it smells) but usually it is coconut oil. It is lovely. It is just so incredibly moisturizing to all of the leather and also for your skin. If you are after shine, apply jojoba oil (it´s the only wax that is in fact in liquid form- hence the faulty word " oil ") and let it sit for about 15- 30 minutes. Then buff it with a soft brush or a cloth. Then let it sit for another 15 mins and then use (I swear I´m serious!) a rolled buffer made of pantyhose. And believe this- the finer the pantyhose, the shinier the leather.
Sermon above applies to all leather, sofas,bags, shoes as well as Filofaxes of this world.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-17 19:09:40)
Thanks!
I plan to do my review with my Filofax open, at my desk with computer on, so updating the list can be weekly as easily as writing it out, I was planning to pop the envelope content out and draw a line through anything completed in the week - I like seeing things crossed out & a tick beside them!
But I will keep a close eye on how that works for me after the initial enthusiasm wears off... I have a page just for GTD operation, and that has a place for tips like yours to be entered + stuff off the GTD blogs 7 sites I've been reading, as well as questions for a monthly review *just* of the system, and how it's delivering, and how diligent I'm being with it.
I don't like tickler files (for some reason, not sure what - I have this kind of mental image of opening them, and things pouncing out!) so am only using my calendar for day specific things, and my Project Support lists for things that need to happen in a certain order.
I'm a freelancer & the inflow of money isn't constant, clients might stall for months then all decide to pay at once, so rather than date, a lot of £-dependent projects are based on "Next available funds" and then split into amounts... crazy but I was already running a system like that, and it does work.
I'm renovating pretty much all my soft furnishings & appliances right now so that's a big part of the Projects list, and all dependent on incoming funds, because I don't dip into my savings for anything non-essential.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-17 19:19:48)
I guess it's because they're not mass produced on the same scale as some things, eg they're not just punched out and wire wrapped like a spiral-bound notebook... there is some element of hand-finhsing on them.
Also they are a fairly minority interest, I don't think as many people would be in the market for one as for a new reporter's notepad or whatever, which means the manufacturers can run off huge amounts, knowing they'll sell steadily.
I think the difference in colours is because in Season 1, they release colours A, B, and C, then they get distributed, Season 2 they discontinue A and B, and keep making C + new D & E, and these get distributed in waves...
THAT is a guess btw, the only thing I've found is if you like a colour, snap it up, because they might not make it again... I loved the Navy Finsbury and these days they only show up once in a blue moon on e-Bay.
Just my thoughts & guesses there, I don't have any insider knowledge!

Steph (2012-07-17 20:13:45)
I was hoping to make the leather a little more pliable and 'buttery'. Especially in the part that has the closure. So the strip of leather on the right hand side of the Filofax. Where can you get coconut oil from? Can you recommend a brand?

Butanben (2012-07-17 20:17:00)
I used the Nivea trick on my black Finsbury just last week and it really was good for it. Made the leather supple and clean and it smelt gorgeous.The press stud tounge was in extra need of moisturising. A real Filofax facial!!! xx

Joey Quinton (2012-07-17 20:17:28)
Sounds reasonable, Shanti...thank you. I do have my eye on the emerald Finsbury on the French site.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-17 22:22:31)
I was looking at the Kendal personal in black for ages, online & in Selfridges, because I love my A5 in brown, and then ■>WHOOSH! One day it was gone off the site (even though they were still selling the brown), gone from all the shops, and I've never seen one since on e-Bay. I try not to regret such unimportant things, but I could kick myself for not snapping one up while I could.
Just sayin'! ;o)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-17 22:25:31)
These are the ingredients in the Nivea "classic" creme, the stuff in the blue pots with white writing:
Aqua, Paraffinum Liquidum, Cera Microcristallina, Glycerin, Lanolin Alcohol (Eucerit®), Paraffin, Panthenol, Decyl Oleate, Octyldodecanol, Aluminum Stearates, Citric Acid, Magnesium Sulfate, Magnesium Stearate, Parfum, Limonene, Geraniol, Hydroxycitronellal, Linalool, Citronellol, Benzyl Benzoate, Cinnamyl Alcohol.
Source: [1]Nivea.co.uk

1. `http://www.nivea.co.uk/products/NIVEA-Creme`

David Popely (2012-07-17 23:36:55)
Many thanks Lisa! I'm in London for the rest of the week,so maybe a trip to Conduit street....

Steph (2012-07-18 01:03:21)
@Shanti does that mean I shouldn't use it?

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-18 01:28:57)
Mine is Biona organic raw, but frankly, any coconut oil will do. You can find them on practically any heath food stores and supposedly on some supermarkets as well. They are really easy to find.
I don´t suppose Nivea will do anything harmful to your binder- quite on the contrary. Having that said, in long term use it´s best to use anything natural. All additives will stick to leather. Perfume, alcohol etc can wreck havoc to any dye pigments and any cones will fill the leather pores up, thusly preventing natural " breathing " of leather surface.
Again, do what comes easiest and what feels you feel best. If you soften the leather up with Nivea, it will soften it

and make it more pliable regardless. However, there are chemical compounds that will sucked to the leather and they will stick to it. In long term use, I doubt there would be much difference. I have experience in preserving leather with natural ingredients that allow the leather to breathe and stay fresh and this way it also is easiest to clean with natural fats. I´d say go as you please and be merry with it.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-18 03:59:00)
I have no idea! I just thought it might add to the discussion - people say they've used it with success, but *I've never used Nivea or any product* on ANY of my Filofaxes, or at least that I can remember - sorry!

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-18 09:28:10)
It is a happy, happy day.
I just received a phone call from my Filosupplier. She´s able to pull off an A5 Osterley in either grey, plum, orange or chocolate brown. Outstanding! In the end, I went with classic brown- it will go seamlessly with decor.

Josh (2012-07-18 10:58:12)
I was using DayTimer inserts in a personal filofax for the first four months of this year, and now use DayTimer "desk" size in a seven ring binder. I love the design of both. The paper is horrible, though. I do like the clean "whiteness" of ffx inserts, though!

austinlinda (2012-07-18 15:29:21)
Just some important info I thought I would share with y'all–the Filofax USA online store is having a sale on organizers, starting today. Although the sales in the past few weeks have included some very nice organizers, they have added some very nice ones this week, most at 30 % off their regular price.
The organizers include Cuban, Holborn, and Aston, in several colors and sizes. Of course, I found one that I recently aid full price for!

Sari (2012-07-19 07:54:16)
Hallo, David, sorry for the delayed answer, I was "offline" since Tuesday morning.
I buy the JAN-DEC tabs in Germany or via the german online store -> you just click on "Einlagen" (Personal of course ;-))) then go all the way down to "Register". I like them a lot, for my GTD system it really is most helpful to sort tasks for a specific month (so they are not cluttering your actual NA list but you do not forget about it at the proper time) and I also use them in A5 in my 'Garden-Fax', quite practical because some tasks are the same every May, June... and I do not have to write things several times. I would like to hear about your experience if you try them. Greetings, Sari

David Popely (2012-07-19 09:20:07)
Hi Sari, thanks for responding. Lisa kindly sent me the link to the UK version, and I had planned to pick up a set for myself when in London, as I am at the moment. However, I visited the Conduit St shop yesterday and unaccountably forgot to get them! So I'll have to go back tomorrow (shame about that.....)
What I *did* do was make a decision about diary formats for 2013. I've been unhappy with the Wo2P stabdard format I've been using (one of only two available in cotton cream, grrrr), so Ive gone for day-per-page again to see how I cope with the inevitable loss of perspective which the 'up close' view gives me.
I notice that Conduit St have all 2012 diary refills on half price now, and also a *very* good selection of reduced price binders in all formats - although you'd have to visit to view them. For a moment I was tempted back into A5 (very nice grey Malden at half price), until I realised it means carrying a house-brick around everywhere, including weekends.....perspective quickly restored in that respect! I do miss the space of the A5 though.....
Thanks again
David

Sari (2012-07-19 09:59:16)
Hi, David,
great that you found them - and now you have a good reason to go back to Conduit street tomorrow ;-). Did you find a DPP in Cotton-Cream?? I ordered mine in Denmark for 2012 (but of course it´s all in danish, broadens

your language knowledge..).
I also struggle all the time with diary formats: W2P gives you the good overview but has only small space for each day - DPP has sufficient space but I absolutely agree with the loss of perspective.
To solve this problem I recently started to 'mix´the two formats and use mainly the W2P but for the current week I use DPP - every Wednesday night I take the weekly sheet of and put the DPP sheets in. Disadvantage: you have to write a lot of things twice. But I ´ll try this for at least another month and then decide.
A good thing that I do not live close enough to Conduit street btw, I would definitely spend too much there if they are having a sale.... and I know about the temptation with A5 also, but for me it is just to heavy and big (at least I think so at the moment)
Greetings, Sari

David Popely (2012-07-19 10:10:35)
No DPP in cotton cream in the UK (predictably)....I *could* buy the Danish, but I keep my diary exclusively in pencil (I have that sort of life!) so the bleed-through issue doesn't arise. It does spoil the 'look' of the whole thing though....
The system of combining formats (monthly, weekly, daily) is precisely what the Time Manager is expressly designed to do - and it does it brilliantly! When I find myself in TMI 'mode' I have a full set of weekly/monthly inserts which are designed to lie side by side and give you all three (includsing the monthly layout) formats at a glance. The hole thing is in between Personal and A5 sizes and it';s a constant temptation to use it. Now that I've got it re-tooled for GTD as well, the temptation is even greater. If you like to email me, when I get back to Wales I'll send you a photo of the open layout to demonstrate how good it really is. davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com .
Will definitely be back at Conduit Street tomorrow - the business lounge I use when in London is just around the corner and I can also camp there for a couple of hours in between morning and afternoon meetings....ideal.

Current Filofax Sales... (2012-07-17 12:00) - Steve Morton

You might have spotted some of these already, but just in case you haven't....

- Filofax France has a [1]50 % off and [2]30 % off sale on until the end of the month.
- Filofax Italy has a [3]60 % off and [4]50 % off sale
- Filofax Germany has a [5]sale
- Filofax UK has offers on [6]Flex covers and [7]Chameleons
- [8]City Organiser have some great savings too.. and don't forget the [9]Philofaxy Discount Code valid until the end of this month.

Happy hunting....

1. http://www.filofax.fr/store/specials.asp?OID=295
2. http://www.filofax.fr/store/specials.asp?OID=294
3. http://www.filofax.it/store/specials.asp?OID=298
4. http://www.filofax.it/store/specials.asp?OID=101
5. http://www.filofax.de/store/page.asp?id=202
6. http://tidd.ly/3910ccff
7. http://tidd.ly/f8d232ac
8. http://www.cityorganiser.co.uk/
9. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/06/philofaxy-10-online-discount-coupon.html

ehan (2012-07-17 12:29:45)
oh no, I just ordered Pocket Turquoise Baroque from filofax France! please stop enabling me.... SELF CONTROL

Jen (2012-07-17 12:33:53)
Filofax USA is also having 30 % off. http://www.filofaxusa.com/store/specials.asp?OID=279

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-17 12:48:57)
Plus, Filofax USA has reduced the price of the A5 Cuban from 150 dollars to 105 dollars.

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-17 12:51:21)
well DUH...that is 30 percent off LOL

Alison (2012-07-17 12:54:18)
OOps !!!

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-17 13:30:26)
Check out my post here about a couple of Filofax bargains I spotted today:
http://www.allthingsstationery.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/quick-statione ry-spy-2.html

katka (2012-07-18 02:27:25)
Why Steve why ? :o)

Nicole (2012-07-18 04:18:14)
Did the elusive Baroque just sell out when I was rummaging for my credit card to pay after PayPal didn't work. O_O

robynlouise (2012-07-19 01:34:23)
www.livingexclusive.com.au currrently has a FF sale going on, but it will only last for another day or two I would imagine, and you have to join the site to shop there but it's free to join. I don't have any info about shipping outside Australia, sorry, but I am sure it is somewhere on the site.

Girl21 (2012-07-19 13:06:57)
Filofax UK have 20 % off now, and with the 50 % off Chameleons, you can get an A5 Chameleon for £36!

Laurie's personal Aston as Financial Filofax (2012-07-18 00:00) - Laurie

Now that I'm trying to become homeowner, I have to stick to a strict budget. I know Personal Finances 101: the first step to sticking to a budget is to track all expenditures.
Last fall I used Expenses pages in my Filofax to track my expenditures, and it was really good except I never did anything with the information. This time it's for real: I have to calculate how much I'm spending each month on groceries, gas, and other expenses so I know if I'm sticking to the budget or if I'm overspending and need to cut back. So I write everything I spend into the Expenses pages in my Filofax, then at the end of each month I'll break down the totals by category.
For a few days I used my [1]Aston as my wallet too. I used the full-length pocket inside the front cover for cash and the zip pocket in the back for coins. My cards went in the slots inside the front cover. But I discovered this was harder to deal with than my wallet. Maybe I'm just used to my wallet, but I found the Filofax-as-wallet was too fiddly. I had the cards and cash in the front, but had to flip to the back to fish out coins. I had to flip to the expenditures pages to write in the amount while waiting for my change or for my card to process. It just didn't work well for me so I went back to my wallet, and now I usually put my receipts in my wallet to write in later when I have more time.
In addition to tracking expenses, I'm tracking gas (petrol) usage to get an idea of how much my car uses. I have a sheet of paper where I write the Date, Place I filled up, Price per Liter, Number of Liters I bought, and Total cost. That way I can see how often I fill up, and see price trends so I know which

places usually have the cheapest prices.
Recently I became a member of one of those bulk-buying stores. I keep a list in my Aston of things to buy there, because I plan to only go once per month or less so I need to keep a running list.
I'm also making a list of items I buy periodically (like printer ink cartridges) with price comparisons at different stores. Whenever I happen to be in each store, I'll write the price of each thing so the next time I need to buy, I'll know which store to buy at.
I'm compiling a list of one-time purchase items we'll need for the house. There are some big-ticket items, like a lawnmower and electric hedge trimmer, all the way down to more mundane things like a mop and bucket. I'll note prices at different stores so when it's time to buy these I'll know where to get them.
And, I'm making a wish list and gift list for myself and family members, so when something we want goes on sale I can remember to buy it.
Because this Filofax goes everywhere in my bag with me, I also write things down that I want to do in the local area or elsewhere in Scotland. I'm always seeing notices for cool events that are coming to the castles near me, concerts, cultural events and other fun stuff. Now with my Aston handy I can capture all this information before I forget.
Also, in the front of my Filofax I keep Emergency information and numbers, car insurance info, and the Home Sweet Home form from the Family Lifestyle Pack for quick-reference numbers for utility companies, phone/ internet and mobile providers, etc.
I don't use this Filo as my planner, but I do use a monthly calendar in it to record coupon expiration dates so I can use them before they expire. I also write in bills' due dates, and I keep a list of recurring annual expenses (car insurance x 2, MOT inspections and car tax x 2, Life and Accident insurance, Home insurance, etc.). Keeping a list of these dates and amounts due reminds me to save a little each month for these to avoid being surprised with a big outlay when they are due.
I have a Sticky Notes accessory because I use sticky flags to mark my lists. I refill the accessory with [2]tape flags from Tesco.
I also have my Filofax calculator on the rings for quick calculations.
And, I keep my contacts in the A-Z tabs for easy reference.
I use Business Card holders in the back of the Aston to hold business cards and my library card.
Sorry no photos but since this is all personal/ financial info there's nothing I can really show you! If you want more specifics just let me know. :)

1. `http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2011/12/aston-filofax-in-orchid.html`
2. `http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/03/great-stationery-finds-at-tesco.html`

Clareio (2012-07-18 03:12:16)
Quick tip in terms of one time purchases, find a factory store! we got a lawnmower and strimmer for £50 and they have EVERYTHING so much cheaper. Basically anywhere that sells returned catalogue shop items as most places won't put any returned item that has been opened back on the shelf! It's been a lifesaver for our house for things like furniture and other more expensive things, most will sell everything from printers and cameras to lawnmowers, wardrobes, beds and dining tables to cots and pushchairs, sometimes even wallpaper!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-18 04:12:53)
Carrying your utility account details with you is a gift to all kinds of bad people if (heaven forbid) you ever lose it, or it gets stolen - identity fraudsters love that kind of thing, and could use it to set up other accounts posing as you, and even just someone finding it, if they're a "prankster" could use it to cause you significant problems.
I'd advise you leave that data at home, or find your own method of coding the numbers, eg know that the last 4 digits of every account, you move up one on the scale of 0 - 9, so that say:
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becomes
3 7 **0 4 8 7**
You could underline the last four on a few as a reminder to yourself, or something. You really are carrying your entire life with you there, and you would be the one struggling to prove your identity if it fell into the wrong hands. I don't mean to alarm you there, and hope you don't think my comment is in bad taste or something!

Laurie (2012-07-18 04:47:44)
Very good advice indeed. I don't carry utility account numbers, banking information or codes. I just have the phone numbers for the gas, electricity etc in case something goes wrong I can call them quickly.

Josh (2012-07-18 06:51:01)
I fully agree, trying to log expenditures as you stand at a checkout is too much trouble. Receipt capture is the way! Great post, Laurie!
I actually do have my utility account numbers in my big Success Choice planner. I have used a coding system on my written passwords, but never thought anything of utility account numbers. Will need to think about that. I *really* like knowing that I've got all that info in one place, handy.

Aliandra (2012-07-18 10:44:47)
Good post, Laurie. I like your ideas for a dedicated financial "planner." Right now I use my Malden to track short & long term shopping plus measurements and part/model info, but post receipts at home. While I totally get the need for security of passwords and account numbers, it is important to look at probabilities too. For example, where I live it is an extremely low crime zone (mostly because there are very few people). Doesn't mean it can't happen, but hasn't in 17 years. But on the other hand this area every year has one more more of the following: a road-closing blizzard, wildfires with evacuations & loss of property, earthquakes up to mag. 7, or 2-6 day power outages (accompanies any of the other phenomenon). One has to plan realistically, so my Malden has more "sensitive" information in it than it would if I lived in a city. When shopping in town, it has its own waist pack so I am securely fused to my Filo when out.

Quiz - Win a Filofax Domino (2012-07-18 08:30) - Steve Morton

[1]

Would you like to win a Filofax Domino personal organiser?
To win this prize answer all of the following questions:

1. **St Davids, St Thomas and St James Park are all railway stations in which English city?**
2. **In a normal 'Double Six set of Dominos there are 28 tiles, how many pips are there in total?**
3. **On what date did Steve join Philofaxy as a contributor?**

Send your answers to all questions in to philofaxy at gmail dot com with the Subject '**Domino**' **Please include your name and mailing address as well as your answer.**
Please do not post the answer in the comments.....
Closing date is 19 July at 18:00 UK British Summer Time. The winner will be announced on Friday 20th

July.
This quiz is open to all Philofaxy readers, where ever you are in the world.
And the winning entry pulled out of the hat for the Swift in Sage was...**Sally**. and the answer was of course **Anglesey** in North Wales, thank you for all your entries, over 100 entries were received before the closing time.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-aRs4aY7rVT0/T-hlfnlL5vI/AAAAAAAAL5c/O1EAd2Qkqqw/s1600/IMG_1861.jpg

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Joey Quinton (2012-07-18 10:49:49)
Mr. Philofaxy, I see the quizzes are increasing in difficulty.

Gail (2012-07-18 10:55:16)
OMG! Spent nearly 2 hours searching the answer to that last question.....too hard guys! lol

Steve Morton (2012-07-18 13:46:32)
Well the one the other day was too easy I think.... Now what should I ask you on Friday....

Gail (2012-07-18 16:07:45)
Errr..... Your shoe size maybe? Lol

Steve Morton (2012-07-18 16:09:28)
Size 10!
But it's difficult these days to set questions that if you just type the question in to Google you instantly get an answer. So I'm having to think hard to give them a little twist but not make them impossible.
So far we have over 20 correct entries for today's
Steve

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-18 22:51:42)
I loved searching through the site to find the answer to number three! I play dominoes at church on Thursday nights so number 2 was relatively easy. Not being from the UK, I have to admit I googled that one. Great questions, Steve!

Guest Review: Deborah's new Ostrich Filofax! (2012-07-19 00:00) - Laurie

Many thanks to Deborah for this fantastic review of her new Ostrich Filofax!

The "Roadrunner" of Filofaxes: The Ostrich

Philofaxy's Laurie graciously offered to feature my review of my latest purchase. I have to admit that I was a little nervous (and very excited) about doing it for two reasons: 1) I searched endlessly for a review of this binder and could not find one single review, and 2) I've been toying with the idea of starting my own blog, but have no idea if I can pull it off so this will be practice.
Thank you, Laurie and Philofaxy for featuring this. I hope that you all enjoy!
Please meet my biggest splurge ever…my Personal Ostrich in Buttercup! My obsession with this binder began when I saw [1]Ro's spotlight interview on Philofaxy and saw a picture of her ostrich binder. I hadn't known that Filofax offered an ostrich leather binder. After months of obsessing I did it! I bought the binder at a very "reasonable" price from [2]Pens & Leather. And here is my review:
Packaging It arrived in a black Filofax box and was wrapped in a thick, soft felt-like black cloth. Nice!

[3]

The Outside The leather is unlike any other leather I've seen or felt. It is incredibly soft, all of it, including the quill bumps. I was afraid that the "bumps" would be hard but they are soft as well. The binder has some type of cardboard-like material between the leather that gives it structure but doesn't take away from the supple and soft leather. According to my research, ostrich leather is full of natural oils – so it resists drying and cracking - and also has collagen qualities that make it very strong, supple, and pliable. I love the way that the binder feels in my hand. I've been holding and "petting" it every chance I get.

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The quill bumps give it a very nice and interesting texture that is just plain fun to touch. The leather between the quills has a very subtle wrinkle pattern…nothing overpowering.

[6]

I chose the Buttercup color hoping that it would be more of a tan color (and not a yellow/butter color). Fortunately I was right. It is a nice rich tan/beige color.
It has a snap closure on the clasp and no other outward detailing (besides the quill bumps). Interestingly enough, it does not have the embossed “F” on the outside spine.

[7]

The Inside The binder laid flat right out of the box! It is all ostrich leather on the inside except for the lining in the pockets and slots that is a nice cream-colored satin material. It compliments the color of the leather very well. The inside leather is slightly more wrinkled than the outside. The ring size, according to Filofax, is 7/8" *(23mm)* and the binder has a ring protector flap on either side of the rings. Okay, onto the layout details!

[8]

The left side has "Filofax, Made in USA, Genuine Ostrich" embossed in the leather. The ring protector flap partially covers the 8 credit card slots and the inside full-length pocket. There is also a full-length pocket on the outer edge. It reminds me a lot of the Holborn layout – plenty of pockets and slots! This was a pleasant surprise. One downside about the credit card slots is that they are very tight and it takes some finessing to get cards in and out of there. Hopefully with time it will stretch a little bit.

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The right side has two full-length pockets similar to the left side. It also has a zippered flat pocket that has a protective "flap" over the zipper. I really like this feature since the zipper won't damage the last page that is in the binder. There is one non-elasticized pen loop that fits a "regular-sized" pen/pencil; thicker writing instruments probably won't fit.

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Moving In/Space Once I had the binder in my happy little hands, I had to immediately move everything over from my Personal Holborn (which, according to Filofax, has 15/16" rings - *(23mm)*). As you can see from the picture, my Holborn was packed, and yes, I could still snap it closed!
Because of the perspective, it looks like the Holborn is smaller than the ostrich; it isn't. Well, I wasn't able to fit everything into my ostrich binder and had to leave out the pictured stack. The bulkiest item was my envelope full of stickers that I now carry separately in my purse. A concession I'm happy to make because....

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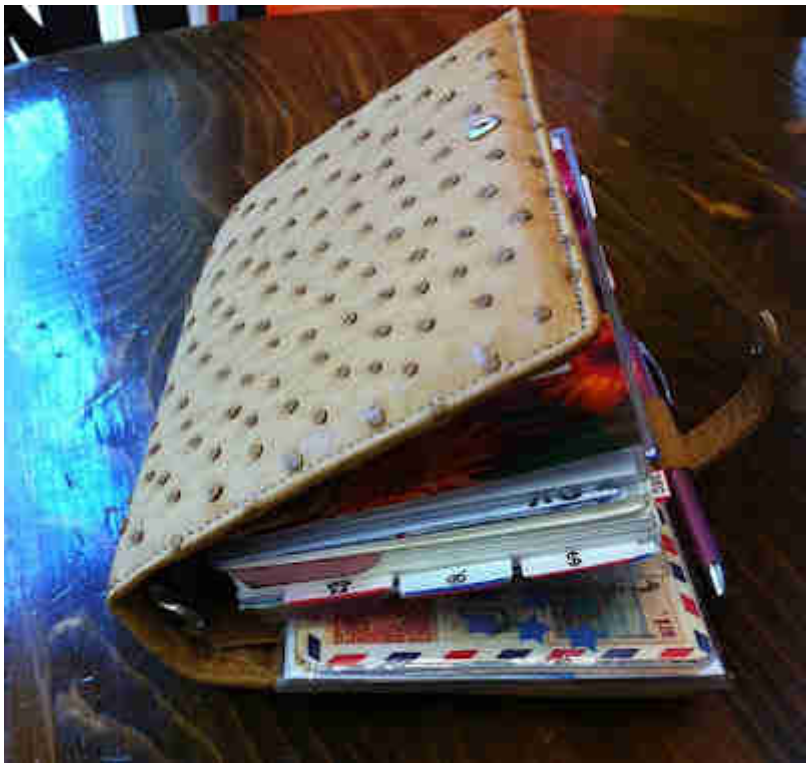
[17] 

[18]

Overall Impression I really love this binder! It was definitely a splurge but so worth it. I'm worried that my other 13 or so binders won't be used now because I can't see myself moving out of this binder any time soon (if ever!). I may have found my "one true Filofax".

I think the binder has a very classic and unique look about it. The leather is very soft and supple and a pleasure to touch and hold - I find that I'm choosing to hold it when going from place to place rather than carrying it in my purse - a first for me. I'm very pleased with my investment and in my opinion, the challenges to the binder (tight credit card slots and the smaller rings) are something that I can happily live with because it is, to me, just so beautiful.

And lastly, here is my Ostrich open and ready for action!

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Hope you enjoyed and please feel free to ask any questions!

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2. http://www.pensandleather.com/filofax-ostrich.aspx
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Josh (2012-07-19 00:10:48)
It's gorgeous! I love that it's made in the USA and that it appears to have the old style ring mechanism. Plus it looks incredibly nicely made!
I think the layout looks wonderfully functional.
Definitely worth every penny, I'm sure!

Thyme2Be (2012-07-19 01:12:19)
Lovely binder and great detailed review covering all the elements that interest me. I owned an ostrich-skin wallet eons ago I loved and wish I still had it - I've considered getting this Filofax also but not quite ready - I think my red Amazona would be too jealous! Thanks for sharing - I'm glad you've found the one!

John (2012-07-19 01:27:07)
Does anyone know the OEM manufacturer in the USA? I'm fascinated, and as a man, wouldn't hesitate to carry this.

Helen Conway (2012-07-19 02:49:49)
I have just checked out the 'reasonable' Pen and Leather Price because I wondered why there were inverted comma marks around that word. now I see why! great discount but....ooof! yes a splurge. But wait.... You use this every single day and it gives you pleasure every single day so, I'd say more good investment than splurge.If you divide the price by the number if days in a year and by the number of years you could use it.... Well, it sounds much cheaper! I see that P &L do not have anymore in stock so I personally will have to take my investment urges elsewhere though :)

Saffy (2012-07-19 04:45:24)
Deborah, great review and lovely Filofax. Back in the '80's my colleague had one of these that she stuffed to the max and was so fat. I think it was a combination of her Ostrich and another colleague's bottle green 19mm ringed Winchester that started my obsession with Filofaxes.
I feel like I am on an impossible quest the find the perfect Filofax and of course the perfect handbag and figured that neither exists. I am happy to hear that someone has managed it. :-)

Scoot (2012-07-19 04:49:06)
The Ostrich pattern adds a real touch of class to a really gorgeous organiser.
The side opening pocket on the left is, hopefully, a feature that will stay with many organisers.
Nice to see ring wings coming back. I think it would have looked better with gold rings, but the zip feature is (for once) looks good.
My preference would have been to stay with the supplied matching cotton cream inserts.

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-19 09:06:30)
Deborah, wonderful post and excellent pictures. I would encourage you to take up blogging because I feel you have a flair for it, judging by this post. I look forward to reading more things from you in the future.

aprilquilts (2012-07-19 10:00:21)
Deborah this is a great post, and I appreciate your photos and details. In the last photo, you have on the left page a label that says Zone 5. I'm assuming this is similar to flylady's approach. I would love to hear more about this label system. Is it removable (like on a sticky note? I think it is brilliant, and a great way to be mindful of areas to focus on.

DEM (2012-07-19 10:41:36)
Thanks, Josh! Everyday that I use it I become more and more convinced that my other FFs may never get used again! It has gotten so bad that even in the car, while driving, I have it in my lap!
An update on the credit card slots: as I had hoped, they are loosening up so I now use this binder as my wallet as well.

DEM (2012-07-19 10:43:04)
Thyme2Be - thank you! Glad you liked the review. I, too, have an Amazona and had thought that might be "the one" but this one has far up-staged it.

DEM (2012-07-19 10:46:33)
Helen - It certainly took me a while to make the leap to get it and P &L was the only place that had the lowest price. I like your thinking about the cost per day! Thinking about it that way, it costs me less than a cup of Starbucks coffee a day! I can live with that! I adore this binder!

DEM (2012-07-19 10:49:04)
Thank you, Saffy. Yes, I think I've finally found the perfect FF (and the perfect handbag - Modalu's Pippa). One must admit that the journey to finding these perfect items is quite fun, wouldn't you say???

DEM (2012-07-19 10:51:27)
Scoot, I'm in full agreement about the side opening pocket! It's a great feature. Regarding the diary inserts, the picture doesn't show it very well but I am using the cotton cream. Can't stand the white inserts!

janet (2012-07-19 10:51:55)
Just wanted to say what a lovely post - and the filofax is stunning. I have been using my Mulberry for over a year now so my many filofaxes are just gathering dust. This has made me lust for a filo again which I didn't think was possible. I love it.
I come from South Africa, in the ostrich farming district and have always loved ostrich skin. It wears really well and the quilled leather is the most desirable. They often cheat by using the smooth part of the leather on insides and underneath but yours looks absolutely luscious. And it is going to wear so well. I want one!

DEM (2012-07-19 10:53:45)
Thanks so much for your kind words! I've just begun researching how to create my own blog. Rest assured that Filofax binders will have a presence on the blog. I appreciate the encouragement!

DEM (2012-07-19 11:01:46)
Thank you! And you're exactly right...it is flylady. I created the labels using purple washi tape as the bottom and on top I placed a small index label that I printed with the zone info on it. I can move it from week to week since the washi tape is repositionable. It's been a great reminder for me. In the back of my binder I have a tabbed section for flylady that contains sub-sections labeled Routines, Weekly Plan, Zones, Menu, and Crisis (for crisis cleaning moments). So each week I can see which zone I'm in and then flip to the back to get more detail on the cleaning to dos!

DEM (2012-07-19 11:10:12)
Thanks for your comment! I admit that when I hit the purchase button on the P &L website I almost started hyperventilating at making such a splurge. Since getting it I haven't looked back or regretted the purchase! I'm certain that my other FFs will stay in their boxes for quite some time, or make their way to new homes.
I was so pleased to see that the inside of the binder is full quill leather as well. Having such attention to detail makes the cost even more worth it to me. I have to admit that this binder was hard for me to resist. I now have a co-worker who has seen and touched it and is now searching for one for herself.

Mary (2012-07-19 11:34:05)
I Enjoyed your review! Sure is a beautiful binder, TFS! I was wondering if it had a leathery smell to it? That's what I love the most out of the leather Filofaxes. Maybe someday I'll splurge for the Ostrich or maybe even the Alligator (definitely, if I win the lotto), LOL! Sure would love to see these in person. I hope you start that blog you were thinking about doing.

J (2012-07-19 11:43:02)
Gorgeous binder!!! I never knew what the layout looked like- super functional. I just wish they would bring the ring protectors back to more binders.
Fortunately for my bank account, I'm still happy in my Malden :)

aprilquilts (2012-07-19 12:02:27)
I would love to see your flylady set up. It sounds great. Washi tape is a great idea. I'll have to stay on the lookout for it. Thanks!

ayra k (2012-07-19 12:03:44)
Hi, my question isn't going to be about the binder, instead it's about the ruler shown in the last picture; where did you get it? It's really pretty!

DEM (2012-07-19 13:21:26)
This binder is most certainly a unisex binder!

DEM (2012-07-19 13:23:01)
Am happy to tell you about it. Hmmm, possible first post for my soon-to-be-created blog??? If you'd like to chat through email, I'd be happy to give you more detail. Let me know.

DEM (2012-07-19 13:26:15)
Great question! It has a light leathery smell that is very pleasant. My husband actually caught me sniffing my binder the other night. He thinks I'm absolutely crazy!
Everyone has been so encouraging that it has helped me overcome my fear of blogging. I'm going to look into creating one.

DEM (2012-07-19 13:27:23)
Thanks, J! This is the only binder that I have with the ring protectors. Fabulous things!!

DEM (2012-07-19 13:30:25)
I actually made the page markers (I've got two of them with different designs) out of the cover of a spiral bound notebook. The cover was a thick (about as thick as the today ruler) plastic that looked so much more appealing to me than the black or brown ruler.

Scoot (2012-07-19 14:38:54)
Just by the look of it, never mind the feel or smell, you could actually "love" that binder.

aprilquilts (2012-07-19 14:48:41)
I would love to chat via email, but I'm not sure how to access your address.

DEM (2012-07-19 15:09:39)
Here you go: deborahem at gmail dot com

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-19 15:22:31)
Once you start your blog please email the URL to me at josephdquinton[dot]com.

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-19 15:23:06)
Gmail.com, rather.

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-19 15:24:52)
@aprilquilts...you can find washi tape at etsy.com

DEM (2012-07-19 16:34:57)
I'll certainly do that!

Steve Morton (2012-07-19 16:42:00)
And don't forget to let Philofaxy know... so Gromit can look out for your posts....

DEM (2012-07-19 16:54:30)
Thank you Steve and Gromit!

Cloudberry (2012-07-19 17:22:25)
Deborah, I have been considering downsizing from my trusty (but heavy) A5. I have just been persuaded...

Saffy (2012-07-19 18:35:28)
Deborah, what pen is in your Filofax, the silver one in the last photo?

janet (2012-07-19 19:24:55)
could someone tell me what ring wings/ringprotectors are?

aprilquilts (2012-07-19 20:37:54)
I sent you an email. Thanks!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-19 20:42:11)
If you look at the 4th picture down from the top - they're the flaps of leather inside the main covers, beside the rings.
Nice detailed review, enjoyed reading it and thanks for sharing your Fax Deborah!

DEM (2012-07-19 20:46:26)
It is a Yard-o-Led Viceroy Standard Rollerball in the Victorian finish. My favorite of all pens right now!

DEM (2012-07-19 20:50:59)
Fabulous! Glad I could help ;-). Which binder will you be choosing?

DEM (2012-07-19 20:52:24)
So glad that you enjoyed it!

Jenna (2012-07-19 21:37:53)
I would LOVE to see your flylady section as well, since I am in the beginning stages of setting mine up and I am interested in seeing other's ideas for inspiration.

Ro (2012-07-19 22:49:52)
Ah .... happy to be of service. There needs to be more ostrich binder owners in this world ... they are truly magnificent!
It was lovely to tour through yours; I am not exactly sure how old my old beauty is, but the configuration is different. No credit card slots or full length pocket along the edge, no zippered compartment. I need to see if I can find out how old mine is from the serial number, but another way mine differs is that mine was produced in Great Britain.
I am glad you are so smitten! I understand the feeling!

DEM (2012-07-19 23:09:16)
Jenna, I actually just put something together in an email to share with April and am happy to share with you as well if you want to send me an email...my email address is above.

DEM (2012-07-19 23:14:58)
Ahhh, Ro! The one who started it all for me :-) It's interesting that the configuration is so different! I know that one day mine will, hopefully, look as loved as yours does! Me, smitten??? I'm head over heels with the thing!

Ro (2012-07-19 23:58:14)
John, my ostrich was originally owned by a man, and obviously well used and well loved for many years. Can't help with manufacturer, though. Mine was made in England.

Cloudberry (2012-07-20 14:22:06)
Hi Deborah, a red personal version is winging its way towards the UK as we speak.
I rarely make impulse buys - I've had the same A5 binder for 20+ years. I can't think why I'd not noticed the Ostrich before - it's exquisite. I HAD to have it. I ordered it immediately after seeing your photos. I was in love - it is THE ONE.
I can't wait to slip my Mont Blanc into the pen loop. Yep, I like nice things!

DEM (2012-07-20 14:54:10)
Cloudberry!!!! I'm so excited for you! The ostrich binder is absolutely luxurious and beautiful!!! I can't see how you won't simply fall in love with it. I would love to hear about it when you get it! I bet that red is going to be drop-dead gorgeous!
After using the same A5 for over 20 years, you deserve an impulse buy like this! It is worth every penny!
Congratulations!!!

Cloudberry (2012-07-20 16:34:20)
Thanks! I'll post an update when it arrives. Any day now, as I paid extra for express delivery!

LJ (2012-07-21 14:51:17)
What fabulous pictures of a stunning Filofax - looking forward to your blog. I would also love to see your Flylady section :o)

DEM (2012-07-21 15:32:16)
Okay, I did it! I started my own blog! After HOURS of fiddling with my first post, it's done and published! Subject is....my filofax set-up. If interested, you can see it at my blog titled [1]Thoughts & Exploration

1. `http://www.thoughtsandexploration.com/`

DEM (2012-07-21 15:42:18)
Thank you, LJ. I just now published by first post and it's about my overall FF set-up. I think my second post will be specifically on my Flylady section. Stay tuned!
[1]Thoughts & Exploration

1. `http://www.thoughtsandexploration.com/`

Cloudberry (2012-07-21 17:19:07)
Well done!!!
I just had a peek at your blog and left a comment. I'm inspired by your creativity - as a blogger and your Filofax inserts.
Mine looks so 'functional' by comparison. But I have just introduced a whiteboard into my A5 as I love to mindmap in colour. I used the offcut as a bookmark for my daily jiffy list.

DEM (2012-07-21 22:32:07)
That's nice of you to say, Cloudberry. I appreciate it and I'm happy that you liked my first post. And thank you for leaving a comment. Woohoo
I am so excited about your red ostrich; you'd think it was making its way to me... I'm looking forward to hearing all about it.
I love the idea of the whiteboard. Can you tell me more about it?

Cloudberry (2012-07-22 03:51:10)
Hi Deborah,
I bought a mini whiteboard from our high street stationers (WH-Smith). In fact they were so cute, I bought a few! http://www.whsmith.co.uk/CatalogAndSearch/ProductDetails.aspx?produc tID=33822334
I'm not sure they ship to the US, so give me a shout, and I'll mail it to you. Through the transparent frame, I could see the surface is very thin substance backed by cardboard, so I dismantled one – it's a very thin metal with whiteboard coating. Anyway, I cut it down to size, made rounded corners, hole-punched and popped it into my A5. I made a bookmark out of the off-cuts and a jot pad by my computer. I found some super thin pens on Amazon called Artline 2-in-1 whiteboard pen – in 8 wonderful colours! I'm in mind-map heaven.
I've found what may be a better solution in "Magic Whiteboard" and have ordered some rolls, the A4 cards and the re-writable sticky notes. http://www.magicwhiteboard.co.uk/
With regards my Ostrich, I made a boo-boo with my P &L order and clicked pocket size - doh. Being the weekend, I can't get hold of anyone at P &L and their super efficient warehouse has now shipped it. So, I've just placed

another order for the Personal size, and hope to return or sell the pocket one. I'm so excited - I can't wait to get it!!!

DEM (2012-07-22 10:27:27)
The whiteboard idea sounds fantastic. Thanks for giving details. It does bring up a question for me: doesn't the whiteboard ink rub off on pages inside your binder? How do you keep that from happening? Aaaannnnd, another question: how did you cut through and punch holes into the whiteboard from WHSmith? I've never heard of someone incorporating a whiteboard into their Filofax...I think that's a fantastic idea.
I'm very intrigued by Magic Whiteboard, especially the re-writable sticky notes. I'm going to order some now - just found them on Amazon...just not sure how to avoid getting ink everywhere.
Oh my! You've got a pocket and a personal coming to you? Heaven! You may not want to open the package when the pocket gets to you or else you may want to keep it for yourself! lol

Cloudberry (2012-07-22 13:01:41)
Hi Deborah, I use a clear plastic sheet cut from some old OHP materials (opps, showing my age there!)to protect my mind-maps but I guess the clear plastic Filofax flyleaf would work too. I don't tend to keep my mind-maps for long as I transfer actions to my 'in tray' section and wipe the whiteboard clean.
I cut through the metal (its like a stiff aluminium kitchen foil) with an ordinary pair of scissors - they still work. I marked out the holes with a Filofax page, and used an old 2-hole punch to create the holes (I didn't want to risk damaging my trusty old Filofax punch). It took a bit of pressure but the holes were cleanly cut. I'm a bit careful turning it through the rings to prevent scratches, although a bonus is that the holes are slightly larger than Filofax pre-drilled paper. I was wondering if I could create some kind of protector for the holes, like an old washer or something, but I haven't figured that out yet. Then I thought I could maybe I could attach it (somehow) to a FiloFax page marker, so I could move it about in my binder without opening the rings. I might try that soon.
Magic Whiteboard looks like a potential alternative. Let me know how you get on with the re-writeable post-its. They do some A4 sheets too - photos on their website show kids using them in school (fixed to card) which is really neat. My thought is to stick Magic Whiteboard onto a Filofax divider card.
I will certainly have to resist the pocket Red - only last night I was trying to rationalise that I needed two!

LJ (2012-07-22 13:07:30)
Looking forward to it very much :-)

DEM (2012-07-22 15:16:00)
Thanks for the explanation. I'm looking forward to experimenting with the post-its. Thx for introducing me to them.

michele (2012-09-19 07:29:31)
Just catching up on posts! I've been using Filofax since '93 and have had my eye on the Ostrich for what seems YEARS. They actually had an A5 Buttercup in the gift shop at the Bermuda airport that the sales lady let me cuddle. I caught my boyfriend on eBay looking at the Ostrich and told him I was mad at him for now rekindling my passion at finding this model on the web. He asked me if I had one "which color"... I kept beating around the bush for days until I said "buttercup"... It seems to me that this is the most natural color and black or red wouldn't' do this FILO justice. As my boyfriend has an insane hobby of collecting scale model die cast model airplanes and feels guilty (thus I get extremely spoiled at Christmas) I have a very strong feeling I will finally get my Ostrich. Once I do I will print your post on my Filofax paper and insert it in the binder! Two months in, how is life with your one and only?

DEM (2012-09-21 22:11:10)
What a great comment! Thanks for sharing! I am still so in love with this thing that it's ridiculous. I love pulling it out and feeling the uniqueness of the leather. It continues to be my one and only. The only binder that has made my eyes stray is actually the red ostrich! A friend (Cloudberry) has the red and the pictures of it show how lovely the red can be!
I actually can't think of anything negative about this binder. The layout is fabulous, the ring size is working out perfectly for me, the credit card slots have loosened (took no time at all), the leather looks fabulous and is taking

wear and tear really well.
Be prepared to get some attention. I've received lots of admiring looks and comments about my buttercup. The ostrich leather is just beautiful!
I'll keep my fingers crossed that you get that extra special gift for Christmas! If you do, let us all know! I'd love to see pictures and hear about how you like it.

Leah Greentree (2012-09-23 22:07:41)
Wow...the Ostrich is beautiful! I think I found my next Filofax.

DEM (2012-10-02 20:49:17)
Woohoo! Let us know if/when you get it!!!

DEM (2012-10-02 20:50:17)
woohoo! Let us know if/when you get it!

baggirl (2012-10-03 15:15:40)
Wonderful! I love it - thank you for sharing. I will now check out your blog....

DEM (2012-10-05 21:32:31)
Thanks baggirl!!

Michaela (2013-01-04 14:01:22)
Super! Woher hast Du das tolle Lesezeichen/Lineal, das auf dem letzten Foto zu sehen ist?

Free For All Friday No 192 (2012-07-20 00:09) - Laurie

This "summer" in the UK has been cool and wet, while in many places in the US it's been even hotter than usual for this time of year. For those of us who note temperatures and weather in our diary pages, this year will be interesting to look back on later!
In addition to temperatures, some people also write things like when they see the first migrating birds arrive in the spring and last departing ones in the autumn, then look back through the years to notice trends (when some species arrive earlier than usual, for example). Other people note when the leaves turn color and fall in the autumn, which years have good or not-good colors (due to drought or other factors) and then look back through the years to notice if the leaves come down earlier or later in the year than usual.
Do you note weather and temperatures in your Filofax to look back on later? Do you note any annually occurring events to track trends?
And as usual on Fridays, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related!

Paul B (2012-07-20 01:56:33)
Regarding the weather, it isn't something I have ever done. And now that I live in the Middle East, 90 % of the days would be the same :(
On a different topic, having finally got my partner to dig out her 25 year old Pocket (with the old 4-ring style), I was excited to go to the Soho store and bring back a ton of inserts for her. Once I got home, I discovered that while all the white papers had the enlarged holes in the middle to take the old and the new style, none of the cream inserts (or the TODAY marker) did, so none of them fitted. I can't understand the reasoning behind that strategy from a corporate point of view. Luckily, I also bough a Rapesco 66P punch while in UK, so I managed to bastardise the cream diary and year planner, so they fitted. Does anyone know when they chenged from the old-style 4-holes on the pocket size?

Clareio (2012-07-20 03:42:43)
Having finally got round to ordering a personal sized filofax, i have been looking at the Franklin Covey inserts and to be honest none of them appeal to me but i still want pretty diary pages (with either week per page with notes

or just week on two pages) has anyone found any other brands of 'pretty inserts' that works for them? not the dodopad, that layout wouldn't work for me at all!

Paul B (2012-07-20 04:16:17)
Paperchase in UK seem to have some of their own-brand inserts now, with colour. I bought some to do sheets last week, with coloured blocks around the edges.

Clareio (2012-07-20 04:18:42)
Yeah i've seen the paperchase one, and if i don't find anything else i'll end up getting those, I like the Franklin Covey ones but just not the background images or layout!
Every piece of stationary I own seems to come from paperchase so i'm trying to find something a little different, thanks!

Scoot (2012-07-20 04:24:45)
Have found another leather organiser maker, being the Swiss (Pricey) based Lucrin.
Their UK website is...
http://www.lucrin.co.uk/

baggirl (2012-07-20 04:43:35)
I think they changed over around 1996- give or take a year or 2! It took a while for the inserts to change over fully- for ages they were compatible with both, having long elliptical holes to fit the 4 and 6. (I was wedded to my pocket then!)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-20 05:51:27)
Daytimer Flavia pages are the prettiest things ever!!

Helen Conway (2012-07-20 06:40:36)
Does anyone know of a source of A5 lined paper with narrow lines that is still A5 when punched and in the binder, other than the Filofax brand? This week I did hack a WHSmith Chunky A5 notebook by unsweinga dn ungouling the signatures. (The stickers said £12 reduced to £3.99 which gave me about 150 sheets of think lined cream paper.) I bought all the books the shop had (3) but wondered if anyone has another source of white paper? I have seen the review of the Oxford Active book bu the margins seem to take up a lot of room. Pukka pads have lines too wide for me.

Forever New (2012-07-20 07:56:13)
I don't keep weather records every single day, but I do note when there's an exceptional day (excess heat, severe storms, record breaking cold, etc.). I also make a special note of equinoxes/solstices. I celebrate one major weather event that touched me personally every year: the great flood of 1993 where I barely got myself, my toddler daughter, and our 2 cats out in time. My entire neighborhood was swept away and I celebrate July 9 every year as a day of thanksgiving for life and family, and personal reflection on how far I've come since. :-)

Clareio (2012-07-20 07:58:10)
Any idea where i could get the 2012 ones though? i've decided on daytimer for 2013 but they dont seem to have any 2012 ones in stock or on amazon :(

aprilquilts (2012-07-20 07:58:53)
So my Malden personal came (ochre). I love this style. I'm conflicted because on the front inside cover there is a fine line in black that looks like a ball point pen marked it. I know there are variations in the grain, but this looks more like a pen than a variation. My dh struggled to see it, but I can see it. Am I being too picky? Should I send it back, or just ignore it. I don't expect my Filo to stay pristine. I like the " vintage look" of the Malden ochre, and I love the way filos look when they've been used and loved for years. Should I just call this "patina" and move forward?

Lostwithoutyou (2012-07-20 08:15:15)
Personally, if your going to notice it each time you open it, I'd return it. You don't want to be put off using it :)

Hannah J (2012-07-20 08:18:25)
I love the Paperchase one but had far too much to fit in the weekends.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-20 08:20:00)
Hi Clareio, which format for DT are you looking for? Week on 2 pages, Day per page, day on 2 pages...?

Romina (2012-07-20 09:19:58)
Hi! Hope everyone has a great weekend :)
I do have a couple questions for you all:
1) does anyone know if the Pens & Leather 10 % off code can be used several times? Has anyone tried this?
2) has anyone seen the yellow compact Finsbury in person? Or has it? I am wondering if the yellow is more sunshine or more mustard and what color is the textile lining inside.
Thanks friends :)

Steve Morton (2012-07-20 09:31:37)
Hi Helen
How about buying blank A5 paper and printing your own? Then punch them and you are in business. I've recently done this so I could have lined on one side and graph paper on the other side for site notes and plans.
Steve

DEM (2012-07-20 09:34:17)
I use the 10 % off code everytime...which has been several times, lately!

Helen Conway (2012-07-20 10:05:34)
yes, it may come to that Steve but you know that takes more effor than pressing the buy button on Amazon! I wonder if that would actually be cheaper than buying lined paper anyway - I am happy to cut down A4. I have been digging around t'internet since posted and Avery Zweckform do lined paper that looks good and i wonder if anyone knows if the A5 Chronoplan holes line up with the A5 filofax. sigh. i am sure life did not used to be this complicated!

Joey Quinton (2012-07-20 11:04:45)
Helen, I use a Clairfontaine Triomphe A5 pad. It comes with 50 sheets and fits in the back pocket off my Cuban....works wonderfully!

Valerie (2012-07-20 11:25:57)
I like the DT Flavia week on two pages, which DT size fits the Filofax Personal binder? I want pretty pages next year too.

Gail (2012-07-20 11:38:48)
Helen. I photocopyied an A5 sheet of Filofax paper and printed it on lovely blank A5 Sheets of pastal paper, the result was really good. I am now looking out for some A5 pretty paper to do the same on.

Gail (2012-07-20 11:45:15)
Just an update on my Scruffy Personal Classic. I sent it back to Filofax earleir this week, they phoned me the same day they recieved it, to say I could have another. I told them I wasn't happy with the outcome of the last one so really didn't want another, so they said I could choose another up to the value of £80. In fairness, they did offer to replace it with the Aston in Orchid, but I'm not thrilled with that one. So I spent all last night searching and searching and I phoned Filofax back this this morning asking if I could pay the price difference, which they agreed to... So I got.....Another A5 Holborn in Wine. (I already have the black one). It only cost me £15 extra....well pleased with the service recieved.

jes (2012-07-20 12:20:48)
Do any of you pro filofaxers out there have any tips for hole punching things like plastic? I have a filofax metal punch but have a hard time trying to punch through sheet protectors and plastic folder type objects. any suggestions?

Steve Morton (2012-07-20 12:22:59)
Use your 6 hole punch to 'mark' the position of the holes, just apply gentle pressure.
Then use a normal single hole punch to get through the plastic. Yes you risk damaging your punch trying to punch plastic.

Alison (2012-07-20 12:23:41)
That's great Gail, i'd love the Aston Orchid in A5, but equally love my wine Holborn :)
I'm getting a refund on my A5 A &£X, daren't type in in full here lol :o

Alison (2012-07-20 12:27:22)
I bought a Chameleon from Filofax which came with a blue pen mark on the back, I sent it back, yes over time it will get pen on it by me, I don't expect it to be there on a brand new Filofax though!!

Alison (2012-07-20 12:30:22)
I use a crop-odile by W R Memory Keepers (I think that's what its called), bought for scrapbooking and crafting, just use a spare piece of paper as a guide for where to punch, it will go through plastic, chipboard, metal anything really !!!

John (2012-07-20 12:44:45)
Do you happen to know their binder ring size? Not shown on the website, but hoping that it might be 30mm. . .

Steve Morton (2012-07-20 12:51:40)
Also what is the ring spacing of their A5? 50 or 70mm?

Helen Conway (2012-07-20 12:52:47)
I am posting this from Staples Manchester. Had a few minutes en route to a textile art opening so when I saw a store I didn't know was here.....! I have a pack of A5 to try the printing/ photocopying on, am Oxford Active book sold as a single on clearance and a pad of A4 lined because it may well be just as easy to cut those down. Using a quilting rotary cutter and ruler it is deadeasy to cut multiple pages accurately. I shall hunt the Clairfontaine online. Maybe I need a section to dedicate to notes on paper choices!

Helen Conway (2012-07-20 12:55:28)
Thanks for posting this as I note that my beloved cherry classic is showing beginning signs of similar wear after I inspected it following your last post. The lawyer in me is happy to have a precedent to refer to if mine gets worse.

Helen Conway (2012-07-20 12:57:17)
I have a metal single hole punch bought on Smaxon for £2.75. Punches tough stuff and multiple pages easily. i just use the Filofax ruler or a piece of filofax paper as a hole guide. Or for one filo where I punch a lot I made a hole guide out of card and keep it in a pocket.

JasJan (2012-07-20 13:58:32)
Just a bit madness on my part. I have bought a Personal Malden in Ochre...the love is unbelievable. What I must add though is I sold the same binder a months ago as I really didn't feel the love. Where is the logic? Anybody else done this?

Gail (2012-07-20 14:21:06)
Return it hun, there is a difference between pen and natural creases. The thing is, you are always going to notice it, everytime you pick it up you will see it!

jemilyea (2012-07-20 14:23:50)
The DT Portable fits the Filofax Personal size.

Gail (2012-07-20 14:24:21)
Alison, you have intrigued me, what are your returning??? lol
Helen, don't put up with it, I believe Classics are at the superior end of the Filofax range and should wear better than they are doing!

Gail (2012-07-20 14:26:24)
Done the opposite actually....Brought an A5 Kendal, adored it for a while, now I really don't like the sight of it, it just looks nasty!

Gail (2012-07-20 14:29:36)
Holy sweet mother..... over a grand for a leather organiser? I think I'll stick with Filofax!

Steve Morton (2012-07-20 14:32:53)
Gail
That is for a batch of 25!
Steve

aprilquilts (2012-07-20 14:47:47)
Shipped it back today. The seller is sending a new one out. I hate to be picky, but I just know this will bug me. Hopefully, my patience will be rewarded. I LOVE the look and feel of the Malden. I think it is going to be the ONE. :)

Gail (2012-07-20 15:14:59)
Oh thank goodness for that, think I should hunt out my specs. Lol

Rianne (2012-07-20 15:32:12)
hello,
does annyone know where to find templates to track time for activity.
For work I have to keep track of my hours where and what I do with every client. I know that I could do it myself. But I'm already bussy enough so...can anyone help me with this. Its for the A5 or personal size. doesn't really matter....but better for the personal. Because I have this always with me.
I do it know in Excel and write in another notebook my hours and put the data in excel. But I like it to have it within my Filofax.
Thanx in advance

Steve Morton (2012-07-20 15:36:50)
Hi Rianne
Take a look through our collection of templates here:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/files.html
If you can't see what you want there, let us know what sort of layout you need and we can create it for you.
Regards
Steve

Ray Blake (2012-07-20 16:03:37)
These time and activity trackers might be what you're looking for - [1]A5 and [2]Personal versions.

1. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2012/04/filofax-time-and-activity-tracker-now.html
2. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2012/03/free-time-and-activity-tracker-for-your.html

Rianne (2012-07-20 16:04:29)
Hi Steve,
Thanx I totaly missed the flexible time log. I don't know why i didn't see it before. Are the recent?
Because i searched it a couple of weeks a go trough the files....or my head whas somewhere else. hahahahaha
Greetings Rianne

DEM (2012-07-20 18:09:55)
I think you made the right choice. Better to wait a little longer for a perfect one!

Helen Conway (2012-07-20 18:16:52)
no but I did the opposite in a way...rejected one in a shop as it was floppy and nasty and not for me. Then went on the Flikr link above and saw a photo (thevery first photo by the way!) of a lovely design which I presumed was an old discontinued one, looked at the caption... Ochre Malden I went on ebay and four hours later it was mine. It arrived yesterday and I love it... It smells so good for a start!

Helen Conway (2012-07-20 18:18:36)
I touched a Kendal for the first time tonight in Staples... i was curious as to what oiled leather was.... Yeeuuch! Nasty.
On past performance that probably means I'll own one in a month or so!

Rianne (2012-07-20 18:42:00)
Thanx Ray the are really great.
I really have found what I'm looking for.
It's just a matter of explore what I like to work with.
Yhanx Steve and Ray

janet (2012-07-21 06:38:49)
MY FFAF musing is that the baroque was on the shelves so briefly and didn't make much of an impact at the time, seemingly but there are loads and loads of baroque lovers out there. I have a mini teal which I use as my travel filo and I love it to bits. If they had had bigger sizes available (I got mine on sale)I would have bulk bought in the black and the teal. I love reading posts about them - they seem to be very sought after. I love that they are so plain and soft on the outside and then inside is the beautiful embossing.

Clareio (2012-07-21 07:25:13)
Week on 2 pages but i can't find the DT Flavia Portable ones for 2012 anywhere

Lynne Dove (2012-07-21 07:28:24)
Janet - couldn't agree more. I am totally sold on Baroques. Lovely quality; lays flat and decorative.

Silver_Elixir (2012-07-21 08:45:38)
Really? I love my Kendals. If you don't like it and don't want it any longer I could buy it off you? Contact me at femfuller (at) gmail dot com if you're interested.

Nadia (2012-07-23 20:12:29)
Clareio: Day-Timer has them on their site: [1]Flavia Portable pages

1. http://day-planner.daytimer.com/planner-pages/Portable/Day-Timer-Portable-Flavia%20174-2-Per-Page-Week-Refill/DC89188D148D411F9A738DD5FA259047/False/09636

Quiz - Win a Filofax Metropol (2012-07-20 08:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

Would you like to win a Filofax Metropol personal organiser?
To win this prize please answer the following questions:

1. **Which is the only lake in Scotland to be actually called a lake?**
2. **What nickname did Nan originally use on Philofaxy when she first joined?**
3. **Which author used her Filofax notes to help her write her book '*From Bad to Wurst*'?**

Send your answers in to philofaxy at gmail dot com with the Subject 'Metropol' Please include your name and mailing address as well as your answer.
Closing date is 21 July at 15:00 UK British Summer Time. The winner will be announced shortly afterwards.
And the winner of the Filofax Domino was Jo Rogers.....and the correct answers to the questions were:

1. Exeter
2. 168
3. 23rd June 2009 although my first post was the 25 June 2009

1. `http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-5T8BjsJbYMQ/T-hnFOKAniI/AAAAAAAAL5k/RRyspXQp7LA/s1600/IMG_1860.jpg`

Hannah J (2012-07-20 08:13:31)
Number two is kinda hard but I think I did it in the end :)

Gail (2012-07-20 12:54:30)
Well done Jo! x

Web Finds - 21 July 2012 (2012-07-21 00:00) - Steve Morton

So another week and some more great web finds

1. [1]A few peeks!! - Filo Obsessed
2. [2]What colour would you like? - Maudie Made

3. [3]I'm back! - Musings of a Caribbean Princess
4. [4]my filofax week #13 - Paper Lovestory
5. [5]What's A Filofax?- My Version - Chain X Stationery
6. [6]OMG....Market Nirvana....Filofax Style....!! - Shabby Vintage Junk
7. [7]Gute Frage (8) - Filomaniac
8. [8]Handy Task Tabs for your Filofax - My Life All in One Place
9. [9]Filofax Labels Part 2 - It's My Life
10. [10]Mini NYC Meet Up - Well Planned Life
11. [11]What's In My Bag? - Paper Pens Ink
12. [12]Albert Einstein: On Dodo Pad usage - The Crazy Suburban Mom
13. [13]So i tweaked my filofax set up a little bit - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
14. [14]Free Filofax - Pentorium
15. [15]Death of Dr Stephen Covey - Franklin Covey
16. [16]Cross to Bear - Living with Liisa
17. [17]A quick Stationery Spy #2 - All Things Stationery
18. [18]Holiday Essentials Blogger Challenge - Imysworld
19. [19]Introducing 'My Life All In One Pod', the Filofax podcast - My Life All In One Place
20. [20]Episode 1: Welcome to the Podcast - My Life All In One Pod
21. [21]How can I get my kid to do GTD? - GTD Times
22. [22]Filofax Swap 3 - The "Chamomile" Attempt! - Lime Tree
23. [23]Stationary Haul.. Filofax Perfect!!! - The Wonderful Life of Alice
24. [24]Wenn ich ein Vöglein wär... - Filomaniac
25. [25]Filofax Kendal Filofax Kendal Filofax Kendal - Imysworld
26. [26]Filofax Blog of the Week: My Once Upon the Moon - My Life All in One Place
27. [27]the me binder: vintage rose Finchley - Paper Lovestory
28. [28]My last 2 Filofax weeks... - The Wonderful Life of Alice
29. [29]London 2012 Filofaxes - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
30. [30]Introducing Ms. Plum - Well Planned Life
31. [31]Scruffy Personal Classic.....Sorted! - It's My Life
32. [32]2013 Dodo Pad personal size Filofax-compatible diary inserts - Plannerisms

And this weeks video finds, starting with one of my own!

IFRAME: [33]http://www.youtube.com/embed/vOsej _WikH8?rel=0

IFRAME: [34]http://www.youtube.com/embed/74p _xrW25JM?rel=0

IFRAME: [35]http://www.youtube.com/embed/i81n2o3mNrw?rel=0

IFRAME: [36]http://www.youtube.com/embed/5hfHbusCga4?rel=0

IFRAME: [37]http://www.youtube.com/embed/fN61U1zGl-c?rel=0

That's a wrap for this week.. until next week... Enjoy

1. http://filo-obsessed.blogspot.fr/2012/07/few-peeks.html
2. http://www.maudiemade.com/what-colour-would-you-like/
3. http://www.caribbeanprincessmusings.com/2012/07/im-back.html
4. http://www.paperlovestory.com/2012/07/my-filofax-week-13.html
5. http://chainxstationery.blogspot.fr/2012/07/whats-filofax-my-version.html
6. http://shabbyvintagejunk.blogspot.fr/2012/07/omgmarket-nirvanafilofax-style.html
7. http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2012/07/gute-frage-8.html
8. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.fr/2012/07/handy-task-tabs-for-your-filofax.html
9. http://gailwheatley.blogspot.fr/2012/07/filofax-labels-part-2.html
10. http://wellplannedlife.blogspot.fr/2012/07/mini-nyc-meet-up.html
11. http://paperpensink.blogspot.fr/2012/07/whats-in-my-bag.html
12. http://www.crazysuburbanmom.com/2012/07/albert-einstein-on-dodo-pad-usage.html
13. http://clareio.blogspot.fr/2012/07/so-i-tweaked-my-filofax-set-up-little.html
14. http://www.pentorium.com/2012/07/12/free-filofax/
15. http://investor.franklincovey.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=102601&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1715062&highlight=
16. http://livingwithliisa.wordpress.com/2012/07/18/a-cross-to-bear/
17. http://allthingsstationery.blogspot.fr/2012/07/quick-stationery-spy-2.html
18. http://imysworld.blogspot.fr/2012/07/holiday-essentials-blogger-challenge.html
19. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.fr/2012/07/introducing-my-life-all-in-one-pod.html
20. http://filofaxpodcast.blogspot.fr/2012/07/episode-1-welcome-to-podcast.html
21. http://www.gtdtimes.com/2012/07/17/how-can-i-get-my-kid-to-do-gtd/
22. http://limetreefruits.blogspot.fr/2012/07/filofax-swap-3-chamomile-attempt.html
23. http://the-wonderful-life-of-alice.blogspot.fr/2012/07/stationary-haul-filofax-perfect.html
24. http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2012/07/wenn-ich-ein-voglein-war.html
25. http://imysworld.blogspot.fr/2012/07/filofax-kendal-filofax-kendal-filofax.html
26. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.fr/2012/07/filofax-blog-of-week-my-once-upon-moon.html
27. http://www.paperlovestory.com/2012/07/the-me-binder-vintage-rose-finchley.html
28. http://the-wonderful-life-of-alice.blogspot.fr/2012/07/my-last-2-filofax-weeks.html
29. http://clareio.blogspot.fr/2012/07/london-2012-filofaxes.html
30. http://wellplannedlife.blogspot.fr/2012/07/introducing-ms-plum.html
31. http://gailwheatley.blogspot.fr/2012/07/scruffy-personal-classicsorted.html
32. http://www.plannerisms.com/2012/07/2013-dodo-pad-personal-size-filofax.html
33. http://www.youtube.com/embed/vOsej_WikH8?rel=0
34. http://www.youtube.com/embed/74p_xrW25JM?rel=0
35. http://www.youtube.com/embed/i81n2o3mNrw?rel=0
36. http://www.youtube.com/embed/5hfHbusCga4?rel=0
37. http://www.youtube.com/embed/fN61U1zGl-c?rel=0

Ray Blake (2012-07-21 14:25:40)

Thanks to Steve for linking to my new Filofax Podcast. Just to let people know you can now get it through iTunes. Just search in podcasts at the iTunes Store for 'Filofax'. If you subscribe there (it's free) you'll get all the episodes automatically as they come out.

Tflower11 (2012-07-25 15:59:47)
Wow the Filofax by enjoyette is wow do full all lots of cutie stationery I luv it

Tflower11 (2012-07-25 16:02:04)
Uh oh my last comet don't make sense cos of silly gramma errors I blame the predicted text anyway I was gonna say that Filofax looks very full and has lot of cutie stationery lol

Metropol Quiz Winner (2012-07-21 11:00) - Steve Morton

So the answers to the final quiz in this series. It seems a few of you got caught out by question number 2...
So here are the answers.
1. The only lake in Scotland is [1]Lake of Menteith, the others are all Lochs.
2. Nan was originally known as [2]Inky, [3]Philofaxer was the original founder and Nan then came along to help him out.
3. Denise Barnes is the author of [4]From Bad to Wurst
And the winner of the Filofax Metropol is Gail from Gloucester, congratulations.
And if you missed out, sorry, but I only had the one organiser to give away, they are available from [5]Filofax UK.

1. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_of_Menteith
2. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/05/inkys-not-going-anywhere.html
3. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/10/guest-post-philofaxer.html
4. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/11/long-lost-filofax-notes-become.html
5. http://tidd.ly/cbc48ec5

MacSmith (2012-07-21 15:34:53)
Well done Gail, I was so close!

Gail (2012-07-21 16:39:15)
Well done Gail.
Well I got all answers right but lordy be there was some searching involved. lol I wonder if the winners will be good enough to let us know how they plan to use their new Filofaxs.

Butanben (2012-07-21 17:01:19)
Well done Gail!! I hope that the new Filofax has at least one Tailor of Gloucester item from the lovely little shop near the cathedral BTW hope that charming wee shop is still there... it was my favourite book when I was little.LOL!! I got all the answers right and so I am thrilled with my little self. I think I struck lucky with my web searches as I got to the answers quite quickly. Not usually the case. Great fun Steve- thanks!!

Mary (2012-07-21 19:05:07)
Congratulations Gail!! Well done!

Nan (2012-07-22 06:11:32)
Congratulations, Gail! How funny to be the subject of a trivia question! I used the nickname because I wanted to write anonymously at first. When Steve and Laurie joined using their real names, I decided I should do the same. Also, a commenter had done some online research and revealed my identity, so there was no point trying to be anonymous.
Originally, the nickname Inky is one of my husband's nicknames for me in real life, deriving from my love of fountain pens. To him, it seems that I'm always messing around with ink.

Babs (2012-07-22 10:27:03)
Well done Gail!

Horsellian (2012-07-23 05:31:23)
I guess I'd better de-lurk ... I'm Gail from Gloucester, and I'm very excited - I think the last time I won a competition was about 10 years ago!
The Tailor of Gloucester's house shop is definitely still there (one of my daughter's favourite places - she's a huge fan of the book, and all the other Beatrix Potter books.)
When I work out what I'm going to use it for, I'll happily let you all know. Particularly tricky, as I've just recently got myself a Flex A5 which I've switched most of my day-to-day stuff into.
Hmmm. Better go and put my thinking cap on!

Guest Posting on Philofaxy (2012-07-22 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

We love receiving Guest Posts, but they have to be about Filofax obviously... we do get guest posts sent in that are only looking to advertise some unrelated service on our blog... naturally these don't get on to the site, nor do we bother to reply to the emails these days.
However, don't let us put you off writing for Philofaxy it really is very easy. All you need to do is put the text of your post in to an email, you don't even need to use Word.
If you have some photos to go with your post, attach them separately to the email and put an indicator in to the text where you would like the photos to appear [photo1 or IMG2342] and we will do the rest.
Your post doesn't need to be long with lots of words, pictures can save a lot of words.
Please send your guest posts to philofaxy [at] gmail [dot] com
Since publishing this post we have had several budding writers contact us but none of them have offered posts about Filofax.... hence this update. Let's be clear.
Philofaxy will only publish guest posts about Filofax Organisers.
Please don't contact us if your post is about life assurance, education and any other non-Filofax related topic.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-QLPBD6LTrsI/T3jMvOlnXCI/AAAAAAAAKow/dBiwIK4wBJM/s1600/PHOTO-C.JPG

Tim (2012-07-22 15:04:57)
I hope this will generate some more guest posts to ease the workload on the core team. I've just added up and found just 14 guest posts so far this year - that's out of a total of around 258! So the core team (Steve, Laurie, Nan, Anita plus Ray and a couple of others) are writing 95 % of the posts on here - with the rest of us contributing just 5 % between us! Is that fair?
I know there are usually lots of comments on their posts. But for the long-term success of Philofaxy, surely the postings workload could be spread just a little more? We're all busy people - that's why we have organisers/ planners! It took ME nearly a year to get around to writing my recent Guest Post on Flex - but rewarding when I saw it published!

I for one one would love to learn more about how other readers get (and stay) organised, tweaks made and tips folk have picked up along the way.
We all get a lot out of Philofaxy, so surely it's only fair that we all make a contribution of our own from time to time - as well as still commenting on issues raised by others...

Helen Conway (2012-07-22 18:08:25)
I agree. My own blogs are all textile art focused and I was debating whether to introduce my new filo obsession over there where the readers do not understand... Better to aim for some acceptable guest posts here I think!

Cloudberry (2012-07-22 19:16:19)
I'm thinking of writing a 'before' and 'after' as I downsize from A5 to Personal after 20 years. It will give my trusty A5 a good retirement send-off, and immortalise it in the annuals of history!
My A5 is an old A-Time binder that was absorbed into TimeSystems, but the inserts are pure Filofax Time Management with quite a few custom designed pages to help me work more efficiently.
Happy to share with others.

Paul B (2012-07-23 07:34:55)
Tim,
you make a good point about the collective responsibility. I'd just like to put down my reason for contributing, as it probably resonates with others. I've generally felt that I wouldn't really have much to contribute, as I perceive my set-up to be pretty mundaane and not something that would interest other people. I'm sure a lot of people feel the same way. Although conversely, I have enjoyed reading about others' uses and set-up, and have gained some good tips from it. Ironic, I know, but there you go.
I'm happy to do a guest post on my filofaxii (I don't think Filofaxes as a collective noun is elegant, so I've decided to use my own), once I submit the thesis for my PhD which is hanging over me like a very threatening sword of Damocles. Two weeks ago, I downsized (again) from A5 to personal, after discovering that my A5 weighed just over 2 kilos, which is more than my laptop. Until then, I'd used A5 for about 4 years, so it certainly wasnt a fickle choice.
Once I have had my submission formally accepted, I'll celebrate with a guest post. And then I'll encourage others to do the same :)

Paul B (2012-07-23 07:35:37)
Doh! That should have read "not contributing". Add this to the above and it will make more sense.

Filofax UK Summer Sale (2012-07-22 23:30) - Steve Morton

[1]

A short sale by [2]Filofax UK, please note there are some exclusions.
Use the promo code 'JULYTREAT' to get 20 % off your purchase.
Go on treat yourself today.

1. `http://tidd.ly/b8d5bb99`
2. `http://tidd.ly/b8d5bb99`

Reader Under The Spotlight - Alice (2012-07-23 00:00) - Steve Morton

We had to get a new 'low energy bulb' for our 'spotlight', but Gromit found one on the interwebs, whilst I was persuading some willing victims, sorry I mean volunteers to stand under it.... and this week I would like to introduce you to Alice.

[1]

I'm Alice and I have just turned 21. I study Aquatic Zoology at University and I live in the UK. I have a menagerie of pets including snakes, spiders and insects and I am very family and friends orientated.
I have a passion for....stationery, Filofaxes, organic make-up etc as well as animals. My hobbies are reading and studying and spending time with my multi-species family!
1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?
It was an organiser from Paperchase - not strictly a Filofax but the are just an unbranded version, it

was in 'Spring Scene' and had fruit, flowers and animals all over it, very colourful! It is the equivalent of pocket size but had quite small 14mm rings. I got loads of inserts for it....kraft paper, dividers and stickers and soon filled it with a lot of Filofax bits and bobs too!!

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?
I use anything which will fit in it, from Paperchase inserts to Filofax and with a lot of custom dividers etc which I added. The motto is; 'if it fits and I like it, its going in the Filofax!'. My boyfriend thinks I'm obsessed, maybe I am a little.
3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?
My favourite is my Pink Pocket Baroque which was given(!) to me by a lovely lady called Andrea. I donated some money to the Philofaxy charity in acknowledgement of the gift she gave me.
It has such lovely big rings - 19mm I believe. I can fit so much in her, and she is so soft and squidgy and supple. And her pattern is gorgeous!!
4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?
I am ashamed to admit I have only got (and have only ever had) the 2 Filofaxes in Pocket. I have had school planners for most of my life or just simple 'week to a page' diary's from WH Smith for 6th form etc.
5. What do you use your Filofax for?
Everything!! For things to do, appointments, birthdays, University, to record my life generally. I don't write anything personal in it like feeling etc - just bits and bobs i need to remember to get on in life.
6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?
If you do something wrong you can just rip out the page and start again! I was always the person who would write perfectly to the end of a page and then make a massive mistake on the last line and then have to rip it out and do it again. I hate things looking messy so the changeability of Filofax really appeals to me.
7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?
Soft leather, big rings and most of all COLOUR!! I have found that Filofax colours are just so...plain/boring. There is no pattern, no colours just muted, understated chic leather Filofaxes and the odd 'special' ones they bring out like Swift - which do appeal to me but feel so.....hard and fake!
It would also have a sort of thread through fastening - like the Baroque appears to have - instead of a popper/magnetic one which so many feature. I quite like the idea of an elastic one like the Domino but made a bit better perhaps (if that is possible) and on a leather diary or just something a bit less...plastic?

8. How do you carry your Filofax?
She goes in my handbag with all my other junk - she gets bashed around a fair bit and gets bits of crap in her pages when i don't clean my bag out for a couple of days :(

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?
Hmmmmm....let me look at Filofax UK. The Pocket Zip Pennybridge in purple was one of my 'ones to consider' before my Baroque came along....but she is so...plain, even in the purple. I like the material of the Osterley but at that price I have no chance - more chance that little piggies start to fly than me possessing that one!! It has the wrong fastening for me too.

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?
Erm...nothing I suppose. My first was a gift from my boyfriend and the second cost me a donation to charity of £20 - so I guess its the Baroque at 20! But the amount I've spent customizing them is a lot more than the actual diary's ever cost!

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?
That there are geeks like me who love stationery!! And lots of lovely people who are really helpful and generous with their time. And so much information is available!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

I have noticed no-one ever puts anything here!! Maybe more posts would be good - but then you don't all want to be tied to your computer/Filofax blog!
13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?
Dear lord....Nicki Minaj, Pink Friday Reloaded. Cringe.
Please visit [2]my blog if you want to see my lovely little colourful Baroque!!
Thank you Alice for standing under our new 'cool' spotlight.

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-NQnI8LS_fuo/UAGr6_ml5_I/AAAAAAAAMEs/IyvIlFMzRiE/s1600/alice.jpg
2. http://the-wonderful-life-of-alice.blogspot.co.uk/

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-23 19:01:39)
Nice to meet you, Alice!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-24 03:05:23)
Hi Alice, nice to "meet" you!
A lot of us started out with unbranded binders, I know I did, and 2 other filofaxers I know, it's like dipping your toe in first, I suppose.
Just wish I wasn't totally terrified of spiders, I envy you for being able to live in harmony with them... snakes I like, but if you'd been snuggling a taratula or something in that pic, I'd have clicked away from this page so fast, there'd be a scorch mark on my "Back" button!
One of the things on my "Someday/Maybe" list is to do the desensitising "Friendly Spider" day at London Zoo, because it really is a ridiculous phobia, but absolutely heart pounding nausea and everything sets in the minute I spot a largish one in my home.
Were you ever nervous of insects, or have you always just been at peace with them? Hope you don't mind me asking, I know it's TOTALLY off topic!!

Lord Dodo (2012-07-24 08:25:04)
Hi Alice! It is SUCH a shame that we can't make our Dodo Pad diary inserts work at pocket size as you sound like they would be perfect for you! If you ever 'trade up' to Personal or A5 then please do give the Dodo Pad a whirl :)
Here is a page with links to samples of what you would find inside:
http://www.dodopad.com/pages/Dodo-Pad-search-inside.htm
And here is the page dodevoted to all things Filofax compatible:
http://www.dodopad.com/shop/mid-year-academic-diaries-calendars/filo fax-compatible-organisers

Gerard (2012-07-24 14:25:56)
Hi Alice, and thanks for your post. That *is* a colorful Filofax - very nice!

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-25 07:13:11)
I am exactly the same - I cannot STAND spiders!

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-25 07:14:35)
Hi Alice, and welcome! I love Guest Posts - they satisfy the 'nosey' aspect of my personality!!!

Alice x (2012-07-29 15:51:45)
Oh my i am ever so sorry not to reply to you all!! My blogger dashboard completely ignored the fact this post has been written and i have literally just found it!!!!
No wonder my blog hits went up so suddenly!!
Hi Joseph!!

Alice x (2012-07-29 15:57:23)
Actually the thing is i am totally afraid of spiders, always have been and still am.
My tarantula is called Sophie, a little Chile Rose - she is my second (my first being rescued and found to be one

with very potent venom and with my allergies that is not such a good mix were i ever to get bitten - so she was sold to a nice man who gave her a lovely home).
You don't technically handle tarantulas as you cause more harm than good and they don't 'like' it.
But i have held Sophie and i did erm pass some bricks as it were, but she is ok, quite calm.
But she is a pet to look at and study - she roams around a lot and really is very cute.
I don't like quite a lot of bugs - stick insects which look like actual twigs freak me out, i hate moths flapping around my face etc
Im really just your normal girly shrieker at bugs - just with a couple living in my bedroom!!
They do grow on you with their little personalities and moods :)

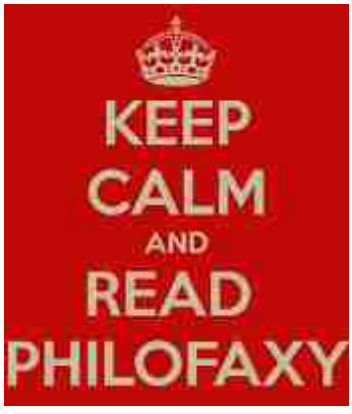
Alice x (2012-07-29 15:59:14)
Thanks so much - i have already perused nearly everything you stock and have decided that dodo inserts are definitely for me - but frankly anything above pocket size is not :(
But i did recently see a blog post where you can butcher one of your planners to fit a pocket - this may be the way forward for me!!!

Alice x (2012-07-29 15:59:54)
I do like my colour - but its not to most peoples tastes lol

Alice x (2012-07-29 16:00:17)
I love them too! I like noseying into other people lives!!

Alice x (2012-07-29 16:04:00)
I am so sorry for not replying to everyone for so long - im not really that pig ignorant - stupid blogger dashboard didn't show me it had been published!!
Now i feel really mean and silly :(

Free For All Tuesday No. 77 (2012-07-24 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1] 

Tuesday's are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away... and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-bJDrXVhsvXI/T-3uAaeb2dI/AAAAAAAAL9Q/I7Nbi2OZwrU/s1600/keepcalm1.png

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Paul B (2012-07-24 00:50:15)
A very filofax-related question to start the day. Which discontinued inserts do you miss most? I know there are hundreds to choose from and that's the main point. The steady slide away from high functionality and customisability, towards "fashion", has been constant and not, I think in the best interests of the company.
When I found this site, I was delighted to see some of the recreated forms from Ray and Steve (thanks a lot, gents). The Travel planner was one I found a stack of, but never wanted to run out, so seeing the ones in FILES was great.

In the 80s, I remember such Gems as the Platoon Commander's Record, which even had the boot size of your soldiers! Then there were the ones which, for me, were aspirational , such as the Tasting Notes (thanks again, Ray and Steve). Ones which I bought with the aim of someday learning enough about something to need those inserts. We were spoiled for choice back then. One of the best things they EVER sold was something I can't remember the exact name of, something like the INFORMATION PACK, but it had one sample of EVERY filofax insert made at that time. I bought one several years running and it was an absolute joy to rummage through them and try to prioritise which you would buy next.
Anyone remember the "onion skin paper", or the various marbled paper? Brilliant. The onion paper was great, the marbled paper made your organiser look amazing but depending on the colour of paper chosen, wasn't always practical for reading what you'd written!
I wish some benevolent billionaire with a passion for Filofaxii would buy the company an return it to its glory days of over a thousand inserts, and would also produce a "history", a "heritage" and a "classic" range of the oldest, the best and the most unusual Filofaxii from the last almost hundred years. Sorry for length. I'm done!

Paul B (2012-07-24 01:13:50)
Oh, and two more I forgot - remember when they actually made books in Filo format? I saw a Jeffrey Archer one on ebay a while ago. And a measure of just how popular they were in the late 80s - magazines even did a lot of their freebies in filo format. I'm obviously feeling nostalgic today. Guess I'd better get back to thesis writing :(

Ray Blake (2012-07-24 01:23:47)
When I returned to Filofax after my wilderness years in electronica, the insert I missed most was the personal expenses envelope. I have no idea why this essential insert was discontinued. These days [1]I make my own.

1. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2011/12/expenses-envelopes-for-filofax-personal.html

John (2012-07-24 01:27:03)
Trolling for NOS binders through NYC one day, I came across a store that stocked one stray pack of. . .menstrual calendar. Pink packaging and all. I would have never appreciated it if not for this site.

UNchecked other (2012-07-24 01:30:13)
I bought the "travel" inserts some time ago from Bromfield Pens and love them. Panicked a bit when my stash was low, crossed my fingers to see if Philofaxy had some to download and breathed a sigh of relief when Philofaxy came through!

Lime Tree (2012-07-24 01:32:24)
I just read a conversation thread on Twitter about Holborn been discontinued? I didn't see the conclusion of the conversation, so here I am biting my nails.
Is it really been discontinued?
I want to get one but not right now. I mean, it can't go on its final sale NOW. I need time to regroup!

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 01:54:49)
Paul
Like this one http://www.hm-supplies.co.uk/689-761-Double-filofax.html
When I came back to using a Filofax in 2005 when I started work again I discovered that a lot of the inserts I had from the 1980's where no longer available. So I started to recreate them and put them on DiY Planner.
I then discovered Philofaxy and started commenting and putting links to my templates here. Nan then discovered some old stock inserts in a shop in the US which she bought a few samples of and scanned them in for me so I could see the layout and recreate those. The travel check list was one of those.
I was careful not to change anything on the list which includes some bizarre things really. The original takes up two sides. I've since reduced it by removing items down to one side for my own needs really. As a lot of the old insert if not all of them are personal size then they are fairly easy to recreate. A personal size insert is designed basically around a 31 lines per page framework. Beyond that you just have to divide it up and label it. I've done quite a few as you will have seen.

But like all these things I need to go back and update them and review them really Updates would include the option to print personal pages on A4 like Ray's inserts as well as on personal size paper. I would also tone down the lines from black to grey.
As with all these things it's finding enough hours in the day to do it all! More of a winter project than one now when the sun is shining and I need to be doing things like hedge cutting!!
If you need an insert that you can't see in the list let me know ideally with a scan of the form so I can recreate it.
The Filofax Templates post is the most visited post on the site! I think it's how most people find us.
Steve

EmmaNoey (2012-07-24 02:00:35)
How cool. I would love to see an information pack. As much as I like the binders, it's the contents and organization that are most interesting to me.

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 02:07:39)
No, they are just speeding up the sell off of discontinued colours before they bring in new colours, they are doing the same with the Maldens too.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-24 02:56:30)
I miss the totally transparent, ie like glass, not foggy/semi-opaque, top opening envelopes - they don't do them any more it seems, they made amazingly functional dividers and looked less cheap and brittle than the cloudy ones.
I wish they offered more pastel shades, more consistantly instead of as ten sheets in a mixed pack, I have some lovely greyish blue copyright mark 1999, can't find them anywhere, and things like that are handy for me to find an info page or other "keeper" quickly.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-24 03:13:02)
Yes, I DO remember that! lol Jeffrey Archer... I remember going in Woollies in Hythe, Kent, and seeing a wall full of his novels, when I read one eventually (Kane & Abel) it was the first time I actually realised that books, previously on a pedestal in my mind because my mum's a literature fiend and taught me to respect them, could actually be the purveyors of absolute cr*p every bit as much as TV!
I have a few pages of poetry printed out in my Fax, probably with the same idea, something to read when I'm stuck on a tube. I don't remember any magazine inserts, I wonder if anyone here has any reminders?
Love the trip down memory lane!! ^ _^

Paul B (2012-07-24 03:14:18)
Ray, It seems such a strange one to discontinue, especially when they still sell them for the A5. You'd think it would be a core product. If you ever find yourself at a loose end on a rainy day, a videa blog of how to make your envelope would be great, as I'm ham-fisted and would probably make a pig's ear of it :)

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-24 03:18:48)
Does anyone know why coloured Filofax papers are printed with the colour, instead of being dyed all the way through?
The only coloured regular paper I ever used in my printer seemed to be dyed all through, but I never checked thoroughly so I could be wrong, and don't want to buy more just to start ripping it up!
Is that possible to achieve with paper, or only card?
One of those little niggling questions in life, and I hope someone here has the gen on it!!

Alison (2012-07-24 03:20:50)
Ohh great I love my Holborn's wonder what colours they bring out??

Paul B (2012-07-24 03:22:30)
Steve, just like that one, only the one in your link is an updated and better thought out version. Funnily enough, HM Supplies was where we used to buy a lot of our stuff, so great to see they are still in business. I bought one of their A5 black notebook covers, donkey's years ago, and it now holds my Personal Portland Grand. It has enough

room that I can get my passport, iPhone and headphones in the pouch on the front, and the inside easily holds my Portland Grand with extra space to throw other things in. I couldnt get by without it now that I travel so often. This is the version they do now http://www.militarysurvivalclothing.co.uk/2023-A1002-HM-Supplies-A5-Multicam-nylon-cover.html but it doersn't seem to be available in black anymore. They have also increased the size of the front pouch to make it full length, which is even better than my current one.
I wish I'd kept more of my old inserts, as we could recreate them. I did read some short while ago here, that someone ()Ray?) has asked if anyone had the printed, laminated lists they used to sell, like Finding More Time and Effective Delegation. I usd to have the Finding More Time at the front of my Filofax, it was a great reminder. I'm sure someone said they had them all, so I hope we see those recreated sometime. And I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say how appreciative we are of the time that you and others devote to the technical side of things, like creating inserts.
Look forward to a guest post on my Filofax once my studies are done.

The Real Drama Mama (2012-07-24 03:42:42)
Hello - is that true for the Chamelons as well?

Paul B (2012-07-24 03:44:26)
I just found a previous post from Gmax who seems to have bought one of those multi-packs from ebay: http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/01/jo urney-back-in-time-part-2.html
If you're reading this, Gmax, it would be awesome to get a list of the inserts.

Paul B (2012-07-24 03:58:04)
I've just read Tim's post on the TMI Wallet (http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/05/time-managers-planner-wallet-g uest-post.html)
I'm intrigued by the comment "Firstly, the TMI Planner Wallet was designed to be sloted into a conventional Time Manager binder, so has a 6 hole flap for that". I coudn't see this in the photos, but it looks and sounds like something I'd find very useful, a wallet which I could carry for cleint meetings, then clip back into my Portland Grand. Does anyone know if these are still made? Tim mentioned his was over 25 years old, so I fear not. But what a fantastic idea. If anyone has an unused one, I'd love to buy it. Now I really must do some work.

Tim (2012-07-24 04:21:42)
On the topic of inserts for your Filofax, I was a Promotions Manager for British Rail in the mid-80's. One of our most popular items was the complete InterCity timetable ready to slot into your binder rings. It came out twice a year and had every mainline route across the UK. Eventually, the cost of producing the pre-punched version led to it only being available as a booklet and then restricted to only being available by post. Preparations for privatisation led to the (sad) demise of the InterCity collective brand and now timetable booklets are only produced by individual companies on a route- by- route basis.

java's mum (2012-07-24 04:38:08)
My personal crimson Malden arrived today all the way from Filofax France and it's as gorgeous in real life as it is in all the flickr photos. It took a week and a half to arrive here in Australia - much better than the 25 days quoted on their website. Looking forward to checking it out tonight once the kids are in bed!

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 04:49:55)
Tim
I was on the subscription list for those inserts, you also used to send out a free week on two page diary as well! I still have the Inter City dividers...
Yes I find it very hard to dispose of anything Filofax related!
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 04:51:30)
No sadly the Chameleon is being discontinued completely. Hence why they are on 50 % off everywhere.

Tim (2012-07-24 04:59:37)
The Planner Wallet was a great design. Indeed it was copied (minus the 6-hole flap) as the basis for Flex by Filofax last year. A full range of Time Manager planners, wallets and inserts is still available from Denmark www.timemanager.com/timemanager/uk/web menu.nsf
I suspect that very little - other than dated diary pages - is still being made. It'll be old stock from the halcyon days of paper planners!

Clareio (2012-07-24 05:01:10)
New coloured Holborns? I honestly don't think they could beat Wine. It's stunning. I can't stop looking at mine, it lives on my desk and i get distracted!

industrious housewife (2012-07-24 05:01:55)
Do we know what the new colours will be? I'm dreaming of a buttery banana yellow Malden...

Tim (2012-07-24 05:04:58)
You're right! We also did a complete InterCity vinyl organiser with tabs, diary, timetables and other pages for important business customers. Personally, I thought that was tacky. Top executives were likely to own a proper leather Filofax and unlikely to be seduced by our tacky plastic one! It was quickly discontinued.

industrious housewife (2012-07-24 05:05:19)
That sounds great. I was planning on punching some bus timetables, but they're too long, so I'll need to print out in personal size.
Are train times available in print form these days?? Can't remember seeing any.

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 05:14:53)
IH You can create rail timetables on line and get them in pdf format. I've printed these off and put them in to A5 before now. But personal size would be a struggle.
Pen and paper... write them out might be a better option!
Tim I only had the inserts which I put in to my Winchester!

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 05:20:41)
I appear to have misplaced on of the dividers.. but I think they are Inter City (the missing one), then Diary, Meetings, Notes, Objectives
Steve

Paul B (2012-07-24 05:27:33)
Thanks Tim. Its the fact that the wallet has the 6 holes to allow you to put it into a binder that intrigues me. Schlepping around Riyadh in 50 degrees would be easier with a lite version, and I don't really want to buy a Slimline or compact, as that would be too much. The TMI WAllet Planner looks perfect for what I want. I'll have to keep my eye on eBay. Is there any chance you could post a photo showing the holes in the wallet, where they can clip into a binder? Thanks.

Jarfm.com (2012-07-24 05:38:29)
Just posted this on FB then realised it was Tuesday so could ask here!
I have just received the purple pocket zipped Malden I ordered yesterday and although I am finally happy to have it in my hands I am worried it is not quite right. The leather feels like is far too dry and I feel like it is going to flake? I know the leather is antiqued but most of the leather, even on the inside looks like it has eczema! The only bit that doesn't seem to be dry is the card slots inside on the left, they feel "normal" like what the whole thing should feel like?
Has anyone else thought this about a Malden or do I need to send it back and try again? :s
My crimson pocket Malden feels completely different so this maybe a purple Malden thing?

Tim (2012-07-24 05:49:54)
@industrious - train times are certainly still available in printed form, but each of the privatised operating companies has its own size and style. I carry both the East Coast and Cross Country timetable booklets plus my local line with me in my A5 Filoflex.
The PDF files are really useful and you can design your own timetable at the National Rail website.

janet (2012-07-24 06:11:06)
I wanted to ask more of a pondering question - if any discontinued style could be reissued, which one would you choose? I am on a baroque streak at the moment so I would love an A5 baroque in teal or some new color like purple. I'd also love the orange Finsbury to come back and the Domino snake in bronze.

Lostwithoutyou (2012-07-24 06:41:24)
There's a set available on eBay at the moment http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/InterCity-Filofax-Timetable-And-Diary-Set- 1993-94-/120952233545?pt=UK _Collectables _Railwayana _RL &hash=item1c29509e49 #ht _500wt _1287

Alison (2012-07-24 07:11:29)
I'd love the Baroque back, wow A5 would be perfect. I'd also love the Finchleys back esp teal and jade in A5

Angel Jem (2012-07-24 07:17:02)
A duck egg blue Malden... or a dark emerald Holborn.

Babs (2012-07-24 07:19:50)
I've decided to reinstate my personal aqua finsbury for the summer and have been printing off some of Ray's diarys. My Rapesco punch didn't come with a guide for lining up the pages, but I've discovered that if you stick an Avery tab on the bottom of the punch so just the coloured bit shows, it's perfect for lining up the pages to punch properly.
A handy little hack, I think!

Angel Jem (2012-07-24 07:20:03)
You will love it. My crimson Malden is my favourite... I keep trying different folders and coming back to him. I'm thinking it is my OTF! Enjoy your play time!

Angel Jem (2012-07-24 07:21:06)
A baroque... and if we're talking fantasy, in a lovely scarlet with gold highlights!

Paul B (2012-07-24 07:27:52)
Subdued yellow Savannah, a la 15-20 years ago. Portland Grand, but in a modern colour. I just love the 5/4 oversize rings. The SLimline 3CLF of 20 years ago, that had a diagonal pocket on the inside left flap, so you could slide an airline boarding pass in it, with passport. Great idea. And while we are at it, why not re-introduce the leather change holder? So many more people use a filofax as a wallet now, I don't believe there would be no market for it. Likewise, the leather jotter which I wish I still had. Perfect for a quick meeting where you know you won't need access to your entire binder. If only they would listen to their customers, instead of obsessing over £375 fashion binders which appeared to have a lower standard of quality than the mid-range binders. Oh well, we can but hope.

Paul B (2012-07-24 07:29:03)
Babs, can you show us what you mean? I just came back from UK with a Rapesco 6PP and haven't used it yet, so this will be very useful for me.

Tim (2012-07-24 07:33:57)
Superb! Winter 1993-4 will have been the very last set. From April 1994, the new "to be privatised" companies

were established and the highly-respected InterCity sector and brand (nb no hyphen and a capital C) abolished. The non Filofax version of the Guide to Services continued a bit longer but without the branding.

Laura (2012-07-24 07:50:36)
I'm interested to know how people store small pieces of information in their Filofaxes - things which are important to remember but don't necessarily relate to any section. For example, I have loose papers and post its with things such as details of my phone bill and how much different bus/train tickets cost. Each of these bits of info is about 2-3 lines of writing so obviously doesn't fill a personal sized page.
Any suggestions on how to organise these? My Filofax is looking very untidy and things keep getting lost!
Cheers everyone...

Babs (2012-07-24 07:58:07)
Sure - I'll post some pics in a little bit.

Tim (2012-07-24 08:24:41)
..just a stylish, quality leather, slimline A5, with the pockets and modern flexible layout of a Flex but with the build quality of any of the pre-1990's Filofaxes - Westminster, Balmoral, Portland... (Oh! and quality inserts to match!)

Babs (2012-07-24 08:36:56)
I usually just have some pieces of paper in the "Notes" section that have multiple useful bits of information on them

Babs (2012-07-24 08:41:11)
Paul - these are the tabs I have - Avery small note tabs, product number 8351:
http://tinyurl.com/cplaasn
Picture of the punch from the top:
http://tinypic.com/r/j0v4nl/6
And from the bottom:
http://tinypic.com/r/344bbz5/6
As you can see I've just lined up the tab so that only the blue bit is showing over the edge. If I then line up a piece of personal-size paper with the edge of the blue then it's at the right level to be punched correctly.

Ray Blake (2012-07-24 08:46:18)
Great tip.

Ray Blake (2012-07-24 08:47:22)
If you find you have a lot of these, you could use the A-Z dividers to organise them.

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 08:54:04)
Paul
A lot of the old inserts are featured in the book Filofax Facts:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/book-review-filofax-facts-ian- sinclair.html
It shows most of the pages but some are slightly obscured.
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 08:56:39)
Too much knowledge Tim!!! Do train spotters use Filofax???!!!!

Babs (2012-07-24 09:00:41)
Another handy hint (can you tell I'm doing a bit of philofaxing today?!). If you have a PDF you want to print and re-format for a personal filo, then in the Adobe Print options select Multiple then Custom and select 1 x 3 as the format. You'll then get 3 sheets per page which can be cropped and punched to fit a personal filo.
Not sure how it'll work double-sided as I haven't tried that yet.

Paul B (2012-07-24 09:12:22)
Genius. I have a pack of those unopened. Thanks for the time-saving tip. Philofaxy to the rescue again!

Paul B (2012-07-24 09:13:06)
Just ordered a used copy from an Amazon seller. Thanks for the steer.

Paul B (2012-07-24 09:15:26)
Going to try that now. I have a lot of PDF info I've needed for my thesis that I wanted to put in my FF so I could read when I had a spare moment. Always ended up copying and pasting. Not always satisfactory!

Babs (2012-07-24 09:21:15)
It comes out quite small, but I've managed to print off our local pool's swimming timetable from the internet, which is what I wanted!
Let me know how you get on.

janet (2012-07-24 09:48:26)
@angel gold highlights on a baroque would be a dream! Black and gold! And that lovely smoothy leather *swoooon*

industrious housewife (2012-07-24 09:50:34)
I shall have a look online. The route I mostly use has several Train Operating Companies running on it, so printing my own will be most useful.
Steve - if they don't they should!

Gail (2012-07-24 10:21:10)
I ordered from Filofax and City Organiser on Friday. CO delivered on Saturday, it was faulty so reordered yesterday and it was delivered today...Filofax, stil waiting delivery!!! Why can one company deliver so much faster that the other, even though they are in the same city? I know Filofax is free postage most of the time, but would you rather pay for postage to have it faster or do you not mind waiting?
Personally I would rather pay for delivery and have it next day!

Alison (2012-07-24 10:57:50)
I'm thinking of an A5 Malden for Journaling instead of notebooks, just can't make my mind up between Ochre and Purple, any thoughts gladly accepted :)

Helen Conway (2012-07-24 11:04:27)
Lime green! I kmow I would probably be the only one to buy it but it would match my studio walls beautifully!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-24 11:05:39)
I found them very patchy with delivery too, I only live 8 miles from their shop (I know they don't post from there, like Santa's Filofaxing Elves, up in the gabled attic!) but yes... it is annoying!
They're a weird company, many brands would kill for this level of brand loyalty, yet they seem to be quite willing to piddle on us, and then try to tell us it's raining!!
Hope that didn't offend anyone, unless their CEO happens to be reading, in which case, help yourself to some extra Indignant Salsa to go free with your order of Offence...

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-24 11:09:28)
I'll risk being burned at the stake for this, but why not standard 2-ring binders - papers's much cheaper (and arguably better quality), plus you can just store them over the years in the £2.99 / $5 / whatever binder you laid your thoughts down in?
You could do a colour per year, paste tickets and really significant things into the inside of the covers, make each journal not just transitory pages but a real memory piece.
Unless you're very rich, that might be less feasible with Filofaxes...

Just a thought, please note my borough council prohibits pitchforks and burning torches after 4pm!
;o)

Gail (2012-07-24 11:12:01)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Helen Conway (2012-07-24 11:12:52)
Well, I know this is absolutley no help whatsoever,but I just got the Ochre because I, am a 'brown girl' (in the ring tralalalala... Sorry) and its just gorgeous. But now I want the purple. So my thoughts are, save yourself agonising and get two!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-24 11:12:57)
I hope this isn't silly to post but don't forget you can set up an e-Bay search to e-mail you when something gets listed, I do it a lot and it's well useful for special stuff that other people might be after as well. They don't e-mail you immediately in my experience, usually a day after the first listing, BUT it can help you get what you want! If you knew this already, big apologies, but lots of people just never seem to use that feature on the site.

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 11:13:09)
Never looked inside an A4 Filofax?

Gail (2012-07-24 11:18:59)
I actually ordered from the Filofax shop and they delivered it the very next day but had to pay £12 for that little privledge!
City organiser charge £3.99 postage, yet the item I recieved today cost close to £6 postage and that was without all packaging cost. CO Rocks!

Gail (2012-07-24 11:23:25)
Alison I have the A5 in Orchre and the A5 purple is due when Filofax have a mind to deleiver it. lol The Maldens hold a ton of stuff....I really must get a blog done showing mine. I measured it last night and it's almost 2.5 inches thick and weighs....well a lot! lol It would be ideal for journalling hun, especially if you want to had lots of pics and stuff. I'm seriously thinking fo swapping mine over.....oh hang on a min...I have another due I could just use that! lol

Gail (2012-07-24 11:25:41)
Holborn in Vintage Pink or Ochre .....oh yes!

Babs (2012-07-24 11:27:14)
I've often thought about this, but fall at the "what paper to use" hurdle. The filofax A5 paper is too narrowly lined and not thick enough. But what's the alternative???

Gail (2012-07-24 11:30:39)
What does everyone do with their Filofax boxes and sleeves? Mine are really starting to build up now and taking up some serious space. I have put the personal sized ones inside the A5 sleeves to save some room and the pocket sleeves are in the Personal sleeves. The lovely black boxes are okay though, because they can hold some of the spare inserts and next years diaries!

Helen Conway (2012-07-24 12:07:44)
i thought my Ochre A5 needed cream lined paper for journalling so I bought. Some WHSmith chunky notebooks which had a sort of semi rigid black cover and just cut them all apart and for £3.99 got 150 lovely creamy pages. I actually do my main journalling in a seties of bound journals as I want to keep them and buying a filofax for storage only would get rarther spendy. (that should be ' even more spendy'!) But for a specific project I have in mind that requires some journalling in preparation the filo is perfect as then the pages can be stored with the actual project planning in due course.

Helen Conway (2012-07-24 12:09:54)
I have spare paper in the sleeves as well as boxes and also old diaries I keep for posterity

Paul B (2012-07-24 12:11:21)
Steve, with your background, I thought you might be interested in this piece of history I found on eBay today with only 24 hours left, a 1943 LEFAX Manual of Mathematics. It just shows how far ahead of its time the loose-leaf organiser was: http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/221075260857?s sPageName=STRK:MEWAX:IT & _trksid=p3984.m1438.l2649

Gail (2012-07-24 12:13:25)
Babs, you could always have a go at printing your own paper. I do it often. I just set the printer so it prints in draft format, so the lines are much lighter and fainter! That way I can use pretty much use whatever paper I want to, just need to punch in the holes at the end.

Butanben (2012-07-24 12:14:44)
Filofax could be so much more imaginative. Would be just great if there could be someone from the very top who could listen to what folks want and go with some new ideas..... and take even a small risk. They have some great products already, like the jot pads and the Olympic London today page markers. How about some new colours and designs for the inserts? New jot pad colours and innovative today markers.... all with form and function in mind. Stuff people will enjoy buying for their Filofax to individualise it a bit.Come on guys at Filofax.... wake up and shake up!!!

Butanben (2012-07-24 12:23:01)
A Baroque A5 in Teal.... swoon!!! I'd be in love immediately!!! Or a Crimson A5 Malden!!! Swoon for a second time!!!

Butanben (2012-07-24 12:32:29)
I store bits and bobs ie coupons, a few important receipts etc in a zipped wallet in the Filofax.... but not too many. But as Ray says, you may want to stick them onto a piece of paper or transfer the info to paper and use the A-Z tabs. I also have an info Filofax separate from my day to day, which stores stuff I will use like maps, train timetables etc, but don't want to cart around with me every single day. I then transfer the odd page only when needed.

Butanben (2012-07-24 12:38:46)
Has anyone got a purple A5 Malden?? If so, how well does the exterior wear, ie take to being flung in a bag and used, rather than being too precious about??? Can't afford now..... but I am dreaming of one one day!!!

Rianne (2012-07-24 13:23:44)
Don't know why but wat i try i Will not get the right si ze personal timelog printed. but i really want hem what do i wrong?
Gr. RianneI

Alison (2012-07-24 13:33:55)
I keep spare inserts and papers in my boxes!!

Alison (2012-07-24 13:41:51)
I'm swaying more towards the Ochre right now, I kind of need a quality item for my journaling there's something about it that it makes it more special and makes me want to write in it more. You've sold it to me Gail roll on payday on Thu i'm getting the Ochre A5 Malden, yay.
Thanks Helen, your completely right I need Ochre and purple lol, bet the Ochre looks lovely with cream paper, i'm even thinking of plain paper and lined paper, i've always journaled on lined paper but I like to do a bit of mind mapping and use tables etc quite a bit so think I will mix it up a bit, i'm off to WHSmith tomorrow :)

Alison (2012-07-24 13:43:42)
Definitely in ochre or maybe teal, i'd buy the duckegg blue or peacock, or kingfisher haha :)

Josh (2012-07-24 14:09:14)
I punch stuff like this and file it in the A-Z index dividers like Ray has suggested. Sometimes I eventually have several on the same basic topic and copy them into an information sheet labeled with the broad topic, i.e. "banks" or "automobile"

Nurse? (2012-07-24 14:35:36)
I am getting my first Filofax in the mail soon (A5 Chameleon in Aqua :)I bought it used ($20US on ebay!) so the only thing included is some lined paper. I am switching over from a classic size Franklin Covey set up and would love some input about what inserts/things that you find indispensable or handy. Also have you had any luck re-punching things from FC, trimming off the existing holes and making new ones maybe? I have an adjustable punch that can be set to any hole spacing (currently has 5 punch heads but I can add another easily) so I thought I may try to salvage some of my existing dividers and the like if I can. Otherwise I need to put together an order from Filofax for some components. I notice that Filofax has the Sketch on sale for $27US and thought about buying one just for the insides, but then I would be in dangerous multi-filofax territory :))Sorry to ramble, I'm just soooooo excited lol

Gerard (2012-07-24 14:37:45)
Hello,
Are you referring to the Flexible Time Log on the "Files" page?
In the Adobe Acrobat print dialogue, switch page scaling to None. Print the front page, then flip the paper over on the short side and place it in the manual feed paper tray before printing the back page.
I hope this helps :)

Lime Tree (2012-07-24 14:42:49)
Dark Emerald!!!! Oh.my. Me.need.it.

Angel Jem (2012-07-24 14:53:19)
Burnished bronze in a smooth leather. Or a filofax like a baroque but with the embossing on the outside!

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-24 15:43:05)
My son´s nanny asked me today how do I manage to do so many things simultaneously and have everything organized (I don´t wish to go into too much personal things, but this household is a tall order and I keep it going all by my sweet self). She wanted to know if there was some secret behind this all. My son responded before I could utter a word
- It´s all because she has it all organized and listed on her Filofax.
The nanny wanted to immediately know what was this fantastic device and where can she acquire one.

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-24 15:51:21)
I have a clear plastic pocket on " notes " to where I store odd notes. From there they are transferred to their respective places. You mentioned cost of train tickets, I would put that information on expenses, finances or budget (depending how you have named your tabs) or do you have one that says transportation?
Be it at home (when I file papers) or in Filofax in general, I always think where do I need the information. If it is in costs, it goes right in there. If it is in car, home improvement or my son´s medical files- that stuff goes in there.

Steve Morton (2012-07-24 15:53:49)
I hope you told her about Philofaxy....

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-24 15:57:17)
Oh, hun. I hope you didn´t think I left that gem slip my mind, now did you..?

Rianne (2012-07-24 16:44:30)
Thx Gerard,
I mean the timelog flexible. Problem is, i don't understand wat you mean By " switch page scaling to none"? Thx for the help!
Gr. Rianne

Helen Conway (2012-07-24 17:10:19)
Oh just accept that you will soon be in that territory anyway! Might as well give in now! i bought the lineburst dead cheap for the inserts planning to chuck the cheap binder but of course it is now very useful as my health journal I can chuck into a gym bag.

Lime Tree (2012-07-24 17:28:13)
I did not know that. Thanks Shanti!

Lime Tree (2012-07-24 17:33:55)
Anything Baroque would fly with me! :D

Charlotte Hartwell (2012-07-24 17:46:56)
I've been looking around but I don't seem to be able to find Temperley refills. Are they available to purchase separately or do you need to fork out $700 for the Filofax too?
Cheers!
Charlotte - Bunnies in Blazers + Pentorium

Gerard (2012-07-24 18:01:59)
Ok - many PDF printing programmes will size the PDF to fit within the printable area of the page: this means to shrink (scale) the PDF image.
You need to print the PDF at 100 % size, with no scaling.
Check the page setup menu in the application you are using: there may be a setting there that you can change. If the setting is not in that menu, then it may be in the print dialogue.
What application are you printing from?

Babs (2012-07-24 18:08:54)
AFAIK they're not available to buy separately at the moment.

KarynsPlanit (2012-07-24 18:37:18)
I too have recently switched from FC Classic to Filofax binders and am totally in love with the quality Filofax offers. Oddly enough, I ordered the same Filofax binder (in personal size) that you did!
FC pages and dividers should work in the Filofax binder without having to cut them down. I believe you just need to re-punch some holes. If the extra punched holes do bother you, Franklin Covey usually has enough space on the border that cutting down and re-punching won't be an issue. I don't know for certain without knowing which design you are using, but I think that's the case with most of their pages. There is a LOT of terrific info about how different planning pages fit into the various size FF's. You may want to check out http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/faq.html.
Good luck and happy trails on your new Filofax journey!

Nurse? (2012-07-24 21:24:32)
Thank you both :) I can't wait!!!!

robynlouise (2012-07-24 23:31:59)
Collins Debden still do the expenses envelopes
http://www.collinsdebden.com.au/index.php?page=shop.product _details &flypage=ja _vm _cat _browse.php &product _id=633 &category _id=349 &manufacturer _id=0 &option=com _virtuemart &Itemid=95

Paul B (2012-07-25 02:50:07)
Robyn, thanks for the link, I wish they still sold them in Europe. I'm going to try making one of Ray's in thicker paper first, and see how I get on.

industrious housewife (2012-07-25 03:06:52)
Recycled! I'm not as minimalist as I may once have aspired to be, but I refuse to turn into a hoarder! :-D

Tim (2012-07-25 03:20:45)
"AFAIK"? I had to ask my 11 year old daughter that, but you learn something new from Philofaxy evert day!

Babs (2012-07-25 08:01:26)
Oops - sorry! Too much time spent on internet forums! :)

Steve Morton (2012-07-25 08:05:12)
Yes we are far more used to
CP - Caribbean Princess - Blogger
DOOP - Day on one page.
DPP - Day per page
Enabler - Someone who helps you to convince you that you really do need another Filofax!!
FF - Filofax... of course
FC - Frankin Covey - not Father Christmas!
GTD - Getting Things Done
MOTP - Month on two pages
Mole - Moleskine
Non-flatability - A term invented by Terri with reference to her Cuban Zip
Pers - Personal Size
Philofaxynista - Filofax and Fashion
Philofaxabulous post
Philofaxytastic
SOOFL - Significant Others of Filofax Lovers
TDPP - Two days per page
WPP - Week per Page
WOOP - Week on one page
WOTP - Week on two pages
YP - Year Planner

Rianne (2012-07-25 08:36:37)
Oke it worked!!! You mean the original size. that means " ware grote" in dutch. Yhank yo for the help.
Gr. Rianne

David Popely (2012-07-25 09:25:08)
hi Tim
Maybe I should keep hold of my considerable stock of non-diary TMI inserts, if, as you suggest, they are no longer being printed. They certainly still supply from Denmark (not, alas, from the halcyon days of Henley-in-Arden), but as you say, they could be running down old stock. I do hope not. I still think TMI can show Filofax a thing or two when it comes to paper quality, form design and an integrated system.
I am currently lounging in the 'dark side' of digital planning.....I don't know how long it will last :)

David Popely (2012-07-25 09:28:12)
I aspire to minimalism, and I think my move to the electronic 'dark side' may help.....but if not, the personal Malden isn't a bad way to go.....I can keep most everything in there, debit and credit cards included, which I certainly cant do with my BlackBerry!

David Popely (2012-07-25 09:29:20)
Now THAT@S Filofax evangelism!

Paul B (2012-07-25 10:08:50)
I just sold my oldest Filofax, a 25 year old Winchester with gold rings, to a lovely German lady on Ebay. I emailed her the link and suggested she do a guest post of "what's in my Filofax", so hope she takes up the offer. One abbreviation I do keep seeing here is DH. I'm guessing it has something to do with partner, but I'm not savvy enouugh to know :(

Steve Morton (2012-07-25 10:11:03)
DH = Dear Husband
OH = Other half (wife or husband)
DD = Dear Daughter
DS = Dear Son
HID = Him/Her Indoors - Arthur Dailey!

Butanben (2012-07-25 11:26:33)
Food on the brain!!! Soofl reminded me of souffle!! Hmmm!! Must grab something to eat!! PS Have vowed to use my raspberry A5 Finsbury as a new recipe book. We'll see how it goes!!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-25 11:34:52)
@Paul B, that IS interesting, thanks for the link!
If the postage fee wasn't likely to be so deadly, I'd be sorely tempted... a real piece of history, not just 6-ring binder history, but a whole era.
"New jot pad colours and innovative today markers.... all with form and function in mind. Stuff people will enjoy buying for their Filofax to individualise it a bit.Come on guys at Filofax.... wake up and shake up!!!"
Seconded!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-25 11:46:27)
Steve, do you have any pictures of your remaining dividers?
I wouldn't dare annoint myself with the accolade of true train spotter, but I do get a bit enthusiastic about pre-privatisation stuff, I had a small plastic coin bag marked "British Rail" with the logo on which I treasured for years, until it sadly got lost with other stuff last time I moved home... things like that bring back many happy school holidays spent travelling by train to see the rellies!

Terri (2012-07-25 11:51:28)
I found this site about 6 weeks ago and now own 4 filofaxes. My most recent one arrived yesterday from City Organiser. It is a purple zip pocket Malden. I ordered it last week and now see that it is sold out on the website and is the end of the line. I love it! It is gorgeous. I am using it as my wallet and holder of lists. Just had to share!!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-25 11:51:33)
For example, I have loose papers and post its with things such as details of my phone bill and how much different bus/train tickets cost.
Prices like that have always gone at the back of my Finances section, along with a breakdown of usual monthly outgoings and other monies out, any other data I usually keep under Miscellaneous, which is at the back, and where I keep "Someday/Maybe" stuff and things like world time codes on my Casio watch, and the world map.
I did upgrade to a GTD based system recently and that method of storing small bits of info didn't change.

Paul B (2012-07-25 12:06:36)
Shanti, have you looked at ShopAndShip? I hadn't heard about it until a year ago, but most of my Arab colleagues in my office use it. Its a spin-off from Aramex, you pay a one-off amouint to join (I think it was $40 or $50, I forget), and it gives you 3 mailing addresses, one in UK, one in USA and on in China. It then lets you give people an address in that country, they mail it to that address (which is an Aramex office), and then Aramex ships it on to you. The

beauty of the system is, they designed this for people using eBays, which they know is generally small packages. So all they do is fill up the space in freight aircraft, using shopandship parcels, and don't give you the luxury of next day delivery. Its a fixed price on weight. I'm in the Middle East, and it cost just under £8 to have a 0.5Kg parcel sent on from USA. It took about 5 days, and you can track it online. It means in regions like Asia Pacific and the Middle East, you can still buy from USA and UK, even if the seller states they won't ship outside the country. Its genius. Sadly, it doesnt work the opposite way, so I still got billed £30 to send an A4 document by courier from Dubai to UK.

Paul B (2012-07-25 12:10:32)
Tim's post inspired me to check my double-sided London Underground/InterCity Route map. I knew it was out of date, but didnt realise just how out of date till now. Its 1988. I'll scan it and send you a pic. Maybe I'm getting old, but quite how they expect you to read the names on the entire underground, when its condensed into about 60 % of a personal sheet, is beyond me. Tim, was that your fault? :)

Babs (2012-07-25 12:11:55)
I've got a black A5 Finsbury set up as a recipe book. So far, so good :)

Gerard (2012-07-25 13:01:50)
Geweldig!

Chris (2012-07-25 15:33:48)
Paul B - thank you for the ebay link. I have won the auction for the Lefax Manual of Mathematics.
I normally don't make the time to read FFAT because of work. Last night I was flicking through (thank goodness for school holidays!) and saw your exciting post.
I'll have to submit a guest post to the team once the Lefax arrives.
Perhaps owning a 'fax of historical interest is a good enough excuse to give to Mrs Mac for attending a meet up?
Thanks again,
Chris

Esmé (2012-07-25 16:19:34)
Does anyone know how to reach Blogger user Cazzle? I can't find her email address in the archives. Cazzle, if you're around, please email me if you're still interested in the Temperley Affair (esme.w.wang [at] gmail)!

J (2012-07-25 18:31:16)
Still waiting for the Malden in vintage racing green... not that I can afford to buy one but a girl can hope!

Paul B (2012-07-26 02:48:24)
Chris, great news! I found it when I was searching for another Lefax I'd noticed, this one from 1928. There were still no bids on it with an hour to go, so I got it for about £12. Likewise, I'm planning to do a guest post on it when it arrives from USA, via UK. I'm in two minds about whether to clean and polish it, or to leave it. Cleaned and polished, I'd be tempted to use it, as it looks like it has similar rings to the modern-day Slimline. But before I do, I'll do the guest post, on the condition it is in. I'm not someone who collects, but I thought that as this was almost 100 years old, a piece of histiry like this shouldn't just disappear. My worry was if it didn't sell, it would just get discarded. Look forward to your post!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-26 04:55:29)
Thanks Paul, I'll definitely look into that! I'd never heard of it before, Philofaxy gang to the rescue again!
Meanwhile, looks like the Lefax has found a better home, congratulations and I hope you find time to post about it Chris, it does intrigue me!

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-26 05:04:18)
Fantastic!
Trains + Filofaxes = perfection... ^ _^
I downloaded the London Underground font precisely because it does work well even in very small sizes, I wish I

knew more about how things like that work though.... (I nearly added "Look up the differences between italics and regular letters in Times New Roman" to my Inbox of ideas recently, but then decided there was no way that could be a good use of my time... I don't seem to have forgotton about it though! lol)

Steve Morton (2012-07-26 05:13:25)
Hi Shanti
I've posted an image here: http://philofaxy.com/Intercity.jpeg
Email me your postal address and I will post them to you if you are interested in having them.
Steve

Paul B (2012-07-26 07:16:43)
Shanti, Likewise, I'm happy to send you my 1988 sheet with Underground and InterCity routes on it. I'd rather it goes to a good home. I'll send it back next time someone I know is
heading back to UK. Just joined Flickr as I didn't know any other way of posting the photos, but here is the Intercity map. I think it should also show you the Underground one too, in the Photostream. http://www.flickr.com/photos/burjmax/7649418548/in/photostream/

Ray Blake (2012-07-26 11:34:11)
I made a video, Paul, as you suggested: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSpGvvtS2z0

Angel Jem (2012-07-26 15:52:49)
Racing green malden. Yes!

austinlinda (2012-07-28 07:19:45)
So what does AFAIK stand for?

Steve Morton (2012-07-28 07:23:06)
As Far As I Know
Steve

Spliceable Filofax Month on Two Pages (2012-07-25 00:00) - Laurie

One of the main complaints many of us have about Filofax inserts (besides the paper quality) is the lack of month-on-two-pages inserts that allow you to splice weekly, daily or notes pages between the months. The Filofax month on two pages inserts are printed back to back, which means when you turn the page the following month is printed on the backside of the page. Contrast this to some other brands such as Franklin Covey which has notes space on the backside of the monthly pages. This allows you to embed the months in the weekly pages or add Financial pages, notes, goals, or anything else you want between the months. This is not possible with months printed back to back.
I decided not to buy Franklin Covey monthly inserts because the pages are slightly wider than Filofax inserts, and would obscure my tabs behind. So, like so many Filofax users ([1]see Tim's extreme example here), I decided to hack my own Filofax solution.
I bought two Filofax Month On Two Pages inserts for 2013, and spliced them together. Here's the result: The first page looks normal, January across two pages.

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Then turn the page and you see February on the back side of the January page at the left, and January on the back side of the February page on the right:

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Then turn the page again and there's February across two pages:

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Then turn the page again and it's March on the backside of the February page and February on the backside of the March page coming up. I'll white out the month names on the back sides of the pages to reduce confusion as to which pages are actually the months and which are the back sides of the pages.

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Turn the page again and it's March across two pages:

[7]

And so on for the rest of the year.
As you can see, it's not an ideal solution. But it does allow me to insert pages between the months which is what I was going for.
Filofax, please take note! We are desperately trying to adapt your system to our needs, but could really use more inserts options!

1. http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/guest-post-in-search-of-ultimate.html
2. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-sh9iA44OSKO/UAPOjWrKlPI/AAAAAAAAD0Q/VTez-LgCKl4/s1600/P1060506.JPG
3. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-PNWMAt7QoIM/UAPPFAD1dsI/AAAAAAAAD0c/HIbr6q4Roqk/s1600/P1060507.JPG
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5. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-PNWMAt7QoIM/UAPPFAD1dsI/AAAAAAAAD0c/HIbr6q4Roqk/s1600/P1060507.JPG
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7. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-W3lg2EzxK80/UAPQjazt28I/AAAAAAAAD04/HmtYBLGMgk4/s1600/P1060510.JPG

Alison Reeves (2012-07-25 02:27:37)
The. Ultimate for me would be a month on two pages tabbed (on A5 for me). More choice would be very welcome.

SSA (2012-07-25 03:09:31)
I think I would find that very confusing.

Tim (2012-07-25 03:13:52)
Great little tip Laurie. It may not be ideal, but it certainly works!

Sonia (2012-07-25 03:13:54)
I did the same but never thought to put my weekly pages in betwee. I like to see the months at a glance. Good food for thought for 2013 set up so thank you for that

Lime Tree (2012-07-25 04:20:40)
I really like that idea! Wouldn't put the weekly pages in between but for sure goals and general notes. Sounds very interesting.

Jarfm.com (2012-07-25 05:50:35)
I did something like this but using Steve and Ray's inserts. I have printed them out so that the month is in the middle and there are currently blank pages before and after then my (at the time) daily pages went after back page of the month. I don't need daily pages so much during the holidays so have printed wo1p to use for the rest of July and then August. I also only keep the current months daily pages (or wo1p's for the holiday) in my Filofax

at one time but I keep all of the month pages for the remainder of the year so if something comes up I need to "book" myself for I just put it on the month calendar then can note it down in more detail nearer the time. If there are more details that are given to me then and there a post it note or note page will suffice until later!
This currently is working well for me but may still change come September if I don't get a new job or if I get a new job else where than in teaching as I may then not need the space of a page a day, only time will tell on that one!

Josh (2012-07-25 06:14:02)
I actually like the filofax diary inserts BUT I can't deal with the months not interfiling with the days in a tidy fashion, it upsets me!
I switched to DayTimer (who makes pages exactly the same size as Filofax, not extra wide like Franklin Covey pages) and never looked back. It's just such a superior design that I can't see spending the same money for filofax stuff that just doesn't work.
I do prefer the fonts and clean white design of the filofax inserts, though. But not enough to work with the damned monthly inserts with their daft design!
Good tip, Laurie! Do take a look at the DayTimer product though.

Babs (2012-07-25 07:59:32)
I *think* you should be able to do this with Steve & Ray's inserts quite easily just by playing with the PDF printer settings. I've not tried though!

Alice x (2012-07-25 14:34:27)
Why don't you scan them into your computer and them print them again how you want them?
Cut them to the correct size and insert where you want them.
Say print the months on 2 pages and notes on the back of both sheets of whatever you wanted.
This would work wouldn't it?
You could also print them on the quality of paper you wanted and have the layout.
Isn't there a file on here which you could use which has MT2P layout?

Ray Blake (2012-07-25 15:24:04)
Yes, there is. I'd be happy to look at producing a Laurie-style version if there's demand.

Ray Blake (2012-07-25 15:43:26)
In fact, here it is. A [1]month-to-view Laurie-style 2012 set.

1. `https://www.box.com/s/4d201c4995cb24e4e95b`

Ray Blake (2012-07-25 15:44:24)
Bear in mind that for once you'll be printing this single-sided.

Nancy (2012-07-26 18:40:25)
I second day timer months.

Robin (2012-08-09 23:05:28)
I recently returned to Filofax after a 14 year interlude with Franklin Covey. I love everything about Filofax EXCEPT their month on 2 pages. I discovered DayTimer month packs and except that they don't include monthly goal planning on the back of each month, I do prefer them over Filofax's lame attempt.

Compact Holborn - Guest Post - Marcia (2012-07-26 00:00) - Steve Morton

A big thank you to Marcia for her Guest Post showing us around her Compact Holborn.
The [1]Compact Holborn has 15mm rings, in comparison with 23mm in most personal Filofax. It has a nice, slim profile. The brown is a nice chocolate color; there is some shadowing in the photos.

[2]

Inside front has six slots for credit cards

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Standard business cards don't fit

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There is a deep pocket that opens from the left

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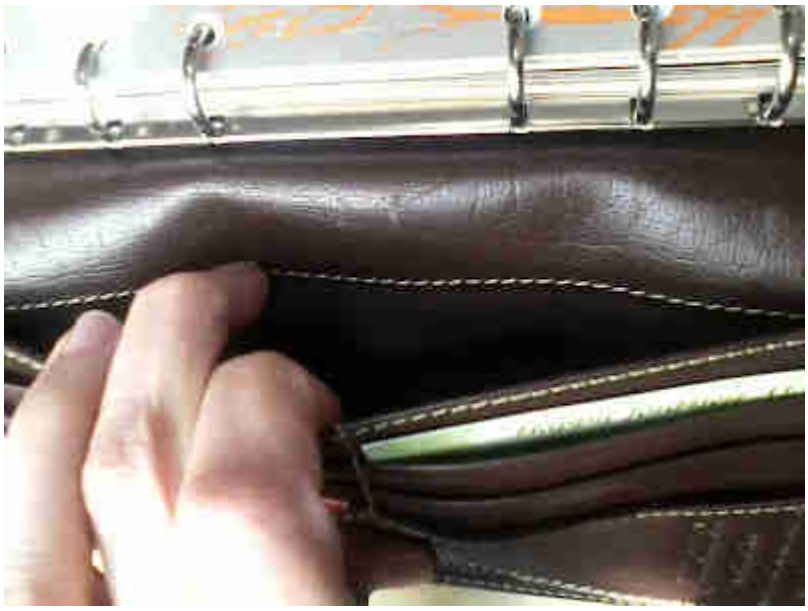
There is one that opens from the right.

[6] 

The right-opening pocket is harder to access, but one is less likely to lose things out of it. Inside the pockets is fabric, but note the rest of the interior is leather, which will wear better especially under the rings.
I use three top tabs (lists, diary, plans), with lined sheets in the first and last sections. In the diary section I have a fold-in yearly overview with this diary.

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Shipping from Filofax France adds to the cost, but this is the format that works for me. The compact holds everything I need as I have a separate work planner that stays on my desk.
The back has the same left- and right-opening pockets as the front and nothing else. You can see the smooth leather between them

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Note that there is no zipped pocket as in the personal Holborn. The pen loop is elasticated on the side showing in the photo and you note is sewed to the outside of the planner edge so it doesn't interfere with the pages-though I don't have side tabs. A Sigma Micron fits nicely in the loop, which was tight the first couple of times I used it but is fine now. A Lamy Safari could be forced in but would be a struggle. (And not healthy for the pen loop.)
Ummm. . .boring, but this is the back so the tour is complete.

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Thank you Marcia the [10]Compact Holborn is available from [11]Filofax UK

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Whispering Rabbit (2012-07-26 00:46:41)
I began reading this with trepidation as I have just ordered one of these in wine and dreaded that there might be something wrong with it...the absence of a zip pocket is slightly disappointing but otherwise it looks fabulous. Thankyou for this post :)

Laurie (2012-07-26 02:52:11)
Thank you for this thorough tour of this binder. The Holborn leather is so smooth and soft, the Holborn range is my current favorite.

Clareio (2012-07-26 03:22:09)
I considered the compact for ease of putting in my handbag and to be honest i'm glad I didn't, I don't think the sideways pocket OR the lack of zipped pocket inside would work for me and i've managed to fill the 23mm rings already without recieving any extra inserts yet!

Sydney (2012-07-26 04:15:48)
I really like the Holborn but I bought the compact recently and it had a little of the surface missing where the clasp meets on the back (http://www.flickr.com/photos/77558175@N04/). It had something similar on one of the corners.
When I returned it I was told it was a characteristic of the style and they were nearly all like that.
You might all think that it is nothing but I thought it might be a weakness and it might get worse over time so I still don't have a compact and am out of pocket on the postage.
I have been a bit put off mail order now and as that is where the better prices are I may have cured my filofax buying addiction!

Saffy (2012-07-26 04:32:41)
What model is the green Filofax the Holborn is on?

Maus (2012-07-26 07:19:37)
I guessed that this could be a Zopaz in Dark Green... ???

mstraat (2012-07-26 08:00:05)
Hi Sydney! No missing spots on mine and it is wearing really well. My binders get banged up a lot as they are tossed in a big bag with all sorts of things. I live in Nebraska, in the middle of the U.S., and mail order is the only way I ever get any planner stuff at all as there isn't even a nice stationery store within several hundred miles of here. Part of why I love Philofaxy is looks at other binders I will never see in person.

mstraat (2012-07-26 08:02:10)
Saffy, it is an older Filofax called a Tejus. From photos of the Luxe I would say it is a similar pattern on the leather to that. It really is not shorter than the Holborn, just a quirk of the photo angle.

mstraat (2012-07-26 08:04:23)
P.S. Realized I should say that I am Marcia, replying to you all with my screen name only might be confusing as that is mstraat.

Saffy (2012-07-26 10:01:29)
Thanks mstraat, the leather pattern looks very similar to the Topaz as Maus suggested and the Luxe. I wish Filofax would bring back this colour it has been on my wish list for many years.

Amanda (2012-07-26 10:59:27)
I used this model for a time and although very lovely I thought that my Guildford Pocket was a better option for my bag. I was worried about the security of the full length pockets on the Holborn but I needn't have. The pockets are quite secure and if you want to put some notes in it, the pen loop on the right side makes that pocket as secure as a zip for papers. The rings are small and if you only need a month to a page and some references and writing sheets it seems fine. I agree though about the colour choices. My only real problem was that it didn't have a fastener. Why they designed it that way I don't know, but it's very annoying in your handbag because things wiggle into the pages. I think it might be better suited to a pocket than a bag.

Amanda (2012-07-26 11:01:28)
p.s. I'm waiting on the new slimlines from Filofax (along with everyone else I imagine!) since I'm pretty much committed to the extra A5 writing space you get.
Can anyone help with a link to purchase a Rapesco style A5 punch? I'm afraid Filofax's approach to punches is one of the great disappointments.

Amanda (2012-07-26 11:03:50)
I just saw in the picture that there appears to be a fastener on yours Marcia. Mine didn't have one. Maybe it's a factory second (got it from WHSmith though). Does anyone know about variations like this?

mstraat (2012-07-26 11:31:05)
This is a compact and so it has a fastener, which I didn't think to point out. The slimline doesn't have a fastener and is listed as 13mm rings, in contrast to the 15mm in this compact.

mstraat (2012-07-26 12:16:36)
I'm not sure if they have an A5 punch, but I emailed their customer service from their website to locate one for personal size and their service was outstanding. I am in the U.S. so they really went out of their way helping me.

Paul B (2012-07-26 12:23:15)
Amanda, The Rapesco 6PP punch doesnt do A5. Check Amazon and read the negative reviews from lots of people who thought it did. Steve has done a post on PUNCHES in the FAQ tab. I bought the Rexel 420, half price from an Amazon.co.uk seller. Its abeast and chomps its way through over 30 pages. It only comes with 4 punch heads. I have just ordered two more for £25 inc postage. I'm planning a guest post on it when the heads arrive and I can test it with all 6 heads. I think you can use ones liek the Rapesco 6PP but only IF you turn the paper round and just use one end. A bit time-consuming for me. Here's Steve's post on punches: http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2010/07/will-normal-filofax-punch-work -for-a5.html

Anita (2012-07-26 12:33:06)
Marcia, thanks for a great tour :)
The Holborns are gorgeous & a close second to the Maldens for me, but I'm not sure I could stick with a brown or black filo though.

Arielle (2012-07-26 13:00:26)
Thanks so much for this review! I've been seriously considering moving to a Compact size and this was the one I had my eye on. The lack of a zipped pocket is a dealbreaker for me however, as I use my Filofax as a wallet. I guess I'll pick up one of the Compact Chameleons that are on sale instead. I'll probably get the Personal Holborn as well in case I don't like the Compact size.

Clareio (2012-07-26 13:45:17)
It looks like theyre bringing out new colours soon, also the Wine Holborn is stunning

Just Walking (2012-07-26 14:17:53)
Hi Marcia,
Appreciate the review and esp the detailed pictures. I've been using a slimline executive for years now which seems to be discontinued but crucially appears to have only 11mm rings (?!). It's got a bit small for me but 23mm is way too big and I wasn't aware of the compacts with 15m rings. On the basis of your review I have ordered a Holborn Compact from Filofax UK today (just made the 20 % off deal which closed at 4pm today).
What I would like to ask though is where did you get the diary inserts - you appear to have 'week to a view' with appointment slots? I've searched everywhere and can't see them for sale.

mstraat (2012-07-26 15:13:45)
They are from Filofax France. They have wonderful, wonderful customer service; I get orders from them as quickly or even more so than from Filofax USA, where I'm located.

mstraat (2012-07-26 15:21:56)
I don't think Filofax can win on binders. I prefer a brown or black that will last for years, once I find what I need. If I do have color I prefer unobtrusive; the Tejus was on EBay but had it been the red one recently on Adspot I wouldn't have bought it. My experience with shoes has been that colored leathers don't wear as well, nor do glazed ones, which made me wonder about the Malden. Haven't seen one in person so I don't know if that is the type of leather on it or not. And I am apparently way in the minority, but purple is my very least favorite color. :-)

Just Walking (2012-07-26 16:03:45)
Many thanks Marcia - won't hurt my attempts at learning french to have the days and months in french too!

kanalt (2012-07-27 11:54:00)
Oh boy! This review is making me want one. And my goal is to get a compact binder for each season. So the brown would be great for fall... Hmmm.

Free for All Friday No. 193 (2012-07-27 00:01) - Nan

Hard to believe, but this is our last FFAF in July! Where is the summer going?
Are you using your Filofax to plan a late vacation?
Or, if you were offered the chance to travel on the spur of the moment, what would you carry in your Filofax? What about your passport – does it need to be renewed?

Butanben (2012-07-27 00:31:47)
Your passport must be valid for longer than six months to be allowed to fly. Some airlines will prevent you from flying even if your passport is in date, if it has six months or shorter to run on it. Crazy, I know. I only gleaned this fact from watching one of those travel programmes.....and a family were prevented from flying. Seemed like madness.... but there you go. Apparently it's to do with a safety margin in case there is an emergency, natural or man made, within the country to which you are travelling.So,Filofax diaries out and renew those passports early.... go on.... you know you'll look gorgeous in that straight faced photograph!!!

Paul B (2012-07-27 00:32:01)
Speaking of passports, I wish they would introduce a passport holder, maybe in a leather insert, for the filofax. The EU one doesn't quite fit in the zipped gusset pocket of the Portman Grand , nor does it quite fit in the zipped clear envelope. Luckily my Filofax is so stuffed, nothing moves once the flap is closed but it's not an ideal solution. The old slimlines (3CL) used to have an open, diagonal pocket on the left, so you could put your passport and boarding pass in there. Does anyone else have any genius ideas for securing their passport in their Filofax? Maybe

I'll have to look on eBay for an old 3CL slimline.
The most use my Filofax has had in planning holidays this year is using the year planner to deconflict our dates. But if we get to go to Italy, I'm
Planning to use the travel journal from the FILES section, to record the trip.

Paul B (2012-07-27 00:37:31)
It's also to do with visas for many countries. A lot of places still give 6 month visas and they want to prevent a situation where a traveller is legally in the country with a valid visa but with an expired passport, as it causes them an admin nightmare. A colleague of mine flew from London ro join us for a visit to a third country. Heathrow advised him that the third country wouldn't Llow him entry. He flew anyway and sure enough, the second country wouldn't allow him to depart for the third country as he was 2 days short of having 6 months validity on his passport.
A good reminder for the Year Planner!

Ray Blake (2012-07-27 01:10:17)
The Holborn binder has five pockets that will take a passport.

David Popely (2012-07-27 01:18:16)
My passport is expired, and I've been meaning to renew it for over a year now.....so if anyone was thinking of inviting me to sunnier climes (or for that matter, climes that are sunny at all) I'd be currently unable to take advantage

David Popely (2012-07-27 01:24:15)
Do any of the gents out there regularly carry a man-bag or messenger bag of any kind? I've just read a very interesting blog post from Joseph David Quinton at
http://josephdavidquinton.typepad.com/my-blog/2012/07/my-everyday-ca rry-bag.html
and it's got me thinking.
This is on-topic because of the Personal/A5 dilemma....the Personal fits in the hand very nicely (although having a hand permanent;y taken up by it can be a pain), but the A5 is just too much to carry around evenings and weekends. HOWEVER, with a messenger bag, this problem might be solved quite easily. I know The Ladies generally carry a bag anyway, so this *maybe) isn't so much of an issue, but as the man-bag has yet to catch on widely, I think it's worth discussing. Steve - I know you're a proponent of the man-bag, and I think you had a post here about your current bag choice, and your liking for camera bags re-tooled for this purpose. I'm not sure if a camera bag would suit my style, but the leather messenger bags JDQ espouses in his blog look really nice, if eye-wateringly expensive.
If anyone *is* a man-bag proponent, details of your choice of go-to bag would be of great interest, together with details of what size FF you're carrying in it.
Many thanks!

Lynne Dove (2012-07-27 01:50:08)
I recently travelled abroad and used a pocket baroque as a travel filo. My passport fitted comfortably into the notepad slot in the back cover, with currency in clear zipped envelopes.

Shanti (aka Shanananana) (2012-07-27 02:43:15)
Recently I started noticing men's bags, I was looking for Christmas present ideas (most men being notoriously difficult to buy for) and I noticed that every man in sight, in London, carried either a briefcase or more frequently a backpack, usually a small "daysack" about 2ft tall, in muted shades like navy, black, or charcoal, sometimes with tiny red or orange flashes.
I didn't, in the couple of days spent deliberately observing, notice ANY men carrying absolutely nothing except whatever was in their pockets until the evening, when people were going out to pubs & clubs, and my journey was usually between Finchley in north London, and various central locations like Bank, Liverpool St, Moorgate, and Waterloo. The backpack was a common sight, on men up to their late fifties/early sixties, and often worn with a smart suit and tie.

The third option was a ”record bag” in nylon, but those were usually restricted to under 35’s, and were less common than briefcases, which were often battered/”vintage” looking things, sometimes with a long shoulder strap. I have no idea if that’s helpful, but backpacks are ubiquitous here, to the extent anything else tends to stand out. Oh, and I did notice that TK Maxx often have nice quality men’s messenger bags in leather, reduced to around £40, I couldn’t find any on the website just now but in-store they usually have them near the sporting gear, hung up on the wall nearest the men’s section.

Babs (2012-07-27 02:49:38)
David - have a look at scarananga. I have one of their bags and its great quality. They do lovely man bags too. I wish my husband would covert to a man bag, but he stubbornly sticks to a small, old, green rucksack of mine. While I’m posting this (on my iPhone) does anyone else find the blogger interface doesn’t work well with iPhones? I can’t go back and edit anything I’ve already written, for instance.

David Popely (2012-07-27 02:57:22)
Hi Shanti, Babs
Thanks for all the tips.....as a frequent London visitor I too have noticed the rise of the bag....which makes a lot of sense. Even a small amount of stuff in pockets can ruin the cut of clothes, and that’s without Filos, iPads, Kindles etc. I suspect the rise of the iPad has done more to kick-start bag usage than anything else, since it’s fundamentally unsuited for carrying in the hand.
I currently have an old (*really* old) Eddie Bauer green backpac which I use when I’m on London trips, simply because it’s convenient for carrying files *and* clothes, toiletries etc in a way that a briefcase doesn’t cover (I have one of those as well) - but for evenings (and by extension for general use) I’d prefer something a bit more fashionable. I shall definitely check out the TK Maxx *and* Scarananga ranges. I’m quite attracted to Manhattan Portage also, but at their prices I think that will be staying an aspiration!
I think a record bag might also be worth looking at (way cheaper than full-on leather messenger bags)- I can usually get away with stuff that’s ’younger’ than my now-advanced age!
Thanks again

Clareio (2012-07-27 03:32:24)
I have a ’places to visit’ list in my fiofax and that’s as close to planning as I’ve got, mostly as we can’t afford anything this year. As soon as we have a bit of money we’re planning a trip to Cyprus in April though so maybe then...

Paul B (2012-07-27 03:35:01)
Babs, I have the same problem posting from the iPhone. It usually doesnt even let me backspace either. And I have to be in the full website, not the mobile one, for the password thing to even work.
David, I think bags for men have become much more acceptable recently. I noticed last week in London that more people carry them than ever. My wife bought me a beautifully soft leather satchel, that takes the smallest Mac Air and a filofax, but looks amazing. It was a special birthday present and probably cost the earth but I use it a lot. Except for work - I don’t want to pollute my bag, by being used as a work bag. Strange, maybe, but I want it associated with free time and relaxation.
If you look at any of the proliferation of cheap luggage shops on Tottenham Court Road, they have some decent leather and faux leather satchel-type bags. I actually like the messenger bags but as Shanti says, most of them are aimed at the student market, with faux faded retro designs centred around music labels. If thats not your style, I’m sure you’ll find a resonably proced leather one in the luggage shops. When I’m home again in 10 days, I’ll post a photo of mine, in brown leather.

Steve Morton (2012-07-27 03:39:59)
Hi David
Yes I use a Man Bag along with my fellow Frenchmen! In fact I use two of them, swapping depending on what I’m carrying with me.
They are both Lowepro camera bags which are well made, inexpensive and you can buy them in incremental sizes so you can buy one just big enough for what ever you want to carry.

The internal padded divisions are all moveable or removeable on large velcro tabs. The internal surfaces are soft and padded so your Filofax will not get scratched.
I've done reviews of both bags on our sister blog here are the links
http://bagsey.blogspot.fr/2011/04/new-day-bag.html
This one takes the personal size very nicely. An A5 will just about go in but it's a bit of a squeeze.
http://bagsey.blogspot.fr/2012/04/new-messenger-bag.html
This is the one I bought recently so I can carry my iPad and an A5, or 2 A5's if need be... gets heavy with two though!
I hate carrying anything in my trouser pockets so everything goes in to the bags.
If I need to swap from one bag to the other, I have some things that are duplicated in both bags and I leave those in each one, but I can swap from one to the other in less than a minute.
Hope that helps
Regards
Steve

David Popely (2012-07-27 04:01:00)
hi Paul
I'd really like to see a photo of your bag, thank you. I know they are much more fashionable now than ever before, but I'be been a fan for a while, and have just not found the 'right' bag.
Unfortunately West Wales is a long way from London, but I *am* a regular visitor, so next time I'm there I'll check out Tottenham Court Road....handy for the flagship Paperchase as well!!!

Babs (2012-07-27 04:03:14)
Oops. Just noticed an iPhone typo. It should be scaramanga -
www.scaramangashop.co.uk

David Popely (2012-07-27 04:04:07)
Thanks Steve that's really helpful.....I aspire to having empty pockets (trouser and jacket) so I think some kind of bag is the way to go. I'm not an iPad user as yet, although I suspect it's only a matter of time, as laptops are becoming obsolete at the hand of the iPad pretty quickly, it seems.
Babs, I checked out Sacrananga and they *are* lovely, nut they seem only to sell online (or from their factory outlet in Scotland!), and in this case i think I really want to handle the bag before I buy, so sadly that might have to go on hold. Beautiful looking bags though.....

Alison Reeves (2012-07-27 05:18:18)
David - Filofax currently have messenger bags and courier bags on sale on their site - http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/specials.asp?OID=221 - not leather but fairly 'manly' in the right colours!
I also noticed that they have the Pennybridge A5 organiser in which you can store your iPad - it looks really interesting. Although I would have preferred a leather option. It's an interesting idea as I can access all my diary and contacts on my iPad, so the (20MM) rings would just need to hold the rest of the stuff. If anyone spots a review of this, please let me know!

David Popely (2012-07-27 05:24:30)
hi Alison!
They do look nice, don't they.....I wonder if there will be some at Conduit St. I'll pop in next time I'm in London, Monday week.
I've not joined the iPad brigade yet, but when my laptop becomes obsolete I will, as it's *so* heavy to carry around for 2-3 days at a time....
Do you have any London dates coming up? I'm there 6th-7th and then 14th-16th August.....mini-meet-up anyone?

Gail (2012-07-27 05:27:17)
Sooooo.....ladies, what style of bag do you use to carry your Filofax and other bits around in? My bag is so wrong for my Filofax, it's a large slouchy style and my poor Holborn lies buried at the bottom of it with everything lying on top. Whenever I need my purse or phone I have to go and "dig" around till I find it. Can anyone reccomend a good stlye ladies bag...it needs to be a good size (not huge) because I have a fair bit of stuff to get in there.

David Popely (2012-07-27 05:30:07)
How about following up Alison's link (above) and looking at the Filofax bags themselves? They all look quite nice to me, and I'd expect them to have 'organiser' interiors....

Steve Morton (2012-07-27 05:38:38)
There's a leather Malden version coming out soon!
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/07/new-ifilofax-products.html
Steve

Gail (2012-07-27 06:16:11)
I have a couple of Filofaxs I was going to sell, but I wondered if anyone would be interested in a Swap instead? I've listed them on my latest blog if anyone is interested!

Paul Taylor (2012-07-27 07:11:30)
My everyday carry bag is a backpack, an original Oakley Icon in navy blue, bought new many (more than 10? memory fades with the passing of time!) years ago and still going strong. I have a hardshell sleeve for my laptop which also acts as a sort of divider in the middle of the bag's main compartment. The Icon goes with me almost anywhere significant, which is to say I don't take it to the supermarket or the corner shop but other than that it's with me. Laptop, paperwork, Filofax, yoga mat, teabags and squeezy honey, painkillers, spare glasses and contacts, shower gel, deodorant, toothbrush etc etc etc... it's like a mobile life support kit which I can rely on to have most things I might need wherever I am. It will also swallow enough clothing (casual) for a couple of nights away when necessary.
That probably sounds as if it weighs a ton, but actually it's not too heavy most of the time. If I'm going to yoga class the laptop won't be in there, for example. Doing an overnight away it can be pretty full and weighty, but as I'm pretty full and weighty myself it all balances out OK. :)
Regarding the 'empty pockets' thing, I would find it hard to subscribe to that. My preferred mufti involves cargo trousers with big thigh pockets. Although those are rarely full, I have a standard layout which involves keys, cardcase, mobile phone, plus various other impedimenta all of which live in the same pockets day in day out. I work from home most of the time and haven't worn a suit for work for some years - I think now I would find it difficult to go back to standard business attire!

Alison Reeves (2012-07-27 08:04:29)
David - I don't have much in London in the foreseeable future - you'll be the first to know if I get any dates!
Steve - very interesting thanks - food for thought as it incorporates a true slimline A5 binder!

Alison Reeves (2012-07-27 08:08:27)
Gail - I'm a great fan of the Cath Kidston bags. They are fun, come in a wide range of styles and colours, and the oilskin ones wear really well - I have a three now (in different sizes) and the one I've had for a few years and it still looks like new. They seem to have structure without being overly formal (depends on what you like). They can be pricey, but last a long time. You can get some discounted at the St Neots factory shop or outlet stores like Bicester Village (not sure where you live). You can also try your luck on ebay - although they hold their price well!

Paul B (2012-07-27 08:09:44)
What's the link, Gail? Thanks.

Amanda (2012-07-27 08:13:08)
I have the same question. Now I've taken up with A5 size I need a bag that doesn't use it as a 'floor'. I've seen a number of messenger style bags I like but nothing that really excites me. If anyone can point to a style that would suit it would be lovely.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-27 08:17:02)
Hi Gail! If you don't really need a new bag, just something to organise the contents of your bag better, how about a handbag organiser? I got mine from Primark, it was about £2 and it works perfectly! It goes inside your handbag, which is good because if you need to swop handbags you can do it quickly by taking this out and just putting it in your other bag! It has 2 big inside sections, 1 of which I use for my filofax, 3 big slots for phone, ipod and purse, pen slots and compartments on the side for water bottles/umbrella etc! It looks like this: https://encrypted-tbn1.google.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTu1Z8R _kzYzdNM2J7APtuddGnHnhBihelPXCyvVN5u2qWTsKZZ0w

Paul B (2012-07-27 09:08:22)
Ray, following your example of finding solutions to organiser problems, I am going to find a way to have something which is punched (and thus secure), and can be sealed, to put my passport in any personal filofax. I have two ideas already, but as I'm not that technically minded, they may not work, but we'll see :)
I want something secure, that I can transfer to any personal filofax, so that is now my aim.

Josh (2012-07-27 09:56:53)
I've been carrying a Jack Spade messenger bag since January. It's handy, can fit my planner in, pencil case, tablet, extra pens, headache tablets, a small flashlight, my mobile phone. I find it quite convenient but don't particularly like carrying a bag. I much prefer to make good use of trouser and jacket pockets, even if it does ruin the line of my suit! I did switch to a larger planner a few months ago, which fits in the bag perfectly fine, but am going back to personal because the planner basically requires that I carry the bag at all times. I find that in personal I can drop my keys and mobile in trouser pockets, filofax in hand, and head out into the world. I find this ability to travel light well worth the small inconveniences of the smaller planner.
But by all means buy and try a bag! It's so convenient to have, especially when heading out on a long business day and easier to carry than a brief case

Babs (2012-07-27 10:12:34)
Bag? Singular? LOL! I have loads of bags. The aforementioned Scaramanga satchel is my "academic" bag which carries laptop, notepad, pencil case, filofax, etc.
For day-to-day use I go for large tote bags, which are big enough for baby-related stuff as well as filofax, purse and associated other bits.
I've never got on with handbag organisers, though.

Anita (2012-07-27 10:36:51)
I know I'm not a gent, but I'm loving my Cambridge satchel from [1]www.cambridgesatchel.co.uk
My A5 Malden happily fitted in the main section with a bit of room to spare & they do them in more manly colours than my purple one :)

1. `http://cambridgesatchel.co.uk/`

Gail (2012-07-27 10:44:43)
Filofax bags are pretty expensive, prefer to spend that kind of money on the organiser. lol I was hoping to buy Imy's beautiful Adelphi but it's a little small for my needs.
Alison I have a CK style bag, it is awesome but just a little big now, maybe I need to look at more of her range, I adore her stuff.
Student...I got one of those Primark bag organisers, awesome aren't they, but they don't work in Slouchy bags, they just tip over....turned mine into an awesome Pen/book organiser...must blog about that. lol

Gail (2012-07-27 10:45:30)
http://gailwheatley.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/a5-kendal-for-sale.html

Sandra (2012-07-27 10:56:20)
I only snagged a few Filofax Finchley totes when they were 70 % off at Filofax USA. Otherwise, too expensive. Lovely leather and size.
The interior has a large zipped pocket, card slots, and elasticized pockets. Lovely.
I have bags that are purposed by activity and kids. It's a lot of bags, but it works for me. :)

Babs (2012-07-27 11:14:50)
Talking of iFilofax products (sort of, up there ^^^) I do wish they'd bring out iPhone cases. I have my beautiful Aqua personal and Imperial Purple A5 Finchleys and I'd love to have a matching iPhone cover for each. Blending the traditional with the tecchy!
Can it be added to the Philofaxy / Filofax wish list please!!

Steve Morton (2012-07-27 11:19:48)
Err they have:
http://www.filofax.co.uk/store/businessdetails.asp?catId=6 &productId=551

DEM (2012-07-27 12:09:35)
Oh my goodness! I had no idea about all of these passport travel restrictions! Thanks for the information!

David Popely (2012-07-27 12:17:01)
Hi Gail, I've just left a comment on your blog.....

David Popely (2012-07-27 12:30:53)
Well.....thanks to all who have posted on this.....I didn't think it would attract as much interest.
Self employment comes with few advantages, but those it *does* come with are really good ones, and one is being able to take oneself off from work on a whim, on a Friday, when it's sunny out, and when one has already done five hours' work by 11 a.m. (yes really).....so I drove up over the heads of the valleys here in South Wales and down the Rhondda valley on the A470 into Cardiff, had a nice lunch at Jamie's Italian, and then went grazing the bag stores. While I was in Debenhams, a *lovely* brown smooth leather shoulder bag by John Rocha threw itself into my hands and asked me to take it home...so I thought I probably ought to (and pay for it first of course). £85, less the Debenhams 20 % discount so got it for £68, pretty much a snip. Large enough for all my stuff, including an A5 Filo if I choose to (and that's one of the main impediments to choosing to out of the way now). Watch this space.....
For the inquisitive, you can see a photo here:-
http://www.debenhams.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/prod _10001 _10001 _083010592573 _-1?breadcrumb=Home Men Bags
Afterwards thoughts turned to maybe upgrading my A5 Finsbury, so I popped into Paperchase and The Pen Shop, who are the two suppliers in Cardiff, and i dare say that if either of them had had a sale on they might have got one, as I was now in 'buying mode'. However, neither did, and £120 for the Classic or £105 for the Malden seemed more than I could reasonably part with having just bought the bag, so I legged it home (well drove) back over the heads of the valleys, along the southern edge of the Brecon Beacons, again in bright sunshine. Lovely. And I got home to receive Gail's messages and link, so there might yet be a new A5 (Kendal) in it....
Not a bad days' work. Unfortunately, the rigours of self employment now dictate that have to do another couple of hours' work this evening, but it was worth it.....

J (2012-07-27 12:39:21)
My poor Filo is definitely getting packed to the gills with wedding and honeymoon planning details- who knew there were so many!
Fortunately, my passport is brand new, so it will be good to go in September!

Circus Life (2012-07-27 12:52:17)
I am currently using a personal size. Just ordered a Malden in personal. I found an A5 Domino with the Family inserts at a huge deal though. I want to use the A5 for Nursing school. Any tips on the best way to do this? I had intended to use an older FC classic that I have owned for several years but discovered the binding is coming apart. Plus I need a good excuse to buy the Domino!

Jarfm.com (2012-07-27 13:03:21)
Re iPhone commenting - yes it's a right pain!!! However I have found out how you can edit it once you have realised you need to change something a line or two back!
You need to click done on the iPhone then anywhere on the page background (on this site the cream coloured bit) then if you carefully click back in the text box area where you want to type or edit it will work - it does mean having to do that more than once sometimes but it is possible!

Jarfm.com (2012-07-27 13:12:25)
If someone offered me to chance right now to travel somewhere I would jump at the chance! I have 2 years and a bit left on my passport so that won't be a problem! Also have a valid EHIC card if going to Europe!
I would have to print out some journey pages to put in my Filofax - have decided my Journey Filofax is the one most suited to travelling (maybe that's why it's called Journey?) as it is personal sized and has the zipped purse section which is large enough for travelling. Will easily fit in my passport too!
I would be able to pack my stuff into a rucksack and hand luggage back fairly easily too. Learnt about travelling light last year when I went to Sweden for the Scout Jamboree! I don't like feeling like you're falling apart before you get there because your bags are so heavy! (Despite usually taking so much stuff with me normally...)
Now all I need is someone to invite me somewhere away from the UK (and definitely away from Essex) for a week or perhaps 2? :D

Angel Jem (2012-07-27 13:17:43)
Ooh! Anita I love your purple satchel/malden combo... More pictures, please!
I have a large ostrich bag that holds an A5 comfortably but for the summer I've moved into a red dotty Cath Kidston oilcloth..... Virtually bomb proof in a life that includes park trips, days out and beach holidays in Wales. I'm also using my crimson pocket malden as a purse at the moment. I need small and useful and the pocket size is just classy enough to feed my leather snob and big enough to be effective.

DEM (2012-07-27 13:19:22)
Packed to the gills! That sounds lovely! Instantly that makes me want to see pictures and details. I just love stuffed Filos...evidence that it is used and loved!

Angel Jem (2012-07-27 13:19:45)
The benefits of flexible time management, eh? And will you be finished in time for the Olympic opening ceremony?

Angel Jem (2012-07-27 13:22:56)
I like firm bags that stand up for themselves. Cath Kidston oilcloth day bags have a good level of firmness but don't fit A5. I love Radley bags but getting one of any size costs!!!! I tend to shop TKMaxx and get proper leather as cheap as I can!!

David Popely (2012-07-27 13:24:18)
I shall be finished in time for the evening broadcast from the Cambridge Folk Festival on Sky Arts....no hype and not a despotic dictator with a dodgy human rights record in sight :)

Nurse? (2012-07-27 13:35:29)
I have been using a classic size FC for the first 2 years of nursing school and it stays jammed full. I recently bought an A5 Chameleon Filofax but after considering the weight (nursing school loads you down with huge books on its own)I think that one will stay on my desk and I purchased a personal sized Domino in deep

pink to be a planner/wallet. I think I can downsize to the personal quite well, I currently use a 2 page per day calender from FC, but I plan to use the 2 page per week one in the Domino and just keep a to do list in the front, since that is mostly what I use my current calender for now. I break down all my course work and put it on the calender at the beginning of the semester, then I make a reading plan after each exam to cover all the materiel up to the next exam. I do keep a section to record grades and check off assignments but that is about all the nursing school related uses I have at the moment. The main reason I went with the personal size is the compatibility with the other planner brands here in the US, while the A5 requires me to order or re-punch everything for it :)If I could pick up inserts locally for the A5 I probably would have continued with that size. As it is I will either take lecture notes in it or use it as a household binder.

Alison (2012-07-27 13:52:01)
I'm loving Fossil bags right now, but they are expensive I got mine half price online from Fossil UK in the sale and it still cost over £90. What I like about mine which is on my blog is it can be made smaller by folding over if I haven't much in my bag but if I carry my ipad etc it open up to give more space. It's a great size not too big so everything gets lost and most of them come with plenty of pockets for phone etc, I went for leather buy you can get oilskin type ones too in a range of colours. I've had Radley in the past but don't think i'll ever buy a bag from anywhere else now.

Paul B (2012-07-27 14:13:14)
Nurse, I would have thought the opposite was true? A5 lends itself perfectly to using other paper wheras personal is more of a faff to punch. I bought an A5 spiral bound from paper chase for
My phd lectures, and the pages were already perforated. When I got home, I punched them and added them to my A5. Any A4 handouts I needed, I used the plastic punch

David Popely (2012-07-27 14:47:30)
I'm in the process of investigating iPad options for the future.....my laptop is already way too much of an inconvenience to be lugged around London day after day.
I had a chat with a typically helpful Apple Person this afternoon, and here are some interesting stats:-
Weight of iPad 2 680g, or 730g with 3G
Weight of fully loaded Personal Malden 542g
weight of fully loaded A5 Finsbury 866g
Not sure how best to interpret this data yet, but it's interesting to have, if you have my OCD sort of mind.....

J (2012-07-27 15:03:31)
Yeah, I definitely love a fat filo! You can see some pics on my blog, although I'll definitely have to put some more up- he keeps growing!

Lime Tree (2012-07-27 15:13:44)
David, I know it was all about the bag but oh, I loved how you described you self-employed Friday! Wonderful!

Heather from Heather Holistics (2012-07-27 15:27:49)
Anita, may I ask what size Satchel you have please?

indigogarden (2012-07-27 15:32:18)
There is an EDC Forum with a section for EDC Bags. Hundreds of examples can be read there of the sort of bags that men prefer to use to carry their everyday items. Most of the men are Americans, but you'll get a gist of the various popular brands that many men like to use for their man bags and the features that they like them. A few even sport a filofax along with their flashlights, knives and multi-tools. http://edcforums.com/forums/edc-bags.86/

Heather from Heather Holistics (2012-07-27 15:35:46)
Anita, may I ask what size Satchel you have please?

indigogarden (2012-07-27 15:42:44)
I will have to second the Fossil bag. I carry one in black leather which is an over body style with two ”phone” pockets in the front, a zippered pocket on the front and back and then a zippered pocket and two open pockets on the inside. My personal filofax and other items fit into it perfectly, but I don’t know if an A5 would fit. Everything that I carry has a ”place” in the bag. I love the quality of leather fossil bags, they hold up to daily use for years, but they are a bit pricey.

David Popely (2012-07-27 16:44:27)
Thank you....I’m a huge proponent of self employment, for all of these reasons and more moral/philosophical ones as well. If the sun’s shining, why work? Here n Wales it rains *about* 340 days a year....that should provide ample opportunity for catching up!

Nurse? (2012-07-27 17:09:41)
Paul, I do like the A5 for writing since I can take my paper cutter and chop a stack of US standard 8.5x11 inch paper in half, punch it and use it, but the Filofax A5 ring spacing doesn’t match any US calender or diary pages like FC and I don’t really want to re-punch (makes the paper weak) or print my own at this point. The personal size has ring spacing that matches inserts from Day Timer, Day Runner, Mead and Franklin Covey (FC is a bit wide though) so I can buy the refills and such at my local Office Depot. I have a completely adjustable 6 hole punch so if I need something I can punch for either size binder. I like the idea of the A5 spiral notebook, where did you get it?

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-27 17:11:20)
Wonderful,David...I am so happy you found a man’s bag that you like! And, judging from the link, it is a great looking bag! Cheers!

Joseph David Quinton (2012-07-27 17:20:00)
LOL....good to know!

Whispering Rabbit (2012-07-27 17:52:10)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Whispering Rabbit (2012-07-27 17:56:28)
(Sorry for the delete - the ’a href’ links weren’t allowed)
Ever since I travelled overseas in 2009 with a Maxpedition bag (www.maxpedition.com/store/pc/JUMBO-VERSIPACK-4p6.htm) I haven’t turned back from this versatile brand. I use a larger style for my travels to and from uni with my A5 FF, textbooks and lunch. Sure it’s not flashy, but when it comes to bags I need practicality...and though I did yearn for those gorgeous Scaramanga leather bags mentioned earlier, the pockets on these babies can’t be beat (for instance, I slip a 1L Nalgene & a small umbrella in its side pockets). Besides, I personally love the look of these bags.

Alison Reeves (2012-07-27 19:15:31)
David - my OH and I have both got an iPad. They don’t replace a laptop, it all depends on what you plan to do whilst away from home. If you just want to have your diary, contacts, access to Evernote etc then it will work. Would be happy to discuss if required via skype or phone. I’m out all day Monday and Tuesday in Leeds, but happy to talk after that.

Butanben (2012-07-27 20:19:35)
Very interesting addition Paul. Yes, it sure is one for the Year planner... get a passport a good six months before it runs out officially, to avoid being airport stranded!!

Nurse? (2012-07-27 20:30:08)
Ah sorry, I found paper chase :) I would love to go shopping there. I can’t believe all the lovely stationary shops you have on that side of the pond.

Babs (2012-07-28 02:46:03)
Thanks Steve. I totally missed them when I was searching on Thursday!
Hmm. Does this mean I need to buy a purple Malden so that I can coordinate my filo and iPhone now?!

Paul B (2012-07-28 02:51:18)
Dem, I love the way you skipped right past the wedding details, and went straight for the FIlofax pictures request :)

Paul B (2012-07-28 02:55:04)
Sorry, my post got cut off in mid-sentence. The curse of the iPhone. More importantly, I didn't realise you were in the US. That problem with paper size has been causing a problem since I first worked with US Forces back in the 80s. So your point about copatibility with other Personal sizes makes perfect sense. And yes, we do seem to have a lot of nice stationary stores in UK. Is it any wonder, when you look at the UK community on here ?? ;)

Paul B (2012-07-28 02:57:28)
I'd like to add my own statistic here David: weight of my A5 Cuban Zip, fully loaded for work - 2.1 Kilos. It was why I downsized to Personal. I wish I'd taken a photo of it before I broke the papers apart. It was a sight to behold. Even with the personal, I'm using the Portland Grand as I need the bigger rings. My aim is to slim down to a standard 7/8 Filofax.I have a beautiful vintage one just waiting for the diet to happen.

Paul B (2012-07-28 02:58:01)
Or as they'd probably say in the States....."loaded for Bear".

David Popely (2012-07-28 03:16:16)
I've not heard that expression before, it's funny how you can hear something new and pretty much intuitively know what's being referred to....very appropriate!
That still makes the Personal Filo the easiest access, most compatible across all 'platforms' (home, work, mall, school etc), most reliable (won't corrupt/delete/duplicate data try telling that to a Google calendar use who's syncing recurring tasks!) system of organisation there is.
And they call technology 'progress'.....
You certainly reminded me what it was like when I chose to lug a fully loaded A5 (it was heaver then than it is now it's not really in use) *and* a laptop around London for two days. have the horor of it etched on my mind :)
Does anyone else have any Filo weight stats they'd like to share?

David Popely (2012-07-28 03:19:36)
I also think my decision not to use specialist forms, and to run the whole system in plain and lined (plus to-do at the moment, because have some I need to use up) has contributed to the 'diet'. Of course it also means I can stick to cotton cream throughout, which I like.
Does anyone else have any FF 'diet' tips? Mine would be *not* to use a day-on-two-pages diary - I tried that and I can tell you - it's heavy!
Paul, your Portland Grand sounds great, what size are the rings on that?.....I'm on standard 25mm in the Malden (Steve will correct me if I've got that wrong!.....)

Steve Morton (2012-07-28 04:28:17)
There are some Filofax weights listed in a post from last year
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/08/filofax-organiser-weigh-in.htm l
The Google Doc is still live and open for further updates/additions
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-07-28 04:29:03)
David
Personal Malden 23mm, A5 Malden 30mm, A5 Finsbury 30mm
Steve

Paul B (2012-07-28 11:35:21)
David, I'm not sure what they are in new money but in real money, they are 5/4 inch on an inch and a quarter. Big. And even the spine is big. I can't look at doing a guest post until I Greg my PhD thesis submitted but I'll take a photo tonight and post the link. Anothe surprising decision was the one to discontinue the oversized rings. I know the compact has really taken off but that is just one slice iod market segment in my opinion.

Paul B (2012-07-28 11:39:13)
I can only blame the iPhone's inability to edit the post. I'm not usually this illiterate.

Paul B (2012-07-28 13:10:27)
David, I have just uploaded 4 photos to Flickr so you can see the Portland Grand rings. Let me know if you want additional ones, happy to help. The leather is beautiful, it is the softest filofax I have ever owned and its over 20 years old. Yet despite being soft, it hasn't ripped, torn, faded or anything. I called Filofax and asked if they had any organisers with bigger rings, and they told me that this was the largest ring size they produced (5/4"). I bought it in London, either late 80s or early 90s, can't remember. It has been a stalwart. I am planning, though, to try to slim down my go-everywhere holdings, with the aim of fitting into a standard 7/8 binder. I'm looking forward to doing a couple of guest posts once my studies allow. Hope the photos help to inform. When I'm home again in 10 days, I'll do a comparison with a 7/8 binder, which may give you a better idea.

Paul B (2012-07-28 13:16:27)
http://www.flickr.com/photos/burjmax/7662898678/in/photostream

Clareio (2012-07-28 18:11:04)
I have a Nica bag (reviewed on my blog somewhere) with three compartments, a zip up one for my Filofax and purse, with a large magnetic popper close on each, one with bus pass, headphone and keys and the other with makeup and tissues in... Keeps my Filofax free from any mess and zipped up away from the rain!!

Anthony Hill (2012-07-28 18:22:16)
I'm not sure whether this question has been answered previously. Does anyone use a labelling machine to add titles to the tabs on their Filofaxes if so what machine has been the best.

Paul B (2012-07-29 09:52:44)
Anthony, I use a Brother, it was the cheapest in the store and it does fine. It was less than £20.

Steve Morton (2012-07-29 09:56:40)
I have a DymoLetra Tag, details at the end of this post:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/11/my-set-up-for-2012.html
I've used it quite a bit since we moved to France, not only for labelling dividers but also for labelling things like the fuse box in English leaving the original French there as well!

David Popely (2012-07-29 10:45:17)
hi Paul, that's 30mm according to Steve....that's the top ring size available.....I agree that among all the compacts, some people still want a big ring size for all their stuff.

David Popely (2012-07-29 10:51:56)
Hi Paul, that's a really handsome binder.....I don't think they're available in the UK now....maybe elsewhere in the world. I'll look forward vry much to your guest posts, as from the photos you have posted the interior looks as good as the exterior!

David Popely (2012-07-29 10:53:44)
I've got a ymo label maker and it's brilliant.....

Anthony Hill (2012-07-29 13:37:17)
Many thanks for all your replies Previously I've printed tiny labels by computer cut them to size and glued to the tabs. I'll certainly make a start with buying a labelling machine.

Anthony Hill (2012-07-29 16:28:47)
Hi David
I've had a man bag since 2006 I wasn't aware they were called "Man Bags" until recently I've always referred to mine as a shoulder bag. The first one was an Antler Tote bag it's now decidedly showing signs of wear. Two years ago I bought a Tumi shoulder bag it's smaller and great for carrying Filofaxes and other essential items

David Popely (2012-07-29 17:48:16)
Hi Anthony
I'm really pleased with the John Rocha bag I bought on Friday from Debenhams in Cardiff. I've used it for a couple of days now, and it holds all my stuff beautifully. Strictly a weekend and evening bag - as someone else said elsewhere, I don't want to confuse it with my work stuff.
I don't think it's going to tempt me back to A5 Filos though.....my Personal does everything just fine.....

Clareio (2012-07-30 09:06:24)
Paperchase is my favourite place, to the point that I now avoid it at all costs to stop myself buying EVERYTHING. I may need a trip on saturday though! pay day tomorrow after all...

Anthony Hill (2012-08-02 17:48:01)
Hi David
I bought a John Rocha messenger bag from Debenhams during their sale earlier this year. The only point that seems to me is that the main area of the gapes at the sides, other than that it's quite capacious.

David Popely (2012-08-03 03:03:23)
I'm pretty happy with it thus far. It's actually large enough to work as a substitute work bag at a pinch, although that's not what I intend for it, so extra flexibility there. Meanwhile, the whole A5/Personal issue is now back on the agenda as a result!

David Popely (2012-08-09 11:27:05)
Your advocacy of the man-bag was largely responsible.....thank you! Since I now have the A5 Kendal which matches it perfectly, I'm fully equipped. Just getting round to looking at your Filofax walk-through on your blog.....

Web Finds - 28 July 2012 (2012-07-28 00:00) - Steve Morton

An Olympic WebFinds today... after sitting until early this morning watching the opening ceremony from London on TV

1. [1]My version of a SMASHfax - My Once Upon the Moon
2. [2]OTF: Many True Filofaxes, and Call for Guest Posts - The Life of The Perpetual Student
3. [3]My Filofax Set-Up (Inaugural Blog Post!!) - Thoughts and Exploration
4. [4]My horse-themed Filofax! - Krista's Filo
5. [5]Pocket Refills Sale/Swap - The Wonderful Life of Alice
6. [6]Filofax Fortnight #2 - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
7. [7]Happy Families!! - Filo Obsessed

8. [8]Monster Rexel 420 Adjustable Punch - The Purple Pen of Doom
9. [9]fit pocket dodo pad into pocket filofax! wola - Simple notes to me
10. [10]waxing and waning - Filofax Fixation
11. [11]Welcome to Journalling School - My Life All in One Place
12. [12]my filofax week #14 - Paper Lovestory
13. [13]My lovely Filofax Songbird in Green - Lauren Loves
14. [14]How I'm using my Filofax Luxe - My so called organised life
15. [15]Journalling School Session 1: Recording Your Life - My Life All in One Place
16. [16]Sie haben Post - Filomaniac
17. [17]I may have found it... - Angel Jem's City Cottage
18. [18]Flying in my Filofax - Thoughts & Exploration
19. [19]Poll – Your Filo & a job interview – RESULTS! - Honey and Filofaxes
20. [20]I couldn't live without…my faithful filofax - Get Up and Go
21. [21]Handy Task Tabs: now for the Pocket - My Life All in One Place
22. [22]Putting the "F" Back in Filofax - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
23. [23]My Filofax Blog Planner - Another Goldfish
24. [24]Spontanes Filofax Meet-up in Amerang - Chaotic Perfectionist
25. [25]Filofax Paper Alternative - Within Dreams We Live
26. [26]Personal Zipped Holborn - It's My Life
27. [27]Tossing a Filofax Lunch Monkey - The Crazy Suburban Mom
28. [28]My Everyday Carry Bag - Love Those Words
29. [29]New Arrival!!! - LJ's Blog of Stuff
30. [30]filofax spot: supernatural - Paper Lovestory
31. [31]Retail Recommendations: City Organiser - The Life of The Perpetual Student
32. [32]Day 4 #Happiness - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
33. [33]Filofax Kendal - Imysworld
34. [34]Really!!! I Did That?!!! - LJ's Blog of Stuff
35. [35]Making Filofax Pages - Imysworld
36. [36]New ideas for new Tracyley - Rapunzel's World
37. [37]Birthday Planner pages - We really didn't need another Filofax blog
38. [38]Filofax Holborn Set Up! - Pride, It leaves You Hollow
39. [39]Arthur C. Clark: On Pen Loop Unpredictability - The Crazy Suburban Mom
40. [40]Thinning my Filofax & Avery Tabs - The Obsession - Imysworld

41. [41]Filofax Blog of the Week: Crazy Suburban Mom - My Life All in One Place
42. [42]An idea.... - My Once Upon The Moon.
43. [43]Another Mulberry - Paper Pens Ink
44. [44]Filofax Pennybridge on travels - Heather Holistics
45. [45]Filofax Sale-O-Rama - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
46. [46]Philofaxy Manchester (North West) Meet Up!!! - Filo Obsessed

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can't guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Don't forget to give your posts a title...

And here is this weeks Video Finds

IFRAME: [47]http://www.youtube.com/embed/8qLDmntb4aw?rel=0

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LJ (2012-07-28 02:21:45)
Ah, Saturday morning, Philofaxy web finds and not a child in the house - pure bliss :o) Thanks Steve :o)

Babs (2012-07-28 05:34:27)
Thanks Steve. Great selection, as always!

Steve Morton (2012-07-28 05:54:14)
Thank you, it's always nice to see a comment when I surface on a Saturday morning, it's reassuring to know that the post went out ok and I don't have a panic situation!

Cloudberry (2012-07-28 07:12:51)
Thanks Steve some really useful tips here today. I am currently downsizing from A5 to Personal and spent all day yesterday dithering over what to call each section, how many sections I needed, and what colour to make the tabs! The video clips above helped clarify my thoughts. Thank you Philofaxy!

Romina (2012-07-28 08:41:58)
I love web finds! Makes my Saturday mornings a blast :) thanks so much Steve!

Estelle (2012-07-28 09:42:45)

DEM (2012-07-28 10:37:33)
Thank you for including my inaugural post, Steve.

Angel Jem (2012-07-28 13:10:01)
Saturday wouldn't be Saturday without web finds. I read and reread them all week. Thanks!

DEM (2012-07-28 13:19:18)
And the FlyLady one too! Just saw it.

Paul B (2012-07-29 04:49:12)
Brilliant to see Sue Lawley's 1970s Filofax, and even better to know that she still uses it every day. I love looking at other people's Filofaxii, especially one that old, and from someone who I admire.

A Date For Your Filofax - 5 August 2012 (2012-07-29 00:00) - Steve Morton

New York

Sao Paulo

London

Paris

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 5 August** from 10am (US East Coast time), 4pm London time, 5 pm Paris time 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 5 August 2012**. If those that turn up for the Round Table are in agreement we might try Google+ so we can do a video hangout!

1. http://www.skype.com/
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Shabby Vintage Junk (2012-07-29 01:04:21)
Steve I'd love to join you all if possible....I'll try & work out what time it will be down here in Australia....!!
Cheers,
Tamarah :o)

JohnofJenkins (2012-07-29 03:40:01)
South Australian time is 12:30am - You can work out the time in Victoria from that.

Heather from Heather Holistics (2012-07-29 04:07:42)
Hoping to join you all this time - yippee

Shabby Vintage Junk (2012-07-29 04:11:30)
Ahhhhhh....THANKS so much....I've set it on my iPhone & am GOOD TO GO.... :o) !!!!!

Lord Dodo (2012-07-29 07:15:11)
I will be on a train to London for the Olympics but will be online and would love to join if I can keep the signal going! :)

Steph (2012-07-29 12:45:26)
I am pretty sure I will be dropping my oldest off at camp at that time. I would love to join in on the next one though. One of these days I will make it lol.

Yu (2012-07-30 13:50:22)
Woho! :D

Reader Under The Spotlight - Helen (2012-07-30 00:00) - Steve Morton

Today I would like to introduce you to Helen, I am sure you will enjoy reading about how Helen uses her very mixed collection of Filofax organisers.

[1] My name is Helen and I have long said that my epitaph will be "She died in an organised manner".
By day I am a lawyer, the irony being that my current job provides me with staff whose sole job is to organise my diary and present me with a list of appointments every day, a fact I see as a distinct downside of the job as it deprives me of the joy of planning!
By night and weekend I am an emerging textile artist and am a member of the Twelve by Twelve quilt art group. I live in the North West of England.

I love to plan travel, probably, even more than I love the actual travel and accordingly have a freakish knowledge of airline routings. Whenever I arrive at a European train station I want to get on a train to another country just because you can.
I design quilt kits for The African Fabric Shop ([2]www.africanfabricshop.co.uk) and am the author or co-author of six books. I love all things African. Nothing makes me much happier than sitting in a well appointed cafe with cake, tea, my iPad, a Filofax and a good novel.

I can be found all over the web... My blogs are at [3]downthewell.blogspot.com and [4]teaandtalk-fortwo.blogspot.com (which I write with fellow Philofaxy reader Diane Hock). My art websites are [5]www.twelveby12.org and [6]www.helenconwaydesign.com

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?
I know I bought a couple of organisers from Selfridges in around 1999 when I was doing a lot of travelling for work, the perk of which was some London shopping time.I would have said from recollection that I had a Personal Cherry Classic and a Personal Brown Cuban. However, recently I found one of them in a memory box and... Shock! ... It was not a Cuban, it was a knock off! So it is possible that my first genuine Filofax was an A5 Pink Classic I bought when I wanted a more creative colour for my art organiser.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?
The knock off was a Microfile and it has simply disintegrated. Horrible! I have tried to understand the allure of the Dodo pad but I am afraid it passes me by totally. So I am pretty loyal to Filofax now. *3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?*
My A5 Cherry Classic. It feels really solid and business like in my hands and the colour is neither garish nor boring.
4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?
Ah well that depends on the outcome of the Ebay Auction on going at the moment! As I write I have eleven. None of which I have paid full price for, I hasten to add! The hunt for a good price is part of the fun. And part of reassuring my husband I will not remortage the house behind his back to fund my passion. *
5. What do you use your Filofax for? Short question, long answer necessary I am afraid... (a) Personal Mushroom Aston : this is my every day planner. It has a monthly, weekly and daily diary. I have the Olympic inserts as my weekly diary and a personalised version of Ray and Steve's two pages to a day diary. I use finance sheets to note my spending on and have a few sheets of notes. To-dos go on the daily pages. This is carried with me. (b) A5 Cherry. This is my 'studio' journal and organises my textile art practice which I take quite seriously. Sections include time recording, project sheets for in progress works, calls for entry, ideas for Articles, income/ expenditure, year planners, personal leaning plans (where I sort out what I want to learn in terms of new skills) inspiration and evaluation of works completed. (c) A5 Pink. I have come to dislike the pepto - bismal colour of this and may sell it to someone who is a pink girl in due course to justify a new purchase. Brown and green is more me. I use this at work to make notes on new statutes and case law. Homemade dividers separate topics like Road Traffic Accidents and Domestic Violence from Child Law and Court of Protection. (d) A4 Black Classic. Very serious looking! This contains notepaper (I LOATHE the scratchy quality of the recycled paper we have to use at work so I buy my own!) ,proformas, referral sheets etc. it keeps my desk tidy. before I had it no matter how hard I tried paper would spread everywhere. (e) Saddle brown Cuban A5. Sketchbook. Not nice drawings but notes and inspirational clippings and scribbles that all relate to ongoing art projects. So dividers at the moment include diverse topics such as kuba cloth, transitions, Soweto riots and urban myths. A bound sketchbook never worked for me as I do not work sequentially and I hated never being able to find an idea from months ago that was now coming to fruition. (f) Mustard Finchley. This was a gift and is the perfect colour for my research notes on contemporary African art and artists. This has just two sections. The first is a series of reading lists because every book Or website I read seems to throw up twenty more names to research so I just list as I read and then follow up whenever I have time. Then there is an A to Z set of dividers containing notes on individual artists and exhibitions. (g) Olympic lineburst personal

blue. I bought this for the inserts but actually it has proved wonderful for a health filo and setting this up has been key to me maintaining a good exercise habit which I never managed before. I use a week with notes diary and use stickers to show that I did exercise that day (red for cardio, blue for strength, green for yoga) and note where I did it. The notes pages I use as a journal. i have sections for health info, workout suggestions, goals and records of achievements, planned treats when my stickers show I met a goal (yes, the Supernanny system works for adults too!) and yoga classes online to try. Because it is cheap, both in price (£7 from staples) and in construction I don't mind it being in my gym bag with sweaty clothes on the way home! my dividers have pictures of athletes who inspire me with space to add some from London 2012. (h) A5 Jade Finchley - due to a rejig this is awaiting new dividers. It is now a combo life planning filo with monthly tabs for goals and a review journal and a home filo with sections for recipes to try, planning the garden redesign and the conversion of a garage to a dyeing studio, joint finances etc. (i) A5 Chocolate Classic - this is the one I am also still setting up. It is to accompany my very full cherry classic and will be what I am calling my Prepared for Success Filo. As my at personal develops and as the exhibiting group I have newly helped form also develops i know I will need to know more about marketing, exhibitions spaces, social media, photography etc. if the cherry is about my work now, this is to be where I note what I learn in preparation for the future so I am ready when opportunities come. (j) A5 Cuban chilli - using so many A5's works for me but it does mean that sometimes I head for a cafe with an African basket full to the brim with filos and my ipad. That's OK but less practical when I might get odd moments here and there at work. I have just started to use this as the centre of a hub and spoke system. Or a transit A5 if you like. All it has is sheets of all the type soft paper I use in my various A5's and a next step sheets on which I have listed a few things I need to do from each of the other A5s. So right now I am in a cafe with that and ipad and when this is done I see I plan to check out the price of garden sheds, the Dak'art festival in Senegal and to read an art business kindle sample. I make whatever notes I need to and every now and again transfer them to the appropriate A5. (k) Personal Aston Orchid. Don't laugh but I bought this because it matches my bedroom decor and looks great on my dresser next to the bed and a real orchid plant. It is a little underused as a gratitude journal and repository of 'i'll do that one day' dream plans. But it looks great sitting there all elegant!

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

The flexibility to move pages around as things change. And the tactilty. I am wedded to my iPad but I like the feel of writing notes on ipad content on paper. Its a good practice too. Otherwise I surf and the information washes by me and links get lost. Making notes keeps it in my working memory and ensures I use and retain what I read.

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

An electronic chip linkable to an iPad app so that I can send the Filo a signal and the iPad will tell me which room of the house I left the Filo in.

8. How do you carry your Filofax? Most days I have a leather tote bag and the aston and the transit one go in there with a bound journal and large amounts of other random rubbish. I have a parking space at my work building so lugging it is not an issue. Sometimes when I want to review the content of all my A5s (say on my monthly reflection morning when I review my life goals) I put them all in a woven African basket from Ghana and take them all for a day out.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it? No I am not. No.No.No.No.NO. Maybe:)

I have all the classic colours so there is no temptation there , but I love the colour of the Cuban chestnut.. I meant to buy that on ebay but the vendor messed up and sent the saddle brown instead. I did a deal for such a big compensatory discount off what was already a hugely reduced price that it was worth keeping it but I still eye the chestnut. The Pennybridge looks intriguing for travel. And I am wondering if I ought to try one of these Maldens people rave over. Maybe some floppiness in my life would be a good thing?! *

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model? £75 for the pink A5 classic. The one I love least and have least used!

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most? The Community. The ability to join in and belong. I confess that I stumbled on Philofaxy when surfing on an entirely different topic and took it to

my husband to show him ," this crazy woman who has 28 Filofaxes". I am now educated and know that either (a) you are not crazy at all and I wholly apologise or (b) you are crazy as a coot but I am right there with you and cannot throw any stones

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy? No one ever puts on adspot the discontinued model I really want to buy. I am not telling you which it is because that will only encourage you to hike the price if you do sell one!

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded? Lupercalia by Patrick Wolf. I am glad that was my last one otherwise I would have had to confess to the one before that which was Better Day by Dolly Parton. *Helen*

* Darn it. I need to work on my willpower. Correction. I own Twelve. My bid at 45 seconds to go for an A5 ochre malden was successful. Sorry if you were the other bidder! I'll let you know how I get on with it. *Thank you Helen, I think that must be a first, in the length of time it took to conduct your interview your ownership of Filofax organisers increased... must have been those enabling vibes travelling down the wires...*

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Helen Conway (2012-07-30 01:58:57)
I see some typos crept in... Ruztopean??!! European. Must have been the excitement of the ebay auction! Plus I have half sad news. The Classic cherry developed creasing on the spine and after encouragement here it has gone back to Filofax and I am awaiting their response. But it is only half sad as the studio journal transferred to the A5 Ochre Malden... Oh what gorgeousness, what wonder of 30mm rings....
Oh and I bought an A5 Osterley in Plum from Adspot. Could not resist the price and that is a wonder of elegance too.

Shabby Vintage Junk (2012-07-30 02:27:39)
What a FABULOUS post....LOVE your sense of humour Helen....I'm off to save you to my reading list....**smile**....!!
Cheers,
Tamarah :o)

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 02:28:34)
Thank you very much Tamara!

Paul B (2012-07-30 02:46:09)
Helen, thanks very much for a great post. I was dizzy by the end, from the sheer number of Filofaxii. How on earth do you keep them all going and not get confused? You sound like a very busy woman packing a lot into life, it was a great read. I did wonder what Ruztopean was. It sounds like a great nationality to be! Thanks for the glimpse into your extensive collection of Filofaxii. Can we look forward to a guest post of how you set them up? I know that may be longer than the works of Shakespeare but you know we can take it :)

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 02:53:01)
Yes I can do a series of how I set things up...maybe by video even in the near future if Steve is prepared to host it as a guest post. Although setting up is of course a constant process... Is that not the fun of it?! A lot of my other projects are on hold pending the olympics (I am going for gold in the couch event and if I have success I may double entry in the armchair) so I have time to perfect my set ups before revealing to the world and heading back into all my projects!

Steve Morton (2012-07-30 02:56:39)
Corrected, although it took me a while to find it!! And oddly it wasn't highlighted as a spelling mistake!
Looks like we have a great name for our new country where the ownership of Filofax organisers is not only acceptable and not made fun of but it would be compulsory!
I too have just moved in to an A5 Ochre Malden, from a grey one... very different, must nicer I think and it matches my Compact Zip Malden!! Any excuse...

Paul B (2012-07-30 03:00:35)
Steve, how did you justify the purchase on grounds of colour alone? ;)

Steve Morton (2012-07-30 03:18:56)
Well firstly I didn't pay full price for it, which would be a hard pill to swallow. Although the organiser looks like it has hardly been used, flat pen loops was a bit of a clue there. And I bought it from a seller on AdSpot.
I'm not attempting to justify a purchase on colour alone but in the scheme of things some people in UK will spend more than I paid on the Malden on a meal in a restaurant.... the Malden will give me a lot more long term use than the memories of a single meal will.
But apart from the colour difference the leather is also more supple. I'm a bit of a fan of the Malden as my [1]Flickr photos will prove!

1. `http://www.flickr.com/photos/temps-perdu/sets/72157630801307252/`

Paul B (2012-07-30 04:21:33)
A spirited defence!

Babs (2012-07-30 04:32:23)
Great interview Helen. I'm off to sneak a peek at your websites now (in lieu of working!!)

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 04:45:33)
Paul... why must it be justified? As Queen of Ruztopenia I declare the requiring of justification for filofax owning an imprisonable offence (the filofax being the national emblem and featured on the coat of arms with crossed Frixons).

Steve Morton (2012-07-30 04:50:12)
It's like all of those 'Why do you need another (insert item of your choice here) type questions, normal logic does not apply...
If you have ever learnt about Boolean Algebra and its use in electronic logic circuits... 7400 series IC's etc... the one gate arrangement or rule you will not find is the **'If Not Why Not' gate**. Although many a student has been challenged to design such a gate arrangement, by the wicked older tutor, who wanted a quiet half hour on a Monday morning, until they realised they had been had....and how would I know about such tricks ;-)
Steve

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 04:58:25)
I didnt understand a word of that but if it is geek speak for 'you can have what you want if it makes you happy and you can afford it after paying all your bills ' I totally agree!

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 05:00:50)
This comment has been removed by the author.

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-30 05:03:57)
Oh Helen, oh Helen! My new best friend, you had me at "She died in an organised manner".
Such a fantastic post and I must beg of you to update everything and anything as soon as the Osterley arrives?!? I´ll be getting A5 in brown but it´ll take months for me to get it on my hands since my supplier called to Filofax and they told that all colours are finito at the factory. The reason why I'm so chuffed is because my Balmoral has been the lifeline for about two decades now and I am so eager to give B new life as a home organizer and O as a diary that takes me through the days. Excuse my verbal dumping here but when it comes to these darlings,

there´s no restraining myself.
Very inspirational post!

JasJan (2012-07-30 05:10:52)
Lovely Post. Steve and Helen - I am very pleased my A5's have found good homes. I am determined to stick to one personal filo!! In saying that I love how each of yours have different uses...

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 06:21:38)
What? What? The Osterley's are finito at the factory? Noooooo! now I have to buy a grey and a brown wherever I can get my mitts on one because... well.... Ok no, (she says, suspecting that due to temporary star status her husband might for once be reading this blog) I don't HAVE to. Thats ridiculous. I just want to. Which is not ridiculous at all:)

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 06:32:39)
Well, I am delighted to have a new best friend! I am happy to update and share the Osterley (amd all other) set up in due course.. but I am debating.. do I have enough material for a new blog? Do people have time to read another filofax blog.. should it be wider.. about personal organisation and goal setting in general... do I really have time/ material....hmm....

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-30 06:47:10)
THEY ARE MAKING NEW ONES PROBABLY AS WE TYPE! They are not finished for good, just a temporary bump on the road. I´ll get my shipment (I ordered through a department store)in 3-4 months, as soon as they send my beauty from England.
Wanting anything is a good enough reason to get it as well. See, I have this fabulous philosophy that what I want, I should get it. And so should anybody! (as long as we are morally correct in ways that won´t cause any other or others unwanted consequences).
When it comes to the blog thing, I already have both of yours on my bookmarks so be sure to inform if you should make another blog for FF only.
I probably " replied " in completely inadequate spot but oh well. See who cares.

WeirdRockStar (2012-07-30 06:56:46)
Oh, and when I discussed of the evaporation of Osterleys, it was during week 29 and that´s when they FF called to the dept store that all colours were finished at the time. But that they were making more all of the colours (I had also left the word to the dept stationary that if they didn´t manage to get A5 in brown, I´d be all peachy for a plum as well but FF assured that all of the colors are being remade) and having a history in fashions and interiors- I already know that the first shipments are always provided to close- by retailers and shipments abroad are sent only after a certain amount, bulk is fulfilled and if I were to close this monstrosity of a sentence, I´d be willing to claim that you will be able to get an Osterley on your hot little hands way faster than I can even dream of one (well, I already have dreamed of it and it was beautiful!)and I so want to pre- see everything Osterley A5 before my new lurve waltzes home (Or is driven home, all + 6 hours of driving. This is Dedication.)
A moment of exhale now. So she said to herself.

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 07:11:26)
Wow! That sentence would FILL an a5 Osterley! Thank you for removing my panic buying mode!

Joey Quinton (2012-07-30 08:00:34)
Most lovely post. Thank you for sharing a glimpse into your interesting life, Helen.

aprilquilts (2012-07-30 08:34:16)
Loved your post, and would love to read a filofax blog should you write one. I am dazzled by your quilting, and happy to find the 12 x 12 info. It looks like you all are having a great time within the small size parameters. I love it!

Butanben (2012-07-30 08:39:45)
Helen, your guest post is just awesome! I really admire the fact that you do so much and combine work as a lawyer with such a wonderful and absorbing hobby. Wow!! I've secretly always wanted to try quilting, but have never taken that leap. Now I think you may have inspired me to start a new hobby there. Thank you... I'll certainly be looking up your sites you have listed. What an inspiration you are!

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 09:13:12)
Oh I do so hope you will give it a go. Let me know by email if you need any advice in starting up. But be aware, it is as addictive as filofax buying!

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 09:16:38)
Yes, the Twelve by Twelve project has been amazing. We started out just playing together and now we frequently told we are 'famous' which is rather humbling!
Steve has now agreed to host some more guest posts for me so I will be here rather than on a new blog for the foreseeable future ... got to keep focussed on those quilts for now!

Angel Jem (2012-07-30 12:54:24)
Apart from hoping you buy mince pies to distress a la 'I don't know how she does it' I loved your guest post. Love 'She died well organised' and the rutzopean train station. And seriously I AM NOT BUYING ANYMORE FILOFAX AT THE MOMENT but when I do I will read this post to remind me how to juggle them.

Anita (2012-07-30 13:12:47)
Thanks for a great post, Helen :)
I think it's a great mix of your work in both law & art. I loved hearing about your uses for your filos & how you manage them all.

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 13:14:34)
Don't hate me but, I do actually bake my own mince pies! they end up looking pretty distressed though!

Yu (2012-07-30 14:08:35)
I really enjoyed your post! You've alleviated one of my nore recent fears (how and if I will be able to combine my future job as a lawyer with my current job as a 3D-artist/concept artist... and law student). I've thought of freelancing during the weekends/evenings but didn't know if it was actually doable.
I also like the different functions you have for your filofaxes! :)

Scoot (2012-07-30 15:23:02)
Is your staff's list of appointments on paper, even a Filofax insert, or on computer software?
Do you spend much time in Court? If so, do you then tend toward a smartphone outside and just try to remember appointments inside?
I'm an accountant but I often spend a great deal of time in Court, but I have to admit to preferring having a fax with me at all times....thought the phone does get switched on and off umpteen times per day (outside the Court room). What do other Lawyer's think of you using a fax? Do your staff like the fax?

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 15:48:53)
I spend all day every day in court and no where else! The list of court hearings I get I get is on paper (nasty recylced paper sadly) and I punch it and place in my A4 usually. So I have no need for a smart phone as well. I have infront or to the side of me at all times A4 filo for notes and A5 fax with reference material, a work laptop for emails but also my personal ipad is close by and my smartphone on silent except when the battery runs down and I don't notice because I never look at the thing now I have an ipad! No one has ever commented on my filos sadly! But I do see other people useing them and have to restrain myself from identifying them as a raspberry chameleon or whatever!

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 15:49:40)
Oh and my personal aston in my bag too!

Helen Conway (2012-07-30 15:54:00)
Totally combinable. You just need committement and organisation. Set your priorities (which can change as time goes by) and determine how much of your life you are going to dedicate to which careers at any given time. But remember you need free time too! And dont fuss about what people will think of you in the law if you have another sideline. It juts makes you a more rounded individual and interesting. I have had colleagues who are a stage singer, a budding TV curry chef and a novelist all of whom have successful legal careers too. and if you can rely on the artistic freelance to offset the law school fees all the better. I used to write for legal mags even as a trainee for a bit of extra cash.

Butanben (2012-07-30 16:39:51)
Thank you Helen, that is just so very kind of you. It certainly looks like a great hobby! I love the quilt on your knee in the photograph,it reminds me of Klimnt (not sure if I've got that right!) the artist who used a lot of golden colour.I just adore anything in autumnal shades. One day when I can afford it, I want to see Boston and New England in the fall and some of the American quilts. My friend works at the American Museum in Bath and their American quilts are well worth a visit to see.... as well as Bath itself of course!!Of course if I do make that trip to Boston, a travel Filofax would go along with me!!

Butanben (2012-07-30 16:43:08)
Promise we'll only get really distressed ourselves if you make your own mincemeat too, a la Delia!!

Alison Reeves (2012-07-30 18:10:52)
Helen - you need to do this. I'd love to read all about your take on personal grains action and goal setting.

Alison Reeves (2012-07-30 18:15:23)
I've just taken up quilting (off to read Helen's links!) and I highly recommend it. I've not completed my first one yet and I'm already planning my second and third!

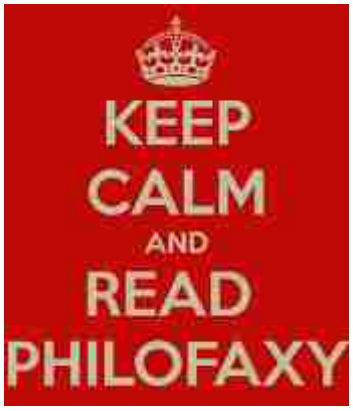
Josh (2012-07-30 23:16:00)
This was one of the most enjoyable post on Philofaxy in some time. Thanks, Helen, for guiding us through your collection with such wit! I see quite a few lawyers here in the States toting various paper planners, despite the saturation of Outlook and, more recently, iPads. Wonderful post!

Helen Conway (2012-07-31 01:55:38)
Wow! Quite some compliment. I enjoy the act of writing very much and never turn down attention so look out for some guest posts. Ipads are becoming very common in court here too and are great for emailing draft orders and showing photos of a place in question on google earth but I am afraid we still generate files and files of paper!

Alison (2012-07-31 12:46:33)
Great post Helen, i'm glad it's not just me juggling filofaxs, there's never any chance of one true filofax :)

janet (2012-08-02 14:43:33)
Wanted to say how I loved your post. How you keep all those filos put to good use is very inspiring. I have to walk everywhere for my job so even one A5 kills me after half an hour. I have about seven though and I love them all! Today actually I separated job organizer from health organizer after reading your post!

Free For All Tuesday No. 78 (2012-07-31 00:00) - Steve Morton



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Tuesday's are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away... and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-bJDrXVhsvXI/T-3uAaeb2dI/AAAAAAAAL9Q/I7Nbi2OZwrU/s1600/keepcalm1.png

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Helen Conway (2012-07-31 02:10:00)
Does anyone else have a filofax dedicated to a creative activity/hobby/pastime/ interest etc? If so, what do you do and what is in your filofax?

Silver_Elixir (2012-07-31 02:38:10)
I haven't got one set up as yet, but I have a few ideas. I have a lot of quotes n posts from Facebook saved to my phone. I would like to print them out and collect them in a book. A Filofax would be great as I could file them in different ways. I have thought of keeping all my special cards in a Filofax - the ones received at birthdays etc. my Mum suggested that I keep a record of my Filofaxing. To keep note of different tabs, pages layout designs, refill lists etc. I'm sure the scope of using Filofaxes for hobbies is endless!

Sharon (2012-07-31 03:11:29)
Helen, I have quite a few Craft-o-fax's where I store patterns etc for all my different crafts, and then I have one solely for current WIP's!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-31 03:50:00)
When I finish my MA I will have plenty of time off, so I am going to re-start my hobbies like knitting, cross-stitching and maybe a bit of painting, so I might set up a Filofax for them, perhaps my A5 purple Malden or A5 red Amazona! Also, I want to start creative writing again, which will be another filo!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-31 03:56:50)
I wanted to ask people who use GTD, whethet in a filofax or not, do you always put every to-do, idea, note etc in the imbox first and process them later, even if it would take the same amount or less time putting them in the relevant section or list? I know the inbox is important for GTD, but listing everything here just seems a bit silly to me when it would be quicker to write them into lists immediately! I think this is what caused me to fail in my GTD attempt!

industrious housewife (2012-07-31 04:04:21)
My Personal Malden is too stuffed. I don't really need to refer to postal addresses regularly so been considering getting another filo as a dedicated address book.
Does anyone use a filo as just an address book?
What model?
If you were going to get one which model would you choose?

industrious housewife (2012-07-31 04:05:15)
I'm very inspired by the crafty filos I've seen posts on, but haven't made a move to set one up yet.

Steve Morton (2012-07-31 04:07:27)
How about a slimline or compact as an address book? My late mother in law used an old small ring Filofax as an address book.
Before you buy anything though... check out our Ad Spot page.
Steve

Horsellian (2012-07-31 04:26:28)
No, not everything goes through my inbox.
When I think of something, if it's short and can be done now, I just do it. Otherwise, if it is an action that clearly belongs on a list e.g. "Phone to book dentist appointment" then I just put it on the list. If it's just a vague idea, or doesn't have an obvious next action then it goes in the inbox.
AFAICS, the importance of the inbox is to have somewhere to put things you aren't able to deal with immediately, or can't easily see a next action for, so that nothing gets lost and everything is 'collected'.

Butanben (2012-07-31 05:06:59)
I use a slimline personal Amazona for my address book and just a few sheets for this month's shopping spends. A very handy size for this.

Butanben (2012-07-31 05:16:28)
PS- I think a personal slimline Adelphi would be even more gorgeous for the job, as it has a beautiful quilted pattern and a lovely little outside pocket perfect for stamps and quotation cards to pop in the post.

DanishGTD (2012-07-31 05:25:13)
I just started watching Newsroom - the new awesome HBO-show written by Mr. West Wing Aaron Sorkin - online (I live in Norway, so I´m not able to watch it live).
I noticed Mackenzie MacHale (Emily Mortimers character) uses what seems to be a A4-FF in her role as Executive Producer.
Got me thinking... What else sort of appearances of FFs do you guys know of?
Of course "Taking care of business" (1990), but what else...
Best regards,
Thomas

Paul B (2012-07-31 05:41:05)
Thanks for the clarification, Horsellian. I've also struggled with GTD in my FIlofax. Both the inbox and the Next Actions page. Couldn't really get to grips with how to use the Next Actions page, especially from a project with about 10 actions. I just couldn't get it to work for me. Maybe I need a slower trial but work doesn't allow that at the moment. I did take the INBOX concept, though, and keep the tab at the front of my Filofax. I have found that useful, as you say, for things that don't immediately have a place. Just haven't been too diligent about movig tasks from inbox to other locatins. Maybe that's what I'm doing wrong.

SSA (2012-07-31 07:25:16)
I have also been considering setting up an address book (as a back up to my addresses etc stored on my computer). I have an unused personal Urban and enough address sheets to get started. It would certainly become something that could be used for many years, if it were solely an address book (lots of growing room). I do have a question and this is coming from someone who has never had a paper address book before. Ok, so if I know only an email address of a person should I give them a place under their letter tab? should I ask them for the rest of their details? Or just write people that I know the full details to? Also, businesses i feel like i may or may not ever use them again but if i bought something from them and liked it or there range or services etc i should keep the info. i feel like its quite overwhelming to set up on paper as it gets messy when

people move around and i dont know if i should include every person and business i know of. maybe im overthinking?

Delmajesty (2012-07-31 08:09:27)
I am a CASA volunteer so I have a Filo dedicated to the case I am working on as well as a separate Filo for the prison ministry that I am involved in. I have tons of craft hobbies in the works and those remain in my every day planner. The other two are separated because of confidentiality. There are times when I send my kids to look up something for me in my every day planner and they don't need to mistakenly read something that they shouldn't. :-)

Silver_Elixir (2012-07-31 08:18:37)
My suggestions would be to use your A-Z for people u know with numbers addresses n even birthdates. For ppl with just email contacts I would keep perhaps a lined or blank page with the email address on it, filed behind their letter, keeping this page only for email details if that is all you have. If you get more details, then move them onto an address page. You could do this behind each tab. The same kind of thing for people/businesses u have infor for, but don't want to let go of just yet. Then at a later date, if going thru ur address book, you haven't used their details, u can remove it without a lot of drama. Hope this makes sense!

Silver_Elixir (2012-07-31 08:20:01)
My suggestions would be to use your A-Z for people u know with numbers addresses n even birthdates. For ppl with just email contacts I would keep perhaps a lined or blank page with the email address on it, filed behind their letter, keeping this page only for email details if that is all you have. If you get more details, then move them onto an address page. You could do this behind each tab. The same kind of thing for people/businesses u have infor for, but don't want to let go of just yet. Then at a later date, if going thru ur address book, you haven't used their details, u can remove it without a lot of drama. Hope this makes sense!

Andrea M. (2012-07-31 09:05:07)
Has anyone thought of starting a Philofaxy youtube channel? I don't use Youtube a lot so I don't even know if it's possible, but I know I love watching everyone's videos in the Web Finds.

Helen Conway (2012-07-31 09:24:15)
Philofaxy and Filofax Returns department combined rock. As a result of Gail's comments here I sent my beloved A5 Cherry classic back to Filofax on Friday, pointing out the creasing on the spine. It was not as bad as Gail's was, but it was clearly going to get there. On Monday at 10am a voice message was left for me to ring them. I rang today (because I didnt check my phone yesterday!) and the woman who rang was not in but her colleague spoke to me. She had no idea who I was but as soon as I explained it was a creased cherry she said, "Oh, Ok. Do you want a replacement?" I asked if I could have a Malden instead and she ordered one for me there and then to be sent out today! So now I need to know... will I love the A5 Purple Malden as much as I loved the Cherry and I love the Ochre? And am I daft to be worrying that it was all too quick and she must have misheard and a personal apex will arrive in a day or two? The purple malden shows as sold out on the site but she said they had one... will it all end in tears?!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-31 09:34:04)
That's a really good idea!!

JasJan (2012-07-31 10:22:11)
Has anybody tried the address book software from filofax? Is it worth getting?

Paul B (2012-07-31 10:54:47)
I last used it about 2-3 years ago, when my Outlook address book was in a reasonable state (not the case anymore, alas). it does what its designed to, and for printing in Personal, I found that ok. I just thought it was quite limited for the price. I think if I had a decent printer, I'd be tempted to play with the fields in outlook, then print directly onto Personal paper. Like I say, if I had a printer that could do duplex, and could take personal paper. If you do, I think its worth trying that first. The other hassle I had was I didn't want everyone's address printed. I had to laboriously go through 1600 contacts and tag the ones for printing by Filofax. Of course, a month later, that list was slightly out of dat and I couldn't find an easy way of addressing that issue. But maybe there is and I wasn't

aware of it at the time. Hope that helps.

Amanda (2012-07-31 11:01:13)
Would anyone be able to offer an opinion on the Finchley A5 please? I'm at the end of waiting for a slimline A5 and I don't know if the ring size would suit. The Finchley seems a nice and concise option.

cheezwhiz (2012-07-31 11:05:23)
First time poster... I just ordered a Chameleon A5 in Aqua for $40.50 for Filofaxusa.com!! I really needed to share my excitement and no one else would understand.

Seamus Houghton (2012-07-31 11:22:31)
I tried setting up my Filofax to accommodate the GTD system (which I have just learned about) but found it far too complicated, detailed and, worst of all considering GTD is supposed to be a time-management system, time consuming!
I have now ditched the whole concept and returned to my old organiser system. The tabs I have in my A4 Filofax now are: Diary, To-Do List, Goals, Leads (the e-mails I receive from people who are interested in my business), and Miscellaneous. I use the notepad in the back of the binder as a Notes section.
Since changing back to this system I have found that I am getting far more done ("GFMD"?) and I don't have to spend as much time writing, re-writing, and rewriting again, everything like I seemed to do when trying the GTD system.
Because my Filofax is A4 it stays on my desk. I have a day job and I don't need my Filofax while I am there, but I run my business from my desk at home so I found the A4 size perfect because I print a lot of the e-mails I get and store them in my Leads section and write notes on them when I am speaking to the people who are applying to work with me.
If I need to make notes while I am out and about I just use the Notes app on my iPhone and then e-mail the notes to myself for printing later so I can cross them off as I do them.

Seamus Houghton (2012-07-31 11:25:56)
Seconded!

Cheryl (2012-07-31 11:30:06)
I mean to go there...I have 'stuff' meant for my Smash books but now rethinking that and looking to use a Filofax instead. Too bad I missed the great sale on A5 Ultra Violet Domino on US website last week!

Delmajesty (2012-07-31 11:32:18)
Congratulations! We definitely understand!

Cheryl (2012-07-31 11:47:18)
That is so funny—I did too just about 30 minutes ago. I went to the site hoping for an A5 Domino (other than black) and nothing available so I saw the Chameleon. Couldn't decide between brown and aqua because I have the Personal aqua but then realized I also had the brown A5 Finchley. Decisions, decisions. In the end I went with the Aqua, though wish I could have ordered both. What a buy!

Cheryl (2012-07-31 11:49:37)
Are the Domino's being discontinued or just new colors coming in the Fall? I sure missed out on the great offer last week on the US site for the A5 Ultra Violet though I see there are still some A5's around the web at slightly higher. I don't have a Domino and mean to grab one (for hobbie/craft book) before they go away forever. Or will they be around? Thanks!

Andrea M. (2012-07-31 11:55:24)
Filofax's US store has a 50 % off sale. Lots of models, including the Malden, are included!

Circus Life (2012-07-31 12:06:31)
Thanks! Just ordered a personal Malden for $49.50!

Andrea M. (2012-07-31 12:23:43)
You're welcome. Enjoy.

cheezwhiz (2012-07-31 12:30:57)
I'm really interested in how others use a satellite Filofax. I've done an search and read all the posts about it but I would love more information and ideas. I'm using a compact chameleon bu would really like to go down to a pocket so I can use some of my smaller handbags. I'm tryingto avoid duplicate calendars. I think that will only cause me anxiety about syncing or lack there of. Right now I'm using a W2P for an overview and DPP and adding a todo for the current day. Any suggestions or experiences will be greatly appreciated. Forgot to add I use 3 months of weekly and 2 weeks of daily. Thank you and looking forward to hearing from you! (I can spell and speak English quite well but my iPhone can't.)

cheezwhiz (2012-07-31 12:34:13)
I couldn't believe it when I saw the price! There was no way I could pass it up since Id been thinking about that exact one lately. Can't wait to get it!

Helen Conway (2012-07-31 12:34:21)
Philofaxy and Filofax Returns department combined rock! Purely because I was alerted to the possibilty by Gail's posts here, on Friday I posted back my A5 cherry classic as it had creasing issues on the spine and clasp. On Monday they left me a voice message which, having failed to check my phone I only got this afternoon. I got a different woman who had no idea who I was but immediatley on being told it was about a cherry classic asked me did I want a replacement. I loved that filofax but I dodnt want the same issue again and I alread hav ethe other classic colours, so I asked for a Purple Malden and she simply checked stock and said it would be out to me today. So now I am awaiting and a- wondering. Being only a recent convert to the Malden did I make the right choice? Will I like it as much as the Ochre? Did it all happen too fast and will she have misheard and send me a purple apex tomorrow?

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-07-31 12:55:44)
Hi there! I use a slimline Filofax as my 'carry-round' and keep everything else in a personal. I use a 'week on one page with notes' diary (6 months) and a 'day per page' diary (1 week) in my slimline at all times. Past and future inserts are kept in my personal at home. I'm planning on putting my address book contents onto personal paper and will also keep this in my personal at home.
I also have a compact and if I need more room in my slimline, I just move the inserts I need into my compact.
I find the pocket too small for all my reminders/to dos but the slimline isn't any bigger than the overall size of a pocket (which can get quite bulky) and the paper is bigger. Check out my blog for further info (click on LucyLastic). I've also got a post coming up soon about how I use my slimline as my 'One Life One Filofax' binder. Hope this helps x

Cheryl (2012-07-31 12:56:00)
I love my A5 Finchley. I find it adequate ring size but not big and bulky like some A5's. I don't have it overstuffed but it is full. I don't typically take it out of the house with me...its more for home organization so it sits on a desk. But when I do carry it around the house from my office to the kitchen or craft room or whatever, it is comfortable and not cumbersome. Not sure that's much help but I am a big fan of the Finchley and hope to find more A5's at a reasonable price. My personal Finchley has the same ring size at the personal chameleon but the chameleon is 'wider' and the finchley is trimmer, fits in my hand better and in my purse. I just ordered an A5 Chameleon and not sure what to expect in terms of size. I'm thinking the A5 Finchley seems like one of the 'smaller' A5's if you know what I mean. Its really not that large for an A5. I love it!

Amanda (2012-07-31 13:00:00)
Thanks Cheryl. You've convinced me (though I didn't
need much convincing really! lol)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-31 13:02:30)
Why is there such a lack of academic-year start diaries on the filofax website? I can't see any this year!!

Cheryl (2012-07-31 13:13:54)
What to do...what to do...a personal Malden or a personal Holborn. I want black and they have both. Please don't say buy both lol I just bought an A5 Chameleon this am and now will have double shipping costs. :(unless I order an insert to qualify for free shipping. Oh why why do they do this all once. I hate making decisions! I do love my pocket Malden to pieces but have been eyeing that Holborn too. Off to check out some of your opinions on both.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-07-31 13:16:19)
That's fantastic, and I love how they know instantly that the Classics are a problem but promptly offered a replacement! I did this last week with my A5 zipped Holborn, and asked for a personal purple Malden in exchange, which they said they should receive from their supplier early August- I hope mine arrives as early as they said yours would!!

Butanben (2012-07-31 13:19:00)
Not the same I know, but WH Smith have Filofax sized Academic Year inserts.xx

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-07-31 13:28:17)
I've been a Franklin Covey user for the past 25 years. I used the compact planner (pages are 4-1/4 x 6-3/4), two pages per day, for the last 20 years. The last couple of years I've been going back and forth between the compact and the classic (5-1/2 x 8-1/2 pages) two pages per day or homemade pages. I'm thinking about trying something completely different. I've been disappointed with the selection at Franklin Covey for a while now.
I've perused the Filofax website but I haven't quite figured out how the planner works. At Franklin Covey, you buy a binder and you buy inserts - all separate. But it looks like the Filofax binder comes with pages. What exactly is the "2012 calendar diary"? Does it come with monthly pages and weekly pages or what? I can't get any description of what that is.
Also, it looks like the A5 is a little bit smaller than Franklin Covey's classic. Is that right? I make misc. pages for my planner all the time and the classic is exactly half an 8-1/2x11 sheet. Is Filofax different?
Why do you choose Filofax over Daytimer or Franklin Covey? Is there anywhere on the site that explains how the planner works? Before I shell out the $, I'd like a better idea of what I'm getting.
What is the most popular format? I've been using two pages per day for a long time.
Help!

MishaMonet (2012-07-31 13:32:17)
Hi everyone! My name is Misha. I'm a new Philofaxy reader from California, USA!
I recently purchased a Personal Chameleon in Aqua and while I love it, I wish it was larger. I'm starting to carry it around in my purse, but for home use I've decided I need an A5. I ordered an A5 Finsbury in Yellow, and I've been considering getting the family pack for it. Does anyone have any experience with using the family pack as a true family organiser? Pros/cons? I also keep appointments in my iPhone but I like the idea of a paper organiser that my husband and I can "synch" to (especially since the Bump app took off the calendar bump functionality - argh!). Thanks!

Steve Morton (2012-07-31 13:42:28)
We have a Philofaxy You Tube account where I post videos that I make. http://www.youtube.com/user/philofaxy?feature=results _main
Or did I miss understand your question?
Regards
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-07-31 13:43:31)
Yes I'm using it, I keep my main address list on there and print it off about once or twice a year. I find it works very well.

Steve

KarynsPlanit (2012-07-31 13:44:15)
Moving from Franklin Covey to Filofax is easy, especially if you are already making a lot of your own pages! The compact Franklin is akin to the Filofax Personal size. Franklin compact pages fit into Filo Personal but are just a smidge wider. Franklin's classic is very close to the same size that Filo A5 is. I have heard that the only ting you need to do to Franklin pages is to re-punch them to fit into Filo A5. There is a LOT of terrific info on this website! If you look to the left of the page there is an area labeled..."LABELS". TONS of information for you to sift through and digest. I was a faithful Franklin Covey customer since 1992. In the past several years I have seen a decline towards what customers want over what will make Franklin more money. I'm all for commerce but they forget about the little people that got them to the top of the heap, and they'll find themselves at the bottom very quick! Filo service is EXCELLENT, and there are a number of American and English outlets that sell Filo at good discounts! Check out Pensandleather.com as well as Philofaxy's own "Adspot" up towards the top.
On the topic of planner pages, I think most people don't care for the Filo pages, whether due to layout or the paper quality. Daytimer and Dayrunner both make a daily and 2 page per day that fit into the Filo Personal size beautifully. If you do a little searching, the possibilities are endless!
You can tell as a recent convert I can go on about this forever, so as I wrap this up I want to wish you great happiness in your planning future, whether you stick with Frankie or branch out to Filo!

Andrea M. (2012-07-31 14:40:55)
I was thinking more of like a place where people could go to see everyone's videos. Sort of a Youtube TV channel of videos from everyone I guess. I'm not sure that's entirely possible on Youtube though.

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-07-31 14:47:28)
Thank you. Your comments were helpful.

Anthony Hill (2012-07-31 14:52:20)
Hi Steve
A short time ago you mentioned that there was a list of codes. The code number is printed on the inside of closer tabs on all Filos. I have three codes (so far) I am very curious as to their meaning would it be possible for you to explain/show as to what these codes refer.

Steve Morton (2012-07-31 14:56:24)
They are either quality control codes or batch numbers, they are not unique numbers, so you will find codes that are the same within the same batch of organisers.

Anthony Hill (2012-07-31 15:22:40)
Thanks for your reply Steve. Recently you mentioned you had a Dymo LetraTag LT 100H label machine. Are the tapes available in 3mm, 4mm, 5mm or 6mm widths. The descriptions only mentions 12mm width. My thanks in advance.

Steve Morton (2012-07-31 15:26:55)
The tapes are all 12 mm width, but you can alter the text sizing on the machine and trim the tape to the width you require, I'm not sure without digging the machine out what the smallest letter height it will do is. But it suits all of my labelling needs, my eyes would struggle a bit with 3mm letters I think!

cheezwhiz (2012-07-31 15:55:09)
Oh! I forgot about the slimline! I'll check them out. I struggle with the size of the pocket paper. It strains my eyes a bit. Thanks! I'll also check out your blog when I get a chance.

Angel Jem (2012-07-31 15:58:39)
I don't have an inbox for gtd but I use the next actions pages sorted by place or resource... Computer, home, errands and calls at the moment but I'll add a school page when I get back in September. One minute things

don't need writing, other quick items go straight to the relevant list. Big projects like holidays get their own page which acts as a sort of inbox and then get listed on my next action lists.

John C (2012-07-31 16:00:00)
With GTD - IMHO - it is important not to get bogged down with task management. Yes - you need your lists. Yes - you need a good inbox, but they are just "boxes" for keeping "stuff" you can't get to right now. Your next action lists (except waiting for) are things you have processed - so you know what the next action is - you just can't (or don't want to) do it now. Your inbox is stuff you haven't processed - so you need to process it - but you don't have time right now. However, if you have the time/energy/etc. to do something now, it neither needs to go into your inbox nor onto one of your lists. If everything went through the inbox, then onto a list, you would never have time to do anything but manage your lists.

Angel Jem (2012-07-31 16:01:00)
27 dresses.....
And there is something like a filofax in this month's Red magazine.

Tim (2012-07-31 16:03:00)
Extra small on my Dymo LetraTag is 2mm

Yu (2012-07-31 16:07:55)
:(I bought new cotton-cream inserts. But these don't take highlighter very well and bleed through ridiculously easy. Does anyone know of less "aggressive" highlighters? I seem to remember something about japanese soft pastel highlighters? Does anyone know what brand that is? (no, it's not Muji!)
I think I read about them on a blog of a girl who had a personal size pink Tuscan filofax. She either took chinese (maybe it was japanese?) language classes or is chinese/japanese, if that helps. >.< I hope someone else read that blog, because I can't find it!
Really love the layout of the cotton cream Wo2P, but if I can't find good highlighters I will have to sell the yet unused 2013 diary and go back to the standard Swedish diary insert (which in comparison seem completely, in lack of better word, infallible if you ignore the design).

Tim (2012-07-31 16:11:19)
Hi TPS - They are still doing a few - but showing as "Out of Stock". They completely dropped the Flex academic year diaries - after only being launched last year!

Valerie (2012-07-31 16:12:49)
Just wanted to give a special shout out to City Organiser....I entered a contest to win a discontinued Grafitti Success Organizer a few weeks ago. I had totally forgotten about it...until I arrived home last evening after work and there was a package from City Organiser. My family asked what I had ordered from the UK (we live in CA in the US) and I replied nothing..opened the package and there was this cute little organizer and a congratulatory note! My 15 year old granddaughter said it was so cute and I replied by handing it to her, she just lit up...I can see another Filofax enthusiast in the making!

J (2012-07-31 16:17:21)
I honestly mix the two. I love my Filofax binder, but prefer the set up of the Franklin Covey Monticello pages. Because the Malden Filofax is a bit wider and more flexible, I can fit the pages without a problem- although I know this drives some people (ahem Kanalt) crazy! Basically, you'll have to see what ends up working for you.
If you click on the description of most binders, they will say what type of calendar they come with although it is typically a week on two pages without notes. If you want anything different, you'll have to buy the inserts separately- something we all gripe about!
Good luck!

Anthony Hill (2012-07-31 16:25:42)
Many thanks Tim. I have at the moment labels with 3mm lettering in Times New Roman (12pt on the PC). I've printed some titles and it's such a laborious task trimming all to size. Seems like the LetraTag is just what I'm looking for. Thanks once again.

Peter Gillespie (2012-07-31 17:30:08)
First Comment from a newbie - I found this site by accident and I love it already. Already adjusting an a4 enchanced TM week to a page.
However I have an issue - I am trying to create a midyear diary and don't have (or at least I don't see the source files for 2012?!
Any help appreciated.
Pete

Steve Morton (2012-07-31 17:32:28)
Hi Pete
Welcome to Philofaxy.
The source files are the same for each year, you just change the date in the first cell in the Excel file and the rest should automatically change, if they don't you just copy and paste them down the column.
If you get stuck just drop us a message.
Regards
Steve

Gail (2012-07-31 17:34:27)
Oh Helen how strange, I sent my Brown Classic back and told the lady that I didn't want another in case the same thing happened and I opted for the Purple Malden too....Had to get it in A5 because there was no personals, but that was fine by me. I only had to put £12 because their was a discount on at the time too. I adore the Purple Malden, it is as beautiful as my Ochre. By the way, they told me it would be out the same day, but it was about 4-5 days later.

Peter Gillespie (2012-07-31 17:58:40)
amazing - its worked and its looking brilliant, now just customizing it for work.

Cloudberry (2012-07-31 18:03:17)
I have an 'inbox' at the front of my FF to capture stray thoughts before I forget them, but I have inserted a 'category' column – I find it makes it easier to bulk-transfer to the relevant project page. Quick things get done immediately without writing it down.
At the back of my FF I have a project section with a page for each project. Here I write tasks and actions that emerge from brainstorming, meetings or phone calls. My project section is my go-to section.
Final step is when actions get transferred from the project section to my weekly task list and fitted in around meetings on my agenda. It's not strictly GTD, but it works for me!

Steve Morton (2012-07-31 18:05:54)
Good to hear, share us a picture of your finished insert. I'm always interested to see how people have changed one of my creations!
Yes you can start the 12 months at any point in the year...Easter, Bonfire night any day you care to choose!
Steve

DEM (2012-07-31 18:15:31)
Congrats, cheezwhiz! It's nice to have others understand the excitement. I'm right there with ya'

DEM (2012-07-31 18:18:08)
I was just about to say you should buy both! I have both and they are wonderful. I looked at the Holborn in brown but it looked much richer in black (at least to me it did). It's a great binder. I was using the black Holborn

until I got my ”One True Filofax”.
So, what did you decide to do?

Cheryl (2012-07-31 18:27:25)
Go to Diary Inserts category at the top and there are tons of inserts you can download and print that have been developed by 2 talented and generous folks from the Philofaxy community. Also read through the Files and Faq sections for some great info.
I'm also a 25 years Franklin customer. I do like their 2 page per day layout the best out of any others. I've used Day-timer and Day-runner inserts before in my Franklin but found their pages too thin. While I wouldn't consider Franklin paper 'fine stationary' I did find it smooth to write on on and rarely any bleed. I am now using Filofax binders and the Filofax inserts which are so-so. Just using the week on 2 pages for the time being as that seems to be enough for now.
Yes you are right about the Filo binders all coming with the inserts. That's one thing I found annoying having switched to Filofax. I rather like picking my favorite binder then combining it with whatever inserts vs paying for the binder and getting duplicate inserts every time I get a new binder. I've learned to deal. The one thing I can't get around is having to punch new holes for the A5 binder should I choose to use Franklin or other inserts. All those extra holes bug me and I haven't invested in the proper hole punch to do that anyway so for now just using the Filofax inserts in my A5's.
I agree about the Franklin offerings. The binders are just not what they used to be and the choices are so limited now. They closed my local store(s) and they seem to have gotten more into office supplies than planners. Guess they feel technology took a bite out of their business. At one time you couldn't go to a biz meeting at one of the Big 3 autos without everyone whipping out their Franklins (usually Classic size!)

Cheryl (2012-07-31 18:34:59)
I probably have to consult my printer manual, but I've been wondering for awhile how people print the inserts out back to back and get them to line up. I probably sound like a dolt asking this but I don't do alot of back to back printing of 'forms' and when I tried it recently they were not in perfect alignment. Yes this is a pretty basic printing question, I know, but if you have a suggestion it would be greatly appreciated! Hope this makes sense: the back side of the diary page was maybe a half inch or less too far to the right or left. I didn't try it with the A5 but with the personal.

indigogarden (2012-07-31 18:38:21)
My filofax is a writing journal. It is where I track my writing blog posts, keep outlines and character sketches of the novel I'm currently writing and I use it for note taking at writing seminars.

Steve Morton (2012-07-31 18:40:32)
You are using A4 paper not US Letter? And your PC/Mac is set to A4 not US Letter?
Steve

Charlotte Hartwell (2012-07-31 19:38:53)
Hello! Can anyone tell me anything about this Filofax? I've never seen it before...
http://imgc.classistatic.com/cps/blnc/120721/116r1/28479gd _20.jpeg
Thanks!

Yu (2012-07-31 21:02:13)
Yeah, that was annoying! >=(had planned to make a hax for my A5 because of the better paper quality.

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-07-31 21:13:12)
That is SO true! We have a store nearby but there's just next to nothing to choose from. They used to have a bunch of different binders and inserts but now there are only a few. I've been trying to buy a new binder for several years but I can't find one I like. For a while they had lowered the pen loop and eliminated a pen loop and the pen stuck out the bottom because the loop was so low! I see they've fixed that problem finally.
But they have definitely changed. I'm not in love with the FIlofax inserts but it might be worth switching just to

get some of those beautiful binders.
I definitely wouldn't like punching more holes, though. That kind of thing would really bother me, too. I'd have to buy a punch and make my own before I did that.

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-07-31 21:15:09)
Do the monthly pages have tabs on them?

T-na (2012-07-31 21:20:03)
Dry highlighters or "Bible highlighters" won't bleed through. You can get the thicker (and more expensive) ones from Levenger.com (http://www.levenger.com/Pens—Refills-8/Inks—Refills-221/True- Writer-Highlighter-5404.aspx) or use the Pentel Arts 8 Color Pencil (http://www.amazon.com/Pentel-Colour-Automatic-Assorted-PH158BP/dp /B003MOLHT4/ref=sr _1 _1?s=office-products &ie=UTF8 &qid=1343783497 &sr=1-1 &keywords=PH158BP)
I use the Pentel Arts 8 and color code my planner by highlighting it (instead of writing in different colored pens). These are becoming more common. I think even Moleskine came out with their own dryliters.

T-na (2012-07-31 21:29:49)
Yu,
Forgot to add the links to the posts you were inquiring.
YC from Hong Kong did a post on the pink Tuscany Filo: http://loving-eachday.blogspot.com/2011/03/my-filofax.html
Sachiko did a review on a more expensive version of the Pentel Arts 8 – the Pentel Multi8:
http://filofaxlove.wordpress.com/2012/06/29/pentel-multi8-review/
Hope you find what you needed in all that!

robynlouise (2012-07-31 23:22:14)
I have about a dozen penpals so I have a pocket Bond to keep track of them. Each pal has their own section. On the divider is their basic details, like address, etc. Then behind each section is a few pages each. One is a list of items I have sent to that particular person, e.g. for their birthday gift, and there is another list of things I want to tell them in my next letter. I'm still in the process of setting it up.

Nicole (2012-07-31 23:48:13)
Are you using manual duplex? Is the offset always the same?
Adjust the paper guides to be exactly the size of the paper you're printing on. I measured the vertical offset and adjusted the layout of the even pages upwards by 0.5 cm to account for it.
I print Pocket-sized pages this way on coloured paper torn from a memo pad measuring 85 by 127 mm then trimming the edges to Pocket size.

Butanben (2012-08-01 03:13:17)
I use highlighter pencils.... sorry I don't know the brand.... but the best ones are made of natural looking wood and have a slightly thicker barrel than the Staedler ones you can buy. I bought them in Staples in the UK..... along with a slightly thicker pencil sharpener. Good value

Paul B (2012-08-01 03:20:30)
Cloudberry, I think I like the idea of a category section, I'm just trying to see how that would work in practice. If I already know which area a to do item will get filed in, I usually put it in there immediately. But I think I could add a category column, so when I do decide where to put one of the more tricky ones, I could add that as a reminder.
I've struggled with the whole concept of Next Actions, I don't think I ever really got it. If I have Project A with 10 things, which I already know and have on a list, and Project B, with another 10, I tried looking at each, and asking what the next action was, then adding it to the NA list. But I found myself usually just going to the Porject A page and bypassing the Next Action list, when I had spare time and wanted to knock something off.
That said, I think GTD is just born for a Filofax, as the two seem to work seamlessly, just not in my case.

Paul B (2012-08-01 03:28:13)
The image pressed into the front makes it look like an other-brand, not a Filofax, But I could be wrong. I've seen a few sellers on Etsy and Ebay who make their own leather binders in really thick leather, like bridle leather, and press designs into them. It could be one of those?

David Popely (2012-08-01 03:46:03)
Horsellion, I also put items straight into the relevant list if at all possible. Where I use the inbox section is in meetings etc when I quickly need to jot down a next action, or some useful/important information, and either don't have the time, or don't want the kerfuffle of finding the 'right' section in front of a client, or when I'm on the phone.
Unlike some others, I don't find the system leads to bloated task management or being too time-consuming. Most of the inbox-emptying, list tidying etc takes place in the weekly review, and I suspect that the problems some experience arise out of trying to task-manage and inbox-clean 'on the go'. The whole point of the system is that once it's in the inbox (or on another list) you *know* it's going to be referred back to and dealt with somewhere later if you 'work the system' so you can forget about it. Clear head = maximum focus on the task in hand!

industrious housewife (2012-08-01 04:34:44)
A slimline or compact is definitely the way to go. Lying flat seems to be an issue with some models including the Cuban I think? An address book needs to lie flat if at all possible I think.

Yu (2012-08-01 17:33:49)
Thank you for the help. :D
I will try all of the options, one of them has to work. (I prefer writing with black or very dark blue pencil, so I feel relieved I won't have to change inserts or write with different colored pencils.)

kanalt (2012-08-01 18:45:31)
Ha ha, J! Yes, while I like the FC inserts, I don't like that they are wider than my current Filofax tabbed sections. I can't have two sizes in my planner - I'm too OCD for that! I even tried to cut them down so that they're the same size. It worked but it left me with less writing room, which I didn't like. So back to the Filofax inserts, flawed as they may be.

kanalt (2012-08-01 18:48:30)
In terms of the personal size (it's the only size I use and therefore can only comment on that size), the monthly guide style do not have tabs on them, one of the main gripes of Filofax fans. There are tabbed monthly inserts, but they are in list format as opposed to grid format. There are also blank monthly tabs that you can place between the months, but that's it on tabbed monthly features. Hope this helps!

Butanben (2012-08-01 18:57:56)
Valerie, what a gorgeous story. This made my day!! Your grand daughter has a very happy memory of a grandmother's love and generosity there!! Just lovely.

Cloudberry (2012-08-02 14:06:04)
Paul B - I've noticed that most of my categories in my inbox seem to be 'buy', so maybe I should open a 'project page' for shopping on-line and one for high street!
Mostly, I write things directly onto the project page, but the front section is handy just to grab and note things down,especially in meetings when I just want to discretely note down a stray unrelated thought without seeming rude by flipping through my FF. Strange how the mind drifts in meetings....

Cheryl (2012-08-02 20:07:15)
Well I ordered the black Malden. We'll see; too good of a price to pass up. I also ordered an A5 Aqua Chameleon but now wish I had ordered the brown. Too many decisions, too many sales, too little cash. :-0

Cheryl (2012-08-02 20:11:34)
Thanks for the tips. Steve, actually I was using US Letter. That's probably why. Nicole thanks for the suggestions. Got a little playing around to do...

Tate (2012-08-04 09:12:44)
Hello, first time commmenting here :)
I fell in love with filofaxes about 2 years ago, but since I didn't have a lot of money back then I ended up buying a red domino. 2 years later I still think it is lovely but mine is very very beaten up, and I think it's about the right time to invest in a more expensive and durable leathery filofax... so I went looking for my first crush, the Teal Finchley, only to find out it has been discontinued :(
The extra problem is I live in Brazil, so not only I have to find a store that still has it, but also one that ships here :((
I've been watching ebay and amazon, but no luck so far. I noticed that they still sell it in some other stores like filofax korea, so it can't be too impossible to get...right? does anyone know of any way I could get my hands on one of those?

All Stars 2011 (2012-07-31 07:59) - Steve Morton

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afvnovel (2012-08-03 07:29:57)
Hello...I just downloaded the A5 2012 Week per page file, and there seems to be a glitch. It prints in landscape by default, so you can't use the Filofax A5 paper.
Any recommendations? Thank you.

1.2 August

Philofaxy All Stars 2012 Tour (2012-08-01 00:00) - Steve Morton

It is almost a year to the day since I published the original idea of the [1]Philofaxy All Stars Tour.
Activity by the 2011 'Team' has reduced after a few months so I think it is time to put a call out for new team members. People that took part in 2011 are of course eligible to take part again.
As last time the team would be 'managed' by Philofaxy so a 'fixtures' list would be known in advance and we would provide publicity for when the posts are going to be on line. The 'crowd' would hopefully follow the tour around the various sites and bring each blog more traffic and hopefully revisits as well.
How will this work? Well once the team has been assembled and some initial 'training' has taken place, we will start getting people to volunteer which blogs they would like to do a guest spot on. Whilst you can potentially guest post on every site in the tour, this might get a bit much if the team grows in size. So if for instance the team grew to say 12 sites, but you only got 4 different people guesting on your site, you would only be expected to write 4 posts on those 4 visiting sites.
It will be up to the host and the visitor to agree the topic of the guest post (it might not be about Filofax organisers) and they will also agree the timing of publication.
The tour could start in say 2-3 weeks time, once we have established who is interested and we have settled our 'fixtures list. But there will not be a rush to complete all the fixtures, it is intended that they will be spread out over the months ahead until the end of the year. The intention being to space out the guest posts on the various sites to provide plenty of variety for readers (crowd).
With the posts also appearing in the Philofaxy Web Finds you will hopefully gain some more long term readers for your own blog.
A full list of the 2011 All Stars Posts is shown on the '[2]All Stars Page'
I have already approached a couple of people to see if they will be interested in being on the 'team' and they seemed very positive about joining in the fun. How about you?
So how do you join the 'team'? Simple, just email philofaxy at gmail dot com and ask to go on the list of 'players' Please include the address of your blog in your email. Please title your email '**All Stars**' Once you are signed up for the team we will give you full details and also where you can 'collect' your website badge from too.

1. `http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/07/philofaxy-all-stars-blog-tour.html`
2. `http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/all-stars.html`

J (2012-08-01 10:44:47)
Darn it, I think I'm going to have to miss it again this year. With the wedding in just over FIVE weeks (eek!) and so much to do, I just don't think I'd be a very good teammate.
Can't wait to read all this year's all star posts though!

Laurie (2012-08-01 11:44:37)
I was a terrible team member! I managed a couple of posts then the moving plans started to gear up and I got too busy. Massive apologies to everyone I promised guest posts to and never delivered!

Nellie (2012-08-01 16:10:09)
I'm in!

Guest Post - Chris - Three Things I Really Want Filofax to Produce: (1) Digital Paper (2012-08-02 00:00) - Steve Morton

Thank you to Chris Partridge for submitting the first of three guest posts about what he would like to see Filofax produce.

[1]

I know, I know - Filofax produced digital paper when digital pens first arrived ten years ago, but nobody bought it. So why should they try again now?

The [2]Livescribe pen, that's why.

When digital pens were introduced a decade ago it was confidently predicted that we would all use them to write documents and translate them into computer format using handwriting recognition software.
Writing is much more intuitive than typing, they said, and everyone would just love to ditch the keyboard and use good old pen and paper. But they didn't. The software for translating handwriting into computer typeface could not handle the average scribble, so digital pen users found they had to spend as much time correcting the final document as they did writing the thing in the first place. So digital pens bombed, except in specialist form-filling applications.
However, the Livescribe pen finally cracked it, with a digital pen that is genuinely useful for lots of regular people. Anyone who takes notes at meetings, lectures or briefings finds the Livescribe totally brilliant.
It is a digital pen with a dictaphone inside. At the lecture (say) you switch it on and it records the spoken words. As you listen, you make notes. Afterwards, the pen links the audio with the written words, so you can listen to any part of the lecture simply by pressing the nib onto the paper where your note is. No more 'fast-forwarding' looking for that particular quote - just select the written note and it is played out to you.
For journalists like me it changes the way we work. Students, lawyers, insurance assessors and many others are adopting it with speed.
The only drawback is that the Livescribe pen needs special paper printed with a background of barely-visible dots to work - so you have to buy your notebooks from them. They are good, and not particularly expensive, but they are all that is on offer. And Filofax's digital paper only works with the old Nokia and Logitech pens.
So I want Filofax to produce Livescribe-enabled paper so I can have a choice of really nice binders that reflect my personal needs and tastes.
And if Filofax were to make pen-holders large enough to accommodate the rather chunky Livescribe pen, that would be an added bonus.

What do others think? Have you ever tried out a digital pen?
You can find more about Chris and his past-times and interests on a couple of his blogs: [3]Rowing For Pleasure and [4]Ornamental Passions

1. `http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-KNVjHkGIChU/UA7ZinY65nI/AAAAAAAAMIw/JWiGgBgu29o/s1600/echo_2gb_paper+and+pen.jpg`
2. `http://www.livescribe.com/uk/`
3. `http://rowingforpleasure.blogspot.com/`
4. `http://ornamentalpassions.blogspot.com/`

Jarfm.com (2012-08-02 00:46:04)
Wow wow that sounds like a Dyslexic's dream! I think it would have been ace for me at uni, being Dyslexic I find it hard to continue listening while I am writing or I forget what I was writing down in the first place. I am better than I was but a Livescribe would have made my notes make more sense!

I think I would actually make use of one now as well... Shall put it on my wish list!

indigogarden (2012-08-02 01:24:06)
This is something that I have been looking for as well. However, for the notes to work, do they not need to be in bound form so that the software can locate it and sync with the audio portion of the notes? Perhaps a filofax flex notebook printed with the dots might be the answer. Come to think on it, doesn't livescribe have documents that you can print at home on your own paper? Maybe a template of that in filofax size might be the answer. Could be time for the template wizards to take a look. :)

Helen Conway (2012-08-02 02:09:19)
Would it be feasible to hack their notebooks to take the a5 bound,unbind it and punch to place into a filfax binder and then cut off the part of the cover with the identifying sticker on and put that in a pocket? I have never seen these things but it seems that then, as long as you put a footnote on the pages as to which archived book the notes were from, and as long as you kept all the stickers, you could use a filofax to carry a selection of pages from a varaiety of notebooks and still have access to the notes via the pen without carrying all the old notebooks.

Paul B (2012-08-02 04:32:25)
Great post, and a great suggestion. I bought a livescribe pen one year ago, prior to starting interviews for a PhD thesis, knowing I would want to record audio and written notes. The benefit was immense. During the interviews, I just wrote signposting sentences, and when transcribing later, you can just tap on any word and the recording automatically jumps to 5 seconds before that word. Having something akin to the Filofax Notepads in A5 and Personal would be ideal. You can print your own, and the website gives you the template for free, but I haven't tried as I don't have a decent printer yet.
@Jarfm, there is a brilliant case study on the Livescribe US website, of a Father who bought one for his dyslexic daughter. They had to have meetings with the University, to discuss the legal position of Lecturers being recorded in every class his daughter went to, but they all agreed in the end, and he said it made the difference in her getting a degree and not, as her dyslexia was so bad, she couldn't have coped otherwise. There's an additional service where you pay annually, and you email the recordings and someone transcribes them and mails you back a WORD doc. Its what he used for his daughter and said it was the only way she could get useful notes. Ibought a refurbished one from Amazon US, for less than half the price of the UK model, and paid about $8 for shipping. The notebooks cost about the same as similar non-Livescribe A % notebooks in Paperchase.
I'd love to see Filofax bring out Livescribe paper. Looking forward to Chris's next two wish lists!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-02 11:27:23)
This seems like an excellent product! If I had any lectures left in my degree I would probably invest, but my future work won't really require the voice recording facility. I have a dictaphone which was excellent for recording things said in lectures that I wouldn't otherwise be able to write down fast enough. But unfortunately, typing up these lectures took 2-3 times as long as the actual lectures!! If I did invest in this device, I would definitely print my own paper using the template on the website, and then punch it into my A5 uni work filofax- but I love using fountain pens and other types of pens too much, and colour-coding, so I don't think this would work for me in the long-run.

LJ (2012-08-02 14:16:54)
The Livescribe pen is amazing - I'm just very disappointed that in my job I really have no need for one :-(
If I did, I would definitely be putting the paper in my filo :o)

Jarfm.com (2012-08-02 19:44:39)
Paul, wow amazing story! It is great to hear someone has been able to persevere through uni because not only have they had some assistive technology but because the have had helpful, supportive staff as well. Being an ICT teacher with a strong interest in learning needs, it is great to hear about such innovations - something that can help students think about technology in an assistive way rather than them just seeing it as everyday and fun.

Paul B (2012-08-03 07:29:56)
Jarfm, check out these links. One from Yale on how a Livescribe is used with dyslexia: http://dyslexia.yale.edu/TECH _livescribe.html . And this one: http://digitalsmartpenreviews.com/uses/digital-smartpen-aids-for-tea ching-children-with-dyslexia/
Can't seem to find the report I read, but if I find it, I'll post you a link.

Paul B (2012-08-03 07:35:18)
And this one too: http://dyslexia.yale.edu/EDU _DylanSpeech.html

Chris Partridge (2012-08-03 11:02:17)
The pen has to be linked with each notebook as you start using it, to ensure that the pen knows where it is on the page, but I don't think you have to use the pages in order necessarily, though it might make the way the pages are stored in your computer somewhat random.
As you say, a Livescribe-enabled Flex notebook would be brilliant, and they could also do a Livescribe-sized penholder to go with it. I WANT IT NOW!

Unknown (2012-08-25 18:29:11)
A variation that would be interesting to have a Filofax version of is Evernote paper – they've just teamed up with Moleskine (http://blog.evernote.com/2012/08/24/the-new-evernote-smart-notebo ok-by-moleskine/), so it's not out of the question. The new Page Camera functionality helps with Filofax as well, but the auto line-up etc to improve handwriting recognition would be nice!

Free For All Friday No. 194 (2012-08-03 00:00) - Anita Lim

Whilst waiting for my car to be serviced, I had a nice filofax sighting in the building where I work. I was sat reading my Happiness Project book with my filo alongside me to take notes, when I noticed that the gentleman at the next table also had a filofax on top of his paperwork. I admit I found this quite distracting and kept taking sneaky looks to see if I could work out what model it was! Maybe I was a bit obvious as he eventually looked up at me pointed to my Malden and gave me a big grin.
We had a lovely little chat and he said that despite enjoying his iPhone, he wouldn't want to be without his black personal Portland and hates leaving it at home. I mentioned Philofaxy to him and said he would have a look, after showing some interest in the Malden in black or grey.
Have you had any recent filo sightings?
And as it's Friday once again, please feel free to discuss anything filofax related or ask any questions.

EmmaNoey (2012-08-03 00:53:34)
Saw one on The desk of a coworker today- probably a day runner or FC. Leather, with the cover rounded over a fat bunch of papers. Clearly very personal, so I didn't ask about it. I sure noticed it though!

janet (2012-08-03 02:30:47)
I have been feeling disillusioned with filofax for the last year (I don't really like their foray into fashion or their lack of inserts) so have not been hovering around the counters as I used to and been sticking to my Mulberry planner and various notebooks. Decided a few days ago to set up an A5 Filofax for a health project because I don't work linearly and have so many notebooks half scribbled in. I have a brown Kendal, Brown Amazona, bronze Domino Snake, Orange Finsbury, Black Metropol and a brown Siena all in A5 so thought I could use one of those. But then I thought - a grey Malden! I want one! Off to the shop and I was so shocked that all the shops I went to had downsized their filofax selections so much - they had easily less than half the stock they used to and one had stopped selling them altogether. Apparently they are not selling well. The alligator, lizard, ostrich were all 70 % off - to be honest the black alligator looked like a cheap knockoff of the Amazona. Who would have paid 1500 quid for that? And the range of inserts was pitiful. It's always been terrible for A5 but now it is even worse! I keep thinking Filofax don't seem to know where they are going.

In the end I got a Cappuccino Siena in A5 for 70 % off because I think the leather was better and is less floppy than the Malden. I already have one but I couldn't resist. I did feel the Malden love though. Ooh the smooshy squashy leather. And the big rings. And the gorgeous grey!
and then on the way home I bought a proper hole punch and a paper cutter so that I can make my own insets and dividers.
Off to search Philofaxy for inspiration. Filofax sure didn't give me any today! Thank heavens for Philofaxy!

janet (2012-08-03 02:41:05)
I had a recent filo sighting - wanted to take a photo but was too shy. It was a drugs rep in the pharmacy who had an A5 turquoise Finsbury. It was stuffed to the absolute gills and showed signs of good use so she really used it. I was well chuffed to see it.

Kate (2012-08-03 03:14:04)
Good morning, everyone. Can anyone recommend a good hole punch for A5 size Filofax? I have Filofax's own brand but am not impressed.

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 03:18:23)
Hi Kate
This post might help: http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/01/reader-question-which-punch.ht ml The KW Trio is a popular choice, I don't have one myself.
I'm still using my A5 Filofax one, which does need the paper 'chads' cleaning out after every use but it carries on working after over 8 years of continuous use.
Steve

Laurie (2012-08-03 03:56:32)
janet I've also become more and more disillusioned with Filofax over the past year or so. Despite us telling them exactly what we want, repeatedly, for years now, they seemingly completely ignore us. I'm not impressed with their focus on fashion, and I keep hearing about the poor quality and production problems with new binders.
What's most frustrating to me is they probably wonder why their sales are falling. If they would just pay attention to us, their brand advocates, they would know what to do!
Contrast this to other brands, Quo Vadis especially comes to mind, who communicate directly to customers via blogs and Twitter to specifically ask what customers want and they do everything in their power to make it happen.
Doesn't it make good sense to ask what your customers want, and then make it???
To be completely honest, if it weren't for this wonderful Philofaxy community, I probably would have given up on the brand already.

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-03 04:35:50)
Hello there!
I´d like to ask for a favor. I´m interested in the weight of a A5 Malden. I´m making a communication binder for my son, calendar incorporated (as well as seasons, weathercards, emotioncards etc etc) and so far I´ve stacked his pages on a regular A5 binder. The size really couldn´t be any smaller since I need to make re-attachable symbolic pictures with velcro and he´ll need the space to draw pictures as well. The thing is, he´s set his heart on a brown leather Malden. My beef here is, is it terribly heavy? This little guy needs to be able to haul it to school and he can´t carry anything heavy. But he´s also very set on all things Filofax and (even as I type now) hovers behind my back like a vulture) wants me to translate every post written here. Last time we went grocery shopping he noticed some Time binders and his world stopped right there on that isle. Have you ever tried to negotiating with an autistic, when they´ve reeeeeallly made up their minds? Have you? So I ended up buying him a plastic binder and(I refuse to use such a fancy word as a faux- leather or pleather. Plastic is plastic. End of a sad story) pocket´ish size time management system inside it. It is too small for him, but he loves the fact that he too now has a " Filofax " but before he further ends up on the dark side, I´d like to rescue him with an authentic brown Malden, which he swoons over. But now I´m concerned, how much does the binder itself weigh?
I myself have been using the same Balmoral (A5 for two´ish decades now- and BTW, am eagerly awaiting

the brown Osterley but that is another storyline) and it does weigh a bit. I can live with the happy thought that if necessary, I can use it to knock a jerk unconscious or make irreparable damage to uncivilized individual´s reproductive organs with it, if necessary but the weight would be too much for my tender offspring. So, if anybody with A5 Malden could do me this huuuge favor and weigh their binder, I´d be ever so peachy!

David Popely (2012-08-03 04:37:02)
Hi Laurie, I agree absolutely with you on this. I've more or less given up saying it, as I've said it so many times it becomes repetitive, but I think Filofax are making a really serious business error by putting all their efforts into the fickle fashion market. When that carousel begins to turn again (as it will) they will be left with nothing, having alienated their core customers along the way.
Quo Vadis are brilliant - I ordered a 2012 diary about a year ago and it arrived the next day. Plus, as you say, they make a real effort to find out what their customers want and then to give it to them, which seems to me to be a fundamental of business success. Filofax's continued and consistent refusal to listen to their core customers on subjects like refills, paper quality, and now the advent of more serious and regular production problems with binders (presumably as a result of cost-cutting) means they are almost inevitably destined to go out of business sooner or later, unless something changes, and quickly.
Like you, I would have abandoned the brand completely a while ago if it wasn't for this fantastic community, but it's sad that it often seems to be a community of support in the face of FF's indifference, rather than a brand celebration. We deserve better.
Still, no-one from FF will be reading this, and if they are, no-one will move from their fashion-fixated business 'plan', so what's the point?

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-03 04:42:37)
I just wanted to come back and apologize for weird output at the point of when I started to write how he hovers behind my back every time I come by to read Filofaxy and is glued to computer screen if I should happen to watch FF something from You Tube. I actually ended up in a middle of a conference call in the middle of all that yabberage and the result left much to wish for.
Wishing everybody great week end!

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 04:51:45)
Hi
Take a look here:
https://spreadsheets.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AhlmQ-9jjqX0dER zQ2pvMlo1NHBqMjlucHl3LW9qVWc &hl=en _GB
Steve

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-03 04:57:24)
THANK YOU, STEVE! Just what I needed to know.

Iain (2012-08-03 05:15:45)
Hi all,
I just wanted to share that I have just achieved a Zero Inbox for Email. This is after adopting GTD around 3 years ago. Wow being "clear and current" is a definite buzz and leaves me clear to focus on my Next Actions all housed in my A5 Kendal.
I know this is very self indulgent but I wanted to share as I know it can be a challenge and seriously, if I can do it, anyone can!
Iain

David Popely (2012-08-03 05:21:19)
Fantastic job Iain, well done!!!!

Tim (2012-08-03 06:01:00)
... and another reader in agreement!

My local stationers has also cut right back after sales have plumetted - all sizes, all ranges. The drive to become a catwalk fashion accessory is alienating men of all ages (just look how few men - especially younger men - are joining Philofaxy) and traditional users of both sexes.
There's no doubt that tablets such as iPad have had a very serious impact on Filofax business - especially among gadget-loving men. My family has just bought me an iPad 2 for my birthday and I am frankly staggered at what it does and how useful it has already become (when I can prise it from my children that is!). I still love paper but it would be very easy to go completely digital.
Filofax is trying to hold on by introducing iPad holders with built-in Filofax, but there are much better iPad cases out there and I suspect it will be "too little too late".
I hope I'm wrong but I predict a drastic pruning of the range in the next few years.

David Popely (2012-08-03 06:04:38)
I think I'm in line to be a recruit to the iPad army when my laptop becomes obsolete - which will probably be next year some time, I guess. I'm also staggered by what they will do....I had a very interesting conversation with one of their staff in Cardiff, and I'm very impressed by how knowledgeable they are, and how low-key their sales [itch is. basically, they say, "this piece of kit will do all this....don't you want one?"!
Tim, do you use your iPad with a PC or with a Mac? I'd be intereted to hear from iPad/PC users on how the setup works for them

Babs (2012-08-03 06:33:31)
David - Although I'm now a 100 % Mac user, I used to use my iPad 1 with my PC and it was absolutely fine. Everything is done through iTunes which is very windows friendly. Even adding documents, etc, to the iPad is fine via windows as again, you can do it through the app settings on iTunes.
If you want to know anything in particular, just shout.

Babs (2012-08-03 06:35:34)
Oh, and I meant to say, I agree with the OP too. It does seem bizarre that there's a whole community here of willing, vocal, advocates of Filofax yet they don't want to pick our collective brains. Why not see what the people who are actually spending MORE than the cost of a Temperley per year actually want!!
It's truly baffling!

Gail (2012-08-03 06:37:47)
I've been buying a few A5 Filofax lately and a lady on my blog asked what uses we can use them for....Here's my list, feel free to add! lol
Black Holborn - Spiritual Awareness
Red Chameleon - Blog posts and ideas
Rasp Chameleon - Goddess Workbook (http://leoniedawson.com/shop/kits/2012-goddess-year-workbook/) This cost me £6 ($10) and it is fantastic. You print it yourself.
Purple Malden - Memories Journal (found a huge list of topics to write about online, most of it is about childhood)
Ochre Malden - Household Planner
Zipped Wine - Next years Journal
Purple Finsbury - (not sure yet)

David Popely (2012-08-03 06:43:39)
Thanks Babs, that's really helpful. I don't think I will be joining the Cult of iPad for a while yet, but I certainly will be in due course, so it's helpful to know it interfaces with the PC.....thanks again

Babs (2012-08-03 06:46:13)
Black Finsbury - Recipe book!

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 07:11:02)
David
Because the iPad/iPod Touch can now sync via Wifi, it is less dependent on being tied to a PC/Mac as they used

to be.
I'm not sure if PC users can use iCloud or not for syncing? But with iCloud keeping stuff in sync is very simple and easy.
I think I can count the number of times I've ever connected my iPad to my Mac on one hand!
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 07:12:02)
It wasn't in our files list.... it is now..
Feel free to add to the details if you have a few minutes to spare.
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 07:13:16)
Well done, I'm a firm believer of keeping my in-boxes as empty as possible my main one each week the others at least once a month.
Steve

Paul B (2012-08-03 07:13:25)
Congratulations. I dream of a zero inbox, both personal and work. Do you think it was mainly down to GTD, or a copmbination of tools and techniques?

Paul B (2012-08-03 07:22:24)
Another agreement here. Just comparing the quality to Mulberry binders shows you the gulf of space between a modern Filofax and a Mulberry. The two aren't mutually exclusive - you can still produce beautiful, high-quality leather binders that will last decades, while producing fahsion ranges too. You only have to look at the number of posts this year here, from people who have sent binders back for being rusty, bent rings, creased leather, etc. Its great that they are so helpgul, but from a profit-making perspective, its disasterous. But they don't listen, so why waste the words. I'm far happier with vintage ones from 20+ years ago, as I know they will still be working long after I've departed this life.
But to address Janet's post.....I only recently moved down from A5 to Personal, after using A5 for at least 5 years. Having given up long ago on FIlofax's own A5 inserts, I hamfistedly made my own. Until I found this site. 90 % of my inserts came from Steve and Ray's excellent repository of files, and I tweaked a few for my needs. I bought a guillotine from Staples for £9 on a trip to UK, I have the beast of a Rexel 420 punch, and I never looked back. Of all the binders, I think the A5 is the one that lends itself most easily to customisation (outside the USA, I guess), due to the A5/A4 paper ratio. And the ability to fold over an A4 piece of paper, and use the plastic punch to carry it is brilliant. I know people rant about them, but they are fine what they are designed for, punching an odd piece of paper after a meeting or similar.
If I had a different job and a different lifestyle, I'd move back to A5 without a thought. But at more than 2Kg filled, it wasn't practical with my current job.

Paul Taylor (2012-08-03 08:00:32)
Congrats! It can take a while to achieve (unless you 'cheat'!) but once you're there life becomes so much simpler. My boss is one of those people who lives in her inbox and has thousands of emails there... I just can't operate like that. At various points I have been sending and receiving more than 100 *useful* emails every day for weeks on end - I would drown! So my inbox has been zero more-or-less for about the last 3 years, and I try to ensure that it's zeroed at the end of each day by deleting irrelevancies, filing most stuff and moving anything which I personally have to do something with to an 'Action' folder. The latter is the difficult one, at the moment there are 42 emails there - but at least I can see the size of the work backlog and it's all in one place and can be sensibly morphed into actions in my todo list where an email becomes a baby project. The last couple of days before a holiday are usually spent forcing myself to work through every single 'Action' email getting every monkey off my back, in the sure and certain knowledge that more monkeys will happen while I'm out of the office!
Now if only I could apply the same to my personal inbox, life would be a breeze!

Paul Taylor (2012-08-03 08:15:14)
I'd just like to say thank you to Philofaxy in general, and Vanjilla in particular, for the 'Nivea Creme' trick. I'm in the process of moving back to an A5 filo from a bound book system based around a Rhodia Webnotebook (lovely paper, but bound books just aren't flexible enough for me). The vintage A5 Pimlico in red leather which I got never-used off eBay had obviously been sitting in a drawer for nearly 10 years. It almost creaked when I opened it, was extremely stiff and wouldn't even think about lying flat.
So after reading about the trick on Philofaxy, I got some Nivea creme and a plastic carrier bag. Slathered the binder with the cream inside and out, with particular attention to the area around the spine on the outside and either side of the rings on the inside. Wrapped it in the plastic bag and put it to one side. After 24 hours I had a peek - not much visible change, so I left it a bit longer. At 48 hours some of the cream had visibly absorbed into the (quite thick and heavy) leather, so I persevered.
It took about 5 days for all the cream to be absorbed. A thorough wipe over with a cloth, and the binder now behaves completely differently. In particular its flexibility is much enhanced and it will now lay flat. Chalk up another win for the Nivea Cream Filofax technique! :)

Shabby Vintage Junk (2012-08-03 08:34:09)
Please forgive my ignorance but what is GTD ....? I've been tryin to work it out for a week now....!!
Cheers,
Tamarah :0)

David Popely (2012-08-03 08:36:13)
Getting things Done - after the eponymous book and task management system by David Allen

Shabby Vintage Junk (2012-08-03 08:40:45)
Thanks David....I can now spend my time obsessing over Filofaxes rather than an achronym....!!
Cheers,
Tamarah :o)

Kate (2012-08-03 08:42:05)
Thank you, Steve. I missed this post, probably because I was so busy reading the All-Stars roundup you posted yesterday.

Paul B (2012-08-03 09:17:45)
Oh happy day! Along with my wife's return from holidays, she has brought with her my copy of Filofax Facts, and my Lefax Personal binder with the oversized leather flap. Can't wait to get the leather cleaner out and clean it up. The leather is beautifully smooth, and in mid-tan. Really looking forward to the book too, after reading Steve;s review (http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/01/book-review-filofax-facts-i an-sinclair.html). Just seeing some of the 1980s inserts in there is great. Oh happy day :)

Alison Reeves (2012-08-03 09:47:23)
I found cloud sync with my PC, iPhone and iPad very flaky - I often ended up with loads of duplicate entries/calendars etc. I've now extracted myself from that and just sync via iTunes - at least I know it works!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-03 09:50:08)
I'm thinking I should go back to using Nivea cream on my skin as it is so good on leather binders!

Babs (2012-08-03 09:52:01)
The Duplicate calendar thing is caused by selecting both the calendars on the device and the ones in the cloud. If you select cloud-only then it'll be fine. If you google then you'll see it's an easy setting to change which should sort out the problem.

Paul B (2012-08-03 09:57:19)
Photos uploaded of Lefax Chelsea :) http://www.flickr.com/photos/burjmax/

Babs (2012-08-03 10:03:35)
Paul B's post reminded me to have a search for "Filofax Facts" which I've wanted to see for a while. I found one on Alibris for a little under £15 including P &P which seems to be a good price. They have another for sale at £19.99 in case any other Filofaxers are tempted!
Grr. The iPad won't let me paste a link but the site is www.alibris.co.uk

Natalie Pluck (2012-08-03 10:23:47)
Hi! Thanks to this site I am now a proud owner of an A4 Metropol black filo... A4 seems to be uncommon around here but mines designated to be used for uni notes and info so anything smaller would've been pointless. My boyfriend was at first a bit taken aback that I wanted one, but I think he's coming round to the idea and even likes it now (even though I've only had it a day or so!) - may be another convert in the ranks, ahah. This site is fab and I'm so looking forward to customising and playing with my filo :) x

ChrissyPlace (2012-08-03 10:56:03)
Hello everybody! This is my first comment and i am a bit nervous ;-) my english is not really good.
I have a brand new grey Osterley and i absolutely love ist. But the leather is not really smooth and i was thinking about the nivea trick. What do you think?

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 11:31:47)
Look on our suppliers page in the Amazon ads and there's a link to the book there all the time. Currently one going for £12
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/filofax-suppliers.html
Support Philofaxy too!!
Steve

Tim (2012-08-03 11:32:31)
Hi David et al - I never trusted iCloud (big corporate giant having control of all my data etc), so I only ever synced my iPhone to my PC (iTunes, Microsoft Outlook 2003 etc). However, with my new iPad I've taken the plunge and am keeping everything on iCloud. I admit to being very impressed! I hadn't appreciated that iPads aren't dependent on a laptop these days! I can make a note or an appointment on my iPad and seconds later it will also have appeared on my iPhone! It's not supposed to be compatible with my old version of Outlook, but it seems to cope well enough. There are a few iCloud things I can't do with a PC that could if i had a Mac - but not many! There are fewer and fewer things I'm using my laptop for as a result of this change.
It really has to be synchronise through iCloud OR PC though. As Babs points out, you get duplicate entries if you do both. Easy to change through settings on iTunes and your iPhone/ iPad

Tim (2012-08-03 11:40:00)
Forgot to ask ... has anyone seen any of the new leather (lizard print) of leather-look Flex binders? City Organiser have been showing them as in stock, but not Filofax of course, who are still trying to shift First Edition models with 25 % off!
The iPad/ iPhone issue has certainly got to Filofax. As well as the new iPad binders (Pennybridge, Malden, Flex etc. Dig out Steve's post from a couple of weeks ago), I see that the new leather Flex binders will only have two business card slots instead of six, but come with an iPhone (3/4/4S) pocket instead!
Would you keep your smartphone in a Flex binder?

Babs (2012-08-03 12:00:37)
Oops - I didn't see that Steve. I suspect the £12 one is the one I've purchased (£12.03 plus P &P).

Alison Reeves (2012-08-03 12:18:41)
Babs - thanks for the tips, however I tried the settings as you suggested (I googled the problem and did quite a lot of research before I moved away from icloud) and still had problems. I also found that on occasion it didn't sync appointments that I had added to either my iPhone or Outlook. In addition I lost a lot of functionality in Outlook contacts and it did weird stuff with my addresses. I'm sure I'll dip my toe in the water again at some point.
Tim - I certainly wouldn't keep my phone in a flex binder. I also had a good look at the Pennybridge, but to be honest, whilst I like the idea, the binder is nowhere near as good or functional as my current iPad case, so I'd be loathe to loose that. I do like the idea of a really slim A5 though - which they would take these and offer a leather version.
I haven't totally gone over to an iPad yet (I still sort of use it as an expensive toy come entertainment centre!) as there is a lot I can't seem to do that I can do with my laptop. Also I don't have a printer that sync with it yet. Some of the software just doesn't work as well - for example wtih email you can't have folders within folder to organise your mail.
In my (humble) opinion it doesn't come even close to replacing a laptop. However this may just show my ignorance and I may need to go on an iPad training course!

Cheryl (2012-08-03 12:19:43)
Just received my Personal Malden in Black and the A5 Aqua Chameleon will arrive this afternoon. First impressions: Not as excited about the black Malden as expected. Good news: the rings are perfect and it lays flat out of the box. It's also very flexible and unstructured which is nice for a change. Also, at half price, should I even complain? The downside as compared to my Pocket Malden in Grey: the black smells funny, the grey smells like lovely leather. The black is way more dull and wrinkly and feels more 'pebbly'. The grey is super smooth, sleek and shiny and was hoping the black would be the same. (Sure appeared that way on the web). It is also filled with that awful white paper diary and inserts vs the cotton cream which is another reason why I wish you could buy just the binder and your choice of inserts. So now I have a 2013 diary that I won't use.
There's not much difference between the grey color and the black color and though I'm not a big fan of grey in general, my Pocket grey Malden is gorgeous and I would have preferred a grey Personal size after all is said and done. But I was wooed by the half price offer.
Maybe I should have gone with the black Holborn. We'll see!

Cheryl (2012-08-03 12:28:21)
Of course today the Holborn is $63 whereas yesterday it was $45. That's the other thing that cracks me up about Filofax. If they are discontinuing a color or line, why they don't just put them half off till their gone like other retailers is beyond me. If they are just have a 'special reduction' for a few days on a particular model that's understandable. But if the model or the color is going away why offer if 50 % off for a few days then hike it back up to regular price or change the offer to 30 % off the following day? I always found that strange. Oh well, don't mean to sound like a complainer. It is Friday after all, all is well, looking forward to more Olympics, the arrival of the A5 later today and a girl's day out tomorrow. Happy Friday all!

David Popely (2012-08-03 12:29:27)
Tim - so now FF expect us to give up business cards in favour of an iPad? Just what sort of business world are they living in?
Still I suppose it won't matter to the mythical fashion-obsessed 'model customer' their barmy focus group has provided them with.
I despair.

David Popely (2012-08-03 12:31:56)
Tim - You get duplicate entries trying to use Google Calendar with a Blackberry on wireless sync in any case, thanks for the hint.
I don't think any of these wireless apps are as clever as they like to think they are.
'm using Dropbox for document sync and it works great - highly recommended.....

MishaMonet (2012-08-03 12:58:19)
I received my yellow Finsbury A5 from Pens & Leather (US retailer, I'm in CA, USA) yesterday. I guess the colour was quite off on my monitor because it looked like a lovely bright yellow and it's really quite orangey yellow. But no matter, I love yellow and I'm keeping it.
One thing I am quite delighted about is that it lays flat straight out of the box. I was worried about that. I have a personal Chameleon (my first new Filofax) and it definitely doesn't lay flat.
Unfortunately the Pens & Leather people only included a 2013 calendar diary in there so I e-mailed them about the missing 2012 and they will be sending it. I was planning on using a Family Organiser Pack for 2013 so I really don't need that 2013 calendar anyway.
Ah... delayed gratification. I was really looking forward to filling in the rest of my 2012 calendar this weekend.

Cheryl (2012-08-03 13:02:19)
If you read my post above yours I clearly understand! Mine is just a tad disappointment over my black Malden vs delayed gratification but same general feeling. Anyway, enjoy your new purchase! The color sounds lovely!

J (2012-08-03 13:06:18)
Oh man, I'm so jealous! My inbox has gotten out of control- I am afraid to tackle it (not to mention don't have the time- how ironic) so I dream of the day when I start a new job so I can clear EVERYTHING out!!!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-03 13:20:02)
I'm having a complete revamp (don't ask!). I need to sit down and set some goals and then set up some projects and tasks to get back on track. I have a million things to do and I'm just sitting here panicking about it all.
Can anyone offer advice or link me to some good blogs or videos about setting up goals and projects in my filofax?
The inbox Zero thing would be nirvana to me. Mine is probably full of junk anyway! I might have a concerted effort this evening to clear it down - I do have a habit of keeping emails (which are mainly general info rather than actual action tasks), planning to read them later and never getting back to them!

David Popely (2012-08-03 13:23:12)
hi Alison!
I know I'm a broken record, but what about going through the TMI User Manual and the Key to Personal Effectiveness again? If you're sharing the Dropbox folder they're both in there - or I could email you.....
I don't find David Allen to be that strong on goal-setting, so maybe TMI is the way to go? :)

aprilquilts (2012-08-03 13:28:16)
I would love to see these articles. Any idea on where I can find them?

David Popely (2012-08-03 13:32:02)
Aprilquilts, you can join the time _and _life _management Yahoo group and they are in teh files section - or you can ask David Parker to include you on the Group's shared Dropbox folder. Send me an email and I'll invite you. davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com

Crystal Charles (2012-08-03 13:36:49)
I am expecting my Vintage Pink Malden tomorrow. I am so excited! I probably won't use the Filo inserts either. I am still waiting on my A5 Domino (thanks to a mix up with USPS. It will have the Family inserts though so they will get used.

Andrea M. (2012-08-03 13:59:50)
I got a lot of great ideas for projects from OrganizedlikeJen on Youtube. Here's the URL to her project set up in her filofax: http://youtu.be/KMMvUBVYZBM

MishaMonet (2012-08-03 14:02:48)
Oh yes! I also wish that we could chose our inserts, if we wanted to. They could still sell them the way they do,

but if they had a personalisation option (even charging a little extra for any insert that's pricier) that would be fab. Ah well...

Butanben (2012-08-03 14:05:07)
Alison, I use Ray's goals for the month sheets. They are just marvellous! I downloaded them from his blog.

MishaMonet (2012-08-03 14:09:27)
The aqua Chameleon colour is really pretty, by the way. I hope you like it!

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-03 14:18:09)
I have a trip pen´d down to early Nov. during which I´ll get the Osterley. If anybody else hasn´t updated on the part of O. then I´ll be happy to scribble my contribution then.
Once again, thank you!

Andrea M. (2012-08-03 14:46:24)
I got a lot of great ideas from OrganizedLikeJen on Youtube. She has two videos about how she uses her A5 Filofax as a calendar and for project planning. Here's the project planning part: http://youtu.be/KMMvUBVYZBM

Alison (2012-08-03 15:32:15)
Well done, I did a post about clearing mine last night
http://filo-obsessed.blogspot.co.uk/2012/08/clearing-my-inbox.html
it's not completely empty but it's getting there :)

aprilquilts (2012-08-03 15:33:04)
Thanks. I sent you an email, and I accessed the yahoo group, but it says I need permission to view the dropbox site? Thanks again for your help.

Alison (2012-08-03 15:36:17)
I'd consider A4 if they did them in more colours, not sure how much chance there is of that though!!

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-03 15:50:20)
Are the A5 holes the same placement as Franklin Covey Classic?

Alison Reeves (2012-08-03 16:06:15)
David - good idea - I'll dig that out and have another read.
Andrea - I'm a big fan of Jen as well - I'm sure I've seen these in the past, but would probably enjoy seeing them again, so thanks!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-03 16:06:59)
Oh and Butanben - I'll check out Rays blog for the goals sheets - thanks!

Gerard (2012-08-03 16:12:05)
Hi Chrissy - you could try using Nivea inside the back cover to see what happens. There is a comment on the Filofax UK website stating that the Osterley leather should be protected from water, so a test area inside the back cover which won't usually be seen would be the best way to start. I think the smooth panels inside the Osterley may be plastic rather than leather.

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 16:16:10)
Page size is similar, but the hole spacing is different to Filofax A5, you would need to repunch the pages to fit Filofax.
See this post for the details
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/01/great-organiser-hole-spacing-c onspiracy.html

Babs (2012-08-03 16:17:52)
Does anyone else get niggled with the amount of Personal filos that are listed on eBay as being A5! It drives me up the wall.

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 16:27:16)
And Personal's that are in fact Pocket... I've given up trying to put these people right after one of them said 'And how do you know you are right' I almost spilt my beer!
Also when you see a fuzzy photo of a personal or an A5 which you can't scale against anything it's not easy to tell them apart!

Vanjilla (2012-08-03 16:32:41)
Thank you, Paul, for the positive feedback - I'm really glad you saved your binder! Regards!

Tim (2012-08-03 16:45:21)
Alison - after 25 (+) years, I still follow Time Manager (TMI) principles every day in my life - and it still works (usually!). I've never found anything that comes close (not even GTD!).
A lot has been replicated (even improved upon) by others, but for readers not familiar, here's a link to find out more about the philosophy:-
http://www.timemanager.com/timemanager/uk/webmenu.nsf/framesets/Abou t+Time+Manager

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-03 17:01:37)
Wow! Awesome post and it answered my question. I love the photo of the classic size comparison especially since I am so visual. That post must have been a lot of work. Thank you.

David Popely (2012-08-03 17:10:46)
Hi April, Dave Parker is the Master of the Dropbox, I'll try to get him to email you an invitation for it. You'll need your own Dropbox ID, can you confirm to me whether or not you have one? If not I'll send you that invitation first

aprilquilts (2012-08-03 17:19:37)
I do have dropbox. Thanks Dave. Sorry for the mistake.

Papoosue (2012-08-03 17:23:41)
I've recently discovered Philofaxy (fantastic) while searching for a larger filo to use for my postgrad teacher training course which starts in a fortnight (I currently have a grape pocket domino). In an ideal world - the one where I have endless funds - I would quite like a Malden or Finchley. However, thanks to a very nice lady I found in Adspot, I should be in possession of a personal size lavender Domino next week, which will be just the thing to keep all my Uni stuff in check.
The only downside I can see to Philofaxy, is that I've spent an awful lot of time perusing the site that I should be using to finish some pre-course work instead!

austinlinda (2012-08-03 17:33:05)
I'm a new poster here–but like so many of you, I'm a big fan of all things Filofax! I have a question for anyone who can help me...
Have any of you ever purchased on a Filofax international site, where you don't know the language? If so, which one–and how did it work out?

Tim (2012-08-03 17:39:17)
And "leather" that is actually leather-look (ie: vinyl plastic)

Iain (2012-08-03 17:44:43)
Thanks everyone for the supportive comments. Re: the question of process, I have adopted what Paul describes and been blown away with seeing a small number of actionable emails that compliments my "to do's" in my Kendal!

Btw I found that practising on my personal email account very helpful. I found it developed my ability to quickly decide ”what is this”, ”is it actionable” & ”what’s my Next Action”. Once more confident I bit the bullet and tried it for work! Never going to look back :)

mstraat (2012-08-03 17:47:23)
Filofax France more than once. Their service is excellent. I am in the US and received an order from them quicker than from Filofax USA.

David Popely (2012-08-03 17:48:20)
Iain I think you’ve hit the nail on the head.....it’s about the thought process behind the actual management, not just the management of the email/task itself. Perfectly put, and the reason why a lot of people don’t ’get on’ with GTD - they expect the system to do it for them, whereas it’s the mental discipline which does it, and the system just supports that by giving it a track to run on. Bravo!

Steve Morton (2012-08-03 18:21:21)
Yes it took quite a few days to put together that one!! I recently had to revisit it and up date some of the information that was in error because of wrong information sent to me by one of the customer service departments of one of the companies!!

austinlinda (2012-08-03 19:15:52)
Thanks so much!!!!
I just ordered from them this morning, and as you, I’m in the US also! How long did it take to get your package? Do you speak fluent French?

mstraat (2012-08-03 19:52:22)
Six days and English only.

Nicole (2012-08-04 01:10:25)
I emailed Filofax France in English, with a Google Translate French translation (and apologising for the iffy translation), just in case.
They replied in English. :)

Cheryl (2012-08-04 02:24:28)
Yes well things got a bit busy today, but anyway I did receive the A5 Chameleon in Aqua (I have the Personal size in same color) and it is perfect (well except for the crummy diary!); it lies flat out of the box and smells yummy. So wish I would have also ordered the brown while half off. Jury still out on the black Malden, but I’m real pleased with the new A5.

Nellie (2012-08-04 02:46:27)
Tim - I have just ordered one of the new leather Flexes. When it comes I’ll post some photos.

Tim (2012-08-04 04:54:40)
Thanks Nellie - did you go for the vintage (vegetable) tan leather or lizzard print?

Web Finds - 4 August 2012 (2012-08-04 00:00) - Steve Morton

Here are this weeks Filofax Blog posts. It is funny you know, I never know how many we are going to find each week, or how many videos there are going to be... out of my control, but I hope you enjoy reading and watching them all no matter how many or few there are.

1. [1]More Filofax goodies.... - The Wonderful Life of Alice

2. [2]Journalling School - die Schule des Tagebuchschreibens - Filomaniac
3. [3]your filofax week #15 - Paper Lovestory
4. [4]The problem with having a Filofax with lots of pockets is - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
5. [5]Journalling School (1) - Filomaniac
6. [6]Journalling School Session 2: Sustainable Journalling - My Life All in One Place
7. [7]Filofax Refills - Pentorium
8. [8]Keeping Faith: A Filofax Sighting - Well Planned Life
9. [9]Insert Inventory! - All Things Stationery
10. [10]Malden Love? - Pen to Paper
11. [11]Journalling School in German - My Life All in One Place
12. [12]Raspsberry Filofax - Krista's Filo
13. [13]Last Minute Buys and GTD!!! - Filo Obsessed
14. [14]The Filofax and the five frogs - My Life All in One Place
15. [15]Philofaxy North West Meet Up Chat!!! - Filo Obsessed
16. [16]A5 Malden Filofax - It's My Life!
17. [17]Podcast episode 2 - My Life All in One Place
18. [18]Mein Compact-Projekt - Filo-Manie
19. [19]A Happy Pile Of Filos! - 2 Scrap Alot
20. [20]Vintage Pink Malden filofax - 2 Scrap Alot
21. [21]Hello Kitty and Filofax? Why yes, I think I will! - Circus Life with Disturbed Mamacita
22. [22]Journalling School (2) - Filomaniac
23. [23]Looking forward to Fall...okay, maybe not - Circus Life with Disturbed Mamacita
24. [24]F is for filofax! - Armchair Antics
25. [25]Hacking Chamomile - Lime Tree
26. [26]Filofax M2 Cross wallet - Minibreak Mummy
27. [27]A5 Kendal Review - It's My Life!
28. [28]Delayed filofax holiday essentials competitions - Anita Lim
29. [29]Why do I love Filofaxes? - Imysworld
30. [30]Filofax Containment - The Storage Studio
31. [31]tidy thinks tidy thoughts - The Daisy Chain
32. [32]Combine Your Paper Planner and Smartphone to Make SURE School Work Gets Done - Daytimer Blog
33. [33]Filofax Blog of the Week: The Wonderful Life of Alice - My Life All in One Place

34. [34]My Organiser - Filofax, Paperchase and Custom made - The Wonderful Life of Alice
35. [35]Filofax Lookbook - Ross Gunter
36. [36]Dodo Pad Universal Acad-Pad and Dodo Pad looseleaf diaries - Plannerisms
37. [37]New set-up (rapidly abandoned!) - Paper Pens Ink
38. [38]Using Your Filofax for University - Paper Lovestory
39. [39]Zu gewinnen: Metropol in Kingfisher Blue - Filomaniac
40. [40]Cuban Personal Zip - It's My Life!
41. [41]Personal... Day to 2 Pages Diary - It's My Life!
42. [42]The kindness of others - Paper Pens Ink
43. [43]How To Make a Realistic To Do List - Homemakers Daily
44. [44]This was the month that was: July 2012 - My so called organised life
45. [45]OTF: Many True Filofaxes Guest Post - The Life of The Perpetual Student

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can't guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Don't forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks video finds.

IFRAME: [46]http://www.youtube.com/embed/PbaRsCRQSLA?rel=0

IFRAME: [47]http://www.youtube.com/embed/Oo7kzcKw8Co?rel=0

IFRAME: [48]http://www.youtube.com/embed/LUlbRqsYluA?rel=0

IFRAME: [49]http://www.youtube.com/embed/eFTmkLwaYAc?rel=0

IFRAME: [50]http://www.youtube.com/embed/zIGgz4ij5TM?rel=0

IFRAME: [51]http://www.youtube.com/embed/mgHvznpv3Co?rel=0

IFRAME: [52]http://www.youtube.com/embed/Ob3WFOgpAS0?rel=0

IFRAME: [53]http://www.youtube.com/embed/SO8FW4XzjkM?rel=0

This last one isn't Filofax related, but you might find it useful if you are a blogger and you use Blogger/Blogspot for your blog.

IFRAME: [54]http://www.youtube.com/embed/wf1OwGk3FzE?rel=0

As always... Enjoy

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LJ (2012-08-04 00:57:19)
Wow!!! Another huge list - Thank you :o)

Paul B (2012-08-04 02:59:55)
Thanks, Steve. Another great selection. Does anyone know if there's an easy way to save some of the reader videos, so you can add them to an iPhone? I'm a bit technically challenged in this area! I fly each weekend and it would be good to save some of the videos to watch on the plane. Thanks.

Maus (2012-08-04 03:36:58)
Wow, the list is growing longer and longer - fantastic!!!
I'm looking forward to enjoying each web find the whole weekend long... :-)

Ray Blake (2012-08-04 03:53:56)
[1]This post explains a couple of options.

1. `http://www.wondershare.com/convert-video-audio/youtube-to-iphone.html`

Steve Morton (2012-08-04 03:54:44)
There are quite a few add-ons for browsers that can download You Tube videos as MP4 format files. But you would have to do this before you went on your travels.
Just search for You Tube in the Add-ons menu on your browser, there are several available on Firefox.

carou (2012-08-04 06:32:56)
I always look forward to this list every week. Thanks for it! :)

Paul B (2012-08-04 06:54:38)
Thanks gents. I got sent a link to keepvid.com which was as easy as copying the link, pasting it in and choosing download.Beautifully simple. Just need to pop them on the iphone now and I can watch videos of filo setups on the plane home tomorrow evening :)

dorisel (2012-08-04 07:45:32)
I too enjoy these finds. I look forward to them every week.

Kate (2012-08-04 08:03:38)
Another good Saturday morning read. Thanks, Steve. Imy and Zoe are video rock-stars. I have to disagree with Zoe, though, about the A5 yellow Finsbury with the black interior. It does look like a bit like abumble-bee but teamed with the black inserts from Sweden it looks like a swish bumble-bee!

minibreakmummy (2012-08-05 08:43:55)
I love seeing how other people are using their Filofaxes - and thanks for including me on the list too!

10 things about my filofax (2012-08-05 00:00) - Anita Lim

1. It doesn't have any stickers in it, even though I'm female. I did put some on the flyleaf and today bookmark, but removed them shortly afterwards as I just found it too visually busy for my liking.
2. I'm nowhere near as precious as I used to be about it, and am happy to pop it into a bag with all sorts of stuff without worrying (that said, my keys are kept well away).
3. I love that it doesn't beep or ring to grab my attention, but is always ready when I am.
4. It doesn't mind if I'm fickle and just start all over again.
5. It's an only child and won't be getting any other siblings (the minimalist in me breathes a sigh of relief).
6. I don't care if someone thinks I'm a dinosaur for owning one as it makes me happy.

7. It helps me feel a little saner and more organised in this beautiful and crazy world.
8. They say that you can meet more people by owning a dog, but owning a filofax has helped me meet wonderful folk that I wouldn't have found otherwise.
9. In my opinion, it's much more beautiful than a smartphone.
10. And finally, it's been in the presence of the Dalai Lama :)

Josh (2012-08-05 00:06:08)
Hee. I love this post, Anita. Totally true about meeting wonderful people!

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-05 01:09:46)
I like this post very much, it also warms my crusty black heart to see another female who doesn´t have a sticker on her FF. * raises eyebrows approvingly *
This is what I´ve been pondering too. Smartphones, iPhones etc...
Now, I´ve been in meetings with my thing of beauty. The older generation has expressed unreserved appreciation at its gorgeousness (ladies, I mean) and younger generation has ogled at it quasi- reserved as they nonchalantly have slipped their little phone-apparatus on the table. They end up making notes either on A4´s or on their phones. When schedules have been set, I´ve been able to flap my dairy open in an instant and have already made a note of the certain date and ready to move on but those phone fiddlers still try to find their ways out of their notes to the calendar part and really. These devices are supposed to be so time and space saving etc. In reality, in meetings I´ve noticed that they do not save time, since I´m always waiting for them to finger their ways from point A to B (talk about Freudian slips...) and I´m engaged with other people around the table whereas the fiddlers are hunched over their devices, frantically trying to keep up. If these phonegadget- things work for some, great. But in meetings, they leave much to be desired when it comes to time management and also consideration to others.
Needless, to say, I can simultaneously reference to my contacts and dates of prior action or agreements no matter how many months ago these things took place. It is just very fast to operate around one´s organizer.
Technology might have taken steps forward but there still is room for improvement.

Laura Anne (2012-08-05 02:16:53)
Love numbers 9 and 10.

Laurie (2012-08-05 03:56:11)
Okay, #10 alone would be enough for me to hold it in a high place of honor! How awesome!! Bonus points: did he actually see it??

Helen Conway (2012-08-05 04:16:31)
And I bet you would have had no chance of getting a dog anywhere near The Dalai Lama.

Alison (2012-08-05 04:19:11)
Ok tell us more about Dalai Lama please :)
I'd love to own only one Filofax, maybe on day, minimalist is something I long to be but I have a lot of work to do :o

Cloudberry (2012-08-05 04:45:04)
Great list!
I LOVE my FF and have used one for more than 20 years. I wouldn't be without it. It contains everything I need in one place and I can lay my hands on information in a trice.
It still draws attention in meetings - admiring comments from those of a certain age who used to have one (and wish they still did!) and questions from the younger set. I gave a tour to some youngsters half my age, who highlighted to me some of the limitations of their smartphones. We ran a test to see who could access information

quicker, or note down some information fastest. I won hands down.
I've just taken delivery of 'Red' a personal sized ostrich. It is a graduation gift to myself, and a downsize from A5 to Personal. I use my FF for work, so I've gone for a mono-chrome look with inspirational B &W photos for dividers, and splashes of colour down the edge of white paper for the inserts. The only stickers I've used are coloured dots that I fold over the top of each page as a marker for sub-dividers for each project.
The colourful section at the back is my 'whiteboard' page for brainstorming in colour and my motivational pictures and photographs!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-08-05 05:22:36)
Brilliant post!!
I too always win in a speed and utility test in meetings with my trusty filofax versus the "smart" phone/tablets around the table.
And the Dalai Lama. how fantastic!

Romina (2012-08-05 08:07:01)
Lovely post! I specially like 6,7 & 8 :D
This community is awesome and i am so happy to be a part of it!

lifeconsidered (2012-08-05 08:09:56)
When I saw the title of this post, a little thrill went down my spine. I put down my computer, went to the kitchen, made a cup of tea to go with a slice of honey pound cake,came back and sat in my favorite leather club chair to settle in for a good read.I was not disappointed. Wonderful post!

lifeconsidered (2012-08-05 08:16:10)
Oh, I almost forgot...I, too am female, and you will find no stickers in my Osterly :)

Leithing (2012-08-05 08:26:05)
Terrific post. I'm also a female who doesn't have stickers on any part of her filofax. I also only have 1, a Ranger and it's second hand. I'mt I'm longing for the day when I can get a new one. Great bragging rights with the Dalai Lama btw.

SSA (2012-08-05 09:17:12)
also female, no stickers. :) although i do meet more people thru my dog i must admit.... but he is a cutie :)

MsPencil (2012-08-05 14:16:13)
This comment has been removed by the author.

MsPencil (2012-08-05 14:20:56)
Great Post! Great Comments from Weird Rock Star and Cloudberry! Cloudy Have a Great Day Everyone!

DEM (2012-08-05 14:51:40)
I would love to see how you set up Red. I'm just sayin'

DEM (2012-08-05 14:54:26)
I know I'm repeating everyone else but, wonderful post! Thank you for sharing. Now I want to start chronicling where my Ostrich goes! And I want to start a similar list. Thanks for the inspiration.

Cheryl (2012-08-05 15:19:42)
Good Lord you enablers! Now I think I must have a red Filofax of some sort!!! Smiles widely. Great post and f/u comments.

Amanda (2012-08-05 15:21:19)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Amanda (2012-08-05 15:22:59)
Now with the spell-checker! Yes lovely post thanks Anita. No stickers in mine either, though I do have a fairly glittery pen.
And since it has been in the company of the Dalai Lama, does that mean your Filofax is now one with everything?

Cloudberry (2012-08-05 15:34:51)
Will do - I'll write it on my "To do list", with a big frog* sticker to remind me to action it!
For those who missed it, see Ray's (my life in one place) blog on the 5 frogs as a reminder on turning lists into action.

Cloudberry (2012-08-05 15:36:26)
Thanks Mrs P. I had a fun day playing around with my new FF instead of getting things done on my weekend to-do list!

Tina (2012-08-05 18:54:30)
Finally someone says they only own one Filofax ^^ I've decided to buy my very first Filofax and on all the blogs/youtube vids I've seen everyone owns so many! Got a little intimidated by that haha so good to read someone sticks to one.
Reason number three is brilliant!! Hahaha. Overall fantastic post!

Doris (2012-08-06 01:29:42)
Amen.

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-06 09:01:44)
Thank You, MsPencil!
Would you believe I just had a house guests and Missus House Guest claimed that " one only has need for a sheet of paper for a calendar, anything excess is only if said person wants to splurge. You can only almost guess what level of a death stare I gave her, through my reading glasses. She´s a dear friend so the pacifist in me remained still but I was mightily miffed!

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-06 09:05:38)
Typo, correction- I had house guests. Not a guests.

Imy (2012-08-06 09:58:17)
More is definitely needed on number 10!

J (2012-08-06 11:41:11)
You can definitely stick to one binder! I'll admit, I bought a Domino as my first binder, and upgraded to a leather Malden a few months later. But I've happily been in the Malden for over a year and half now, and have no intentions of leaving it any time soon!

J (2012-08-06 11:42:54)
Awesome list! I have to agree on the smartphone issue- I actually had mine out looking through the calendar the other day (cut me some slack, it was closer than the Filo) but after about 30 seconds of just trying to get the darn calendar app to open, I tossed the phone down in frustration and grabbed the Filo. I had the info I needed five seconds later.
Lesson learned!

Ro (2012-08-06 17:33:29)
We are a rarity amongst the Filofax faithful but there are several of us that use only one binder, and even own only one.

Brilliant post, Anita! Loved it

Tina (2012-08-06 18:05:50)
Yes it definitely is a rarity! Hahaha but it's great to know there's a few! :) I just have to wait for mine to arrive!!

olla (2012-08-09 11:04:51)
Hmm, what has having no stickers in one's FF to do with being a female? Honestly I don't get it. Otherwise I love the list.

Reader Under The Spotlight - Lucy (2012-08-06 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

Today I would like to introduce you to another of our readers... Lucy.
Hello fellow Filofax nerds! I'm Lucy (aka LucyLastic) and I run the blog [2]All Things Stationery. I live in West Yorkshire (UK), I'm 35, have been happily married to Phil for 13 years and we have a six year old daughter called Phoebe. I work part time in HR and I also do a bit of freelance proofreading here and there. I play the flute in a concert band and I'm also the secretary for my husband's cricket club.I've always been a bit of a stationery fan and spent far too much of my youth browsing round WH Smith instead of toy shops...

1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?
I actually had my first Filofax bought for me as a present from my Mum when I was about 19. I have no idea what model it was but I'm fairly sure it was a personal and was navy blue around the edges with a kind of pinky/browny swirly pattern in cloth fabric around the centre. Unfortunately, it was just too big for me at the time (I'd only just started work) so I don't remember using it that much. I've no idea what happened to it! If anyone has any idea about what model it could have been, please let me know!
The first Filofax I bought for myself was a Microfile black leather mini that I used to death for a number of years (from the mid to late nineties to about 2008) and it was absolutely stuffed to the gills. There's a picture of it (still stuffed) on my blog under the post called '[3]Mini Longing'. I certainly got my money's worth out of that! I've a feeling it was about £18 at the time, although I might be wrong.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?
I used a Letts slimline diary for a while in early 2011 as well as a Letts Festival Academic diary but it wasn't long before I moved back into my third Filofax that I bought in 2008, an aqua pocket Domino. I also bought (and considered using) a CiAK Duo weekly agenda, a Mum's Office School Year (grid) diary and an Organised Mum Pocket Life Book but whilst they were all great in their own ways, they just simply didn't measure up to my Filofax so they never got used. Basically nothing else measures up and I've used a Filofax for the vast majority of my adult life.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?
I am now fully in the 'slimline' camp and I currently use a Damson Slimline Adelphi which is my favourite - it was second hand (mint condition) and the leather is soft and supple, so it lays flat very nicely and because it has no clasp, it opens up at the flick of a wrist. Slimlines are the perfect combination of enough room to write and fit in what I need but small enough to slip into a small handbag (or jacket pocket if you're a bloke I suppose). I am on a mission to persuade Filofax to produce a bigger selection of more feminine-coloured slimlines. They are completely overlooked in my opinion because they're a brilliant size for ladies' handbags, and if your circumstances change and your life becomes a bit busier, you can simply put your existing inserts into a compact or personal and add more of what you need, without having to rewrite everything to a different sized diary insert. Or, you can use a compact/personal during the week at work and then just remove the necessary pages and put them into your slimline for the weekend. Perfection!
4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?
I currently own twelve *gasps*, although I'm selling two of them:

- Mini leather Microfile (black)
- Mini Domino (Lavender)
- Mini Finsbury (Aqua)
- Pocket Domino (Aqua)
- Pocket Domino (Ultra Violet)
- Pocket Finsbury (Aqua)
- Pocket Chameleon (Raspberry)
- Slimline Adelphi (Damson)
- Slimline Adelphi (Magenta)
- Compact Finsbury (Raspberry)
- Compact Chameleon (Raspberry)
- Personal Domino (Ultra Violet).

Oh - and I also recently bought my daughter a mini pink zipped Finsbury for doodles and colouring etc, so she can 'be like Mum'. So I guess that's . . . twelve and a half???

5. What do you use your Filofax for?
I use it as my diary/planner to organise my life and co-ordinate it with that of my family's life - appointments, reminders, to dos are noted in it and I also have a record of my financial spends so I can rein myself in when required. As well as a 'week on one page with notes' diary, I have a few templates for extra bits of information, such as card/jewellery sales for my Mum (I sell her stuff at work and make a note of how much I owe her), work holidays (I take mine in hours because I'm part time so I like to keep a running total), sat nav postcodes (instead of a full list of addresses), important telephone numbers (in case my phone dies), petrol usage, payments made (ie: for my daughter's activities/school), passwords (I have the memory of a goldfish) and overtime. I also use my Filofax to store any receipts I may need as well as stamps, business cards, money-off coupons, my library cards and driving licence.
6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?
I love the fact that I can add my own bespoke personal pages to suit me, and that I can remove past pages that I don't need any more to help keep the whole thing compact and lightweight to carry around with me. The fact that I can have a 'week to view with notes' diary as well as a few days from a 'day per

page' diary is something that you simply don't get in a bog-standard diary such as the Letts ones that I've used a couple of times before.
7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?
Wow - that's a difficult question because I'm so happy with my current binder. In a practical sense, I think I would just like a purple A4 Chameleon that has the two 'standard size/width' rings, just like an ordinary ring binder. This way, I could have the benefit of a beautiful binder but not spend much money on inserts as I could use ordinary A4 refill pads, print my own templates off on A4 paper and punch them with an ordinary hole punch. If I was going to go really wild though, it would have to be a peacock feather design! I adore the colour of peacock feathers!
Whatever I'd choose though, it would definitely come in a dust bag to protect it from scratches. I don't understand why leather Filofaxes don't come with a simple dust bag or pouch - handbags do!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?
It lives in my handbag at all times, except when I'm at work and then it sits in front of my phone and next to my pc.

9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?
Well I really liked the look of the compact Luxe in blackcurrent but that's disappeared into thin air so it looks like that's not going to happen any time soon! I was determined to win it in the City Organiser competition... oh well. I'd quite like a slimline Amazona in red (or even black) for work but they're generally too expensive to buy and they don't come up very often any more. I also thought about buying a personal raspberry Chameleon (just because I don't have a leather personal Filofax) and an A5 raspberry Chameleon simply as I'd probably decide I need an A5 one day in the future and this is the one that I would choose, but I dithered for too long and now there aren't any half price ones left! *sulks*
Talking of Chameleons, why on EARTH are they discontinuing such a beautiful binder??? Huh???

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?
£47.80 for my (new) Slimline Magenta Adelphi. Slimlines in my favourite colours are so hard to find that I'll pay a bit extra if one of them pops up for sale. I might have twelve Filofaxes but I think I've only paid full price for one of them, and I don't yet own any A5s which are obviously the more expensive binders.

11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?
I like discovering new tips that make my Filofax more functional and useful to me. I also like the fact that I feel very normal when joining in conversations with so many like-minded people. I would never discuss Filofaxes like I do here with anybody else. They'd put me in a straight jacket, chuck me in a padded cell and throw away the key!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?
The fact that it makes me spend money that I probably wouldn't be spending if I hadn't found Philofaxy...
13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?
Oh gosh - there have been so many recently. I can't remember the last one but I've recently acquired Caro Emerald, Olly Murs, Evanescence, Paloma Faith and Train. My favourite band is The Feeling though - I've seen them live twice and they were awesome. I have a very eclectic taste in music!
Thank you Lucy for going under our spotlight.

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Doris (2012-08-06 01:35:37)
It's great to put a face to the blog!

Helen Conway (2012-08-06 02:42:47)
Can you please bring a compact and a slimline to the Nrth West meet up so I can see what they ate like? Thanks.

Alison (2012-08-06 03:35:15)
Great post and now I know what you look like for when we meet at the nw meet up :)

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-08-06 04:55:15)
shuffles into room feeling very exposed and naked*
Hi there! :-/
Yes Helen, I'd intended on bringing both my slimlines and compacts to the meet up. I'm looking forward to it! Although I'm expecting to get very lost in Manchester - I don't know it at all!

janet (2012-08-06 05:01:31)
Lovely post - thank you!
My Sienas came with dustbags. Quite nice ones actually - like an envelope with a leather f clasp to hold it shut. Not sure if any others do.
Janet

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-08-06 05:03:58)
Ah ha, I didn't know that! What a great idea. They should do it for all of them. Well, certainly the leather ones anyway.

Alison (2012-08-06 05:48:55)
Ive an A5 Raspberry Chameleon for sale Lucy, dont know if I cant tempt you, gutted, just outside the 28 days for returning :(

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-08-06 06:01:44)
Oh Alison! I would have said yes but...
looks round to check hubby isn't in the vicinity*
...I managed to get both the personal and A5 since I wrote this post! SSSSSSSSSSHHHHHHHHHH!!!
I would have said yes otherwise... :-(

Yu (2012-08-06 06:01:51)
... Mine didn't! It wasn't even wrapped in the... *monentarily lost the word*... thin Filofax paper.

Alison (2012-08-06 06:41:20)
Haha ok no worries, glad you got hold of one :)

Butanben (2012-08-06 07:38:52)
Hi Lucy,
Great to put a face to a name... I love your blog BTW. Glad you got your Chameleons in the end.I must be mad, but I have a gorgeous little felt bag, especially to protect my A5 daily use Filofax. It is a Churchill small felt bag with beautiful hand stiched flowers on in. I fell in love and I enabled myself to buy it when it was in a sale!!!! A perfect little protection bag for A5 or personal which folds up in my briefcase and is just so gorgeous to look at and admire too!!

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-08-06 07:46:08)
Hi Butanben, and thank you! I'm glad you enjoy my blog. I enjoy writing it; when it becomes a chore then I'll stop. I just post when I feel like it and I've got something to share!
Your felt bag sounds like a good idea. My Mum is very crafty...I might start sending hints in her direction...!

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-06 15:07:05)
Really enjoyed your answer to #11. My family and friends all think I'm nuts and I was starting to think they

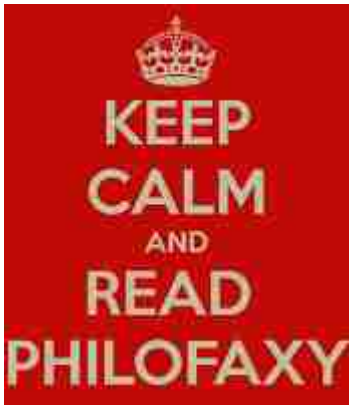
were right until I found this site and realized I am not alone! It's been so nice to find other people with the same planner obsession I have and some of the same struggles with their planners!

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-08-06 15:48:55)
Hi Homemakersdaily.com! Thanks for your comment. I'm so private about my Filofax world that I haven't even told anybody about this post today! Well, my hubby knows. But that's it. Everyone else will think I'm crackers...

Romina (2012-08-06 21:56:40)
Lucy, hi :) just have to comment on the fact that i absolutely love your haircut and wish i could wear mine that short!
Also, i also want to know what happened to the compact black currant Luxe and why the heck are the discontinuing the Chameleon...

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-08-07 07:01:37)
Thanks very much Romina! It takes quite a bit of time to dry and style it after it's been washed but in the morning, I just brush it and away I go! It's very low maintenance in between washes.
Yes I'm a bit gutted about the blackcurrant Luxe, but to be honest I think it was beyond my price bracket anyway. City Organiser posted the following on Facebook a while ago:
"The final part of our triptych of posts on the Blackcurrant Luxe is the news that despite being on page 2 of the 2012 Filofax catalogue, we won't in fact be seeing it until 2013! "The nature of bad news infects the teller" - it was our second favourite of all new 2012 Filofaxes!"
:-(
As for the Chameleon, it's such a shame they are discontinuing that binder as it's very feminine and lovely. I have a raspberry one in every size now, apart from the mini. It's so gorgeous.

Free For All Tuesday No. 79 (2012-08-07 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1] 

This week I've been sent a specific set of questions for you to respond to by one of our readers.
Paul asks:
We all love looking at other people's set-ups, tabs and diaries, but once all that is done, we still have to use the Filofax. I'm intrigued as to the routine of how Philofaxers actually USE their binders on a daily basis.
Do you open it the night before, for a review of the following day? Open it first thing in the morning, to check what's on your schedule? Do you plan the day using your calendar and To Do list in the morning? ?
How often do people visit the diary and To Do pages daily, in whatever system they use? I know some people have it open on their desk all day long. Others do a lot of travel or external meetings.
I'd love to hear how this community actually uses their everyday Filofax (or Fiofaxii in the case of people who have multiple or satellite/hub &spoke binders).
I'm hoping to gain some new ideas, as my work is so busy at the moment, I'm forgetting to check it and

things are starting to fall through the gaps. Thanks.
Well that should keep us busy for a few hours/days/weeks! But please don't be put off from asking other questions and we will do our best to answer those as well.....

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EmmaNoey (2012-08-07 01:48:34)
I use two- a pocket that's my calendar and a personal for a journal and some projects. I review the next day's plans at night in the pocket. I use a week on one page, so I can see two weeks spread out on the open calendar for planning. This size works for me because I have a small cursive hand. I also have a sheet cut to about quarter of the page size on which I've written my weekly household chores on both sides and then covered it in clear tape. I can mark the chores off in felt pen as I do them and then wipe them off when the week's over. It lays over and partly obscures whichever week is not the current one. In other words, if this week is on the left side, the chore list lays on the right hand side. Next week, I flip it to the left. I really like week on one page for this reason. Also, my favorite Filofax Snoopy calendar comes only in this format. :)
I write a bit in the personal size journal (Wo2p) nightly. In the morning, I have a look in the pocket calendar to make sure I have what I need for the day. I'm trying to get back into the habit of morning and evening routines, but that part isn't solid yet.

EmmaNoey (2012-08-07 01:55:46)
I should have said my Snoopy calendar comes only in pocket size, not just one format. Sanrio is actually very generous with their calendar package. It has the week on one page, the months on 2pages, 3 months vertically on the page and a couple of full year planners in the package, plus note paper, perforated pages and quite a bit of data in Japanese that I can't figure out.

Doris (2012-08-07 02:31:12)
I have year/month/week -at-a-glance pages that I customized for my needs. These are my first port of call in the mornings. Then, I check my calendar for what I need to do during the day. My system is simple but works for me at the moment.

Doris (2012-08-07 02:32:02)
I've seen the Hello Kitty calendars around but have never figured out where to get them. They do seem cute and interesting. (:

Alison (2012-08-07 02:32:34)
Each day I plan for the following day as and when things come up, i'm constantly writing in my A5 home filofax, app's, to-dos, chores that need doing, finances, goals, reviewing goals, routines for the kids etc. I add any app's to my personal carry around just so I know when i'm tied up should anything arise when i'm out of the house. I review it all at night and again in the morning and constantly come back to it during the day!!

Clareio (2012-08-07 03:15:08)
I have my diary open on my desk at work. I plan ahead and check in the morning but I also use my WO2P as a food log and to record what hours i've worked on what job so it's not entirely a planner.
I also have a running record at the start of my planner on lined paper, this contains details of what i've done and what i've learned on each job for the purpose of having to write a quarterly report for ICE membership purposes. The only sections of my filofax that get used at work are these two tabs and i have one diary set up in one filofax so i don't have to keep up with duplicates!

Cloudberry (2012-08-07 03:57:00)
I have my FF open right now on my desk and it remains open all day. I refer to it constantly, updating my project pages with next actions and ticking things off my weekly to-do list.
I too use a week-on-one-page (format with notes), but I use this page to write down 3 must-do things per day. I keep my appointments in Outlook and print out a week in columns that I punch it to sit on the left side of the

rings.
I divide up the notes page on the right into sections for each project I'm working on, and at the start of each week, I write down all the actions to be done that week for each project. I use my Outlook printout to see where I can slot in my actions.
I also have a meeting notes section with custom pages to capture actions and I have an 'inbox' section to capture stray thoughts to process later. I have a pull out note pad that I use to jot down notes from phone calls.
Everything goes into my in FF! It is my 'go to' place for information. I review my next day's appointments the night before to plan what to wear and what tasks I can reasonably expect to accomplish - on busy meeting days I get little done, but accept that up-front. I also reflect on my 'life grid' (in my FF as a reminder) but I journal that elsewhere.
At times in my career when I've gotten so busy that I don't have time to update FF, I've ended up in a complete mess. So I now allocate time on my schedule to update FF everyday and feel more in control of the endless merry-go-round of meetings, emails and actions. Somehow using FF helps keep things in some semblance of control!

David Popely (2012-08-07 04:08:51)
Mine is open all day, all the time, on my desk, or whatever 'space' I'm using for work/living at that moment. So when I'm not working it's around the living space in our house, and when I'm out it's in whatever bag I'm using. Today I'm in London on business, so it's been in my rucsac for the last two days. Weekends it's in my brand new John Rocha shoulder bag (yay!).
Usually it's open at the 'next actions' section, and I refer to the other sections (projects, waiting for, etc)only when I need them
On a Friday, which is when I customarily do the weekly review, all the sections get updated, emptied if appropriate, and referred to.
I generally refer to the diary section only when I've forgotten what I'm doing next, or during the weekly review. From there, I can usually remember the few meetings which I have to attend, and if I can't, I can refer back. I think I've only genuinely forgotten two meetings in over 40 years of work!
Paul, I think you've got an important point here - it's not the having but the using of the FF which makes it, and me, effective to any degree, so having a routine and a discipline is the priority. I find I'm a 'creature of habit', so once have the habit of using the FF, it makes like a whole lot easier.....probably the habit of using it is more important than the precise details of the system itself....although I'm always happy to 'fiddle' with those!

Laurie (2012-08-07 04:39:35)
I have to keep my diary open all day in a place I'll see if often. As my sister says, "A closed planner is a dead planner." I think it's key for any planner/ diary that you have to look at it often throughout the day. Definitely first thing in the morning and later in the afternoon/ evening so you can prepare for the following day. And several times during the day too.
My motto for any planner is, the more you use it, the more useful it is!
For actual use, I think it's very important to compare your scheduled events with your tasks and projects for the week, and slot in times when you can complete tasks. Notice times that are already occupied and realize that if you have 5 hours of meetings scheduled in one day, you're not going to be able to also complete an entire day's worth of tasks too.

Butanben (2012-08-07 04:40:09)
Hi there Paul,
What a good question you ask. It's not just the how of planning but the why of it and how it works for us. First of all we are all individuals, so what works for one person may not work for another and it can take a while to find your perfect set up of diary format which works just for you and really works.It's pure trial and error and being willing to try new formats. No right or wrong way here just a you way. You will know when you have found it when you no longer wish to keep tweaking your diary formats and just use your filofax smoothly, without thinking about it.Now I use my Filofax for me like this..... I have an A5 Finsbury in black. Very practical as it is a hard wearing binder,polishes up well, never looks grubby and matches my briefcases.An A5 Malden may follow though!!!!In it I have printed off Ray and Steve's 5 line Time Management diary and it is the only one I have found

to work. The left hand page is for appointments and their times and the right hand page for to dos and tasks.5 home to dos are plenty. Then under notes and reminders I list my must buy @ shops... just 1 or 2 major items which MUST be purchased eg batteries, light bulbs,watch repairs etc.. NOT food shopping that's on the back of my Dodo pad I use for weekly menu plans. Also in notes and reminders I list my work to dos and under that all communications work or home. and at the bottom any important coming up items..... often deadlines or meetings to prep for.You'll see what I mean if you look at the A5 5 line Time Management diary format on the Philofaxy files section. On the diary page at the top, under memo(this week)I list important anniversaries and birthdays not to be missed, where presents and cards are required.I diary in the buying and posting of presents the week before under tasks (home to dos.)I do a weekly review and plan the upcoming week every Sunday night, so all is written in and it is added to over the week as I go along. The only diary format which has worked for me so far. In my personal size I failed with a week on 2 pages,things fell through the cracks. A5 and this format WORKS!!!!!I am a visual person and so colour code my diary.... RED for vital /important stuff, Green for must post out ie to go, violet for day to day, light blue for all work stuff and pink (as a chap brown or orange may suit you better!!)for social diary. I look at my diary in the mornings, plan as I am going along too and refer to it during the day.. love that I can see the whole week ahead and that work and home are not separated as double booking errors cannot occur. One life, one diary. I use a MOTP.... Steve and Ray again for my work deadlines only so at a glance I can see where any compacted busy periods are coming up and can spread the workload, and a year view horizontal calendar in which I note down using coloured stripes, holidays, sickness absence and training/work away days. As a teacher, I also have my daily timetable at the front of my planner. At the back I have lists, mind maps and blank paper along with a sticky post its and arrows dashboard.... oh and a huge smiley Rhubarb (as in Rhubarb and Custard 70's cartoon!!) postcard, quite simply because it makes me smile!!! Actually I rarely use post its, as they tend to fall out and not a good thing that.The small arrow markers, which are more like flags than arrows, I cut the end off and stick on today's diary date, so that when I open my TMWO2P I can instantly see where today's stuff is.Handy. The back pocket I use for my prescription renewal slips and hospital appointment letters, my once a year check up,rather than have a notepad. I have also started to use sticky labels which I have made, following Gail's blog post. Very easy to do and so very handy.... means I don't miss important stuff. Takes up a little more room, but not much. Hope this all makes sense!! xxxx

lululucy (2012-08-07 04:54:02)
I'm a one-Filo woman, a personal, and it goes everywhere with me.
When I go into the office, it gets opened as soon as I get in and stays open on the desk all day. That way I can see appointments coming up on the page for the day, and my to-do list, which is either on a post-it (these mini cuties from Muji http://www.muji.eu/pages/online.asp?V=1 &Sec=14 &Sub=61 &PID=4964) stuck on the facing page or on a full sheet of yellow personal paper inserted to face the current day. And, if the stars are in alignment, I get to actually cross items off that to-do list.
When it's a non-office day, I check it in the am to see what the schedule is, and consult schedule, info pages, etc as needed throughout the day.

lululucy (2012-08-07 05:08:59)
Forgot to mention - every few days I review the to-do list (usually when my brain is dead and I need to step back from things), reprioritize and rewrite it so it looks somewhat neat and thus potentially doable. That to-do list is divided into categories and some categories look more like 'goals' than 'next actions' I'm afraid - that's something I need to work on.
I also check the Filo each evening, to see when my first set activity for work or fun is for the next day. (I'm an academic and often work at home in the mornings, then head into the office when it's time for the first actually scheduled meeting or class. So I need to know whether I need to be in for 9 or for noon.) And when I'm in meetings or talks, the Filo goes with me, so I can take notes on the note pad, or consult the calendar as needed. (or update my to-do list while looking like I'm actually paying attention to whatever's going on.)
I guess the FIlo is like a brain in that a relatively small percentage of pages (the diary) get most of the routine activity on a daily basis. But the other pages (lists of books to check out, shopping lists and reference info needed when shopping, addresses and maps/travel info) do get consulted frequently, just not every single day as part of a standard routine.
Loving reading everyone's Filo routine!

JohnofJenkins (2012-08-07 05:19:37)
I use two- an A5 Cuban Zip that sits on my desk and is updated each evening and a Scanda personal which I carry around with me. I am semi-retired so I don't have a lot to plan but I still do some work and I still use my FF for that. I am also Secretary of the Local Branch of the Royal Flying Doctors Service and I use my FF to keep track of meetings and RFDS events. I also download everything onto my computer and sync it to my Samsung Galaxy S2, so I have the best of both worlds. Recent addition is a London 2012, which arrived yesterday.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-07 05:46:13)
Wow this is an amazing blog post! This is the area where I fall down and it couldn't have come at a better time for me. I've set my FF up numerous times, then just not looked at it. I'm just re-setting up my FF and reviewing and writing down my goals and projects. I'll probably be printing out some of these posts to use for forming a new habit of checking my FF more regularly. I'm not sure if it's doable but I want to try and get it all on one binder - however I have a lot of both business and personal projects to record and action so it may not all fit!

David Popely (2012-08-07 05:47:24)
Good luck Alison.....I think we're all continually trying to get this right!

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-08-07 05:58:38)
I write absolutely everything I need to remember in my Filofax and never forget to do this. However... in the past, I have simply forgotten to look at it. Duh! So I now have repeat reminders set on my mobile phone for the morning and evening to remind me to check my Filo at those times.
My weekly diary consists of a 'week on one page with notes' (personal size in a slimline binder). The Monday to Sunday section contains appointments and time-specific to dos/reminders. My notes page contains all the things I need to remember to do at some point during the week.
I have about a week's worth of 'day per page' pages in my Filofax and on an evening, I plan out the following day in terms of appointments and to dos. This system seems to work well enough for me and I currently have no desire to change my setup.
Hope this helps!

Paul B (2012-08-07 07:33:46)
Thanks for all the comments so far. A very busy day, aided nobly by the Filofax, means its the first time Ive had chance to check in. Its a feast of info up above, and I'm going to have several readings of it, to soak up the detail. I'm particularly intrigued about people using two, or even three calendars. That's not something I'd considered, and I have to admit that my initial thought is that it would over-complicate my planning, yet it seems to work for so many of you. In my A5, I had the day on 2 pages Filofax Time management diary, and I frequently got lost in the detail of the spread. Now I've downsized to the personal due to the weight of my A5 going over 2 Kilos, I am using the day per page. It has enough space to add in conference calls, (the bane of my life, I have 7 planned today....I mean seriously, when are you expected to do the day job?),meetings, deadlines, etc. I am now using bright orange dots from Paperchase to show calls which I absolutely cannot miss, as it grabs my eye. I also have a year planner, for leave, travel etc. I travel most weeks, so this is really a big picture view to tell me if I'm free or not.
I also like the idea of inserting a To Do list between diary pages so I can just move it tomorrow. Hard to believe but I diligently re-wrote my entire to do list every day with the day on 2 pages. I felt like it encouraged it.
This page so far feels like a distillation of all the best methods. There's so much to think about. Its going to mae grat reading on the plane this evening :)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-07 07:43:30)
I used to use my filofax really well on my Day per page diary- I used to write all of the next day's stuff in it the night before- at that point I was really organised, and it was a really good habit! I used to sit on my bed, look at my appointments (lectures, meetings, work shifts) that were already in it and future deadlines, and plan what I could do in between those appointments, what I needed to take with me, things I needed to do on campus. All of that fell down when I started my big research period last spring to write my undergrad dissertation,

when I had no appointments so hardly opened my filofax. Then the summer came, and again I had nothing to write in it and hardly ever opened it. After another year at uni, I am at the same place again, writing my dissertation and I again have no appointments, although plenty of work to do which I write down in my A5 uni work planner, so nothing tends to get written in my personal filofax. I am using a week on 1 page diary so I can't really write much down, and I don't have very much to write down any way so I just remember it in my head instead. But I've fallen out of the habit to check for things throughout the day anyway! I only usually open my filo if I need to check something in my reference section or write something on one of my lists. I am getting better at writing down to-dos on the note page next to my week on 1 page though. But all-in-all, I don't use it as well as I used to! I am better when I am busy with lots of appointments, and unfortunately at the moment I'm not!

Laurie (2012-08-07 07:48:38)
This is timely: over on my blog I have a guest post from Robyn with photos and details on how she uses her (not a Filofax but a different) binder as a diary/ planner, project planner, prioritizing tasks, notes and capture device for her very busy life! Her system is US half size (8 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches) and could easily be adapted into an A5 Filofax:
http://www.plannerisms.com/2012/08/guest-post-look-inside-robyns.htm l
Loads of great ideas in there on how to use tabbed sections, dashboards and more in a binder.

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-07 08:48:37)
This is my system-
At the first section of Filo I have notepapers, and a clear plastic sheet to which I stick my lists to buy. I have a list for grocery store, list to office supplies, list to hardware store (our library- project is current) and a list to sewing paraphernalia. To these lists I add anything and everything we need. Because they are updated constantly, I can fill up the cupboards if I happened to have an odd opening to quickly run through store. Filofax comes with me where ever I go so I always have everything with me, in writing that is.
I then have created pages where there´s days in numbers and paragraphs running through them. I have a paragraph to my son´s nannies (which nanny comes when), a paragraph to his medical appointments, a paragraph to school meetings (meaning meetings which I´m attending to, concerning Himself), meetings for random events needing my attention (visitations, etc.), paragraph for my medical appointments. I highlight these events, every category has designated color.
Next section is day per page. I heart day per page. Route to high heavens is paved with days per pages.
Now, I pen down to do lists every day. My to do´s used to make me nuts because they are long, extensive and I just could not let it be undone. Then I figured a type A - friendly solution. I take an A5 page, draw a line on it. To the left side I write everything that absolutely needs to happen. And I start with with our morning routines (like washing up my son, giving him his medications, breakfast ect), go to lunch, snack, school runs and if I have appointments that day, those all go to the absolutely needs to happen left side. Everything that is set in stone, everything that prevents world from coming to its end on that day, goes to the left side. To the right side, I pen down all the rest. If there´s a bookcase to build or stain, it goes there, if it´s applications to fill or my son´s med papers to copy to school, if there is phone calls to make (that do not depend on a day or a certain time), if there is whatever to do that does not prevent world from turning and birds from singing, those all go to right side. Then I take this neat list and shove it next to the day on my diary. This is why I love Filofax, I can toss stationary around. Gotta love tossing stationary around. I then take the left side of my list and transfer it to diary, to their respective timetable. Then I already visually see what are the time slots that allow me to do the rest. I sometimes add some of the things from right side to the diary beforehand, usually I have the FF open from that day on the desk, and go about the set plan. When ever time allows, I see myself doing the things from right side because I then know I have the time to do all that needs be done. But this way, there´s no pressure. The most important things get done regardless and it´s okay to not be superwoman.
Bottom line is, I need to have everything visually on sight, everything on one glance and I just waltz through day. I follow the FlyLady cleaning chores religiously and copy them on pages on weekly basis. Sunday evenings I plan the next week cleaning and then add some (I´m fast and furious and dust is my enemy), I plan our menus and update grocery lists to compensate said menus. All of these I write on post- its and slap them on their respective days. That way, I already have a blueprint for next week, I already have grocery lists done and I just polish them come next Wed as I clean the refrigerator and prepare to hit the shops next day.

I also have a section to budgeting, I write down everything all the time and it actually is really eyeopening to see how easily I can splurge on stationary, home interiors and cleaning detergents.
Basically I like to be on top of everything because there would be a lot of loose ends in our life situation. There are no loose ends this way. Everything is written down. Every information I should need is readily available.

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-07 09:01:16)
I was not clear, the section after the to buy- lists, is a monthly list. On one glance I can map out our months and they already have the " themes " and dates highlighted. These pages are golden when it comes to meetings concerning my son´s multiple medical issues. On one sight I can track down the date of last major allergic reaction and length of the following fever that refused to go down for the next... 25 days. Just an example but a great way to track down completely random, yet reoccurring information and their developments.

Jarfm.com (2012-08-07 09:10:17)
I am a teacher also, although am out of work currently - still looking for something for September - but before term ended I was using my A5 zipped Holborn with a month on 2 pages, which I printed myself so the back & front of each month is blank. I then put the pages for the month after them & had no hidden pages. The month pages are an over view of the month, I bullet point anything happening on that day or deadlines etc. so I can (as someone else said) see when I have busy & quiet times, can plan accordingly & avoid clashes as much as possible! The main pages I was using after each month were day to a page with just hours down the left side of the page so I could use it to make a note of what class I had when & make a note about the lesson plans for that lesson. I had planned on using stickers to denote when I had set/need to collect homework but I am not used to stickers & forgot about them!
I also had a few centimetres of blank page at the bottom of each day for any notes or important reminders (students in after school etc.) as I finds it works better as it is nearer view & doesn't get lost either at the beginning of the week or day! Post-it's also get used to put reminders on that I don't need written in (maybe to give to a student or colleague, or about ringing a parent). I also got some sticky arrows, the first lot I got to flag up things had the sticky on the wrong end though so you couldn't point the arrow at the reminder? Subsequent ones (different brand) are sticky at the point not the flat end!
Now it is the school holidays I knew I would need to switch to a different format as there is no way I would use a whole page per day during this time. So I have printed a week to a page for the summer, the only time I might need more than this is when I go to Jamboree as I am on the reporting team & will need to put down my shifts & make a note of the stories I need to write. I may use a day to a page for this as well.
I would fill my pages in after school for either the next week or day or two depending on what was going on or where we were in the week - Friday's tended to be the day everyone rushes off asap so usually a few mins Thursday after school were spent to sort out Monday's page then the rest of the week was "sorted" over the weekend & written up Monday or as my free time allowed.
I have also been using a day to a page to journal rather than put in details in advance since term ended, therefore filling up each page with what I did that day. I also write a to do at the top of the next day's page the night before. I feel this has become a very good thing for me at present as it makes me realise how much (or little) I have actually accomplished in a day when I have felt very lost & down about such an expanse of "holiday" time before. continued...

Jarfm.com (2012-08-07 09:10:34)
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I definitely think having my Filofax on my desk when I had a lesson or in my hand was the best thing for me as I could add to my pages, refer to them or at least look busy :) when I needed to! Now I am at home most of the time I don't really have anywhere to put it & leave it open (I currently live with my parents & brother) but I do make sure I fill it in at the end of the day so I purge my brain before I get into bed! This helps me get to sleep better as it is not all just swimming round my head!
I have several Filofax, but 3 that are in use mainly. One (A5 Lyndhurst) is just about my finances & works with my pocket Malden as my wallet.I only really keep month overview pages & cards/cash in my Malden at present as noting down when I spent something became complicated to do as I went along. I now just keep every receipt and it's only if I don't get one that I write it down. I have a few blank pages to use as well

for making notes and to do lists for my shopping lists. I don't carry my Lyndhurst around with me at all. When teaching I did carry my A5 Holborn around with me in my teaching bag as well as my Malden but at present my Malden is just in my handbag and my Holborn gets to stay at home and keep my Lyndhurst company!

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-07 10:33:06)
I use a compact size Franklin Covey binder but I have homemade pages I designed for my life! On the left side is a page for things I need to do sometime during the week. Anytime I think of something that isn't specific to a certain day, it goes on that list - in random order. I put a star by the ones that absolutely need to be done sometime during the week.
On the right page I have my to do list. It's divided into two columns. The column on the right has a typed list of things I try to do daily - a checklist. As I complete items on that list, I highlight them to show they're done. The left column is blank and that's for things I need to do that day. I try to keep it only things that must be done. At the bottom of the page are three small boxes for appointments. I use the first box for morning, the second for afternoon and the third for evening.
On the back of the to do page I jot notes about things that come up during the day - like phone calls I make or receive, interesting things that happen, problems, etc.
In the evening, on that back side of the to do list, I write any other notes about my day. That page serves as a journal of sorts. I have all my pages since 1993 and some very interesting notes! When I finish updating my journal page, I plan the next day and update the current day's to do list.
I have my planner open on my kitchen cabinet or my desk - wherever I'm working. I refer to it on and off all day. Like someone said earlier, a closed planner is a dead planner. I take it with me most places. If I don't take it into a store, it's at least in the car.
I also have my financial information in my planner - checkbooks, bills to be paid, savings account balances. I have addresses in there as well as model numbers and refill information. You know how you get to the store to buy a new ink cartridge and you can't remember what size? The size is in the address pages of my planner!
I take my planner with me because you never know when you'll think of something you need to write down or when you'll need information in there. Also, it makes scheduling easier if you have it with you.
So my planner and I are constant companions.

lulululucy (2012-08-07 10:33:21)
Hi Paul - another idea if you insert the to-do list between diary pages, esp if you use 1PPD - if you have a hole punch, you can just punch holes on both sides of the to-do list, and then it's easy and fast to switch orientation in your binder, and thus make sure your to-do list in progress is always open facing the current day, without rewriting it constantly. That's probably obvious to all of you, but it took me a few weeks to realize it :)

Jarfm.com (2012-08-07 11:01:54)
Ooh I like the sound of your pages! Sound like they really work for you as well! Do you print them off or draw them out?

Joseph David Quinton (2012-08-07 11:09:10)
David, I am so happy you joined the manbag club!!!!!

Joseph David Quinton (2012-08-07 11:14:16)
Well said, Laurie.

J (2012-08-07 11:30:18)
Since my Filo is also my wallet, it is everywhere with me, all of the time! I usually don't open it in the morning until I get to work, but from then on it is open on my desk all day. I look over the day and the upcoming week right when I get to work, and then keep the planner open to the daily page for the rest of the day, only switching to a different day or my monthly view if I need to schedule something.
My biggest downfall has been nights and weekends- which I'm slowly improving at. I've tended to just get home from work at the end of a long day, and the Filo just sits in my bag. I've been training myself to take the Filo out as soon as I get home so that I can add any last minute details (my meal tracking, gratitude list, etc) that night so

I don't have to try and recall it the next day. Weekends have been the real mess- I used to barely look at it while running errands all weekend. But, I'm getting better, and my Malden has now become a staple on my coffee table at the end of every day. My life is more insane than it has ever been right now, so I'm definitely making this system work for me!
Hopefully you find something that works for your life :)

bluepuddy (2012-08-07 12:26:21)
Extremely interesting posts as I am also a teacher/translator (mainly in Swedish parliament and government) but I work in the field so to speak. I am in up to seven workplaces a day and go on foot (up to 12km a day). I have not been able to function without an A5 filo as my constant companion for years and years. Sweden has a special teacher's filofax with good inserts and refill packs. I have used Amazona, Kendal, Finsbury, Domino, Metropol, Siena, Malden.
I carry attendance registers, invoice information, addresses, door codes, lesson ideas, articles, records of what I have done/am doing/homework/business cards/bookings/schedules. Each booking I make has to be recorded in up to 8 different places (with client, with me, with my office, room booking system, client's staff) and I have to note down changes on the run and while I am away from my computer. I find the phone too fiddly. I like the A5 size because I can just print out A4 pages and fold them. Because of the high security work I sometimes do I use codes for everything and am terrified of losing my filofax I have only lost it once, (ironically) in the back of a secret service car. But without it for a few hours I was absolutely lost. I literally would not know where I was supposed to be in the next hour, or the next day.
I look in the morning what my day looks like (each one is different) and then I start my appointments. Each student has their own tab holding contact and invoice info, what they have done, to dos, any interesting articles I have found for them. I also have stickers for payday, cleaning schedule, travel card renewal, birthdays - I use Moleskine stickers. I also have a shopping list for each day. And in the notebook at the back I write detailed notes during the lesson which I give to the student. On my commute to and from lessons I write down notes, thoughts. When I get home I check the next day, make notes and enter all my bookings into my workplaces' client system.
Alas my back and shoulder has given out after 32 years of carrying books so I am using a Mulberry agenda sized planner now. But it hasn't worked because I end up carrying all the papers anywhere and then they get all out of order in my bag. And the space is too small if I have a lot of changes and cancellations (I have to record the changes as well so I cannot simply rub them out).
I wish I had a bionic arm!

Jarfm.com (2012-08-07 12:34:37)
Wow that is very busy indeed! It sounds quite fun as well though especially as no two days are the same!
I originally used the teachers planner the school provided me with but it only has school stuff in it and the one I got was A4 although they do come in A5. I just didn't like the way it was laid out - it had no relation to the rest of my day.
Are the Swedish Teacher's Filofax actual Filofax or just one that works like one? I would be very interested to see!

janet (2012-08-07 13:42:27)
Yes it is a special A5 filofax for teachers. You can put the inserts in any A5 but they have a early pack and lovely individual refills for teachers.
Here is the link (in Swedish unfortunately but maybe Google will translate it reasonably).
http://www.filofax.se/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=5 &rangeId=121 &dsizeId=5

janet (2012-08-07 13:46:34)
just ran it through google and it translated nicely
http://translate.google.com/translate?sl=auto &tl=en &js=n &prev= _t &hl=en &ie=UTF-8 &layout=2 &eotf=1 &u=http %3A %2F %2Fwww.filofax.se %2Fstore %2Forganiserdetails.asp %3FsizeId %3D5 %26rangeId %3D121 %26dsizeId %3D5 &act=url

Helen Conway (2012-08-07 15:12:20)
I use a personal Aston as my planner. I have self printed day on two pages and the night before I jot down intentions and tasks for the next day. i do this in my dressing room and as the first 'period' of my day is 6.45 to 8.45 when I then leave for work , if there is something I thinkI need to remember to do in that period I leave it out and open on the chaise longue so that when I dry my hair I literally sit on it so even half asleep its hard to miss. But if my intention for that period is just some 'me' time reading or journalling I put the filofax in the leather tote bag I use for work.
I then take the filofax to work and it usually stays in the bag until I need to work out a date for timetabling a case when I pull it out and use the week on page with notes to count what date six week from now is. Once out it stays on thedesk. Or, it will first come out when I have a spare minute or at lunch and might get some of the short tasks done. Then it goes back in the bag and comes home. I usually then get it out after dinner and work through the remainder of the tasks. I tick off the tasks and appointments I did and make notes if I eneded up doing something different so I have both a planner and a record on one page. I only carry a month to six weeks worth of the day on two pages diiary so I use the week view for longer term appointments and tasks. The notes section I use for weekly goals and I check that on a weekend and transfer appointments and allocate tasks to a given day. I also have the monthly view diary which is for a long view of what weekends are available and when I am travelling, but I only check that now and agan. Usually when I am reading or web browsing I have one of my A5s next to me for notes taking. So often I am found on the sofa half watching TV with a list of tasks to do in the open personal which I am doing on the ipad and noting in an A5.

Anthony Hill (2012-08-07 15:46:05)
It seems to me that it should be somebody's responsibility at Filofax UK to read Philofaxy thereby gauging precisely what the consumer (that's us) really wants and not what they think we should have, in other words discontinuing items. Just by way of an example I wanted a transparent flyleaf for the start of my binder, no longer available, of course! I could have bought a transparent flyleaf with tab not quite the same. Eventually I found an old A4 size sheet of acetate and cut it to size. I wholeheartedly agree with the post earlier that states that they, that's Filofax do not read our comments. My rant is now over.

Laurie (2012-08-07 16:30:15)
Nearly choked when I saw it translated and the price said 495 pounds! But then realized the translator doesn't covert the value so ran the conversion through XE and found it's a very reasonable 47 pounds, binder and all! Further proof that Filofax UK COULD do different and innovative insert packs, if they wanted to.

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-07 16:53:16)
I print them off. I was using them in an A5 type planner (Franklin Covey classic) but now I'm using the compact (compared to Filofax personal). This article shows the pages and how I use them and there's a download for the classic size.
http://homemakersdaily.com/day-planners- %e2 %80 %93-make-your-own/

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-07 16:56:36)
I've been a faithful Franklin Covey user for 20+ years. They don't listen either. Some of the decisions they've made in the last few years have been HORRIBLE! They sell hardly any binders and they've seriously reduced the number of planner page designs, eliminating the ones I liked best, of course. And some of the new binders had pen loops that were so low that my pen stuck out the bottom and caught on things. I mentioned it several times! They did finally move them up but it has taken years of the bad design. And the Franklin Covey binders are boring! There's not much selection at all. I just ordered my first Filofax binder today - personal size. I'm excited!

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-07 17:23:29)
Anthony, have you tried laminating? It creates stiff pages that can easily be cut to a certain size. Again, not original FF, but a clear flyleaf regardless. Also tabs are a breeze to laminate yourself. Plus you get precisely what you ordered.

Anthony Hill (2012-08-07 18:30:10)
Hi WeirdRockStar
Many thanks for the tip, coincidently I've been looking at laminators this last week, definitely get round to ordering. I'll certainly give it a go. Thanks once again for your tip very helpful.

Jarfm.com (2012-08-07 20:32:00)
Looks like Filofax UK really need to pull their finger out and get a look at it's users and potential users! I like the idea of those Swedish Teacher planner pages.
But alas, I don't think they've heard of market research or listening to their existing customers or anyone's ideas/suggestions/requirements which is a real shame.

Jarfm.com (2012-08-07 20:38:37)
:) I like them! You star and highlight where as I would highlight and tick! hehe!
Your system incorporates some of the FlyLady ideas that I would like to implement myself, but most of them will need to wait until I am living in my own place.
These pages and other items I have read today on here have given me further food for thought and some future inspiration - if there is such a thing!

Jarfm.com (2012-08-07 20:43:44)
I think one of us needs to infiltrate FFUK HQ and fill them in... I wonder how many people there actually USE a Filofax, or indeed any form of paper planner...???
...Maybe I can work there for a bit... lol!

robynlouise (2012-08-07 23:50:27)
I write everything that I need to do in my planner, either on to-do lists or in the week on two pages diary.
I check it every night when I go to bed and I write down things that pop into my head as I'm laying there watching TV or reading before I go to sleep. It lives on the floor next to my bed while I'm sleeping in case I remember something important in the middle of the night.
When I get up in the morning I have to step over it, so I pick it up and take it to the dining room where I sometimes check it when I'm eating breakfast (depends whether or not I feel like I have a lot going on), or otherwise it stays on my bedroom floor until I'm ready to leave for work and I take it with me.
At the office it sits on my desk (closed, I don't have a big desk) all day at work where I can use it if I need to, but I don't generally need to refer to it for work purposes. Then it goes home with me again and sits open on the kitchen bench while I'm making dinner and sometimes I make more notes then, and finally it goes back to bed with me at the end of the day.
I have a terrible memory so the most important part for me is to always have it handy so I can scribble down random thoughts as they come to me. Writing on loose pieces of paper and putting them in my handbag or pocket or wherever was a nightmare for me as I would never find them until it was too late. When they're in my planner, they're there forever (or at least until the end of the year), and I can't lose them.

Hannah C. (2012-08-08 00:56:10)
For what it's worth, I just received a personal Holborn from FFUSA and it came with the transparent flyleaf! I love those things, I hope they bring them back if they've truly discontinued them. :(

Paul B (2012-08-08 03:45:14)
I have about 20 sheets of A4 Acetate mainly usedfor putting covers on bound documents. I use the guillotine to chop them into personal transparent flyleafs. I made one yesterday, as it happens. I bend them a lot as my Filofax takes a lot of punishment, so I get through about one a month. But an A4 sheet gives me three, and I'm not paying the prohibitive costs of FIlofax ones.

Paul B (2012-08-08 03:59:24)
I like that idea. Can't believe I wrote everything out all over again, every day. I somehow thought it was

encouraging me to be meticulous. In fact, it was a time-sapping pain in the rear end. I spent a whole day organising my Personal, when I downsized, then tweaked it a bit over the nest week, and by the end of the week, felt so much more organised. Its just a case of going through an iontensely busy period at work, and not getting chance to look at it as often as I should. Yesterday, though, was a great example of where paper planners win. I was on the Dubai Metro, which has internal phone reception. I had to do a conference call, referring to some deals, needing bid price, client, expected signing date, notes, etc. It would have taken over 5 minutes to get my laptop out, log in, wait for the software to load, adn find the spreadsheet, to do the call. Instead, I was in control with the printed spreadsheet on my knee, in less than 30 seconds, with all the info at hand, as I print it at the start of each week. Massive Filofax win! Likewise, I havea 4-page rough price sheet, so if I get a call from someone at an inopportune moment, I can quickly pass them a price in seconds.

David Popely (2012-08-08 04:11:07)
Anthony - I think I've got one you can have if you want it.....

David Popely (2012-08-08 04:14:54)
They've hired a swanky (and presumably expensive) PR company to (not) do all this for them, so now when you get an email or a tweet from Filofax, half the time at least it's not coming from Filofax at all. I forget the name of the company, but someone will know. Maybe starting to mention the PR people by company name will get a better response than talking to Filofax, who appear to now be relying on Swanky PR while they retreat behind the barricades of customer indifference.
I think they call this progress.
Presumably the PR company will still want paying when Filofax have zero customers left.

Steve Morton (2012-08-08 04:19:50)
The company they use is SlamPR, we have a contact there and we do exchange emails from time to time. I'm hoping to visit their offices in November to discuss a few things including taking note of what our readers are saying.....

David Popely (2012-08-08 04:22:39)
Hi Paul
Massive Filofax win indeed - we hardcore users get these wins every day, all the time, but somehow we are cowed into not telling the gadget-obsessed world that there's a better way - a way which won't delete, corrupt, fail to sync, duplicate or 'lose'our data, which is compatible across all platforms, which we can take anywhere, and which is quicker to access than any gadget-based system (iPad included) which I personally know of. Progress doesn't always result in improvement, but the novelty factor should be offset by a large red rubber stamp with the words 'If it ain't broke, don't try and fix it' stamped on the front of every gadget carton.
As regards the 'movable' to-do list, yes, it is a massive time-saver (and I do it myself), but on occasion I find that a complete re-write of the whole list, maybe on the weekly review, can re-concentrate the mind on what needs to be done as a priority. Sometimes i find tasks 'hiding in plain view'on that list, and the review helps me to flush them out!
The Dubai metro, eh? Sounds like an interesting job....what do you do? Unless, of course, you've signed the Official Secrets Act! ;)

David Popely (2012-08-08 04:30:16)
You know, I *thought* it was and was going to look online to try to prove it - job done! You are a true polymath, Steve!
Got my A5 Kendal in London yesterday - £30 reduced from £90 - result! Matches my new bag perfectly! shall be up-sizing from today and probably through the weekend, as I have work to do which can't be put on hold while I 'play Filofaxes'. I'll probably sell my black Finsbury (it's pretty much in mint condition) if anyone is interested....possibly with a set of 'professional' dividers thrown in if anyone wants to jump on it. davidpopely(at) googlemail (dot) com - as ever
Given that you're taking the diplomatic approach to Slam PR I'll hesitate to express my full opinion at least until after your meeting :)

Shall I do a post re setting up the Kendal? If enough people want it I will....otherwise I'll put it on my own blog and people can cross-refer.....
BIG thanks to Alison Reeves or tipping me off about the Kendal offer while I was actually in the Big Smoke and able to get to Neal St (note - not Conduit St). They've got a few more if anyone is interested, but they appear to have now been withdrawn, so you won't be seeing them around any more. Another victim of the relentless drive towards fashion accessories for style victims, alas....I wonder if Slam were behind that....maybe I should come to your meeting (not) ;)

Anthony Hill (2012-08-08 05:07:39)
Hi David
Yes please, if it's personal size I'd be most grateful, although if it's larger it can be cut down. What's the next step please.

Anthony Hill (2012-08-08 05:13:01)
Hi Hannah
The transparent flyleaf Ref 133615 is no longer available on the Filofax UK site. I tried to order but to no avail.

David Popely (2012-08-08 05:13:16)
Sorry Anthony it's A5 - so the ring sizes will be wrong.
I'll have a look round and see if I've got a personal size one....drop me an email davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) come so that I can email you offlist....

kanalt (2012-08-08 06:46:01)
Wow, what a great topic! I feel like I would take up tons of space here if I wrote down everything about how I actually use my planner. However, I am planning on doing an updated post about what's in my planner, so I think I will expand on that to cover this topic too. Watch my blog for details coming up in the next few weeks!

ONutter (2012-08-08 09:28:51)
Well...
I like to keep things as simple as possible. Because I find that is key to actually using my filofax.
I use a week-on-two-pages calendar insert, with a clear page protector in the middle that I post post-its to with running deadlines etc. that span over several weeks or months. I refer to my calendar perhaps once a week or so. It is enough, since I tend to remember what I am supposed to do.
I do journal daily. Or well...some call it journalling. I call it chatter/to do therapy. I tend to have a lot of different things going on in my head at any given time. Bits and pieces of stories I'm working on. Characters waiting to be formed. To do lists. My master essay. Just plain self reflection. Interesting things that I've learnt...just random things that I find helpful to write out before I go to sleep. I find journalling a wonderful way to empty my head. When I can't find more things to write, I just close my filofax and go to bed. Generally, I write out a to-do list for the next day first (so that I have direction when I wake in the morning) and then it is just a "stream of consciousness" thingy I do.
Other than that...
I just make sure I throw out the outdated calendar inserts, and store my journal pages whenever I feel my filofax is growing fat. That way, I don't carry around more weight than I need to. :)
Generally, my filofax does lay on my desk. Open to my journal/to do pages.

Anita (2012-08-08 09:42:48)
My Malden sits next to my computer & I´ve recently gotten into the habit of checking things the night before to help plan what I need to do the next day. I visit my to-do pages pretty much every day & use calendars only to plan what I need to do.
I´m out of the UK currently & am using my filo as a combined wallet & travel thingie too. Money, passport, insurance docs at the front & maps at the back in the notepad pocket. Working very well :)

Paul B (2012-08-08 11:50:29)
David, a friend of mine used to have a great signature block. It said "Newer, faster, better, are not necessarily synonyms". Exactly your point. I agree that writing the list out again can help clear items, but probably not best done every day! Now working for a very large multinational. Signed the OSA way back, and although it applies for life, it doesnt affect me these days. Glad the bag is working out. I completely forgot to photograph mine, but will do when I get back to Dubai on Saturday evening. Loving being back in a Personal again, though. 1985 Lefax Chelsea with overflap and magnetic closures. Just a thought - magnetic poppers are so much more practical than the old press stud of the original Winchesters. A lot of them break, as one of the metal lines inside the hole fails, and the popper doesnt close. No such issues with magnets. Brilliantly, simple, permanent, and aesthetically pleasing: http://www.flickr.com/photos/burjmax/7704299300/

Paul B (2012-08-08 11:54:51)
Brilliant result on the Kendal. I love the feel of them but am determined to stay in vintage from now on. Partly in protest.Im sure I speak for others when I say I'd love to see a post of your actual setting up of it, as opposed to the set-up after the fact. Especially interested in your thought process, in case you decide to make any changes from existing set-up, and why. This must be one of the most helpful and friendly communities on the web. Long may it reign.

Paul B (2012-08-08 11:56:43)
Emma, although I'm not in the market for a snoopy OR a hello kitty diary, I like the fct that they include all those other variants, that most of us probably use from Ray & Steve's Files section. Great idea to include them. (Hint to Filofax: make mental note).

Butanben (2012-08-08 11:57:40)
Anthony, as a teacher, I used laminators every day. If you get a new one, you MUST make sure that it is on a surface that can take heat.... I use a dining place mat below, that it heats up to well in temperature.... ie pilot light up to temp indicator has been on for a few minutes longer than just lit otherwise laminate does not flatten nicely, and MOST IMPORTANT, that the laminate is fed in the right way round, otherwise the machine jams and malfunctions..... I have ruined two laminators by making that error!!!!! We learn the hard way in life!!!!! I use OHP acetates now, from WH Smith or Staples, for my Filofax front protectors and hole punch them.

David Popely (2012-08-08 12:21:13)
I've spent the last hour of the day setting up the Kendal, so a step-by-step post might not be possible. I've had some interesting outcomes though - firstly when I discovered that I don't actually *like8 the look of the 'time management' dividers inside the Kendal - the colours just don't match. So I've got out my Dymo Letratag labeller (best £25 I've ever spent) and labelled the blank dividers which came with it myself. Six sections - Diary, Next Actions, Projects, Agendas, Someday/Maybe and info. I did think about reverting to 'Key Areas', TMI-style, instead of GTD designations, but GTD continues to work well for me so in the end I decided not to.
The GTD notes sections is redundant because the binder holds a notepad inside the back cover, and they gave me a notepad with the binder. After the six sections I've inserted plastic card holders (got a lot of those)which act as a natural barrier between them and the A-Z index - I'm going to have a crack at getting my contacts back into the binder. If space runs out (and it shouldn't with these 30mm rings) I can take out the A-Z dividers and just have the address sheets running in order.
Six card holder pockets in the front cover - brilliant, plus space behind for my business cards and odds and sods. So far it looks great.
Calendar selection was a momentary issue...they gave me a Wo2P with the binder, but I've decided to use my Do2P 'time management' diary pages, just because I like them, backed up with year planners for 2012 and 2013 (and I'll soon have to start thinking about 2014. At the moment I've only got the 'time management' versions, which seem to me to intuitively open the 'wring way', but I'm going to give them a try before I buy any of the 'regular' ones. For next year I'll buy the 'time management' daily and weekly refills and use a combination of the two to give me perspective. do like working with units of a week at a time, it helps me to see how busy I am in the 'hard landscaping' of my diary, but I think I'll struggle through to the end of the year on these daily plans - in any case the time management weekly plans for 2012 are now sold out, I've checked.
My time as a hardcore Personal user has been great, but I am already starting to appreciate the extra space

afforded by the A5 once again. Since it looks likely I'll be driving to/from London from now on, weight shouldn't be such a big issue.
I think that's it for now.....any questions, fire away!

David Popely (2012-08-08 12:23:51)
That's a great signature block. A colleague of mine when i was *very* new in work used to constantly ask, "Do you want that done right, or do you want it done right away?" I never forgot that.
Love the Lefax, and I totally understand your desire to stay vintage. I hope and suspect that the Kendal will age nicely, but the workmanship on the new binders just isn't the same - as with so many things.
Do you remember the Lefax shop in Covent Garden back in the 80s? I do.....a brilliant place, I wish they had stayed around....

Paul B (2012-08-08 13:27:55)
Doris, so youre one of the people with three different areas of diary. I'd love to hear how you use them in conjunction, on a daily basis. I'd worry that it would overcomplicate my life, but it obviously works for you. I do think a week at a glance might be good for me. My work seems completely reactive (it shouldn't be, its just the way things are at the moment)so a month is way too far off. A week at a glance might be a useful insert for me.

Paul B (2012-08-08 13:29:32)
Sounds a very efficient and well designed routine you've developed. I like the non-duplication too.

Paul B (2012-08-08 13:31:36)
I know exactly what you mean about your outlook printouts. When I was in the A5, my use of Outlook and Filofax was seamless. I printed each day off, and each Month too, and it worked beautifully. We don't use Outlook where I work, alas, and that has beena big factor in my issues.

Steve Morton (2012-08-08 18:20:48)
Hi Paul
Sorry for my late entry on this one, the last couple of days has for a semi-retired person been a bit hectic!
OK I keep my A5 Filofax organiser open by my side. I have three diaries in it. The main one is by those two fine fellows Ray and Steve... I use their Enhanced TM Week View:
http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-9QdIC3uW4hs/TzfZOlp221I/AAAAAAAAKQQ/YqOwx- hfCL8/s1-600/enhancedweekview.jpg
I use this for all of my planning, task management on a daily basis and more flexible To-Do's using the communications section for blog posts and other related tasks.
This format works very well for me, previously I have used the Filofax Day per page TM insert and the Week per View TM insert. The day per page didn't work for me very well, too much copying from one page to the next, week view works best for me in terms of task management. And the design of the 'Steve and Ray' Enhanced TM Week View suits me perfectly in terms of the space for appointments and the space for tasks etc. I will certainly be using this format in 2013.
I also use a Month on one page diary again another 'Steve and Ray' creation, this is used solely for planning future blog posts on Philofaxy, we are currently working two to three weeks in advance of the current date so it takes some careful planning to maintain the order of things. This format gives me enough space to write in the brief details of each post. I modified the format from the standard format to put in the standard posts on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in to the merged insert, so this particular version is unique in that sense. I refer to this insert at least once a day sometimes alot more often.
My third insert is just a standard week on two pages which is only in English so it has equal spaces per day and maximum room to write my journal in each day. I occasionally miss a day, but I am trying to improve my journalling and following the classes over on Ray's blog :)
I still have ToDo lists, but these are used for more long term things having a diary insert with them built in doesn't hide them so much so I tend to get through my tasks far easier and things tend not to get over looked as they used to.
I carry a Malden compact, this currently has a week per page diary in it just for appointments and my

address/password sheets in the back and a few notes pages in the middle. I'm in the process of revising the content of this organiser to make it a little more logical and to also reduce the amount of unused paper in there. I might employ a week per page format but only going say 10 weeks in advance and use a month on one page to give long term sight of appointments this should reduce the page count considerably.
I use other Filofax organisers for some non-planning functions, these are dedicated to different jobs/tasks and they aren't so critical in their set up.
Like a lot of others I get a lot of enjoyment from finding the perfect (for me) set up and tweaking the set up to continually improve it and find better ways of working.
Thanks for a great set of questions.
Regards
Steve

Songbird68 (2012-08-08 18:55:19)
Hi Philofaxers -
I'm relatively new to Filofax, & have a dilemma. After purchasing my first Filofax, a personal size Malden - which I loved at first - I'm realizing now that I don't think the size is working for me. I considered going up to A5, but the issue is, I'm in the U.S., and I suspect that our standard "desk size" planner (i.e. DayTimer), may be best, as it perfectly fits our standard business-sized paper, folded in half. With A5, you kind of have to do some creative trimming or it doesn't quite fit, correct?
My dilemma is because I really love the Filofax binder quality - esp this lovely Malden. It's so supple. I also like the relatively free-form Filofax inserts, which do not impose a "planner system" on you, the way other U.S. companies' inserts do (Franklin Planner, DayTimer, etc.) But it really comes down to what size is going to work for me, especially after I return to work, in the standard office environment, with standard size U.S. 8.5"x11" paper which can be conveniently folded in half to fit U.S. planners.
Thoughts? Advice? Thank you....
A Newbie

Paul B (2012-08-09 15:38:19)
Do let us know when its online. Looking forward to it!

Paul B (2012-08-09 15:43:26)
Hi Songbird. Just a thought - if you could get by using the inserts from the FILES area here, could you print your own on A5, and cut just one side? I know its much easier for UK and Europe users (in fact, thinking about it, almost everywhere else except USA). Being able to fold A4 in half to A5 was one of the biggest benefits I found when using my A5, so maybe it will come down to convenience of the Daytimer Desk-Size, versus the beauty of the Malden!

Songbird68 (2012-08-09 18:09:32)
Thank you, Paul B, that's a good suggestion. I also just received a tip from a regular Philofaxer here (via YouTube) that I could just re-punch the U.S. inserts to fit the A5, after covering the holes first with washi tape. I kind of like that idea.
I just received my mini Chameleon in Raspberry to use as a wallet, by the way, and I am in LOOOOOVE. So this got me thinking about using an A5 as my regular planner, since it has more writing space, and I don't have to worry about portability issues. But then I'd have to consider selling my personal Malden, as it would be a shame to let it just sit unused on a shelf. I would want it to give someone joy. Ah, decisions, decisions...

Guest Post - Helen - Rotary Cutting for Filofaxers (2012-08-08 00:00) - Steve Morton

Thank you to Helen for doing a Guest Post/Video of how she has been using her 'Ray and Steve' diary inserts and how she cuts them after printing them. Watch carefully.

IFRAME: [1]http://www.youtube.com/embed/o1vbweFBv9M?rel=0

Here are some stockists of the equipment shown in the video:

- UK [2]www.creativegrids.com
- USA. [3]http://olfacutterstore.com/
- Australia [4]www.quiltersstore.com.au

I have no affiliation with these stores and many other stockists are available. Google searches for rotary cutter, quilting ruler and cutting mat will find them
Helen.
Thank you Helen for a great video, I was certainly not aware that type of cutter existed.

1. `http://www.youtube.com/embed/o1vbweFBv9M?rel=0`
2. `http://www.creativegrids.com/`
3. `http://olfacutterstore.com/`
4. `http://www.quiltersstore.com.au/`

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janet (2012-08-08 03:36:56)
I use Fiskars paper cutters which are small and easy. Fit into an A4 binder.
http://www2.fiskars.com/Products/Crafting/Craft-Paper-Trimmers

Paul B (2012-08-08 04:02:54)
How embarrassing. I'd heard of a rotary cutter, but had never seen one, so assumed they were designed to.....cut circular things. Oh dear. Great post, I can't believe that it slices through so much paper in one go. Even some guillotines would struggle with that amount. Like you, Helen, I have wasted a lot of paper and time trying to print Filofax inserts dual-sided, I just can't get it right. Maybe one day.....

janet (2012-08-08 04:25:46)
It's a natural problem having issues with double sided printing. I design and create booklets as part of my job. In theory easy peasy to print double sided and fold to form an A5 booklet. But each printer is different (some flip pages when double sided printing, some don't, some default to American paper sizes) and each workplace has different operating systems and default paper settings for handling documents and nowadays with central printers it is getting harder and harder to customise.
I consider it a success if 80 % of people can print my booklets successfully :)

Alison Reeves (2012-08-08 04:29:10)
Brilliant thanks Helen. I recently took up quilting as a hobby so have a rotary cutter etc but never thought about using it for paper! I've been put off using a personal sized binder because of paper issues, so this open up a whole new area for decisions to be made!!!
I am very much looking forward to future blog posts about how you use your binders.

Helen Conway (2012-08-08 04:52:22)
Just be warned that you might want a separate cutter for paper anf fabric because paper dulls the blade faster. Or just be prepared to change theblade a little more often if you use it for both. You can tell when you need a new blade when you didnt get a clean cut on the fabric. But that blade will happily do paper for a while after that.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-08 06:01:50)
Thanks Helen!

Butanben (2012-08-08 11:23:13)
Helen, it's the same with scissors..... always have paper scissors and fabric scissors as separate pairs. I saw some rotary cutters in the craft section of TK Maxx a couple of weeks ago. There were 6 different blades, so scalloped

edges etc were possible. Maybe just a 1 off in my local store though, but it was interesting to see and fascinating to see used for a Filofax here. xx

JohnofJenkins (2012-08-08 19:39:13)
Some of the ladies I know use those cutters for craft work, but I have to say that I never considered they could be used for other things. Looks like it could make life a hole lot easier. We also have a large craft franchise in South Australia called "Spotlight" and I know the cutters can be bought there.

JohnofJenkins (2012-08-08 19:41:44)
Life would be a whole lot easier if this thing didn't keep skipping letters :o)

Philofaxy Mini Meet Up - London - Sunday 23 September (2012-08-08 06:00) - Steve Morton

We have a meet up already planned for Saturday 22nd September in London and all the places for that are booked/taken within 20 minutes of me announcing the event!
As I'm in London for the whole weekend, I don't fly back until Monday morning. How about a mini-meet up for just lunch on the Sunday 23rd September?
I don't want this to be a too organised meet up, may be a more relaxed few hours just eating and chatting. Leave a comment or email me steve [at] philofaxy [dot] com if you are interested and we will see what we can get arranged.

Papillion210569 (2012-08-08 06:46:11)
i would have loved to have come, but im at the ally palace on that day, hope you have an amazing time xx

maudie.made (2012-08-08 07:28:48)
I'd love to come - whereabouts would it be? I could bring some maudie.made inserts if people are keen?!

Tommes (2012-08-08 13:00:38)
Very good idea! I will be in London till Sunday night, so just say where and when! :-)
Best regards, Thomas

Steve Morton (2012-08-08 13:59:46)
Would love to meet you for the first time.
Most probably Tate Modern, I'm staying just across the road from there, so is Tommes not far from there I know.
Steve

Hannah J (2012-08-08 17:56:28)
I would love to but at the moment Sundays are a little complicated with church and pre-arranged contact time for Our Sidekick - we'll have to see what happens between now and then I might be able to come :)

Keji (2012-08-09 03:30:51)
I would have loved to but unfortunetly I have a prior engagement I can't change. I'm finally learning how to swim (I know right) and I would be in week 5 of my lessons. Super bummbed that I will be missing another Philofaxy meet up.

Babs (2012-08-09 05:17:30)
Ah Steve! You always pick dates I can't mange *sulk* ;-) Next time maybe!!
Hope you have a wonderful weekend in London and that the sun shines.

Ray Blake (2012-08-10 04:21:49)
I think I can make this one.

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 13:30:29)
Sorry!

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 13:32:34)
That would be excellent if you can make it Ray... we will have to have a photo taken of the 'Calendar Boys' !!!!
Adam has been in touch and he is interested in attending and has also suggested a couple of alternative eating places instead of Tate Modern, both are closer to public transport links as well.

Who and what is Chimwemwe? (2012-08-09 00:00) - Steve Morton

Amanda has been a Philofaxy reader for a few years, it was her '[1]Reader Under the Spotlight' post that highlighted to us, the work she does for Chimwemwe.
If you have ever looked at our [2]Ad-spot page you will see reference to **Chimwemwe**, *but what is it... please read through this article by Amanda and discover more about Chimwemwe and why we insist that you make a donation in exchange for advertising your items on Philofaxy.*

[3]

Philofaxy is a great supporter of Chimwemwe, but many of you might not know who or what we are. Chimwemwe is short for Chimwemwe Children's Centre, which is a Community Based Organisation (CBO), registered in Malawi. Our goal is to help homeless and poverty-afflicted children to get off the streets and back into a safe, supportive community and to be able to go to school and enjoy a childhood. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world (over 60 % of the population live below the poverty line of $1 per day) and it has one of the lowest rates of adult literacy, with less than 15 % of adults having completed secondary education.
The country is also affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, with an estimated 25 % of the urban population affected. Chimwemwe works with the street children of Blantyre, the second largest city in Malawi. The children arrive onto the streets for a variety of reasons, but most of them have lost one or both of their

parents to HIV/AIDS. There is an extended family system in Malawi where many orphaned children move into the care of their relatives. Whilst this can work out, it can also put an enormous burden onto the family, who may have been struggling to manage even before the arrival of more children. Many of them cannot manage the extra costs of sending the children to school, and some cannot manage the extra costs of feeding them. Instead of sending the children to school, they are sent onto the streets to beg. In some instances, the girls have been sent onto the streets as prostitutes.

[4]

So what do we do?

We have four main projects:

- To ensure children have a safe and secure place to live
- To assist children back into education
- To help the children to enjoy a childhood
- To support the communities to try and stem the flow of children onto the streets

A safe and secure place to live:

The best place for a child is in a safe, loving, supportive environment and we work with the families and local communities to house the child with them wherever possible. For those children for which this is not possible (abuse in the family; no family remaining etc.) we have a children's centre with accommodation for them. We also ensure that each child has at least one good meal a day.

Education:

Schooling in Malawi can be haphazard. Primary schooling is compulsory but not enforced, and secondary schooling is neither compulsory nor free. To go to school, children need to have a uniform, even for primary schools. If their family can't afford to buy uniforms the children don't go to school. Orphans don't have a hope of being able to buy a uniform. Chimwemwe works with families and communities to help support the children to return to school. Often, just providing the uniforms is enough to allow an extended family to cope with extra children.

[5]

Since gaining CBO status in 2009, we have bought uniforms for around two hundred children, we are paying the secondary school fees for the older children, we are providing educational materials to the schools and to the children to support their learning – exercise books, textbooks, stationery etc – and we are also working with the communities to stem the flow of children onto the streets in the first place. One of the children from the project is now studying to be a doctor – something that simply wouldn't have been possible without this help.

Having a Childhood:

For many street children, the idea of a childhood where you can play is just an idea, not reality. At Chimwemwe we have organised football and netball teams for the children and bought sporting equipment so that the children can enjoy life a bit more. There are now mini-leagues run in the community and the results are included in the local radio sports round-up, much to the delight of the children, who crowd around the radios to hear it!

[6]

Supporting the Communities:

We have provided money to families and communities to help them to start income-generating activities (including buying a father a sewing machine so that he could start his own tailoring business) and we have

set up community gardens for growing vegetables. We also work with the communities to raise awareness of the rights of the child and to provide education about health (including HIV awareness).

[7]

My involvement:
I got involved with all of this through a chance meeting in Johannesburg airport with the project manager – Mac Nkhutabasa and I met the children in a visit to Malawi. It was one of those life-changing moments you hear about but never believe will happen to you. I couldn't get on a plane at the end of my visit and do nothing. I promised Mac that I would do everything I could to help him and ultimately, Chimwemwe Children's Centre came into being.
The project gained its name – Chimwemwe – and its logo – a sheep, In January 2009. Chimwemwe means 'We are happy' and the children chose this as the name for the project because 'they were happy that people cared about them'. They chose the logo of a sheep because 'sheep are quiet and obedient like us' (although I would have to say that the children I have met on my travels to Malawi are most certainly not quiet!).
The project applied for community based organisation status in Malawi (the first stage to becoming a non-government organisation – NGO) early in the 2009 and was awarded it in August 2009, allowing it to apply for grants and donations from charities such as Unicef, Oxfam and Save the Children amongst others. We are currently in the process of applying for Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) status.
Thanks to a project with work that took me to Malawi roughly every six months, I was able to see the huge progress in the lives of the children involved. When I was last in Malawi I met many of the boys again. Hearing their heartfelt thanks and seeing their pride in their uniforms made me weep. This is one of the best things I have ever been involved with and I am so proud to be a part of it.

[8]

Many, many thanks to Philofaxy and its readers who have been supporting us. The money given makes a real difference to these children and their communities.
For the cost of a new A5 Malden (£100), Chimwemwe could feed all of the children in the programme for a fortnight. For the cost of a new page-per-day personal diary (£13.50) two children could get a new set of uniforms each. And for the same amount as a half-price personal Chameleon (£32.50) we would be able to keep one young girl from being at risk of abuse on the streets, and into secure accommodation for a month.
If you want to read more about the projects or see how you could help the project, please have a browse through our website: [9]www.chimwemwe.net
[10]Donations are of course always welcome.
Amanda Fleet

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2. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/adspot.html
3. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-pGjEEPqba9Y/UB_tJTLzk6I/AAAAAAAAMeE/2fXqE9rZm5M/s1600/sheep3.JPG
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8. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-ClxqqLhMSqQ/UB_tCHcgGxI/AAAAAAAAMdo/rwgYFKtKhII/s1600/Malawi+Jun11+065.jpg
9. http://www.chimwemwe.net/
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Angel Jem (2012-08-09 03:15:59)
Thank you.
Although making me cry before breakfast is mean.

Steve Morton (2012-08-09 04:05:21)
I'm sorry if the post upset you. But when I read the original Reader Under The Spotlight contribution I was also taken by surprise and found Amanda's contribution quite moving.
Chimwemwe might not be one of the big charities, but then again Philofaxy isn't a big name outside of the world of Filofax, so in a way we do go together quite nicely.
Chimwemwe does so much with so little, and as the adverts say 'Every little helps'
Thank you

SSA (2012-08-09 04:50:04)
puts the filofax spending into great perspective! Makes me glad I have only ever 'bought' two filofaxes and generally dont go crazy with inserts. I hope one day to have the money in order to volunteer for an extended period of time. What a great post.

Shabby Vintage Junk (2012-08-09 06:34:55)
It's sobering to be reminded of the REAL struggles people endure in countries not as LUCKY as our own.... Makes my 'struggle' to organise my little life quite irrelevant....!!
THANK YOU for the reminder....I think I'll pay a visit to chimwemwe.net....!!!!!!
Cheers,
Tamarah

carou (2012-08-09 07:37:38)
Thanks for this post.
We might not be able to live without our Filos, but it's considered quite the luxury given what these kids don't have.

Gerard (2012-08-09 08:31:56)
Thanks for posting Amanda - that's very impressive work you're involved in, and I'm sure must be truly life-changing for the children.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-08-09 14:05:49)
@everyone
Thank you for all your kinds words and support and especially to all those who have donated (both today and any other time).
@Steve
Thank you for your fabulous support and for posting this article for me. As a consequence of the kindness of Philofaxy readers, we have been able to help kids and communities which we otherwise wouldn't have.

Butanben (2012-08-10 18:39:16)
@Amanda. The children at Cimwemwe just look so great... the first photograph really did lift my spirits with the joy in their smiles!! The work you are doing is just wonderful and you give so much back to the world. WOW!! It was an utter delight to read your guest post and your story..... thank you. xxxx

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-08-12 07:24:31)
@Butanben
Thank you for such kind words!
The two lads in the picture (Boniface on the left; Justin on the right) were two of the first kids I met. Boniface is especially well named! After not being in school for a long time, Boniface was voted Class Captain this year (in a class of over 120) - we were all delighted, as was he!
I gave Boniface some sweets once and I expected he would eat them all immediately, but he very carefully put them in his pocket and said he would share them with Justin when he saw him, as "Justin doesn't have as much as me". This was at a time when they were both still homeless. I am so proud to see them both in school and doing well.
Sorry - I've rambled. I could talk about the kids all day.
Thank you for the kind words and support!

Free For All Friday No. 195 (2012-08-10 00:00) - Anita Lim

I decided a little while ago that it was about time for me to watch 27 Dresses to add to my 'Filofax CV'. I'd already missed the beginning, but happily settled down with a cuppa and my cat. When the credits came up I realised that I'd managed to completely miss her filo! When the film came on again more recently I decided to watch it to catch up on the parts I hadn't seen. Unfortunately due to some phone

calls I didn't get to see it all the way through (yet again) and to my amusement sat down on the sofa at pretty much the same scene I'd originally seen it from... Never mind, maybe third time lucky?
Please feel free to ask any questions or discuss anything Filofax related.
Have a wonderful weekend.

JohnofJenkins (2012-08-10 00:42:55)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Helen Conway (2012-08-10 02:05:00)
I am working on the goal of paying more attention to the three existing blogs and one existinh website to which I want to contribute more frequently and more regularly and with a more predictable content pattern.. I am also working on launching a new magazine type site which will require regular posts. Clearly I need a diary or planning system of some kind in a filofax. Do any of you do this and if so what exactly is your choice of insert and method? (Steve this question is for you as much as the general readership!!)

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 02:50:14)
Hi Helen
Yes for keeping track of posts on Philofaxy as we are currently working about 2-3 weeks ahead of ourselves I us a Month Per Page diary insert on A5... one of our own, printed out and put in to my A5 Malden. It really helps me spot gaps in our schedule and I can see the organisation of posts better in that format compared to a list of dates.
Steve

Helen Conway (2012-08-10 02:55:57)
But what information do you put on that? is it just for this blog or do you try to combine planning with you other two blogs as well? Do you use other pages for notes on your post ideas or is the montly insert enough?

Alison Reeves (2012-08-10 03:19:41)
This topic interests me for similar reasons. I have two business websites which I need to get moving blog-wise.

Alison (2012-08-10 03:42:35)
I've just set up a section in my A5 Filofax "Social Media" this is where I will plan blog posts, Youtube videos and anything for facebook and twitter, if I can ever remember my password, i've kinda avoided twitter and facebook for a while because I'll never get anything done lol. One section is enough right now as I only have one blog as yet and don't plan far in advance as yet, but I will watch this topic with interest.

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 03:55:40)
Mainly the info on the calendar is just the blog post and who is going to do it. And for things like todays FFAF it will be what the number of the post it is.
Steve

Helen Conway (2012-08-10 04:07:24)
To both the Alisons who replied above: you are clearly doing the same kind of thing as me so lot to talk abot when I meet up with each of you soon! I will bring my Internet Filofax (new since the Rearder under the Spotlight post!) to the NorthWest meet up and we can compare ideas!

Helen Conway (2012-08-10 04:27:25)
I am not wanting to hog this post but I have another question!My A5 cherry classic was creasing so I sent it back and Filofax sent me a Purple malden A5 in exchange but when it came it had a letter R on it in pen, a ring did not meet and the leather on the back was sort of 'pouchy' or 'puffy' as if there was slightly too much leather for the size of the perimeter, if that makes sense. I sent it back and they sent another purple Malden yesterday. That is the same in that the leather is not taut but puffs up in places and sort of wrinkles/ ripples. Its difficut to describe. My Ochre has very flexible leather but it is taut and flat across the cover. when I unwrapped the second

Purple my husband immediately said, "That looks awful!" so back it has gone. But I am wondering - is that a feature of the Purple Maldens? Are they just different from the Ochres? I am awaiting a response from Filofax returns.

David Popely (2012-08-10 04:38:10)
Hi Alison....I'm also in the process of setting up a blog post planner, because I'm useless at it! I'm probably going to use a basic A5 year planner....what are you using?

Nellie (2012-08-10 04:52:18)
I use a moleskine to plan my blog, but the ideas could easily be implemented in a Filofax. I use a week on two page diary to make notes on the posts I want to do for each day. I use the monthly spread to record which posts are scheduled and as Steve pointed out above I can see where there are gaps or trends on the types of posts. I posted about it here: http://www.fennellbooks.co.uk/journal/2012/6/4/blogging-inspiration- capturing-the-passion.html I'd love to see how other people plan their blogs, I'm nosey that way!

Alison (2012-08-10 05:13:03)
Hi David, I only really decided on it last night so it's not up and running as such, i'm thinking maybe a week on two pages to plan which posts when but only keep a month at a time in there so it doesn't get too bulky. I try to do at least one post a week, more if I get chance, an ideas page for future posts and write up my next post in there or just make notes, picture no's etc in what order so its easier to upload.

Alison (2012-08-10 05:17:32)
Yeah think I may add a two pages per month in there too!!

SSA (2012-08-10 05:47:31)
I woke up this morning and for a split second I thought it was already Saturday... What was I most disappointed about when I realised it wasn't?..... another whole day to wait for the webfinds!

Alison (2012-08-10 07:18:00)
Lol, Saturday's are great, just wish I had it all to myself, i'd never leave the computer for the whole day :)

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 07:21:56)
I'm glad I'm not the only one who doesn't know what day of the week is it when they wake up!!
Yes set aside a couple of hours tomorrow... 'Gromit' has been busy finding posts and videos this morning and assembling them in to a Web Finds for us to read!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-10 07:37:48)
When I finish my MA in mid-Sept I am going to be doing a lot more on my blog, and for that I will be using a month-on-2-pages insert in either one of my A5s or my everyday personal sized filo. I have been unable to do many posts for the last few months because of my uni work, but when I finish I am going to make it my main hobby and hopefully post a few times a week!

Butanben (2012-08-10 07:47:41)
Hi there,
I am having to be brave to post this, as it is a tentative thought at the moment.I am thinking of setting up my own blog page, which will be Filofax related and I want to make it a monthly blog.Thing is..... I just don't have the first clue how to set one up and how the design bit works etc etc. Any snippets of help as to how to set up?? The writing bit doesn't worry me, just the actual setting up computer wise. I love my PC, laptop etc, but not a clue about this. Thanks folks!!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-10 08:01:31)
This is a huge area Jane. I have built my new web pages on Wordpress, which although not hard is not for the faint hearted if you have no experience. My suggestion would be for you to Google and read up on Blogger - which

is really easy to set up and use and if you want to move over to something more sophisticated later on, then you can do so. I think initially it's a good idea to dip your toe in the water and see how you feel about it, and if you find you have time to maintain it.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-10 08:02:25)
PS - I believe that Philofaxy is on Blogger.

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 08:05:02)
It certainly is. And it's one of the easiest to set up from scratch. All you need is a Google account.. which I'm sure you have got. Then go to:
http://www.blogger.com
and follow the instructions for selecting the name (and address) of your blog.
If you get stuck just ask... I use both Blogger (on here) and Wordpress (most other sites)
Steve

MySummerTouch (2012-08-10 08:48:48)
I'm reading Philofaxy blog relatively not long ago - for about 2 mo. I wonder why people love Filofax binder that much? I don't ask about inserts, just the binder. Is there any other binders to compare with Filofax?
I owned Covey binder but stopped using it because of it's weight. Currently I'm using unknown binder that I love a lot. It is small (9.5x16,5 cm) and light, has 4 pockets inside for credit cards on the left inside and a pocket for a notebook on the right inside, covered in "fur".
I found a lot of useful information about insert shere, and since I couldn't find any inserts that I like, I make them myself.

janet (2012-08-10 09:26:47)
I am on Wordpress and it is very easy to set up. The themes and templates can come later once you have started posting. All you will need to get going is to fill in your details when you register and then play around. You can always switch around your layout as the content stays the same. All your content is saved in a file so you can export it to another platform if you would like to later.
My blog is at thisbugslife.com - I usually update daily. I only have one Filofax post there at the moment but just after I posted it a Philofaxy reader found me. I will be starting with more Filo stuff from this weekend.

janet (2012-08-10 09:27:46)
Just to add...sorry...good luck with your blog and look forward to reading it!

aprilquilts (2012-08-10 09:41:02)
I bought A4 paper to try printing out the personal diary inserts. They worked better in terms of duplex printing, but are still more narrow than regular personal pages. Any ideas on what I'm doing wrong?

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 09:44:22)
If you are printing from the PDF files make sure you turn off the scaling of the printing in the print dialogue box. Details are here:
http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.fr/2012/03/help-pdf-files-print- slightly-smaller.html
Steve

Anita (2012-08-10 09:51:37)
I can also thoroughly recommend Blogger as when I started I had very little idea or much confidence about setting up a blog. I´d also be more than happy to help with any questions :)

aprilquilts (2012-08-10 09:54:57)
Thanks, Steve. I'll try printing from PDF. I was using Word.

joffreyca (2012-08-10 10:25:47)
(27 Dresses Filofax)
If I remember correctly, I think the filo was a Topaz.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-10 10:26:23)
I've just spent most of the day re-setting up my FF after having a real FF fail and not using it for a while (and not getting much done!). I've gone for a much simpler setup in the hope it works better. I've got a real headache now - I find it such hard work!!! I thought we were supposed to enjoy it!!

Paul B (2012-08-10 10:36:58)
I set up a blog on wordpress, found all these wonderful plugins.....then found you can't use them if Wordpress host your site. Gutted. Put me off going any further :(

joffreyca (2012-08-10 11:16:16)
"I wonder why people love Filofax binder that much?"
I can't speak for the community but I can tell you why based on my personal experiences.
People will repeatedly use & recommend tools they are happy to work with. I've tried several binders and I always come back to my trusty filofaxes. I prefer the leather binders. One of my favourite binders in my collection is a brown personal size Bromley. Its made of Italian leather & its already more than 4 years old. I love the soft, smooth leather. And I love that it still smells like new shoes.
Another manufacturer I can highly recommend is Montblanc.

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 11:28:09)
Sorry I should have clarified that point all my WordPress sites are self hosted on a server I rent located in Europe. So I can do more or less what I want on it.

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 11:29:05)
Ah same things apply, you will need to check in Word what paper size it is expecting and the size the printer is set to. Set everything to A4 and it should all be ok.

Butanben (2012-08-10 12:15:36)
Awwwww.... thanks guys!!! Well, I've taken the leap and written my first blog page.I've entitled my blog Each Shining Hour and it is available at http://butanben.blogspot.com. Although I am a bit miffed, as I cannot find it on the internet yet.I posted it onto Facebook, and Babs reliably informed me there that it may take a while to go internet live. A bit nervous as it is my first go at blogging..... but hey..... the computer disdn't self destruct..... or the world grind to a halt. If you are on Facebook, please click and read my first post!!! My blogs are going to be monthly to start with. So the next will follow at the end of August, ready for September's Diary. Thank you for all your help and encouragement. You are just all great people here. xx

Butanben (2012-08-10 12:26:12)
I set up my 2013 diary a week ago and I too got a headache.Stupido that I am, I decided to modify my 2012 A5TMWTV, as I now use labels..... a brilliant idea of Gail's which I love..... but was getting irritated with white labels within a cream diary. Soooooo.... I made labels, my 2012 diary is now on gorgeously thick white paper, re- written with gourgeous labels attached, and my 2013 diary has been printed and all entries entered.I feel shattered..... and yes, I too got a headache..... and started to get the grumps about this never ending task I had set myself, but oh..... I feel better now my Filofax is sorted. The same feeling as when you have a bath and snuggle into fresh bed linen, or have just finished decorating a room!!!!! Contentment. xx

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 12:28:43)
Working here Jane... now logged in to the big Web Finds machine!

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-10 12:37:51)
This is my very first post and I am very new to Filofax so please forgive me if this is a dumb question but is this really a hole puncher for a personal size (Metropol) Filofax?
http://www.ebay.com/itm/FILOFAX-PORTABLE-ORGANIZER-HOLE-PUNCH-PAPER- INSERT-PERSON-AL-SIZE-130119-/370633865638?pt=LH _DefaultDomain _0 &hash=item564b7ff9a6 #ht _500wt _827
The hole puncher on the Filofax website is about 4 times as much as the one in the link and I'm worried that it is too good to be true.
Again, forgive me for my lack of knowledge.
Thanks in advance!

Sirpa-Kaarina (2012-08-10 12:55:53)
I love Webfinds

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 12:56:41)
Hi and Welcome to Philofaxy
You need to compare like with like...
The item you have sent a link to is the same as this one:
http://www.filofaxusa.com/store/paperessentialsdetails.asp?productId =1349
Priced at $15, but it's just a plastic paper punch. Which to be honest and in my own personal opinion I wouldn't waste your money on. Go for something like the Rapseco punch in this post
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/01/reader-question-which-punch.ht ml
You will find it lasts a lot longer and is cheaper, oh and it also does Personal, Pocket and Mini sizes... it does not do A5, unless you punch the paper twice but we are getting ahead of ourselves.
The plastic ones are great if you need to carry a punch in your filofax for very occasional single sheet punching.
Steve

janet (2012-08-10 13:11:15)
Wanted to thank you all for this post. Have now written my second post about Filofaxes and of course linked to Philofaxy! I am at thisbugslife.com @Butanben - well done and I am off to read!

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-10 13:58:43)
Thank you very much Steve.
The Rapseco sounds like it's the best choice.

Erozion (2012-08-10 14:06:49)
I bought this punch on this very recommendation. It's adjustable and just what I needed. Definitely the way to go.

Helen Conway (2012-08-10 14:12:10)
Butanben it is not showing up andit should do almost at once. Go back to blogger and check in your settings that you have not accidentally marked it as a private blog and see if that is the issue.

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 14:26:37)
Works fine here: [1]Butanben Blog
You might have included the trailing full stop in the address?
Steve

1. `http://butanben.blogspot.com/`

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-10 14:59:06)
I have trouble with the day of the week, too! Sometimes I wake up and have to consciously think about what day it is. "Okay. Yesterday I went to the grocery store so that means today is Thursday."
Glad I'm not the only one!

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-10 15:01:19)
In that movie was where I first heard about Filofax. I saw the planner and heard her mention it and as soon as the movie was over went on-line to see what a Filofax was.

Yu (2012-08-10 15:09:10)
I have a question for all the guys out there:
My brother is thinking of getting a Filofax for his university studies. I gave him a saddle brown Cuban slimline for his birthday, but he couldn't work with the format. He said he needed a larger one.
We went to look at some binders and he decided he likes the A5 size the best. But he complained that most binders looked either too plain ("boring") or that they were borderline femenine.
So my question is basically "which filofax design would you recommend - and why - for a 20 year old guy who is just starting university to become a real estate agent?"
He has already said the Kendal looks a bit "boring" and that he found the texture of the Malden to be "yucky" (at least the black, grey and ochre). I think he didn't even want to consider the Holborn as he knows that style is my current favorite when it comes to leather and layout...
I should probably tell you he's somewhat of a fashionista... and want things to look expensive, haha!
Thanks in advance! ^ _^

John C (2012-08-10 15:19:32)
Finsbury? - although it might be a bit plain.

David Popely (2012-08-10 15:33:56)
Count me in on this as well...I'm unaware more often than not of what day of the week it is, especially if I've been away on business for a couple of days. When we get to the series of bank holidays in March/April/May, things just break down altogether, the business trips still happen, and I spend sometimes seven or eight weeks not having a clue....

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-10 15:43:18)
Just got my first Filofax today - pink Malden personal. I've been a Franklin Covey user for 20+ years. The pen loop is really small. None of my pens fit. Does it stretch out at all? Kind of disappointed about that.

David Popely (2012-08-10 15:46:04)
Shameless self-promotion time....I've got an A5 Finsbury on Adspot if anyone's interested. t's in good condition and I'll throw in a set of increasingly-rare 'professional' A5 dividers if you would like them.
If no takers by the end of the weekend I'll probably put it up on Ebay.

joffreyca (2012-08-10 16:40:26)
Personally, I would recommend purchasing an inexpensive A5 Filofax and trying it out for at least a month before investing on a more expensive, "business" filofax.
If your brother is sure about the A5 format, then I would recommend something in leather. My recommendations would be: Lyndhurst, Guildford Zip, Cuban, Classic & Luxe. Those are the ones I feel are business-like and not too feminine.

cgarsnrealest8 (2012-08-10 17:06:32)
Please include a link. I couldn't find it.

Steve Morton (2012-08-10 17:20:39)
It's currently the first one on the list here: http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/adspot.html
Steve

Cheryl (2012-08-10 22:29:04)
Watching 27 Dresses. Just saw the Filofax. A big thick over stuffed messy beautiful thing! Can't tell for sure, but it looks like a gorgeous English saddle tan color, like the one I'm yearning for but unfortunately Filo-

fax doesn't sell. Maybe its an older heritage model. Ok gotta go watch for more sightings. Happy weekend everyone!

Anna Doyle (2012-08-10 22:36:47)
I also love webfinds! :)

Anna Doyle (2012-08-10 22:40:56)
Oh I agree, I am in the process of re-setting mine up as well! Seems I've been so busy/exhausted lately I've hardly opened it, and my head is so cluttered I need to be able to organize things better on paper! Hoping this weekend to get it set up differently so I can use it more frequently and more easily.

Paul B (2012-08-11 02:06:14)
I'm probably going to re-organise mine tomorrow, with a few additions from the recent FFAT on how this community uses them on a daily basis. Might even try a second diary for quick look, if I get chance to go to the Mall.

Paul B (2012-08-11 02:28:50)
I agree with the above, get a cheap one first, like a Domino or Apex (there, I said it....shoot me), and see if he likes the format first. Pity this wasn't posted two weeks ago, he could have had my Brown Finsbury for a song. His complaint resonates with many guys on here, the range IS female-focused but if that's what they say their target marget is, so be it.
In Filofax, I would suggest the Cuban Zip or non-zip. The leather is beautiful, and looks very expensive. Personally, I wouldn't recommend the Finsbury but I may be biased. I used it for 3 years in Afghanistan and lots of the dots in the grain simply wore away. Probably due to excessive heat and sweat, but my slimline finsbury of many years vintage, in black, simply gets smoother every year. Likewise, teh Classic seems to have been beset by problems with coatings peeling away. Not very expensive-looking! My personal recommendation would be try Adspot and eBay.I saw an A5 Cuban Zip in Saddle Brown go for less than £20 (4US30) last week.
Non-filofax, if he's got money (or you have!), Mulberry quality simply knocks spots off Filofax. Its the kind of leather Filofax used to use in the golden heyday of the 80s and 90s and will last decades. Again, they're £380 new, but lots on eBay for just under £100.
My friend has a black Mont Blanc A5 and it looks expensive and IS expensive. Not as many on eBay, people don't tend to sell them as often but worth looking.
Finally,I would strongly recommend looking on eBay for a vintage Filofax A5, mainloy due to the quality of the leather.

Gerard (2012-08-11 03:12:33)
Take a look the Classic range on Succes.com - first class leather and fully FF compatible. Note that Mulberry A5 ring spacing is not FF compatible.

Babs (2012-08-11 04:45:17)
They may stretch slightly but not much. Try looking at a quiver or a pen loop which might help?

kanalt (2012-08-11 07:38:36)
A friend of mine works in new York city. I had her pick up my 2013 inserts for me. I will be getting them from her tonight. So to celebrate, I have taken a day off during the week, I have rented 27 dresses from the library (can you believe I have never seen it), and I will watch it while putting together my 2013 inserts. I'm insanely excited about it!

Yu (2012-08-11 13:25:20)
Thanks for the replies! :D
Yeah, we're both coveting Mulberry planners or Louis Vuitton ones as they both ooze quality. My brother wants a Burberry planner in the future if he can find one, but we can't find a reliable source on whether or not they exist. Not even the Burberry store in Stockholm knows, which is really weird!
I didn't know Mont Blanc did planners - that's a great thing to know for the future. If we both stick to paper planners (very likely) we will both end up with jobs that demand our planners to look classy and expensive. (Unfortunately... or not?)

I've also thought about just having one custom made for him by that company someone mentioned in a guest post. But I guess that would cost just as much as a Mulberry - and we're both young people still in university with student loans... even though we also have part time jobs. >.<
I think I'll just let him borrow my A5 Amazona or Cuban and let him test the format first. But he said he wanted a larger paper size than the personal - we both do. But unfortunately, Filofax doesn't make a size between personal and A5. =(

Yu (2012-08-11 13:28:00)
>.<; should say "Luxe" up there instead of "Amazona", although I have both. But like joffreyca said, the Luxe looks more "unisex".
@ Paul B - Wow... three years in Afghanistan! O _O

Tina (2012-08-11 17:51:49)
First of hello everyone!! I'm new to all this Filofax love, not to the planners love tho (thank God my school gave us one every year starting in Grade 1!) So just writing to say this blog (and all the others I've found) are very entertaining and helpful! And as it seems to be a tradition I'll do a blog post about setting up the Filofax! :)
Now to what the post was about...there's a filofax in 27 dresses? I don't remember ever seen a planner/book or whatever! hahaha I was mostly fixated by the terrible dresses the poor girl had to wear! I shall see it again and look for the Filofax. Btw What is Filofax CV?
Hope everyone has a fantastic weekend!!
Tina x

Lily (2012-08-12 03:34:56)
What about a Chameleon? Lovely leather texture

Yu (2012-08-12 08:51:12)
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David Popely (2012-08-13 02:51:35)
OK sorry for posting this so far in arrears, but I hope to get through to a good number of already-good friends, as I need some advice before I travel to London tomorrow (Tuesday).
I'm looking for a couple of notebooks for a specific research project I'm going to do. I'm not going to use either of my Filofaxes for this, so this is also off-topic (sorry again, but maybe that's a good reason for leaving it late).
The two notebooks should be as follows:-
Hard cover. I have a strong preference for black in this case.
Hardbound - viz. not spiral bound (I might use spiral if I really can't get properly bound books)
Have 200-300 pages each (I'm not looking for a thin Moleskine-type)
Take fountain pen or calligraphy ink without bleed-through. his is *essential* in this case.
I'm in London most of the week, as already mentioned, so I can visit any relevant outlets there, or I can order online, although this is such a tactile business that I'm inclined to want to see the notebooks before I buy.
Anyone have any ideas? Or any other blogs/sites you can link me onwards to? I'd be really grateful if anyone has any input.
Many thanks!

Laurie (2012-08-13 04:03:18)
David I don't know of a notebook with 200-300 pages, but one option for that is to use a day-per-page diary and just ignore the dates and use it as a notebook.
Jottrr notebooks have 120 gsm paper: www.jottrr.com

Of course anything from Clairefontaine/ Quo Vadis would be appropriate for use with fountain pens.
A notebook brand I recently discovered but haven't tried is Denbigh, made by the same company as Alwych notebooks. The Denbigh notebooks are specifically noted as being for use with fountain pens: http://www.alwych.co.uk/denbigh-books.html
I hope this helps!

David Popely (2012-08-13 04:56:23)
hi Laurie - thanks for all that. I agree, the size is going to be the challenge, but I'll check out all the links here - thank you!

Tina (2012-08-13 09:05:30)
Hi David
If you don't need a lined paper I'd try the art shops. Artist journals usually have thick pages and you can find one with 200-300 pages. Don't know any particular brand tho.

David Popely (2012-08-13 09:34:07)
Voila! I had already just thought I might pay a visit to London Graphic Centre in Covent Garden. Great minds think alike! Thank you!

Tina (2012-08-13 19:31:54)
Of course they do! Haha no worries!! Have fun in London! :)

Web Finds - 11 August 2012 (2012-08-11 00:00) - Steve Morton

Oh dear another big list for you to make your way through, sorry there are no gold medals for this event! So take your marks..... get set... go!

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3. [3]Filofax Fortnight #3 - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
4. [4]my filofax week #16 - Paper Lovestory
5. [5]A gold day all around, for Team GB and my Filofax! - The Life of The Perpetual Student
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14. [14]Library Workers Unite: the New York City Mini Meet Up - Well Planned Life
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17. [17]Blog Organization with Scrivener - No Wasted Ink
18. [18]Strategies for Making Your Planner Work Well For You! - Homemakers Daily
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32. [32]A Formula Of Falling In Love - And It Works For A Filofax Too!!! - Vanjilla
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44. [44]Planning your Finances and Saving Money with a Filofax - All Things Gay
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Lime Tree (2012-08-11 01:45:05)
60! Plus a gazillion videos! I will have to extend it to the week days as well! :)

Jotje (2012-08-11 02:47:41)
Really, Steve! If you want us to read and watch every one of them you should provide a weekly schedule with recommended order/time of day etc!
;-)

Steve Morton (2012-08-11 03:25:41)
I know, it's crazy some weeks. I was tempted to put out a post on say Tuesday or Wednesday, but to be honest some weeks it wouldn't reduce the Saturday list by that many. Most people seem to blog towards the end of the week!
Next weeks might be a little shorter, because I have visitors here on Friday/Saturday so the cut off point will be earlier on Friday.

Joseph David Quinton (2012-08-11 08:22:09)
Lovely, long list which will enrich my entire weekend!

Rori (2012-08-11 11:12:01)
HOLY MOLY it took me a long time to get through these!! You rock, Steve!! Hey, another Filofaxer who thinks the Sat/Sun gip sucks–what a shocker. HELLO FILOFAX!!!

Cloudberry (2012-08-11 17:04:18)
I love the diversity of the posts.
It was interesting to read the Daytimer blog. I went on to explore their site, until I came across a video on managing distractions.... so I closed my web browser and got back to my legal essay, but not before I learned that I already do 'time boxing', I've just never heard it called that before.
I tend to agree with comments that the weekend slots on FF calendars are just too darn small. I'm nicely organised at work, but come the weekend it all goes to pot. Love to hear how others plan their weekends to get things done in their personal life.

Tina (2012-08-11 21:33:02)
I'm on it!!!! hahahahaha hello me!! ^^
This has filled quite a few hours of my sat night (sad I know, but I'm ill so can't go out partying :(sad times). After this many videos I dunno if I'll have space to put anything on my Filofax! hahah It hasn't even arrived and I have a list of things to be put on it! hahahah This is very helful!!
Thanks Steve for putting this up every week!

Butanben (2012-08-13 19:32:21)
Wow Steve... this must be the longest Philofaxy blog spots of the week yet!!! Not complaining, as I thoroughly enjoyed spending a few hours reading away. Bliss!! Better than any magazine you can buy!!! Thanks Steve for organizing this every week and of course Gromit!

enjoyette (2012-08-13 21:30:32)
I really appreciate this kind plug among these awesome finds. Time to grab some popcorn!

Guest Post - Chris - Three things I want Filofax to produce (2) Organisers that hold Mini-Tablets (2012-08-12 00:00) - Steve Morton

Again thank you to Chris Partridge for the second in his series of Guest Posts on what he would like Filofax to produce, if you missed his first post take a [1]look back at it here.

[2]

The next thing I want Filofax to produce is an organiser that holds my new Google Nexus 7 tablet.
The new iPad-holding Pennybridge is just out, and the Flex with its slide-in iPad case is on the way soon, but why should Apple fans have all the joy?
Anyway, fitting an iPad into a Filo comes means big increases in size and weight. Fully loaded with the iPad (650gm) and inserts, the Pennybridge is likely to weigh a couple of kilos and is almost as big as an A4 desk organiser. That is just too much to tote around. And removing the iPad from its frame is a bit of a faff.
I want an organiser that holds everything I need for meetings - my Nexus tablet, paper to write on and a pen - in a light, convenient package. I don't want to use the tablet in the organiser, just to be able to slip it into a sleeve that will protect the screen when I am carrying it about but allow it to be removed easily for use.
An A5 organiser with a pocket in one side would be ideal. The Nexus 7 fits well within the A5 form factor so it would be very simple to make. It weighs in at only 340gm so the whole thing would weigh less than a kilo (unless you are very, very addicted to inserts, of course). The picture shows my Nexus in a naff A5 notebook folder from my stationary drawer, just to show how ideal the size is as a tablet case.
Steve The Philofaxy Man has already experimented with holding a [3]Kindle in the notepad holder slot of a Malden and it works sort of with the Nexus, but it really needs to be a properly fitted pocket to be truly acceptable.
So why not, good people at Filofax? If you need any more encouragement, Apple is strongly rumoured to be launching a mini-iPad in September that would be a very similar form factor to the Nexus, so organisers with tablet pockets should have very wide appeal.

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3. http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2012/05/mixing-paper-and-digital-devices.html

Tim (2012-08-12 06:31:15)
Chris - I agree. Having been the owner of an iPad for three weeks, I can see how things are changing - and fast! Like most readers on here, I've been a paper devotee for a long time. However, using a tablet (of any size) is rapidly becoming the norm for most folk. Filofax are only now realising this and trying to catch-up. However, as you point out, they are only dipping a toe in the water by introducing binders that will hold an iPad - or in the case of the new leather Flex models - an iPhone.
With long lead times from design concept to bulk manufacture in China, don't expect your dream to come true for at least another year.

Babs (2012-08-12 07:10:09)
I think this is a case of "damned if you do, damned if you don't" for Filofax. Just the other week people were saying they wouldn't use the iPad / Pennybridge set-up. I know I wouldn't as I use my iPad very differently from how I use my Filofax. Plus, with the sheer range of tablets available, it's just not possible to have a Filofax / tablet case for every possibility.
In this instance, I think the two are best kept separate. However, if you really want to keep your tablet in your filofax, I'm sure there's some kind of hack you could do with a case or a strong plastic wallet, a hole punch and some reinforcing discs.

Joseph David Quinton (2012-08-12 08:19:53)
I heartily agree with Babs. It would be most difficult for Filofax to do this since there is no standardization in the world of Tablets. Like Babs, I also use my iPad differently than I use my Filofax. My iPad is a media consumption device and has no place being stored in my Filofax.

Cloudberry (2012-08-12 09:03:43)
I was interested that you placed the tablet on the left and the notepad on the right, as that would be my preferred layout. Perhaps FF need to bear this flexibility in mind so people can choose which way round they want.
I think for planning tasks or writing/dreaming up ideas, pen and paper wins hands down.
For my work calendar (Outlook), a portable technology solution that I could keep in my FF would suit me as my calendar changes several times per day. However, I'm severely restricted by what technology is supported at work, so I don't envisage changing my system any time soon.

Helen Conway (2012-08-12 11:52:52)
A kindle sits very snug and tight in the pockets of a finchley and a classic. Both wouldtake something a touch bigger. Would that do for your nexus? I use ipad with filo all the time but the combined case seems silly beause you have to take the ipad out to turn pages on the filo without obscuring the screen. My leather slip case for the ipad is protective but lighter and slimmer than any case

SSA (2012-08-12 16:10:32)
I think it would be a mistake for Filofax to bring out binders that included storage for various technological devices purely because they are forever changing. I was quite surprised they bought out the one for the ipad actually. technology changes so fast and as various other companies bring out their version of tablets how could a relatively small company like Filofax cater for each and every tablet in a binder? The nexus is differently sized to the ipad, which is also different to the Samsung. companies such as 'incase' who are a storage company for electronic devices have it in their best interests to provide storage options for every tablet, phone and laptop on the market. Filofax has a different purpose completely. Plus if I were to spend €100 on a Filofax to encorporate my current "i-device" do I then buy a new Filofax next year when the next model of said 'i-device' comes available?

Reader Under The Spotlight - Esmé (2012-08-13 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

Well today we would like to introduce you to a very special young lady, who I think must be one of our if not the youngest reader of Philofaxy.

Hi. I'm Esmé and I'm 4 years old. I will be 5 in October. I like going to school, playing with my play dough, and drawing and writing. My mummy has a [2]blog which I did a post on about my Filofax, and I'm going to do some more soon. You can talk to me and my mummy on Twitter too @icclewu.

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

As I'm only 4 I haven't bought a Filofax, but mummy gave me a mini pink Finsbury.

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

I use all sorts of things to write and draw in, but my Filofax is special because it holds my pen in there, and it looks after my pennies.

3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?
I like mummy's Filofax. The one that looks like a ladybird*(Added by Tracy, the enigma in vermillion)*
4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

I have one Filofax, but I'm hoping that mummy will let me have her mini Denim Filofax. I like that one, it's so sweet.
5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I use my Filofax for writing and drawing in. I put stickers in there to organise trips and parties and holidays. I keep money in there too, and make shopping lists.
6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?
I like the big pocket at the back. I use mine for hiding things and keeping things safe.
7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature? Will you get your Mummy to make it?

It would be pink and purple, and have lots of stickers and dividers. It would have a pocket at the back for keeping money in. I think mummy could do that. She would love it too.

8. How do you carry your Filofax?
I carry my Filofax in my Peppa Pig backpack. I always take it out with me so I can write and draw.

[3] *9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Do you think your Mummy will buy it for you?*

(At this point Tracy wonders whether she should let her daughter loose with the Filofax catalogue). I like the Domino Mix because it's pink, and I like the Petal. The pink and green one, not the black one. Yes I do think mummy will buy one for me.

10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?
I haven't bought a Filofax yet, but I am saving my pennies so I might buy one soon.

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

I like reading the posts on a Saturday with mummy and looking at the photos of people's Filofaxes, and I like the people we talk to on Twitter.
12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

Nothing. But I wish that I could read it by myself.
13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?

I got mummy to download "We are young" by Fun. I love that song. I've also got the album "In case you didn't know" by Olly Murs.

Thank you Esmé and I hope you had a lovely time with Imy this last few days.

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2. http://icclewu.blogspot.com/
3. https://p.twimg.com/AyeROVpCAAAWtUV.jpg:large

Lime Tree (2012-08-13 00:44:57)
This is too cute!!!
Esme, I have the exact same mini! Very good taste you have!
Very smart to keep things safe on the back pocket. It's a very tight one so no way you would loose your things!
Great post Esme and nice to get to know you better! :)

Paul B (2012-08-13 00:48:03)
You can never start too young, in being organised!

Carou Sella (2012-08-13 02:22:51)
So precious!

Alison (2012-08-13 03:17:18)
So cute :)

Sari (2012-08-13 04:14:36)
There is hope for the Filofax future!! She is so sweet ;-))

Lord Dodo (2012-08-13 08:22:08)
Trust me there is indeed hope indeed with people like Esme - who I had the great pleasure of meeting, along with her big sister, last Friday at Dodo Towers when they dropped by on their tour of the South West! Esme loved Lord Dodo's fairy cakes and is now the proud owner of a Dodo eyePad, which I hope will be kept safely along with her other treasures in her Filofax. There are not many eyePads that fit in a mini Filofax! http://www.dodopad.com/shop/dodont-forget-stationery/eyepad-notebook
Toodlepip!

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-13 09:16:47)
Lovely to meet you, Esmé!

mary jane ong (2012-08-13 09:40:28)
hehe how cute :)

Jarfm.com (2012-08-13 10:20:12)
Awwwwwwww! :)

J (2012-08-13 11:00:10)
So adorable!

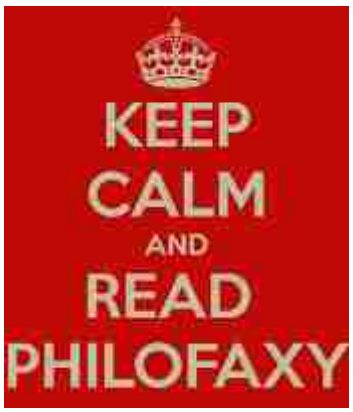
Butanben (2012-08-13 11:05:01)
Esme, this is just a lovely post! What a super star you are!! My God daughters adore Peppa Pig too. I can see why you love the pink Filofaxes the best of all! I think Peppa would choose the pink ones too don't you?

icclewu (2012-08-13 15:19:24)
Thank you for all of your comments. We have had a long train journey today (10.41am at Truro til 6.42pm at Gainsborough) so I will read them to her in the morning. :) xx

Vanjilla (2012-08-13 17:48:32)
... and don't forget to add mine: you're one gorgeous girl, Esme, and I wish you many lovely Filofaxes! :)

Tina (2012-08-13 18:11:53)
This is the most adorable post ever! And she likes Fun and Olly Murs?? This kid is brilliant!! And I agree with her, Filofax should have stickers!! :)

Free For All Tuesday No. 80 (2012-08-14 00:00) - Steve Morton



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Tuesday's are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away... and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

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UNchecked other (2012-08-14 01:10:15)
Aloha everyone! Does anyone have an A5 Malden or an A5 Osterley? I'm going back to grad school next month and am wondering whether or not I'd turn into the Hawaiian Hunchback if I carried one on a daily basis. I know that the Domino is the lightest and the easiest to lug around, but I'm really keen on the Indiana Jones-ness of an ochre Malden and the va-va-va-voom oomph of the Osterley. Any advice would be greatly appreciated. Mahalo nui loa!

EmmaNoey (2012-08-14 01:36:41)
I just received my new-to-me navy blue Winchester off ebay, which I have set up as an organizing tool. It had inserts from 1985 and thereabouts, including some nifty detailed maps of the British Isles. My issue is that it needs both moisturizing and possibly airing out. If you get right up to it, the leather has a definite medicinal smell, for lack of a better word. It's not a bad scent, but I'd prefer none . . . On the other hand, it hasn't kept me from using it since you have to put it up to your face to notice. Plus the ring mechanism is so nice to use- snick! open. snick! closed. Does anyone have any experience they could share? Thanks for any ideas.

jes (2012-08-14 02:21:21)
i just wanted to give a giant THANK YOU to whoever it was who recommended the "crop-o-dile" for a hole punch...it's FANTASTIC! It punched right through the plastic pocket wrapped in washi tape like butter!! If you need get anything thicker than filofax paper punched for your binder...pick up one of these bad boys!!

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 02:34:22)
I have both! And yes both are gorgeous in thier own way. Because of thebigger rings you are going to put more in the Malden which will make it the heavier of the two but then it depends what you are using it for whether you need tis extra space? Is it just a diary and to do lists or are you putting notes in there, reading lists etc? My advice is that you forget the domino. It might be a little lighter but if you like the classy leauther ones the Domino is going to be a daily disappointment and reminder of unnecessary compromise. Why do that to yourself when you can have the daily joy of a thing of beauty with you? So having eliminated that I'd choose by what ring size would suit best. But honestly? Assuming you are going to put notes and print touts etc in there... I'd get

both, use the Malden as your at home complete course book and the Osterly as your daily carry around. Thats because I think a whole grad school expereince might not fit in even one Malden by the end of year and that way you can reduce the weight by carrying only what you need for that week, or month or semester.. Whatever fits. Oh and why only get one thing of beauty when you can get two?! But if cost is an issue... Malden. Bigger, cheaper, smells amazing. Then keep Osterley as a reward for when you get your first post grad job.

Butanben (2012-08-14 02:36:24)
Hi there Philofaxers!
On the last Free for All, I posted a reply to a query, to do with protection bags for an a5 sized Filofax and mentioned my red embroidered felt carry bag I use, which I thought was a Churchill bag, but is in fact a Jan Constantine bag. Knew it began with a C!! So, apologies for the error there. I have looked on their website as none seem to be being produced at the mo and left a comment re: stockists and future production. You may be able to source a felt carry bag, or something similar via the internet, or indeed via local craft markets.If I were handy with a needle, I could run a felt protection and carry bag up myself..... but you know, sewing machines were never my strong point!!!

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 02:44:13)
I have a question about the Purple versus Ochre Malden. My Ochre leather is flexible in that the cover bends like Olga Korbutt but at the same time the leather is smooth and taut. I got a Purple as a swap for a defective A5 Cherry Classic from Filofax UK returns and the leather on theback was sort of puffy and gathered as if there was too much leather for the size of the perimeter and it was puffing up in the middle. The filofax also had a R in pen in thefrint cver and a ring that did not match so I rang and they told me to send it right back. The replacement came shortky after and when I pulled it out of the box husband (who knows little and cares less about filos) said at once , " Oh that looks dreadful!" The leather on the front was all puffy again. This time I did not waste a call I have just posted it back with a list of other acceptable filos they could send if a perfect Malden is beyond them. But now I am wondering.. Are the Maldens different? Does anyone have both Ochre and Purple to compare?

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-14 02:50:32)
Again, my new best friend Helen is a gem! Hello, H!
I actually had slight palpitations as you mentioned of ring sizes. I´d have to... downsize..? (I have an Osterley on the way)Well, this led me to taking away the house section from Balmoral- my binder, and I put it in another binder. I actually will be able to maneuver with smaller ring size- come Osterley and it made my Balmoral so much lighter that lugging it around in my tote is absolutely a no problem.
So when the O comes, the B will transfer to a home binder (meaning there will me my cleaning lists and current projects, like approaching Yule and its never ending lists etc etc).
But I gotta admit, the Malden looks just so soft and supple...
My son has set his eyes on it and demands one for his communication binder. In brown leather.

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-14 02:52:10)
Oh, and I meant to reply under UNchecked Other. Oh well.

Butanben (2012-08-14 02:57:55)
PS- I have just discovered the same felt bag,(but different embroidery,) in a sale on Amara.co.uk. Jane Constantine LOVE embroidered bag, in pink, black or duck egg blue. I have no affiliation with this site or product at all....just mentioning,so you can see a photograph of what I am wittering on about!! A felt protection bag really has helped keep my Filofax scratch free. I really think, as with all good ladies handbags, that Filofax should provide a protection bag with their products as a matter of course.

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 03:02:52)
Hi Helen
Gail has both of those colour combinations:
http://gailwheatley.blogspot.fr/2012/08/a5-malden-filofax.html
I have the Ochre and Grey, no issues for me.
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 03:07:20)
And those of you not old enough to remember the child like Olga Korbut, gymnast of the 1972 Munich Olympics.... check out her Wikipedia entry...
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Olga _Korbut
She's older than me!
Steve

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 03:31:53)
Hi back! no so much a question of downsizing to the Osterley as upsizing to the Malden!

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 03:35:29)
Very cute. But you know thats all felt and blanket / straight stitch ? You could make one of those by hand no sewing machine at all if you chose to do so!

Julia (2012-08-14 03:40:19)
Hello everybody!
My old Cross/Classic one is in the process of shedding the nasty plastic from its gorgeous leather. Problem: there are areas of plastic that are quite clingy and won't peel, so I have quarters still wrapped, free quarters and half-done ones. I am trying to use my nails to pry the leather free, but it doesn't work most of the times except for tiny slivers.
Any suggestion? Thanks :*

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-14 04:12:06)
Oh *¤ & #¤" already! I actually felt all kinds of bothered by the thought of a smaller ring size. My Balmoral now is absolutely gutted to the bare essentials and a breeze to use and shove paper from one point to another. When I stacked all of the papers to the other side of binder, I still have no problem opening the rings just as long as I do it carefully and without wobbling the stack of papers. Weeell, as it should happen- that would not work with Osterley´s ring size! And my contacts are not even here, on the larger ring size either! Shock! Horror! I´m absolutely, positively miffed! I would be in trouble with smaller ring size. I like things to run smoothly, nicely and without trouble. I like pens that just glide on paper, I like binders that accommodate to my needs and wants and are fabulous simultaneously.
So I ended up calling to the department store that already has ordered my Osterley (it´s still in the back-order and will come later with some other deptstorestuffs) and asked the nice lady if they could change my order from one Osterley to two Maldens (ochre). She said she´d find out about the logistics and try her best to please me. I like that attitude on a person.
How could I have missed such an obvious things as a ring size! How stupid can a person be! Oh well, we´ll see what happens on this one. I told her that if it´s going to be too tricky, I´ll be happy to receive the Osterley just as well (it is tremendously FANCY!)and I'll see what kind of a ... trick I´ll come up with but if it is tradable to two (the other would be my son´s) Maldens, I´m not going to cry either.
The thing is, that dept store is a place from where I purchased my Balmoral two decades´ish ago. I like the thought of a tradition to go there and get my new binder from the same place, besides I´ll be going to the City anyways to meet our old friends there so it´d be all just very nice.

JasJan (2012-08-14 04:12:25)
Can anybody help me decide between the Aston in Mushroom and the Holborn in Brown. I love neutral colours and these two really stand out for me. Not really seen any reviews of the Mushroom colour for the Aston. All help appreciated.

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 04:12:50)
Gentle heat might soften the glue a little and by gentle I don't mean your hair dryer on the high setting, if you can't leave the back of your hand in the air flow it's too hot.... then gently peel with finger nails.

Alison (2012-08-14 04:28:38)
That may have been me, I mentioned it on here once, glad you like it, I use mine on a daily basis, best thing ever, even punches new holes in leather belts :)

Laurie (2012-08-14 04:33:43)
I have the Aston (but in orchid) and Holborn (but in wine) and if you are tactile I recommend the Holborn. Its leather is very smooth and soft. The Aston leather is nice, but the Holborn's is so much nicer.
Steve reviewed a mushroom Aston, the color is gorgeous and would go with everything:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2011/06/filofax-aston-review.html

Alison (2012-08-14 05:12:19)
She was on Dancing On Ice here in the UK a few weeks ago, she did fantastic!!

Alison (2012-08-14 05:15:09)
Personally i'd go for the Holborn, I have it in brown, I also had a pocket Aston but in Orchid!!

Gail (2012-08-14 05:24:29)
Hiya Helen, I have both. I must admit, the purple one seems a little bit more sensitive than the Ochre one. I think in time, it's going to need some kind of leather treatment on it to keep it supple. I think it could be down to the dye that's made it a little less tough. It seems to be a little more floppier than the Ochre one and I've had to put some card in the front pocket as it's in danger of creasing right down the middle. I would advise anyone, if they couldn't decided between the 2, to buy the Ochre one, you can just see this one will get better with age.

Gail (2012-08-14 05:28:26)
I have the Holborn in Personal and A5 Black and A5 Zipped Wine. They are lush! Lots of pockets and places to add a notebook or two even. I've seen the Aston and it looks a little plain...though the colours are really nice, it is an overall a plain matt texture.

Gail (2012-08-14 05:31:16)
Julia, I think Filofax need to recall the Classics and sort them out. I had a problem with mine too....just not on. I blogged about it here: http://gailwheatley.blogspot.co.uk/2012/07/scruffy-personal-classics orted.html
Their customer service was very good though.

Gail (2012-08-14 05:41:56)
I was in WHSmiths a few days ago looking at the HUGE selection of magazines, hoping to find something on journalling or organiser related products, do you know there isn't a single thing to be found on either subject! Every other hobby and interest is covered, especially cake decoration....just how many magazines do we need on cake decoration???
Does anyone know of any such magazines?

SSA (2012-08-14 05:46:04)

Alison Reeves (2012-08-14 05:56:16)
Gail - there seems to be loads of mags in the states on organisation generally (not here thought sadly), but I've never seen anything on journalling or planners either. I think the nearest would be some sort of writing or 'how to write' type of magazine, which probably cover organising material and research.

Gail (2012-08-14 06:00:56)
It's a shame Borders closed down, am sure they would of carried something. I'll have to have a browse in the "How To Write" mags. Maybe there's a market for something like this in the UK!

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 06:37:29)
There is Art Journalling magazine in the US http://www.artjournalingmagazine.com/ but that is very art and doodling focused, not the words based journalling I like. Its also very expensive to get over here - the Stampington magazines are like bookzines. very heavy so postage is an issue. I started journalling years ago when I was on holiday in the US and discovered all the books about it and a shelf of leather journals in Borders in Boston, but now I think about it, I never found a magazine...

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-14 06:56:47)
... and as it should happen, I now have two Maldens coming my way. How strange. I was so set on that Osterley but it´s just not as accommodating in ring size.

Mags Rennie (2012-08-14 07:33:11)
Hello, this is a question to the philofaxy community - we have just been accepted by filofax to become a supplier and we wondered what you all think we should carry stockwise?
Hope you can help us!
Mags

Barbara (2012-08-14 07:38:19)
Hi Helen,
I have an A5 purple Malden, an A5 ochre Malden, and a personal ochre Malden. The 2 A5's are both fine, but the ochre personal is a bit as you described...blessed with a little too much material. When I filled it and used it, it is not as noticeable and I'm happy with it. I'm thinking it's Malden variation that is not dependent on color. Keep trying..they are so worth it though right? :)

Anthony Hill (2012-08-14 07:44:55)
Hi Helen
I have a Crimson Malden (bought from Anita Lim by the way) It's fantastic and it lays flat all the time very well house trained it's a gem. Yes I was wondering about said gymnast,I remember my great grandfather telling about her :-))

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 07:48:30)
Hi there
Where is your shop/site located?
Regards
Steve

Julia (2012-08-14 07:54:51)
Steve, Gail, thank you for your answers! I'm going to unearth one old travel dryer who didn't work that much for hair, but would be perfect for the heating.
I do think too that they should do something to sort this issue, Gail! I've contacted a nice lady at the customer service a couple of months ago, but I love that particular blue color and it has been phased out of Classic, so a bit of a DIY is in order. (It means I get to add another filo to the collection, right? ;))

Mags Rennie (2012-08-14 07:57:24)
We are based up in Perthshire, Scotland and my website is www.writeathome.co.uk, we don't have a bricks and mortar shop but exhibit at a lot of large fairs in Scotland and the north of England. My OH is starting to feel concerned now as he feels me having filofax stockist status would be like putting Dracula in charge of a blood bank!

Marcus Myles (2012-08-14 08:58:12)
Steve - I have a couple of Pocket sized templates which may be useful for your 'Files' site - A month on one page and a weekly time map in landscape. How do I send them to you?
Thanks

Marcus

Horsellian (2012-08-14 09:05:52)
Can anyone tell me what they do with spare diary inserts they're never going to use?
I have a 2012-3 WO2P that is surplus to requirements - does anyone have a good use for it? Or even, would anybody like it? (I'm happy to post it to someone who'd use it.)

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 09:19:32)
Yes please, the address is on our About page. Thanks
Steve

Paul Taylor (2012-08-14 09:26:43)
I don't know about the medicinal smell, but on the moisturizing front the Nivea creme trick comes highly recommended! Lightly coat the leather with Nivea creme, place the binder in a plastic bag and leave for a couple of days. Then wipe over with a soft cloth - most of the cream should have been absorbed by the leather.
I have a funny feeling I was watching that Winchester too... The smoothest rings on any Filo I own are those on a personal Duplex of unknown age. I've had it for more than 20 years but can't remember even when or where I came by it, and haven't used it for yonks. The rings close quite firmly but operate with an 'oiled' smoothness and relatively little effort. They really don't make 'em like they used to!

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 09:46:59)
Its no my age, cheeky. She was interviewed at the beginning of the gymnastics ths year!!

Romina (2012-08-14 09:48:03)
I am thinking of getting one of those Filofax pens (i think they are called mini organizers?)
Anywho, i was wondering if anyone owns those and what the reviews are. Are they comfortable to write with? Do they have nice ink? Is the pen a med or fine point? Will they fit other pen refills or just the Filofax ones?
Your thoughts are greatly appreciated :)

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-14 10:08:03)
I have those 2 A5s, I love my Ochre so much, it is my fantastic companion for my dissertation, and I am just starting to use my purple A5 again, but I have to say I prefer the Ochre. The rings of my purple A5 aren't perfect at all, and it doesn't lay flat! But it's nowhere near as bad as the ones you got sent from the sound of it, Helen!!

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 10:43:24)
Helen, I have to sadly admit that I remember the 1972 games quite well, in fact the 1968 ones as well!
In 1971 we were driven past the Munich Olympic stadium on our way for a school skiing holiday, I think that the design was so modern at the time I had never seen anything quite like it.
Steve

Alice Dial (2012-08-14 10:54:38)
You are all making me nervous!
#1: I'm in the U.S. and waiting on a purple personal Malden from Pens & Leather. (I ordered it in June and it is still on backorder.) I am being very patient, but what if I am disappointed after all this waiting?
#2: I mistakenly looked up Olga Korbut's date of birth and found out I am 4 MONTHS OLDER THAN HER!!!! It can't be! —I probably dated Anthony's great grandfather. HA!

Laurie (2012-08-14 11:28:19)
The Malden range seems to be the most popular here, with Holborn a close second (but you have to watch out for issues with the rings!).
Finsbury binders are very popular as the least expensive leather option, with lots of colors available. The Domino non-leather binders are very popular as a less-expensive option, and they come in lots of nice colors too.

Those are my suggestions for must-have stock! Does anyone else have other recommendations?

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 11:35:37)
That is a photo of his great grand father in his profile photo ;-)

Anthony Hill (2012-08-14 11:40:25)
Hi Alice
It will be worth the wait for your personal Malden of that I'm sure. Post a comment or two when you've time and let us know how you get on. I was but a babe in arms and not really able to comprehend the significance of those important words from my great, great, great great grandfather :-))

Frederique (2012-08-14 11:42:59)
Or, if you want to combine the lightness of the domino and the "wow-factor" of some leather filofax, you could get a Domino Snake, either in Bronze or in Dark Brown. I have the dark brown one, in A5, it is gorgeous, not fragile at all, and I like the inside : it's not the light grey suede-like material, but a solid/plain black/dark brown lining, much more classy.
I purchased it for half its original price on filofax.de, and you could do the same, as they are still on sale on ‹a href="http://www.filofax.de/store/organiserdetails.asp?rangeId=143 &sizeId=5 &dsizeId=5 &spId=1015"›filofax.de‹/a›, for 26 euros instead of 52 ! The personal-sized one is on sale too, 16,50 euros instead of 33 euros.
I really like mine, it almost made me switch from Personal to A5 :)

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 11:59:54)
As a point of information only... if you post a comment and it hasn't appeared in the post, don't panic it's most probably been trapped as SPAM and I have to manually release these.
I'm not sure why this only happens to some comments and not others... but I'm sure you welcome not having to peer at those silly words and number things these days!

Erozion (2012-08-14 12:10:20)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Anthony Hill (2012-08-14 12:20:31)
Hi Romina
The Filofax Mini Barley Pen, hope that's what you mean. It's 110 mm in length and the ink supplied is Black. I ordered blue refills at the same time. I think the width tends to be Fine point having compared with other ball point pens. The pen fits into the pen loop on your Filofax. There is a milled section 40mm at the end this helps whist writing. Due the fact they are shorter than the average pen I think you have to hold it slightly different. Hope the above helps you decide.

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 12:44:34)
OK y'all relax and stop the panicking I caused. I am home from work and the Purple Malden No 3 has arrived and it is perfect. I like the Ochre better but thats because I love brown things and I knew that when I chose a purple one, but the purple is vey nice indeed as a second Malden. Of course, if I ran Filofax I would have rung my mobile with profuse apologies for three faulty goods and tucked some extra inserts into the box but no.... Proforma delivery notes and that's it. But you know, since I have a brand new Malden and the Classic they replaced cost £34 on Amazon marketplace because the box was a little ripped, I am calling this a good outcome!

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 12:45:45)
Good! Which department store is it that gives you such helpful service?

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 12:48:33)
Oh I wondered why some of my Comments had vanished. I was blaming the grossly out of date browsers at work but could hardly refer it to IT given what I was doing :)

David Popely (2012-08-14 13:04:10)
Shame on you for expecting that WH Smith would have anything useful at all....they still look like a store waiting to go out of business to me. useless, utterly. Gail, you're right....Borders would have carried it. I still miss the Borders in Clifton, bristol....Sunday brunch and a walk up Park Street to Borders was perfect. Now it's a TK Maxx....doesn't that typify the move away from quality towards cheap tat (Filofax are you listening? Oh no, I forgot....of course you're not....).
Comag are the UK distributors for all kinds of mags from the US. Not cheap and subscription only, but if you're serious you could try.
http://www.magazinecafe.co.uk/
I got a copy of Shambhala Sun in WHS in Swansea which is a Comag distribution in the UK.....it's worth a look

David Popely (2012-08-14 13:05:20)
Refills.....a wide range. If you can source refills from other manufacturers on better quality paper, even better.
Or get Ray and Steve Inc to suppply you.....

David Popely (2012-08-14 13:07:37)
I've got a whole stack of surplus A5 inserts if anyone's interested. Has to be Uk though - I was going to send them to Fiona in Oz but had to send just the Personal ones due to Royal Mail Customer Filleting policies. Many are 'time management' sheets - email me if you want to

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 13:25:35)
if you are selling at fairs I'd say go from Malden downwards in price as otherwise your stock might be too expensive for that casual impulse purchase (assuming you are not talking trade fairs). Slightly off point but I have been to your site and see you stock writing paper. i cannot find for love nor money pads of letter paper of any size which have a design on them. Only wallets where there is one or at most two sheets per envolope and only ten to fifteen sheets which does not suit long letter writers. If you could source something elegant and pretty you would have me as an instant customer!

Paul Taylor (2012-08-14 13:32:56)
Dare I ask where you would go for Sunday Brunch near Park Street? I'd guess Boston Tea Party...
(I live in Weston-super-Mare, work from home, and often go to Bristol for a 'mooch' day to decompress - which usually kicks off with brunch at BTP!)
Oh - and in a previous life I worked in Blackwells, when it was still Georges... and when it used to occupy the building at the top of Park Street which is now a Jamie Oliver Italian!

Mags Rennie (2012-08-14 13:34:37)

Mags Rennie (2012-08-14 13:36:37)
David, I shall start searching now! Steve, is that a possibility?

David Popely (2012-08-14 13:39:48)
hi Paul
Have been to BTP but it seemed very crowded (on a Sunday) and I'm not much drawn to the idea of sharing 'bench' tables with strangers...for the same reason I dont go much on Wagamama, although can be persuaded!
We used to go to Mackenzies on the Waterside, but it's gone downhill. Last time we went to the Pitcher and Piano along the Waterfront, which was *excellent*, then would have walked up the hill from there via the independent record store at the bottom :)
Had lunch with Mrs P at Jamie's Italian in Cardiff twice recently (and also at Westfield a while back) and on every occasion it has been excellent.
What work do you do? Accountant here - sole practitioner....

Rianne (2012-08-14 14:00:48)
Hi,
I have some problems with my planner. when is something an project and when an task? how do you can tell the differint between them. I'm getting out of control to keep track of them and how to prioritize them in some sort of order. For example. I'm going to my whole administration and do i have to put it on the project or when by a task....I'm confused the girl who made some video's about her filofax in tree parts in the last one she has made dividers in health, social and events and so on...she put it al on the project list. how do you dived it up in task. I hope that i'm not confuse you becaause i'm really confused and really strugle with it.

Steve Morton (2012-08-14 14:05:12)
Sorry Mags, no our Diary Refills are only available for non-commercial use.

T-na (2012-08-14 14:08:03)
I love the concept of using A-Z index for my reference and project support notes but am finding the index pages are taking up valuable space in my pocket Kendal. I only keep often needed info (e.g. bank routing numbers in codes) and current project notes with me as all "keeper notes" are entered in a text doc (in a tiny usb key that's kept in the Kendal pocket). Hence, quite a few letters have nothing behind them. Am thinking of replacing the A-Z index with a single index page listing the topics/projects. How do you organize your reference information in your filo? Alternatives to the A-Z index?

Mags Rennie (2012-08-14 14:16:16)
That's ok, I didnt think they were available but it was worth checking ;)

T-na (2012-08-14 14:23:29)
Rianne,
You'll get different answers depending on the system used. For me, a project is something that takes more than 2 steps or tasks to complete (a la GTD). So I have a list of current projects that I review weekly; from there I note down tasks (aka "to do") to be done that week to move those projects to completion. I do not have dividers for each projects. I use dividers to designate Areas of Focus (some may call them Big Projects, Areas of Responsibilty, or Roles). Some of my Areas of Focus (AoF) are Practice Management, Patient Care, and HealthyMe. Then behind the dividers for these AoF are my projects and plans. Tasks for these projects are included in the plans; then when I am ready to do them that week, I transfer them to my current task lists ("next actions").
FWIW, the dividers in health, social and events are not project dividers to me. A project is something that can be completed. A specific event can be a project but not "Events" in general.
Hope that helps.

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 14:27:27)
It may be that others use the term differently but I would say that a project is the general descripton of the end result. So a project might be 'Set up a new website' or 'organise a wedding' .. Whatever. The tasks for me are then the steps I need to get to my goal or to complete that whole project. If the project is a big one like the two examples I gave you might want to subdivide so that you have Big Tasks and Little Tasks. So say for the wedding your big tasks are Get My Outfit, Sort the Catering, Get Invitations Printed, Book the Honeymoon etc. the each would breakdown further into little tasks. So Get My outfit becomes, choose dress, get good underwear, choose shoes, find veil etc. You might then want to have a divider for the wedding and a number of to do lists for each Big Task. Thats one way of doing it. I think the key is just doing it a way that suits the way you live and think so that the planner assist you to the maximum. There is no right or wrong way.

T-na (2012-08-14 14:29:03)
Not to confuse the matter, but don't want you to think you cannot have a project divider. You can (may?). If there's an important and involved project, I do give it a temporary divider to help organize it. Once that project is done, I remove that divider. That's the wonderful flexibility of the Filofax!

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 14:29:07)
You could try removing the dividers and putting a sticky tab with the same letter references on the first page of each section of notes so you have the same system you have now but without the bulk.

lululucy (2012-08-14 14:40:26)
Not a question, but need some commiseration: was just browsing at City Organiser and saw the new Bostons listed, including a Compact (Personal) Boston in ::swoon:: violet. I love my Crimson Malden, and swore I wouldn't consider a new Filo this year. Well, unless one came out in cobalt blue. Or unless one of the new Temperleys is both affordable and wonderful. But the Boston just looks so good, and in violet just so crisp and lovely...even though I am decidedly not a Compact person and this is supposed to be a no-buy month. So, has anyone seen the Boston in person? And more important, has anyone felt it? What's the leather like?

David Popely (2012-08-14 14:47:41)
I'm with T-na here, and by extension with David Allen....a project is *anything* which takes more than one action to complete. Simples.

lululucy (2012-08-14 14:48:55)
ooh and I see it comes in 'ultraviolet' in pocket size, and ultraviolet is a colour you would never lose in your handbag! But really, the plain violet, boy that's nice. Ack, I can feel the no-buy resolution going out the window.

Paul Taylor (2012-08-14 16:51:06)
Perhaps I've just not been to BTP at 'rush hour'... It could also be that I'm a bit more forgiving given that at one time the building at 75 Park Street (and its neighbours on both sides) was the Art books department of Georges bookshop, so I've spent a fair bit of time there before the book trade went a bit pearshaped, and have fond memories of the place. I shall certainly bear in mind your recommendations, in any case.
As to what I do - my 7 years in the book trade are long behind me. I moved into IT nearly a quarter of a century ago and I currently work in Rights and Royalties back office systems, doing support and development mostly in the finance field for a large media company. Before that I was in mission planning systems for military helicopters, and prior to that I worked for the NHS in IT until they sold me off to EDS!

David Popely (2012-08-14 16:54:19)
interesting stuff, Paul.....what a shame that bookselling is now virtually dead as a job....still, self-employment does have some benefits, one of which is certainly being able to take a day off just because the sun is shining on a Friday rather than the more obliging weekend version! Maybe one day we should meet up at BTP....I'm occasionally in Bristol on pretexts of work.....

Hannah C. (2012-08-14 17:19:33)
Sadly, I've never seen a magazine on journaling/planning in the States (not that I've looked very hard)! I know there is a website which collects links to journaling articles/posts, and I know of several books about (word-based) journaling and two about time management, but that's it.
Perhaps we should start a magazine like that! ;)

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-14 17:49:12)
Ummmm Helen, how familiar are you with Finnish department stores?

Helen Conway (2012-08-14 17:54:03)
Not. but you never know when I might be there and need to know! Besides. For some reason I thought you were inTurkey!

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-14 17:58:15)
Just a brief idea.
There´s been lamenting over the lack of rulers & bookmarks. I´ve done myself a few and it´s ridiculously easy and fast. What you need is a sheet of laminated paper, cut a desired width and length of it depending if it´s a

bookmark / tab or a whole sheet you need and want. Punch holes and cut straight from the holes to the side thus creating " openings " from which you´ll slip the thing on your binder. I´ve used this trick on my FF and also on my son´s communication binder. Works like awesome magic!

WeirdRockStar (2012-08-14 18:02:42)
Actually, on my profile it says Afganistan- which is always a slight hoot (hey, I don´t get out much so I figure a small entertainment is never a bad thing) but I never felt it was that important to wiggle the small tidbit.
The place is Stockmann´s department store and they are known for incredible customer service.

Merla (2012-08-14 18:15:53)
Will these (see link below) and other paperchase inserts fit in a personal sized Filofax?
http://www.paperchase.co.uk/invt/00478368/
Nat x

Gail (2012-08-14 18:26:48)
Helen when my "replacement" was delivered it had pages stuck in the rings. I phoned and told them I wanted compensated for their unprofessionalism.... Cheeky I know, but they agreed and sent me a matching pen, notebook and tabbed fly leafs. E-mail them, am sure they'll be more than willing to help.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-14 18:39:22)
Mags - Maudie Made creates some interesting inserts - she might be interesting in supplying you for fairs etc: http://www.maudiemade.com/shop/

Alison Reeves (2012-08-14 18:40:14)
David - What sheets have you available for A5? Or shall I email you?

Yu (2012-08-14 18:58:56)
Speaking about "sorting things out". I think Filofax needs to do what Gail said - AND educate their staff. I met a nice guy from Filofax when he was re-stocking my department store (and I pounced on him to ask about news on the purple Malden and the blue Finsbury compact). We chatted for a while and then started on the topic of the Classic. I told him about the plastic protection peeling off and me being sent a replacement, to which he replied: "there is no plastic protection film - it's all leather". I think I looked something like this after that slightly concescending reply: O _O
So... according to Filofax - leather PEELS?
Seriously. They need to get themselves sorted. All of it. Get the quality of the binders/quality control back under control and inform their staff that they might have to know more than superficial stuff about the products they sell. (Not talking about the nice ladies I've met in the Filofax stores, of course. They are fab!)

Yu (2012-08-14 19:00:26)
Holborn. ;)

Yu (2012-08-14 19:14:28)
I think you should have at least one high-end option, like the Luxe. It's expensive, but not so expensive that you feel you couldn't save up for it. (Hell - if I, a poor university student with not-so-very-good-student-loans could save up for an A5 Luxe bought for the full retail price, then other people who wants a little something extra could too! ^ _^)
I also think that the Cuban is pretty much necessary if you want more male buyers (not to mention it's gorgeous anyway!).
The Guildford would be a good choice for targeting the business market as it's affordable and very durable.
Those are my thoughts on the more high-end Filofaxes without going truly nuts in the luxury area.
As you're mainly selling at fairs, I agree with the rest of the speakers - Holborn and Malden is probably the way to go. But you could be surprised, some people can dish out a lot of money if they recognize something is very precious. *thinks of her own art-and-antiques-fairs shopping results*

But I still say to have at least one or two higher-end styles in stock as you do have a webshop. :)
Hope I helped some.

Yu (2012-08-14 19:21:06)
The leather is sooooo soft, puffy, silky and... and... *can't find words*. It's like a Guildford, only smoother and softer, and more squish-able... and wonderful and... and... *swoons*
Yes, I fell in love with it and it has joined the list of "to buy".

Yu (2012-08-14 19:23:59)
Hi!
Just a curious question: The Nivea Treatment. Do you guys use the "white" Nivea Soft Cream or the "blue" Nivea Creme? :D

robynlouise (2012-08-15 00:08:44)
I use empty day to a page diary inserts as notepaper for lists, etc. You might have a little more trouble using the week on two pages but if you're not fussy it's great for catching all those scribbled notes that you haven't time to find a home for.

Mags Rennie (2012-08-15 06:01:07)
Thank you everyone, that gives me some help as I feel when the brochure arrives I may get carried away!!! I am now away to contact Maudie Made as well.

Frederique (2012-08-15 06:45:18)
Yes, they do fit, I have seen the "to do" sheets and "notes" sheets inside a personal-sized filofax, but I can't find the picture of this anymore. Their "mini" sized refills are compatible with filofax pocket organisers.
Best confirmation I could find is :
http://withindreamswelive.blogspot.fr/2012/07/filofax-paper-alternat ive.html

Frederique (2012-08-15 06:59:03)
Ok; got your confirmation :
http://princesstygerouttatheblue.blogspot.fr/2011/11/new-setup-new-m e-part-2.html
She uses a diary from paperchase, in a personal-sized Filofax.
Voilà :)

Austinlinda (2012-08-15 07:58:25)
I just received my Malden in Crimson, that I was unable to find anywhere in the USA-so I took a chance and bought it from the Filofax France site. They were very professional, sent me a tracking number and took Paypal, so no issues with exchange rates, or customs. I received it after only 6 days.
The problem happened after I received it. It was covered with small black sticky things and a few pen marks. The sticky things came off with a flick of a fingernail. But the larger pen mark and sticky things were not so cooperative. They came off with a soft cloth, except that the light soft wipe revealed a small hole in the leather! Is was as it it had been covered with the black sticky thing. Since its crimson, the spot is noticeable–and it's on the front. I am so upset–did I do wrong to buy it from there? Is there anything anyone can think of to cover or otherwise repair that mark? (I can't return it, because my husband doesn't want me to become involved and stressed out with an international return. It's not the money, thank goodness, but it still hurts me to have it end up a total loss.
Thanks for any suggestions you might have!

Paul B (2012-08-15 09:38:38)
I use the white cream, in the original-style blue tin. I'm in the middle of a guest post on just this topic, as I'm currently trying to restore a 1928-vintage binder. Stay tuned....

Frederique (2012-08-15 12:05:39)
And a more definitive proof (I *knew* I would find it again) :
http://girlinmaths.wordpress.com/2012/06/22/finishing-while-filofaxi ng/

janet (2012-08-15 14:20:37)
I am not sure if you have the permission or the desire to sell second hand things but there is a huge market for gently owned Filofaxes from recent years (the Winchesters for example are a whole other area) like the Baroque and the Domino snake. I would go nuts if I saw a selection of those all in one place! And of course cute stickers and little stamps are always immensely popular.

janet (2012-08-15 14:23:11)
I am interested in donating some of my Filofaxes and planners for this and next year to Dressed for Success (http://www.dressforsuccess.org). Does anyone know of any other programmes that do similar things?

janet (2012-08-15 14:26:18)
An interesting fact.....(I am a nerd of note I am afraid)....the Nivea in the blue tin that is most highly sought after in the US is made in Germany. Fans in the US often avoid the cream available in drugstores and seek out Afro Caribbean shops which often import from Europe. Apparently the formulation is different.
I stumbled over forums devoted to discussion of this fact a while ago and it fascinated me (as do most things :))

janet (2012-08-15 14:29:24)
I am at the moment wanting to donate all my spare inserts and binders to a project like Dressed for Success http://www.dressforsuccess.org —– they provide clothes and other help for disadvantaged women entering or re-entering the workplace.

Austinlinda (2012-08-15 14:32:19)
Romina-Hi!
I just purchased the Filofax " mini pen " and it's quite nice. Unlike the nice, but more expensive Barley pen, it costs about $25.. It comes in many colors that are close matches to he different Filofaxes & you can get them in half metal/half enameled color, or all color. I got one in a nice tortoise shell color that goes great with the brown Aston. The weight is fine for a small pen-it has a little heft to it that feels quite nice. The click that you get when you twist it to pull out the point is satisfying and will not leak. Really good pen for such a low price!

Sandy Reynolds (2012-08-15 21:14:16)
I am planning a trip to Belfast and London in September. I would love to treat myself to a Filofax A5 while there - any good shops that are in tourist areas you would recommend?
thanks!

David Popely (2012-08-16 00:37:58)
Hi Sandy, what are your London dates? I would recommend a trip to Filofax in Conduit St, south of Oxford St

Mags Rennie (2012-08-16 04:47:55)
I have just found a supplier of stamps and also cute stickers etc so .....
Re the gently owned filofaxes, how where etc could I find these?

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-17 02:38:09)
Hi Austinlinda! Try filling in the hole very carefully with some nail varnish to match the colour of your Malden!

Austinlinda (2012-08-17 06:25:06)
Great idea! I'll try it today!
Thanks!

Julia (2012-08-18 16:21:53)
I think it's the blue one... which means I've forgotten one item in the grocery list! http://vanjilla.blogspot.it/2011/11/filofaxs-facial.html

Web Finds - 14 August 2012 (2012-08-14 12:00) - Steve Morton

By last evening (my time) I had already accumulated over 20 Web Finds links and 4 videos, I thought here we go again, we are heading towards another large post for Saturday, but who knows... it's all a little out of my control really.
So as a bit of an experiment, I'm posting this Web Finds 3½ days after the last one. I will continue to collect posts for the rest of the week and I hope to post another Web Finds on Saturday.
There will be a link back to this post as well, in case people miss this one and feel a little 'short changed' when Saturday's is shorter than they expected.
Please let me know what you think about this arrangement of two shorter posts or one longer one per week. It might vary depending on how many are found each week obviously. If people prefer just the one post then we will stick with that formula.
Thanks....

1. [1]All Stars Guest Post by Deborah: Career Change with a Filofax - My Life All in One Place
2. [2]All Stars Guest Post: Ray of My Life All In One Place - Thoughts & Exploration
3. [3]Look What Came Today: Pennybridge! - Wandrrlust
4. [4]The reason my Filofax was such a fatty... And post diet picture - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
5. [5]The relevance of "Getting Things Done"… - MacPych
6. [6]Thank You Filofax Readers - It's My Life
7. [7]all stars guest post: your filofax week #17 - Paper Lovestory
8. [8]Inside my Personal Aqua Finsbury - Mish Mash Muddle
9. [9]Monthly Tabs—Vermont Style - Well Planned Life
10. [10]My Slim Magenta Flex by Filofax - Filofancy
11. [11]The Circus Files - Circus Life
12. [12]If I Had To Choose Just One Filofax . . . - The Storage Studio
13. [13]Filofax MeetUp: New York - Lime Tree Fruits
14. [14]Leonie's WorkBook and Violet Domino Juiciness - Lime Tree Fruits
15. [15]Filofax Love: Adelphi - Said the Cat
16. [16]Journalling School Session 4: Positive Journalling... - My Life All in One Place
17. [17]Journalling School (4) - Filomaniac
18. [18]so, like, hi. - the SNARLing Post
19. [19]Filo-addict! - Zaramuse
20. [20]Regency Pocket Slim - Filo-Manie

21. [21]New work diary - Paper Pens Ink
22. [22]What Diary Format? - Timmo's Blog
23. [23]Filofax rides shotgun... - The Crazy Suburban Mom
24. [24]Filofax Compact Diary Issue - Imysworld
25. [25]Help for Planning When Your Schedule is Unpredictable - Homemakers Daily
26. [26]All Stars Guest Post by Imy: Zebra Sharbo X Multi-Pen - My Life All in One Place
27. [27]Imy's Travelling Goals - All Stars Guest Post - Ray Blake - Imysworld
28. [28]My Three Filos - The Beginnings of a A Filo-Fanatic
29. [29]365 Day Filofax Journal - It's My Life
30. [30]As Pippa Middleton Wears Alice Temperley On The Red Carpet, The Designer Talks British Style - Grazia Daily

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can't guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Don't forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks video finds...

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IFRAME: [34]http://www.youtube.com/embed/wcDDQ3T716g?rel=0

IFRAME: [35]http://www.youtube.com/embed/AAwZQBaWh6c?rel=0

Enjoy, only 3½ days until the next web finds!

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2. http://www.thoughtsandexploration.com/2012/08/all-stars-guest-post-ray-of-my-life-all.html
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24. http://imysworld.blogspot.fr/2012/08/filofax-compact-diary-issue.html
25. http://homemakersdaily.com/help-for-planning-when-your-schedule-is-unpredictable/
26. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.fr/2012/08/all-stars-guest-post-by-imy-zebra.html
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28. http://beginningofafilofanatic.blogspot.fr/2012/08/my-three-filos.html
29. http://gailwheatley.blogspot.co.uk/2012/08/365-day-filofax-journal.html
30. http://www.graziadaily.co.uk/fashion/archive/2012/08/14/as-pippa-middleton-wears-temperley-on-the-red-carpet--designer-alice-temperley-d.htm
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Gail (2012-08-14 12:24:19)
YIPEEEEEEE!!!
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!!!

Babs (2012-08-14 12:36:26)
Thanks Steve, and thanks also for the mention! :)

Laurie (2012-08-14 12:37:16)
Rori I take full responsibility for your inability to use any format besides vertical days!

Mags Rennie (2012-08-14 13:40:28)
I think this is a great idea!

LJ (2012-08-14 14:13:03)
Woohoo!!! But I really must save the rest for later. I keep promising myself an early night :o)

Jana (2012-08-14 14:26:27)
Great idea. The last web find was a little bit to much. I think it is a really good idea to make 2-3 posts in the week.

SSA (2012-08-14 15:18:34)
NOOOOO. how am I supposed to get any marking done once term starts if there's a mid-week webfinds??

Alison Reeves (2012-08-14 18:13:02)
I never get through them all at the weekend these days, so little and often is great for me.

Lime Tree (2012-08-14 18:21:09)
This is great Steve! Thanks for splitting it up!
And including both of my posts on it :)

Butanben (2012-08-14 18:27:27)
Well done Steve!! A great idea to split the blog finds when the posts get too many. How exciting to be able to read some mid- week too!! I really look forward to this slot on Philofaxy. xx

Ms. C (2012-08-14 20:50:00)
Yeeessss! This is awesome! It was getting so that I was stressed about looking at the post on Saturday, because I knew I would never have time to read them all-it was torture! I was just finishing looking at everything today, so now I have more to read/look at!Isn't it great that there are so many people posting and making videos? It's a constant inspiration. Please keep doing the twice a week thing!

Kelly Marriott (2012-08-14 21:31:28)
Tuesday nirvana!

Kelly Marriott (2012-08-14 21:31:38)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Anke (2012-08-15 01:56:09)
Yippieh! Very good idea, Steve! :)

Femke Deligted (2012-08-15 02:15:29)
YES! This was perfect timing for me!

Doris (2012-08-16 23:09:27)
It's a treat to get a Web Finds post mid-week. So spreading it across 2 posts work for me. Thanks!

Guest Post - Helen - Aston Personal Set Up (2012-08-15 00:00) - Steve Morton

In response to the requests on my [1]Reader under the Spotlight article here is the first in a series of posts about my various set ups. This one is about my planner, which as you can see is in a Personal Mushroom Aston. I like the simple elegance of this design. Grown up, I think. It gives me the illusion that I am too. I chose it to be my personal because it was one design where I didn't like any of the colours of the A5.

[2]

However when I first got it, I thought that there was an irritating design fault. Let me show you on the

Orchid Aston which I also have but have not set up with anything too exciting as yet. See how the front cover seems not to quite meet the right hand edge so that the papers show a little? But there is plenty of slack in the closing strap. It annoyed me a bit until I worked out how to use it to my advantage.

[3]

So, let's open it up. I expect the first thing you notice is the pen solution. I had moved down from an A5 planner and only having one pen loop was a challenge as I like to colour code entries. However that extra fullness allows for me to put two Staedtler Triplus fineliners here and it then closes beautifully.

[4]

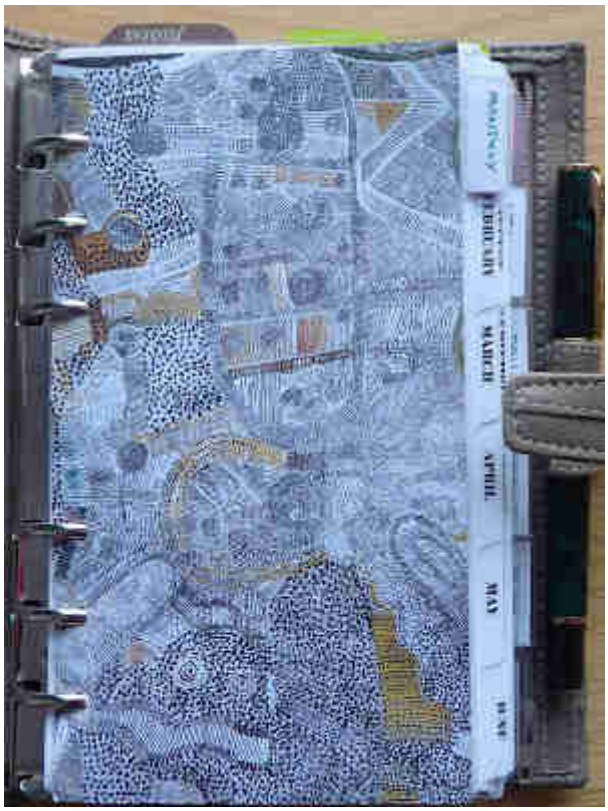
The pen holding method is probably unnecessarily complex but it pleases me. Stiff card would do the trick. This is two layers of fabric bonded to a layer of Pelmet Vilene (the stuff that makes curtain pelmets stiff) and edged with zigzag stitch on a sewing machine. The fabric makes me happy to see as I bought it when visiting fellow Philofaxy reader Diane Perin Hock when on a big three month round the world trip so it holds good memories whenever I open the filofax.

[5]

Also in the pocket behind the pen clip I have some stickers and in front a car breakdown service card, a European Health Card, a Tesco voucher (for days when guilt free chocolate expenditure is required) and a collection of sticky notes. Grown up sticky notes from cavallenini – they come in a lovely tin like this.

[6]

Behind a plastic fly sheet I have a detail from an Aboriginal art work. I just photocopied it from a book. Again it reminds me of the Round the World trip. There is another on the back. Sadly the trip was pre my Filofax usage – what a missed opportunity!!

[7] 

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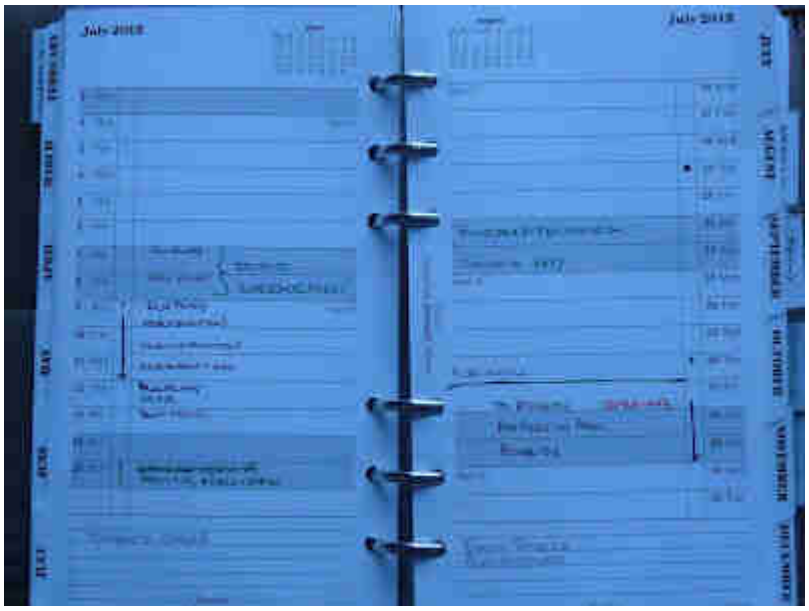
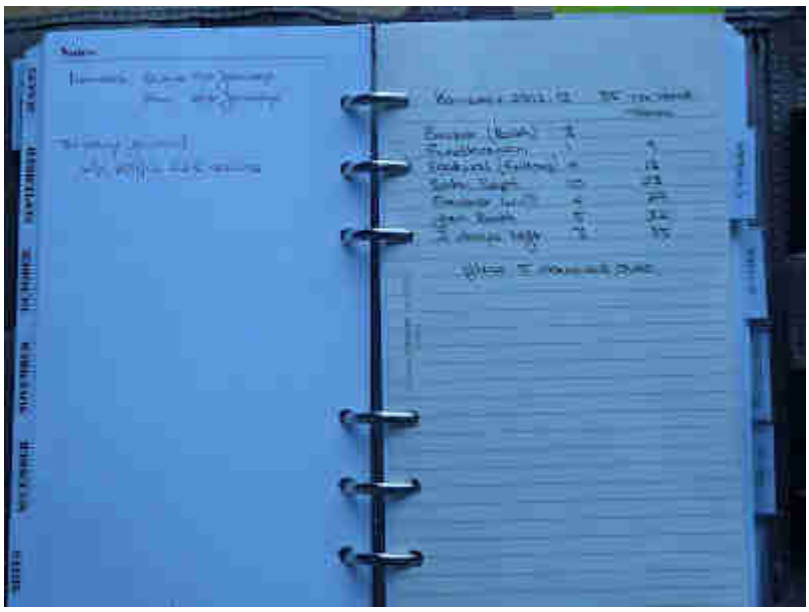
I have three diaries. First the official tabbed monthly. This is for overview purposes, mainly so I can see when I have weekends away or at home and to dedicate to my creative work. At the bottom I have added in some information from my studio journal about the projects I have timetabled. It is pencil because I anticipate an element of change. This is new use for this space which I picked up from a webfinds video. The project planner will be the subject of my next guest post.

[9] 

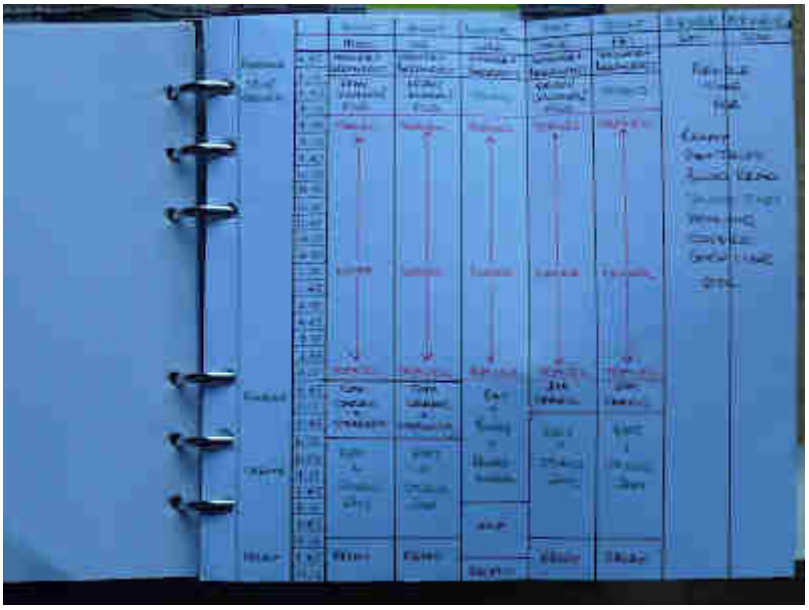
Behind the monthly I have carry forward dates and a record of how many days holiday I have used from work and for what.

[10] 

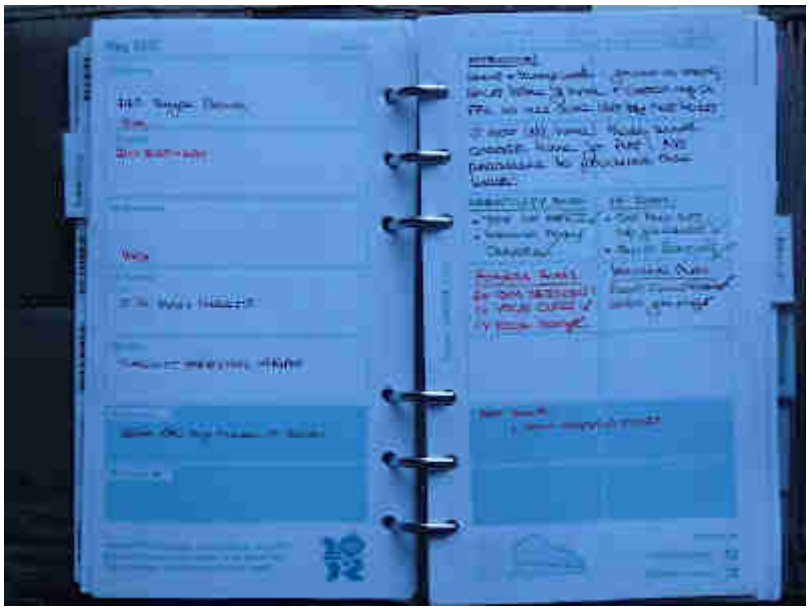
Then is the weekly diary. In front of it I have the filofax supplied years summaries. Although this is a personal planner I do have it on my desk at work with me and I often turn to this when timetabling cases into the future. I am just starting to personalise this Filo a little more, again using stickers from Cavellnini. These are not cheap but, with respect to all of the rest of you, I am not a girly Paperchase sticker person. But I do love travel and letters so this tin was irresistible. I am awaiting some washi tape of a similar nature from the US to really allow me to personalise more. I will show you when that arrives from the States if Steve permits!*[Steve: But of course you will be allowed!]*

[11]

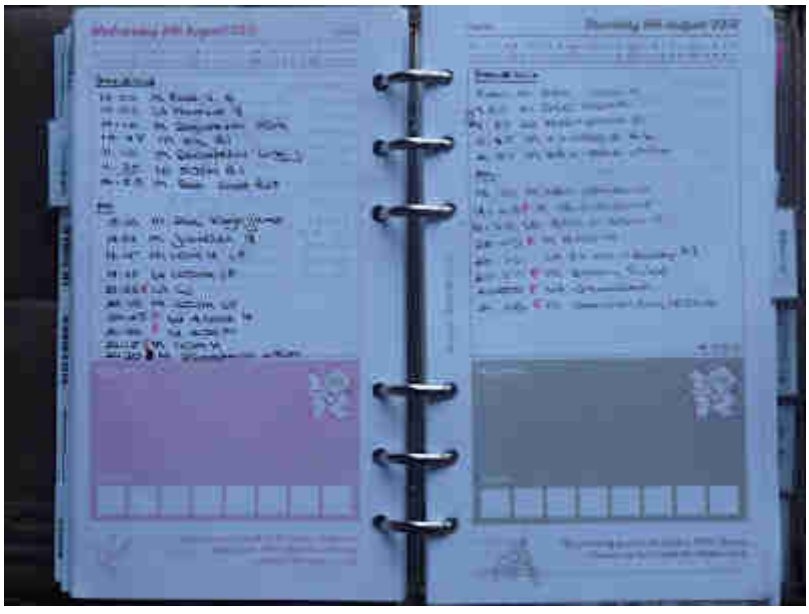
At the front of my weekly section I have am Ideal Week sheet. This is something I picked up from Michael Hyatt's regular emails. Rather than explain it I ma better giving you the link to his [12]explanation here. It is not a rigid thing rather a reminder to include all the types of activity in my life that I would like to be there. And a reminder that there is only so much time to go around and it has to be apportioned.

[13] 

I am then using the Olympic Inserts that I look from the £7 Lineburst binder I got from Staples that is now a health journal (and yes, I will be showing that too). This has room for appointments well into the future and also I use the notes page for weekly goals. My colour coding is, green for creativity, red for exercise and black for pretty much everything else. I use the brown today ruler to mark my place in this section.

[14] 

This diary changes from a weekly to a diary for the period of the games which kind of messes up my usage but is very useful for ensuring I know when to be glued to the TV! Next year I will use a plain week to a page with notes.

[15] 

Then I have daily pages. I have already mentioned on a guest video some of the problems I had with these pages and my ineptitude with printing. But now I have them sussed and I really like the space to write what I plan to do, what I actually do and lists of to dos and general jottings. I use the Olympic ruler for this section and have begun to jazz it up with the stickers but I can do better on that when my washi tape arrives!

[16]

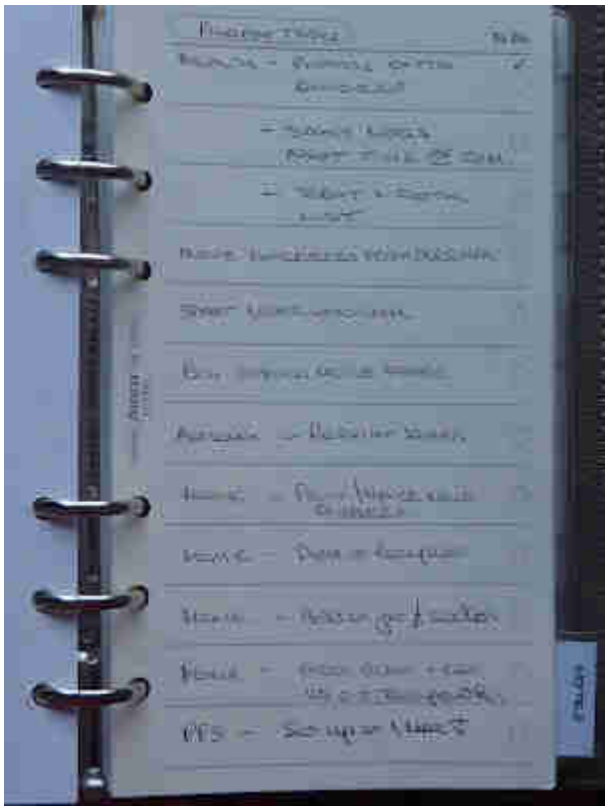
I keep about 5 – 6 weeks of daily pages in the filofax at a time. I than have a plastic envelope for ephemera. Currently it has some travel tickets for an expense claim I need to do.

[17]

Then a finance section. I don't want to show the personal details here so I'll just say it details my personal budget and what the money in my current account is allocated for on lined paper and I use the Filofax expense inserts to note down what I spend and mark that with a second brown ruler. I might do a post with fake entries on my method of using a Filofax to deal with budgetary things if anyone is interested?

[18]

In the to-do section I have just a few lists as mostly I put the to dos on daily pages so I can see them. That allows me to allocate them to a day when there is time to do them rather than have an ongoing never-ending list. but there will always be some rolling lists of non- times specific tasks. Yes, I have a to do list of the things I want to do with my Filofaxes! I have a list of films I want to see on love film, local art shows I want to see but have not yet scheduled a date for, journal prompts and at the moment a list of books bought/ read but I am probably going to transfer that back to an A5 soon.

[19] 

The note section is not well used. It does hold instructions on how to use my printer for filofax inserts (

that is not guarantee of success foe me!) mostly this is black paper in case I want to scribble something down or give a note to someone else. Most of my notetaking proper will be in a A5 which I usually also have with me. I have another plastic envelope for oddments I want to tidy up but have no real place for, at the moment it has a picture of a mural I found inspiring, a list of CDs my husband wanted for his birthday and a receipt for a piece of kosher parchment I bought from Israel (it seemed essential to an art quilt at the time but it turned out its wasn't!) and the label from a set of wind chimes I bought in California. I clear that out from time to time and put them somewhere more appropriate or trash the bits that are outdated. I then have address indexes which actually have addresses behind them.

[20]

The zipper pocket is currently empty. My pen is a waterman roller ball. It was part of a set I used for work ages ago but I lost the fountain pen and this was all lonely in a drawer until the Filo arrived to play with it.

And that's my planner. Does what it says on the tin with the minimal of fuss!

Thank you Helen, lovely to see the full details of your Aston set up... next week you will get to see Helen's Malden...

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carou (2012-08-15 00:24:12)
Ohh, I have the same Paris stickies and I.LOVE.IT. They are soo pretty to look at and use!
I would definitely love to see how you've set up your finance section (with fake entries, of course). I'm still in the process of trying to figure out how best to organize my finance Filo so any bit of help will be useful :)

Savannah (2012-08-15 00:46:45)
Love your ideal week sheet. I think I'll be stealing that idea from you.
Hooray for Cavallini and the Aston.

Helen Conway (2012-08-15 01:53:46)
Ok, it only takes one request! I will write a guest post in a few days and prevail on Dteve's hosting services again!

Helen Conway (2012-08-15 01:57:24)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Helen Conway (2012-08-15 02:03:49)
Its not mine really but I recommend you steal it anyway! Since I did it I have stuck to my exercise routine and found much more time for reading. I attribute it to doing this exercise and realising that all the activities I wanted to do did fit in and that I was depriving myself of my ideal life if I did not live it. Of course this is the realistic ideal week, not the one in which I spend Mondays at George Clooney's villa,Tuesday hanging out with Patrick Dempsey etc!

Paul B (2012-08-15 09:35:04)
Helen, thanks very much for posting this, I really enjoyed it. Its very insightful,seeing how someone else sets up, and uses, their Filofax. I found the detailed description of the diaries helpful, as I'm toying with the idea of more than one at the moment, but not sure it wouldn't overwhelm me with detail. My job is unfortunately very reactive. It shouldn't be, but it is, and that makes planning more than a couple of days in advance nothing but fantasy, so that is the negative side of having multiple diaries for me. A question - do you buy the Cavellenini stickers by mail order in UK? I like the idea of the travel ones, for my forthcoming trip. They would make the travel journal even more special.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-15 10:24:47)
Yes Helen, I'd also love to see how you organise the finances. I'm afraid this is not my strong point!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-15 10:34:49)
Brilliant Post Helen! Really enjoyed reading how you use your FF.
I'm definitely going to look into the ideal week idea - there is so much I don't get around to, but equally there is so much time I waste!
Paul - I am a great fan of Cavallini - since we don't have any nice stationery shops where I live I get mine online from The Paperie. They also have some very nice Cavallini stamps which I have my eye on for jolly-ing up my dividers.

Anne (2012-08-15 12:58:30)
I like the idea of the ideal week, may help keeping better tabs on my study schedule when I dont have study diary with me

Helen Conway (2012-08-15 14:23:03)
yes I bought them online from the Paperie, same place as Alison suggests below.

Bryan (2012-08-15 20:00:52)
Thanks Helen! Great post! I'm a new Filofax user and have been thinking about which diary might work best for me. Your setup gives me things to think about. Decisions, decisions!

LJ (2012-08-22 12:31:13)
Ideal week - now that is what I need to start using!!! Thank you for sharing :o)

Filofax Pimlico wallet review (2012-08-16 00:00) - Anita Lim

Laurie did a great review [1]here on her Finsbury wallet, so at first I wasn't too sure about writing another post on such a similar subject. However, I've owned my Pimlico for over two years now, so I thought I would also discuss its durability and usability as it's been in constant use for all that time.
In the past, I've owned a succession of cheap and cheerful wallets with a velcro closure which were great, but they do start to look a bit grubby after a while. Part of my motivation for a change was when a friend's 10 year old son got out exactly the same wallet as mine and I knew I fancied something a bit nicer!
I managed to pick up this little beauty on eBay for a fraction of its original price.

[2] It's a gorgeous vibrant red and I love that the leather has got more shiny with use. It still has some of that great leather smell and is just the right size to fit in the back pocket of my jeans. It's measurements are 12cms x 10cms, and its current width (with money, cards and the odd receipt in) is 3cms. There is enough space for my cards, notes and the poppered pocket holds a surprising amount of change.

[3]

[4]

The first place to show any signs of wear were the corners.

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As part of the design, it seems that they stuck out slightly past the leather underneath, but I don't think they should wear any more than this now. Both poppers still shut with a healthy-sounding click. There is also some wear on the bottom of the spine from opening and closing, but I think the worst that will happen is I'll lose the edge of the leather in this small area as the stitching looks quite healthy.

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As you can see from the pictures, the design is quite classic and I find that it's just the right size for me for everyday use. Other than these two areas of wear, it looks just as good as when I first received it and I hope it will last for many years to come.

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Erozion (2012-08-16 05:06:33)
Great post. I'd never thought of getting a Filofax wallet before. May have to seriously think about getting one next time. Thanx for sharing.

Ro (2012-08-18 14:41:44)
You make me want a Filo wallet again, my friend.

Temperley For Filofax Fashions The Autumn / Winter Diary (2012-08-16 08:00) - Steve Morton

September welcomes the launch of the highly anticipated Temperley for Filofax collection. Marrying style and fashion with the unique functionalities of a personal organiser, this new range comes in two beautiful designs: Ikat and Violet.
The bold print of the Ikat makes it the ideal accessory for any fashionista looking to go seamlessly from day to night. Fusing both the tribal Ikat design inspired by the Temperley London 2012 Cruise Collection and the key trend of neon colourways, this unique organiser has a removable diary, which transforms it from an organiser into a clutch bag for the evening. With a purse to hold your money and slots for those all-important cards with room to spare for your evening essentials, the Ikat will prove to be perfect for the girl-on-the-go during the party season.
Ikat

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For something a little more refined and with a unique twist on a heritage look, the sumptuous Violet com-

bines vintage glamour with everyday functionality - perfectly complementing this year's Autumn/Winter trends. Crafted in Italian leather finished with a luxurious crocodile print, the Violet encapsulates the gorgeous femininity of Temperley London. Further clues to Alice Temperley's work can be seen in the elegantly detailed ice gold coloured Temperley clasp. With a purse inspired design, the timeless and glamorous Violet will prove a fitting addition to any fashion enthusiast's wardrobe.

Compact Violet

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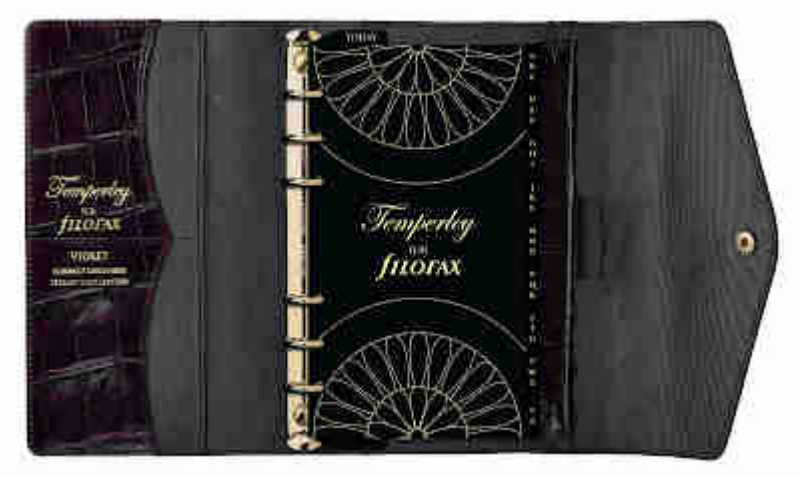

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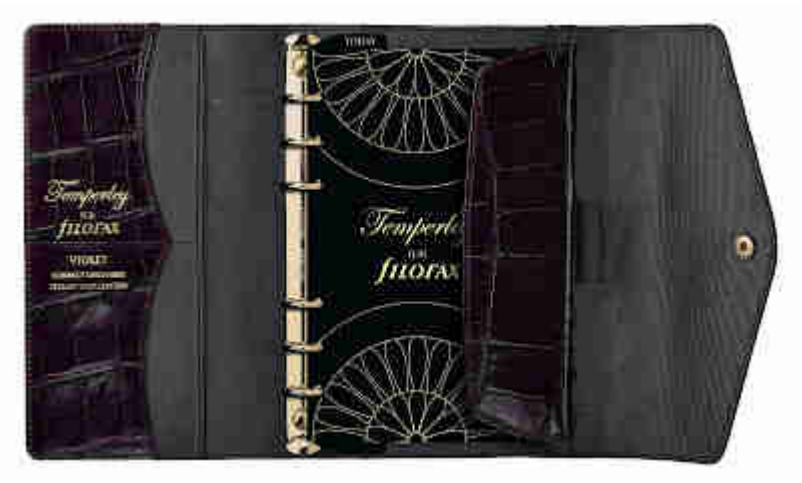

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Pocket Violet

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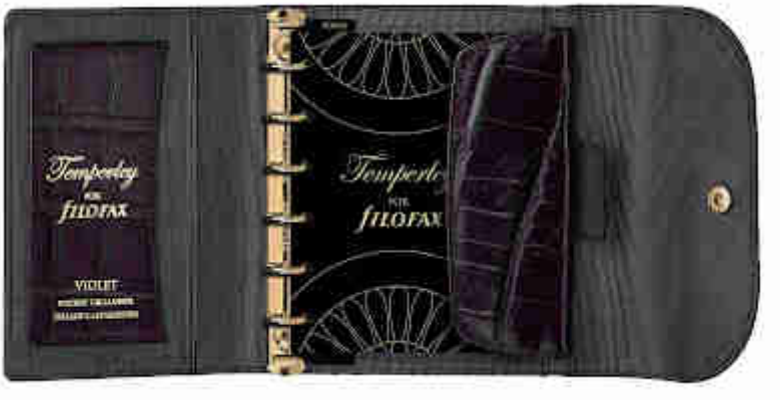

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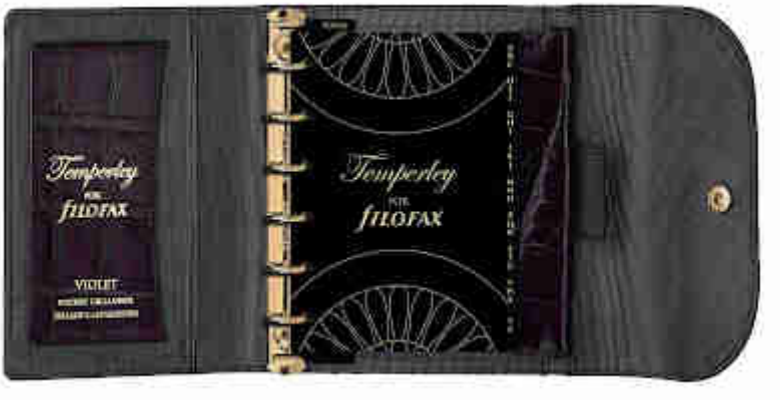

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Product information:

- The Ikat, £45. Available in two bold colours: pink and tan, black and yellow and in compact size to accommodate personal size inserts.

- The Violet, £135 - £165. Available in both pocket and personal size to accommodate pocket and personal inserts.

Violet inserts include:

- Temperley for Filofax designed front sheet, with a handwritten note from Alice Temperley
- Illustrated star signs and Chinese Zodiac years
- Illustrated 2013 calendar block page
- Birthday pages
- Vintage world map
- London tube map
- To do lists
- Addresses and contacts
- Luxury black paper tabbed indices, with gold embossed text
- Luxury black paper A – Z indices, with gold embossed text
- 2013 week on one page diary
- Black ruler with gold print
- Dress size measurement chart and care card

Violet paper fills use the Filofax luxury cream paper with black print
Ikat inserts include:

- Temperley for Filofax designed front sheet and handwritten note from Alice Temperley
- Illustrated 2013 calendar block pages
- Illustrated star signs and Chinese Zodiac years
- Birthday pages
- To do lists
- Addresses and contacts
- Luxury black paper tabbed indices, with gold embossed text
- Luxury black paper A – Z indices, with gold embossed text
- 2013 week on one page diary
- Black ruler with gold print
- World map

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Yu (2012-08-16 08:17:42)
Well, the violet one isn't as bad as the other. But... A-Z index ONLY? WHY?! I mean, isn't that one of the most hated features of the filofax inserts? >=(

Imy (2012-08-16 08:18:14)
I love Violet :(

Imy (2012-08-16 08:19:08)
only??? there are normal tabs too?? x

Imy (2012-08-16 08:20:24)
oh and BTW I HATE THE IKAT!!!!!

Steve Morton (2012-08-16 08:21:08)
The photo does not show the full inserts... but they are listed in the post

Yu (2012-08-16 08:22:53)
Ooh! Missed that in the "includes". :D Good. I was just disappointed when I saw the picture.
Depending on how well the quality control goes, I might buy the Violet. Feels like I have to own at least one Temperley... and now it looks like one of the previous designs or Violet. :)

Alison Reeves (2012-08-16 08:34:18)
I think you'd have to see these in the flesh to decide if you liked them or not. If I went for a personal, I think it would have to be a bigger ring size. I wonder what happened to the lovely animal type print ones in the original promotional pictures?

Imy (2012-08-16 08:34:31)
The violet is surprisingly nice, i love how it closes, the way it wraps around :)

Gail (2012-08-16 08:36:19)
I wish Filofax would get oridinary Filofax users, like ourselves, instead of goofy designers to make the new Filofax. I can't say either of them are that special to be honest. Yeah the violet is pretty...but practical....definatly not in my opinon!

Alison (2012-08-16 09:14:57)
Well i'll be saving my money, not appealing to me at all !!

janet (2012-08-16 09:38:54)
I love the Violet but it does not scream Temperley to me. It screams 'something that's been done before' and is very reminiscent of Mulberry's congo leather and postman locks (they've even done that colour before). It is also a spot on knockoff (sorry but they did it first) of Aspinals Purple Croc series. Smythson also has a croc series though not in purple yet.
I like Temperley clothes but the Violet is a 'meh' and the IKAT looks like Claire's Accessories during an ethnochic-boho campaign.

Ray Blake (2012-08-16 09:47:55)
Star signs and zodiacs? Really? I can't believe Filofax are pandering to this market.

M Ng (2012-08-16 10:04:53)
The Violet is really lovely, but, like all of the Temperley designs so far, looks bulky, especially when one takes into account the compact ring-size. There are two additional flaps of leather worked into the design. It's surprising to me, however, that the interior isn't leather. I'd love to see this design in person.
I'm disappointed the Ikat is, hmm, so aggressively "on-trend." I usually love ikat prints, but these planners are a hot mess. The clutch design looks awkward, the neon colorways are, like many trends, difficult for day-to-day use by adults, and the specific ikat pattern lacks a certain elegance: it has the clunky proportions, trend-frenzied design, and the cheaper materials of fast fashion. I realize that how we respond (or don't!) is a matter of personal taste, but this planner strikes me as a poorly executed Urban Outfitters-caliber trend mash-up, good for a season or two before it looks hopelessly dated and entirely fallen apart from regular use. Which would be (borderline) okay for US $45, but it's £45. The only solace we have is that we know the design isn't a derivative and inferior copyright-infringing copy of another designer's work.
Sorry, pre-coffee rant over. Lapsing again into silence.

Kelliejo (2012-08-16 10:20:49)
I just purchased "The Affair" by Temperley and it is beautiful. These new designs don't even come close.

Cat Burchmore (2012-08-16 10:33:27)
Violet is calling to me.... Will it be at City Organiser in time for the meet up?

Laurie (2012-08-16 10:37:31)
I have to agree. I can't decide if it's just because I'm a sucker for anything purple, and anything vintage, but I think these look nice.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-16 10:44:08)
I prefer the Violet to the Ikat (an abomination to the eyes!!) but I would never pay that much!!!

Steve Morton (2012-08-16 10:46:56)
So if the Apex had a score of 1 on a 1 to 10 scale, where would the Ikat come, above or below 1? You can even use minus numbers if you wish!

janet (2012-08-16 11:08:37)
minus a google (or whatever the biggest number imaginable is these days)

Laurie (2012-08-16 11:09:32)
Aspinal's purple croc is what I thought of immediately too, probably why it caught my eye.

J (2012-08-16 11:10:01)
Nothing, I repeat, nothing (in my opinion) could sink any lower than the Apex. Between the two, I'd carry the Ikat any day!

Laurie (2012-08-16 11:17:17)
The Ikat would definitely be a negative number because to add insult to injury, the high price makes the print even more hideous!

SSA (2012-08-16 12:31:16)
what the heck does "Ikat" even mean? its a stupid name for a ugly binder (my first thought was Tetris on an old dot matrix game boy) esp. the black and yellow one. Geez, who designs this crap? I guess I should be grateful that the normal nicer (in my opinion) binders are the ones without the designer name & price tag attached. Imagine if

these were the affordable end and the traditional ones had the €250 price tags!

SSA (2012-08-16 12:34:37)
The Ikat will hold my essentials in the clutch bag option only if I remove my diary...but my diary IS one of my essentials. But if I left that in I would have no space for any other essentials? er .... instant design fail!

Ling (2012-08-16 13:43:57)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Ling (2012-08-16 13:47:31)
I keep thinking the Ikat could come in handy: toss the 'clutchbag', but keep the removable diary to use it in an A5 Flex without having to perform surgery on it.

Cloudberry (2012-08-16 15:11:33)
I'm not sure Ikat works as a clutch bag. Is there room for the all important lippy? I could see the Violet working as purse/FF in principle, but there appear to be only two credit card slots and the coin section looks a tad tight - unless it is gusseted it would bulge with lots of loose change, if it would close at all.
I prefer Violet to Ikat, but I'm not tempted to buy either as they don't look very practical as either a purse or a FF.

Scoot (2012-08-16 15:28:40)
No one seems to have noticed the Violets' gold rings, which I think adds a real touch of class.
The Ikat, in my opinion, looks cheap due to the simplistic and unsophisticated material.
As Alison, I think it a shame that the Leopard print design didn't make it to the product line. The black with gold pattern also looked sophisticated.

Nellie (2012-08-16 16:31:17)
These don't do anything for me at all. The Ikat looks awful, and the Violet is a little uninspiring. Like others, I don't think they would be very practical either...

Alison Reeves (2012-08-16 17:48:02)
Gold rings are my holy grail - why on earth don't they use them more? The only binder I can find them on is the Panama - and none on any A5 that I can see.

Maus (2012-08-16 17:59:26)
Wow!
Love the Violet... sigh!!!

lululucy (2012-08-16 18:33:43)
Ikat is the name of a kind of dyeing/weaving technique - the word is Indonesian and most often it's Indonesian ikat that people think of with the name but lots of cultures do ikat-type dyeing/weaving. So the name is actually appropriate in that the pattern does reference ikat cloth. Though real ikat cloth might be prettier than the patterns here.

Tim (2012-08-16 18:38:51)
These chessey press releases, issued by the marketing agency on behalf of Letts Filofax Group, are so stomach churning!
"... with a unique twist on a heritage look, the sumptuous Violet combines vintage glamour with eveyday functionality"
Judging by the feedback today from Philofaxy readers, it should at least be in inverted commas!
Why are they doing this? Sales are falling (down 7 % last year. Profits down too) so I suppose they need to try new ideas. So, why did Gordon Presly (Letts Filofax Group CEO) say earlier in the year: "sales of discretionary

items have come under most pressure in the sales environment though commodity items like organiser diary refills actually grew, demonstrating a robust and loyal user base for the Filofax core product".
So, cut the range of inserts and become a fashion accessory! It doesn't make sense to me!

lulululucy (2012-08-16 18:47:06)
Well, guess I'll be saving some money. I actually kind of like the black and yellow Ikat, but could never survive with just that small amount of pages, and doubt the cloth and that patent edging would hold up very long knocking around in my Giganto Handbag Full O Stuff.
The Violet Compact is lovely IMO, and the faille lining adds a nice touch. I don't like the huge gold name stamp over the card pockets on the left. (Only two? No way!) I wonder if the small binders (a pocket, a compact, and what seems to essentially be a zipped compact) are to counter the large size (and price tag) of last year's Affair? And in the end, how different is the Violet from an Osterley?

lulululucy (2012-08-16 18:54:20)
Agree a ton on the specific ikat pattern being less than elegant. I was hoping for a more complex pattern based on the look/preview, and not with neons. As I say below, I think the black and yellow has a bit of charm but does not look durable at all - is a bit 'fast fashion'. And I suspect the use of faille instead of leather to line the Violet is all about getting the price down. I think it looks good, but I'm sure this year they were doing everything possible to produce something (relatively) more affordable than last year's offerings.

janet (2012-08-16 20:35:30)
The Siena has gold rings right up to the A5

janet (2012-08-16 20:39:42)
PS I love them too Alison. Wish we had a choice of silver and gold with the most popular models. Cant be hard sourcing gold ring mechanisms and there is obviously a market for them.

the Merry Lemon (2012-08-16 21:24:23)
Meh! Don't like anything about the ikat. And the Violet - not worth all that big gold writing all over it.

Yu (2012-08-17 03:26:24)
I agree with J! But the Ikat is only marginally better... Hm... So 1,01? If we can use decimals. Otherwise 2. :/
Although I wish the Apex was at -10 so I could put the Ikat in negative numbers as well, haha!

Paul B (2012-08-19 02:53:56)
Yet more pandering to the fashion brigade. Also, the quality of the previous Temperley range, judging from feedback on here, was less than stellar. I wish they would focus on getting the quality issues fixed, before listening to trend-obsessed PR companies.

Jotje (2012-08-19 10:34:09)
Can anybody please explain the purpose of that second flap inside the Violet (Geez, I bet they did tons of brainstorming sessions to come up with THAT name!).
Either way, none of those will make into my life, that's for sure!!!

SNARLing: (2012-08-19 10:55:30)
ooh, you know, i love that in the ikat, the rings are an INSERT. i wish they would sell that INSERT as a stand alone product so you could put it in any binder-type cover you like - similar to what one reader did with the a-5 flex...

Angie Dee, Blogger - eAuthor - Aromatherapist (2012-08-20 09:18:31)
Violet looks nice, but if it's supposed to cater as a purse, where are the credit card pockets?! You get sick of all the card space in other Filofaxes but the purse-oriented one lacks it?! Are you supposed to just chaotically shove them in the larger pockets? How strange. I think Filofax is trying to get away with style rather than practicality.

Free For All Friday No 196 (2012-08-17 00:17) - Laurie

A few days ago, a friend of mine came over to visit us in our new house. We chatted and drank tea while our kids all played together. At one point she needed to write down a date, so she reached into her bag...and pulled out a Filofax!! She and I have had planner chats before (in fact I wrote about her before, [1]here). When I saw her a couple of weeks ago, she was struggling with a lack of sufficient notes space in a weekly Paperblanks planner. So when she pulled her gorgeous new Filofax out of her bag, I was pleasantly shocked!
I said, "I love your new Filofax!" A little sheepishly, she said, "Oh, it was half off at John Lewis and I just couldn't resist it." I said, "That's an aqua Chameleon! It's discounted because they are discontinued." I showed her how you can tell it's one of the more upscale leather binders because the entire interior is leather, even by the rings. She asked how I know so much about Filofaxes and I said, "Because I'm one of the writers on Philofaxy!" She already knew that I write [2]Plannerisms but hadn't heard of Philofaxy before.
So I ran and got her one of Steve's very nice Philofaxy cards, and pulled out some of my Filofaxes. For her weekly lists, I showed her [3]my folded-page trick. I showed her the different types and sizes of binders, different diary layouts, accessories, and ideas. She asked where to get all these goodies so I told her about Filofax.co.uk. I said, "Welcome to your newest addiction!"
It was so fun to see someone at the beginning of her Filofax journey!
Have you had the joy of introducing someone to Philofaxy recently?
And as always on Friday, feel free to discuss anything Filofax-related...

1. http://www.plannerisms.com/2011/02/paperblanks-diary-in-wild.html
2. http://www.plannerisms.com/
3. http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2012/06/folded-to-do-page-between-weekly-pages.html

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JohnofJenkins (2012-08-17 00:57:04)
I tried to introduce someone to Filofax. She was a new University Student so I bought her a Metropole and showed her how to use it and told her where she could get inserts (I had already fitted it out for her) At that time it was possible to get inserts at David Jones in Adelaide. But that was a few years ago and although I have seen her a number of times since then, it is never mentioned and I rather suspect that it's in the back of a drawer somewhere and didn't want to cause embarrassment by asking.

Steve Morton (2012-08-17 01:12:53)
And I hope Laurie's friend is now reading Philofaxy!!!
If you are wondering what the 'Philofaxy card' is that Laurie mentions. I had some Moo cards printed from a photo of my Maldens you can see the front of the card here: [1]MooCard
The reverse of the card just has my Name, email address and of course the website address for Philofaxy.
I love the quality of the cards, there's a link to them in the side bar of Philofaxy. I will be handing them out at future meet ups and if I ever see someone with a Filofax on my travels. Of course the holes are perfectly aligned to clip in to your Filofax!
Steve

1. http://philofaxy.com/Moocard.jpeg

Ling (2012-08-17 02:49:04)
I have a question about the Holborn. I'm reading every review I can find, but still can't get a clear picture. What sizes have the zipped pocket on the right side? Also, are the full length pockets on the left and right of the same depth in all sizes? I read in a review they are full depth in de personal, but I think I read somewhere else (about the A5?) they were only half deep and couldn't hold a notebook. I would like to use a (I think a personal or compact) Filofax to hold a notebook slipped into a pocket on the outside, so I can open the diary and have some extra space to jot down things. Are there other models I should consider?

Alison (2012-08-17 03:12:57)
I've introduced my mum to the Filofax by giving her a compact Aston in Orchid, she's not online as yet but she will be buying a laptop soon so who knows maybe I will get her reading Philofaxy - she's now texting lol so there is hope!!!

Alison (2012-08-17 03:20:16)
Your right about the pockets only going half way on the A5, I only have the A5 zip so can only comment on that, it doesn't bother me because I carry Field Notes which fit perfectly in the pockets, the front outside pocket will hold an A5 Flex notebook though!!

Clareio (2012-08-17 03:25:25)
go and have a look on my blog. the personal (unzipped) holborn has the zipped pocket on the right side. I don't know about any bigger but (i think) the pocket has no zipped pocket.
It's difficult to get a clear picture as the zipped pocket is inside a vertical pocket!

Lily (2012-08-17 04:11:37)
So guys, I went to a part last night and some schnapps leaked on m Chameleon. How do I get the smell out? (it's the alcohol bit not the peach bit that annoys me)

Tim (2012-08-17 04:23:14)
I think the Holborn design - in unzipped A5 - is somewhat flawed. I was disappointed to find that both the outer pockets only go half-way. As someone reviewed "they would make good hand warmers!". It means a notebook can be slotted in but only by cutting off half the cover!
It is possible to use either of the inner pockets for a notebook. However, this isn't ideal either. Even a Flex 64 page notebook clashes with the 25mm binder rings when trying to close the Holborn.
The zipped pocket is concealed inside the right outer pocket. So again that's only half deep and fiddly to use.
Many like the Holborn but I think it would have been much better with 20mm rings and the Flex pocket layout. Sadly, it didn't work for me.

Ray Blake (2012-08-17 04:29:01)
I made a [1]video featuring the Holborn personal that gives a good view of all the pockets.

1. `http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0U_rt_bLpg&feature=g-upl`

janet (2012-08-17 05:23:17)
People often ask me about my Filofax and say 'ooh I would love one of those' but I don't think anyone actually has. I do find many FF fans among my clients though. When Filofax Sweden had its 90 products for 90 kronor deal quite a few of my students went nuts and bought loads.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-08-17 05:53:15)
Anyone know why Filofax Italy needs your tax code in order to make an order?? Just been on the site and was a bit flummoxed by that but made up a 4-digit number and it seemed happy with that.

Steve Morton (2012-08-17 06:06:05)
Get the code wrong and the Mafia will be looking for you....

Steve Morton (2012-08-17 06:08:57)
Was it a good party?
I would start with a some warm water with a few drops of your favourite perfume in it. Soak a cotton wool pad in it and squeeze it out until it's just damp and then use this to wipe down the surfaces of the organiser, using a few cotton wool pads until you think it's cleaned off. Then leave in open air to dry off naturally. And hope the smell has gone!

SSA (2012-08-17 07:03:08)
Hi TIm. I have found exactly the same problem with the Holborn zipped A5 - the two inside pockets do not take an A5 page (it hangs over the zipper) I would have imagined thats exactly what people would want to use these pockets for - storing A5 pages that need to be filed or organised. it bugs me all the time :)

Lily (2012-08-17 07:12:10)
It was a good party :) A Level results were duly celebrated
And thanks, will do :) have been spraying it with body spray (it is skin, after all), and that smell has taken over a little so it's better for now, but I'll use some of my special-occasions Chanel scent :)

Erozion (2012-08-17 07:28:28)
I have some bus timetables that I'd like to put into my new Portobello Filofax that I've just bought on Adspot. Unfortunately they are too long. Not sure what to do with them. I thought about scaling them down on my printer/photocopier or doing a Blue Peter on them. So before I destroy them completely, I would be grateful for any ideas please.

Julia (2012-08-17 07:36:07)
The Mafia won't, but the government (this one above all) will!
(Just joking, or, at least, I hope I'm just joking.)
Anyway, I think they're need it because it's a required element in invoices for online trading under some of the new legislation against tax fraud. (Which is stupid, because it's practically a multipurpose code- mainly tax+NHS - issued to residents in the nation, but online commerce typically extends outside the boundaries... they could have added a box for non-residents, I don't think Italian citizens who never had a residence in the country have one!)

Julia (2012-08-17 07:43:41)
Hi Ling,
I have a Compact Holborn and it doesn't have the "jotting pad" pocket you'd find, say, into a Personal Metropol (just to cite one model that has this). I can also say that a Filofax notebook, size Personal, don't really fit into the pockets, even if they're spacious enought so that I *think* they could hold a smaller one if slim. Or you could try to do something like Ray's Swing pad (http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.de/2012/01/filofax-swing-pad-you -can-make-at-home.html), to anchor the notepad to one pocket- now that would be cool.

T-na (2012-08-17 09:09:08)
I had a Holborn pocket and did not like it. I was excited about the pockets and was able to slot the Daytimer spiral jotter size D2PP planner in it (it's D2PP in monthly books). The leather was wonderfully soft and pliable but the downside is that the elasticated pen loop was not very sturdy. The leather is too pliable that it's hard to slide a pen into the loop. Plus the loop seems to be sewn in with only a single seam so not as well done as in, say, the pocket Kendal or Hamilton. Some of the threads were already unraveling from the in-out of the pen after a couple of days of testing.
Too bad; I really liked the layout.

Tim (2012-08-17 09:10:05)
The Personal size your interesting video Ray, looks a lot more useful than the A5 Holborn.
As a left-hander, the absence of a notepad on the right side (that I couldn't reach because of the binder rings) was a big appeal of the Holborn. Naively, I assumed the pocket layout would be the same as the Flex launched around the same time. It looked the same in the photos.

Tflower11 (2012-08-17 13:50:09)
Hi everyone - im still kinda new to this blog but been here long enough to understand the system as it free fridays i wanna ask a question please - what is the average age of philofaxy readers- im 17 years old and sometimes i feel left out - am i too young or somehting? are their any teenagers on here that use filofax or do the people on here know any teen- please anser- thanks

Yu (2012-08-17 14:17:25)
Hi! Nah. You're not too young. I'm in my early twenties, my brother has just turned 20 and I know at least five teenagers (14, 15, 18, 19 and 19) who uses filofaxes. ^ _^ And many of my friends do as well... but most of them are 20 and older.

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-17 14:38:28)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Paul Taylor (2012-08-17 15:06:53)
Today I've been forcefully reminded that paper is probably the only uncrashable technology these days. Not that it helped much, since my job is rather intimately involved with technology, but at least I know now what I need if another day like today happens! I've kept looking at the calendar and checking it isn't the 13th...
I've got two separate internet connections into my home, where I work. They both chose today to stop working. My partner and I both have iPhones, with lovely 3G connectivity and the ability to turn into a personal hotspot. Unfortunately the 3G signal around here is not great, so we also have a Vodafone Clearcall signal booster... which works by connecting to Vodafone over a broadband internet connection. So no iPhone connectivity. Landlines not working properly either. I've also got a separate 3G dongle from a different provider, but that too doesn't work too well at home. So I've spent the whole day mostly incommunicado until about an hour ago.
I did, however, have one small incident - or should I say 'Inkcident' - involving paper earlier this evening, while trying to refill a fountain pen with Sailor Sei-Boku nanoparticle blue-black pigment ink. Sadly the refill attempt turned into a cleanup attempt, from which I fear the trousers I was wearing at the time may not recover... suffice it to say that the leg beneath is still stained blue - it's tenacious stuff!
Still... at least I can console myself (as the trousers go through the washing machine) by fondling and sniffing my latest filofax acquisition - a black crocodile-effect leather A5 Ascot binder in near mint condition. Mmmmmmm... And I can punch some more pages for it with my new KW-trio adjustable punch from Hummelmann in Holland...

Laurie (2012-08-17 15:09:13)
I'm curious, for those of you in your teens and early 20's, which Filofax binder(s) do you use? I wonder if the ones you choose are the same or different from what those of us over 30 choose.

Joseph David Quinton (2012-08-17 15:13:53)
This is totally off topic, I know....but PG Tips is giving away five Kindles at http://competition.pgtips.co.uk/

Alison Reeves (2012-08-17 15:22:42)
Oh Paul - I couldn't help chuckling - what an awful day! Sometimes you just have to give up to the inevitable!

Paul Taylor (2012-08-17 15:28:11)
I did briefly talk to a colleague a little while ago... as I put it to him, after a day like today it's either joke about it or go postal!

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-17 15:40:17)
Hello there! You are not too young at all! I just turned 20 this July and I looooovee my amazing Filofax. If you have a tumblr, email address, facebook and ever want to chat send me a message :)

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-17 15:42:55)
@Laurie, I chose the personal size warm orange Metropol. It was the one I most liked out of the inexpensive range of Filofax-es I saw. Once it was in my hands I had not one regret. I'd purchase the same one all over again!

Erozion (2012-08-17 15:55:22)
Cool, thanx for the tip

J (2012-08-17 17:02:23)
Laurie, can I cheat and include 25 as being "early twenties?" If so, I'm still in love with my crimson Malden, but I think that binder spans all age groups!

Yu (2012-08-17 17:14:40)
@Alondra Karwowski - is it the amber colored one? Been thinking about buying that one and the kingfisher Metropol. :D Would love your thoughts (pros/cons etc.) on it.

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-17 17:21:04)
@Yu, yes it's the amber colored Metropol. I was actually debating between the same two before I a purchased my binder. Honestly, I love everything about it. The blog post that helped me finally decided on the Warm Orange Filo was this one :http://bellefantaisie.net/?p=2269. She give a much better review than the one I will ever have. (Also, I'm very new to the Filofax world so I may not know too much)Good luck :)

Austinlinda (2012-08-17 19:26:00)
Am I remembering correctly, or doesn't Italy's site charge a LOT of money for postage–at least compared to other sites that sell internationally?
I think tey wanted about 35 € to ship it to the USA, and France only charges me 9€. Seems as if France wants the business more than Italy does. ;)

Hannah C. (2012-08-17 22:10:42)
Laurie, I'm in my early 20s and my first Filofax was a pocket Domino. Since then I've gotten the Finchley and now I'm using the Holborn. :) Probably would have stuck with the Domino if I'd gotten the personal size...but Philofaxy can be quite, ah, persuasive regarding leather Filofaxes. ;)

David Popely (2012-08-18 02:57:35)
Tim, I'm clearing out some old TMI inserts (I've got quite a few) and wondered if you'd be interested....could you possibly email me? davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com. Many thanks!

Laurie (2012-08-18 03:49:02)
Thanks everyone, this answered my question! Filofax seems to think people in their teens and 20's want their "fashion" binders. But you have proven that your age group chooses, in general, the same binders as those of us who are over 30: Metropol and Domino for the non-leathers; Finchley, Malden and Holborn for leathers!

Lily (2012-08-18 11:11:46)
I'm 18 :) I use a Pocket Chameleon but I really want an Ochre Malden :)
And Laurie, if there existed fashion binders with zippy pockets and so on, then I might be tempted - like the Temperley Ikat, if it came in Pocket, would be so up my street.

Yu (2012-08-18 11:27:06)
I don't know if this should be in the Web Finds post, but anyway... this is an irritated rant in response to the "PR Interview" webfind (#7).
I still can't believe that PR-woman said that we all "like to write notes and are very interested in fashion / stylish accessories" like that's THE thing that makes us want to use filofaxes! Grr! Maybe we should all email her about Philofaxy or something?! >.< Plenty of young people (teenagers to middle-aged ppl, which makes me think that the age gap and "lapsed users" don't really exist in the way they think) blogging, commenting and doing videos. They seriously need to complete their market surveys/studies with surveys that target actual Filofax users.
And, for the record, I'm not interested in fashion. At. All.
/end rant from the irritated gamer girl

Yu (2012-08-18 11:36:22)
Hi Laurie!

If they could make more binders like the first two Temperley designs that could actually be AFFORDABLE, then I would buy them.
I must be one of the few who don't like the non-leather binders (Metropol being an exception) and even stopped my parents from buying non-leather filofaxes for me when they saw how much I love the brand. I've blogged briefly about some filofaxes I own.
Some of you may know I love Holborn, Baroque, Malden, Luxe, Kendal, Siena and Chameleon. But I also use a Cuban and my old Guildford (love it to bits! <3). I bought a Classic Botanic while in London and will blog about it soon. ^ _^

David Popely (2012-08-18 11:37:45)
Well it's now clear where FF's problems lie - they have a PR agency with zero knowledge of their client's market, zero knowledge of the real world (viz, outside 'Planet PR-speak' and zero interest in engaging with either.
I'm seriously tempted to write an open letter to Ms Bloomer, and to get as many people here as possible to subscribe to it.
I'm not interested in fashion either - I'm interested in what works. In any case do her client-fashionistas *really* just 'want to write notes', or would they prefer to apply their seriously-fashionable writing implements to paper which doesn't feel like toilet paper and bleed through at the slightest application of proper ink?
Seriously - this woman is so out of touch she makes me laugh. And cry. And want to go round and apply a length of two-by-four to the side of her expensively-made-up head in the hope that she might wake up on planet earth.
There again, what's the point? I'm officially giving up as of now. The lunatics have formally taken over the asylum.
If anyone wants a bunch of A5 FF refills, email me. Serious offer.

Yu (2012-08-18 11:53:28)
I would sign that letter!
Yes, out of touch is what they are. I mean - look at me! I'm a 3D-generalist and concept artist for cryin' out loud! I know "everything" when it comes to computers, gadgets and most programs because I have to, and because I love technology. I shouldn't even want to use a filofax if I followed their warped way of thinking. I should be a happy little Linux/Windows girl (no way in hell am I ever going to like Apple's products beyond the design) who uses her smartphone and tablet or ultrabook for everything. Yet I own so many Filofaxes I'm afraid to count them. *sigh*

David Popely (2012-08-18 12:00:14)
Any other takers for such a letter? I'm starting a list.....

Laurie (2012-08-18 12:00:42)
Here's the gist of my recent rant email to Steve about Filofax's fashion focus: They are producing poor-quality binders (rings not closing properly, leather binders showing major signs of wear after just a few months of use, etc.), I think in the hopes that people will change their binders so often they'll have changed to something else before too much wear accumulates.
Filofax is losing their long-term customers who look for high quality and functionality, who are increasingly looking elsewhere for these qualities. Meanwhile the Filofax company is banking on the fickle fashion market. When the fashion people move on to something else, their previous core users will be gone too. So where will that leave the company?

David Popely (2012-08-18 12:01:38)
....so are you on the list for a letter to FF?

Laurie (2012-08-18 12:02:33)
David, I would be happy to join in, but I'll warn you not to get your hopes up. I've dealt directly with some of the Letts company people (including one very high-up person) and they are not interested in hearing it, for some reason.

Yu (2012-08-18 12:06:43)
... would probably burst their little happy fantasy bubble in La La land if they did! But if no one protests, then

they will never listen.

David Popely (2012-08-18 12:07:43)
Dont worry Laurie, I have no hopes at all of FF *or* Slam PR listening - I'd like to feel I've made my point before I leave the fold.

Laurie (2012-08-18 12:09:39)
David there is certainly something to be said in that. Count me in!

Steve Morton (2012-08-18 12:11:28)
Count me in David, I might be able to contribute to the wording of such a letter having also dealt with some of the people in the PR Agency.
Unfortunately in my 'outstanding' career.... to no where, I suffered with a few people that came along, thought they knew better, ignored advice but then continued to destroy the organisation, only for it to come crashing down around our ears several months after said person had 'moved on' to better their career elsewhere and continue with the trail of destruction until someone realised the mess they had left behind... but by then it was too late and too costly to put right.
Steve

David Popely (2012-08-18 12:12:07)
In due course I'll draft something and circulate it by email to all who say they want to participate. I'll then send to Filofax and copy to Slam with our names, locations and email addresses. Then we'll hear nothing. but at least we'll have made our collective point.
If you'd like to go on the list for this, let me know. Just a short line will do, for now.

David Popely (2012-08-18 12:30:44)
hi Steve. If you want to contribute the initial wording, that's fine with me....I don't think I want to be too much into 'tact and diplomacy' though, as a) I don't think either party is actually listening, or going to listen, and b) I want to have said explicitly what I think are the problems here. but by all means, go ahead! I wasn't proposing to mention Philofaxy by name, as I anticipate thy won't be very happy to hear what I personally have to say to them!

Steve Morton (2012-08-18 12:56:46)
Hi David
No I certainly don't want to water down your message in anyway, may be add to it to add extra weight of our disquiet with the way they are taking the brand.
Steve

David Popely (2012-08-18 13:15:42)
If you'd like to produce something in draft, maybe we can all have a look at it.....:)

crofter (2012-08-18 16:13:14)
Hi David,
Count me in!

Julia (2012-08-18 16:25:37)
Hello,
count me in. That interview was seriously disturbing...

Laurie (2012-08-18 16:55:26)
crofter! Hi! Good to see you here, haven't seen you for awhile.

Mags Rennie (2012-08-19 07:01:29)
Hmm I am due to meet a ff rep in a couple of weeks - should I bring that interview up I wonder?

Mags Rennie (2012-08-19 07:57:51)
and me - as I am about to become a stockist for them ...

David Popely (2012-08-19 10:07:14)
Up to you, but I wouldn't expect them to listen....
As a stockist, I'd expect them to want their customers to be happy. I think FF are confused about who exactly their customers are. My suspicion is that they've listened to Slam (who IMO know nothing at all about anything) to the detriment of their relationship with their true customer base. Maybe that's the way to bring it up....mention the interview an say you're concerned that that appears to be the case.....

Lostwithoutyou (2012-08-19 13:20:21)
Count me in :)

Deborah (2012-08-19 15:58:43)
definately count me in...

Nan (2012-08-23 12:58:44)
For my husband's birthday this year, I bought him his first Filofax – a Compact Chameleon in black! He says he hasn't written much in it, though.

Web Finds 18 August 2012 (2012-08-18 00:00) - Steve Morton

And here we are again in our usual Saturday slot, if you are wondering why the list is a little short (or not so short) today, you might have missed the list published on Tuesday, but fear not you can work through both lists by first of all going to the [1]Tuesday post here.
So the later half of the week produced this little lot, it looks like the decision to split the list between Tuesday and Saturday was the right one!

1. [2]Filofax Week #31 - It's Just Hazel
2. [3]Understatement - Filomaniac
3. [4]DIY Kawaii Filofax Inserts - It's Just Hazel
4. [5]27 Dresses and 365 Days of Inserts - Well Planned Life
5. [6]A5 Chameleon Setup – Part III {Dividers } - Wandrrlust
6. [7]review: Oxford campus notebook - Paper Lovestory
7. [8]PR Interview with Helena Bloomer, MD of SLAM PR - Features Exec *[Slam PR is the PR Agency for Filofax UK]*
8. [9]Five Great Tips for Achieving a Work-Life Balance - Market Watch
9. [10]A Day in The Life of My Filofax - This Bugs Life
10. [11]My Compact Love [Filofax] - Janas Book Look
11. [12]Philofaxy All Stars 2012 - Deligted
12. [13]Compact Projekt - Aktuelles Set-Up - Filo-Manie

13. [14]365/30 Lists!! - Imysworld
14. [15]All Stars Guest Post by Femke: Mr. Bag - We really didn't need another Filofax Blog...
15. [16]Rapture - SNARLing Post
16. [17]Temperley for Filofax unveils new collection - Diary Daily
17. [18]A little Spot of Personal touch - The Beginnings of a Filo-Fanatic
18. [19]Back to Filofax after all these years - I'll tell you in another life
19. [20]A small teaser... - Belzira's Corner
20. [21]All students need a planner - Mirea
21. [22]Less Technology, Please! - Bryan Sherwood
22. [23]Another dose of filofax enabling... - The Crazy Suburban Mom
23. [24]Overview: My Filofax Collection – So far! - My Filo World
24. [25]Getting Organised – Filofax - Femme Musings
25. [26]Why I prefer my Filofax over my Smart Phone... - Imysworld
26. [27]Movin' In.....To my NEW to me Crimson MALDEN Pocket Filofax - Shabby Vintage Junk
27. [28]The Filofax Weight Loss Plan Part 1 - This Bugs Life
28. [29]The Filofax Weight Loss Plan Part 2 - This Bugs Life
29. [30]Nice to meet! - My Filo World
30. [31]Travel companions – Filofax Kensington Slimline - The musings of Max
31. [32]The seed of an idea - The musings of Max
32. [33]Inside Red - Cloudberry Musings
33. [34]Filofax Blog of the Week: The Life of the Perpetual Student - My Life All in One Place
34. [35]Filofax Competiton - Imysworld
35. [36]Designer Collaborations – Yay or Nay? - This Bugs Life
36. [37]My current filofax/notebook usage - Pride, It leave You Hollow
37. [38]Filofax Personal Portobello in blue - I'll tell you in another life
38. [39]Pen Organiser & Filofaxing - It's My Life
39. [40]Filofax Video Blogging! - It's Mr Life
40. [41]Home made filofax inserts - The Crazy Suburban Mom

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can't guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Don't forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks video finds...

IFRAME: [42]http://www.youtube.com/embed/CmdiXKpMoOI?rel=0

IFRAME: [43]http://www.youtube.com/embed/b6ip4TTMeOQ?rel=0

IFRAME: [44]http://www.youtube.com/embed/22duI5ZJSMo?rel=0

IFRAME: [45]http://www.youtube.com/embed/bhBL5LSi-y8?rel=0

And before you go....

> The wonderful Kate ([46]The Life of The Perpetual Student) and Imy ([47]Imysworld) have just set up a Lists group on Facebook!
> It follows the 30 days of lists idea, but they have made it just for you Filofax/Stationery fans! Each month they will post a list of 30 things you can write about the next month, whether in list form, or maybe as blog posts if you like! They are starting September 1st!
> Here's the link to the group on Facebook [48]365/30 Lists : Philofaxers
> If you don't have Facebook, no problem! Leave a comment on Imy or Kate's and they will email you the new list every month!

Sounds like fun, I've joined, why not give it a try if you are on Facebook.
Enjoy

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Whispering Rabbit (2012-08-18 01:29:03)
Not sure if anyone has brought this video up before...it's a New Zealand Postal Service ad..."Cinderella's Filofax" [1]:)

1. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hnomj-pGHc

Steve Morton (2012-08-18 05:26:13)
Hi
I've found it, and I have added it to the Web Finds for Tuesday
Steve

Cloudberry (2012-08-18 06:23:41)
Brilliant selection from the web.
So far, I have gained ideas on how to solve my tabs issue (thanks Wandrrlust), picked up tips on work-life-balance (Market Watch/Filofax) and thought of a new use for my old FF mini - to track my weight-loss (thanks Janet aka A Bugs life). And that's before I've read everything else!
Thanks Steve for including my inaugural blog – 'Inside Red'.
Have a great Saturday everyone!

Bryan (2012-08-18 07:39:19)
Thanks for including my blog post! Cant wait to read all the rest of the web finds!

LJ (2012-08-18 08:09:06)
Wow, I am running very late today (I am usually ready and waiting for web finds at 6am). Just finished the ones from Tuesday and now see there is a huge list for today as well - I think I am in heaven :o) Thanks Steve

Erozion (2012-08-18 14:21:50)
Thank you very much for including my blog, I only started it this month, so lovely surprise to see it

Hannah C. (2012-08-18 22:32:49)
Love this web finds! As usual. :)
I did notice that numbers 23 and 30 appear to be the same post...apparently it's a very persistent one :)

Steve Morton (2012-08-19 04:13:24)
Removed, I will try and work out why that happened!

Guest Post - Chris P - Things I want Filofax to Produce (3) (2012-08-18 12:00) - Steve Morton

Thank you to Chris for the third of his series of posts on what he would like Filofax to produce. You can [1]see products 1 and 2 here.

[2]

This is a crude mock-up of third thing I want Filofax to do for me. It is a virtual Filofax on my iPad.
Sharp-eyed readers will have already clocked the fact that what I have done is lay my ancient but still operational Pocket Filo on my iPad. Wouldn't it be cool to replace the oh-so-technical iPad calendar and contacts apps with exact reproductions of my Filofax pages?
It would not be particularly difficult to do, although it might take a while to get all the various diary formats into digital form. But, once achieved, every Filofax owner could exist in both the paper and digital domains. The paper Filofax would provide the style and ease of use that we like, and the digital Filofax would enable sharing of your calendar with colleagues and family as well as backing up your life on-line.
Filofax already do software to store your contacts and print them out on Filofax sheets, but this would take the unification of paper and computer one step further.
It might even be possible to upload diary entries made using a Livescribe digital pen, run them through character recognition software and automatically keep your virtual Filofax bang up to date with no extra work, but that might be less easy to do reliably. Especially with my scrawl (which is why I photographed my Filofax with empty pages).
Having my Filofax pages on the web would only be the start, however. The new Little Printer from London-based design agency Berg ([3]bergcloud.com) could print it out for me automatically.
The Little Printer uses the same rolls of thermal paper they use in checkouts at the supermarket to print out your receipt. It is connected to the internet directly (no computer required) and you set it up using your mobile phone.

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The Little Printer seeks out publications created especially for it, and prints them out for you to a schedule you set yourself.
So, for example, I could set it to print out the day's diary, to-do list, weather forecast, top news headlines and anything else I might need on the bus to work, and all I would have to do is tear it off the printer and clip it to today's diary page as I sprint out through the door. Brilliant.

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Leslie Pauley (2012-08-18 12:53:10)
This seems like it shouldn't be hard to do. I have an app on my phone that looks like a yellow legal pad already.

Mary (2012-08-18 15:06:19)
Great post and I totally agree. Your wish list would be a great asset. I love the little printer idea. I'm looking into that for sure!

Nicole (2012-08-19 00:58:47)
Would the Samsung Galaxy Note phablet or tablet work for you? Like Leslie said, it comes with the S Note suite of apps. Except that the S Planner app doesn't take handwritten entries.

Lily (2012-08-19 06:27:17)
That Little Printer is genius.

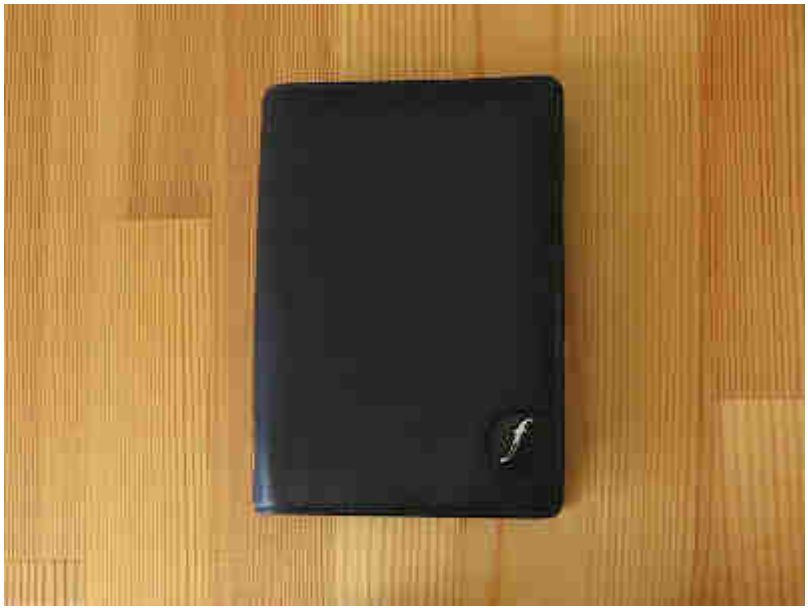
Bryan (2012-08-19 08:07:13)
Love that printer! What a great idea!

Robin (2012-08-19 20:58:35)
I love the printer and it sounds like a terrific timesaver. But does the face print out along with everything else needing to print? Seems like a huge ink hog . . .

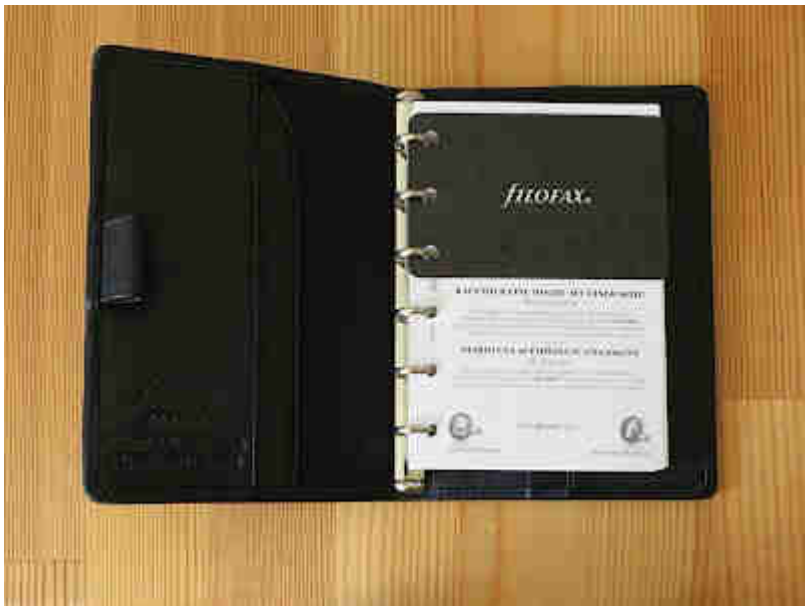
DEM (2012-08-19 22:32:10)
I love that Little Printer! Oh great...just what I needed, another thing on the wish list!

Guest Post - Lutz - Boston Pocket Organiser Review (2012-08-19 00:00) - Steve Morton

While searching for a nice looking minimalistic Filofax which I can carry around all the time I discovered the Boston Pocket.
There weren't many reviews in the internet so I ordered one to find out if it's the perfect Filofax for me. I think the Pocket size is perfect for me.
It is very compact and fits in your jacket pocket. Also there is enough space on the pages if you don't have a lot of appointments. I like the Personal size too but I don't always have a bag with me.

[1] 

After opening the nice black box I noticed a nice leather smell. The leather is also very soft and smooth. You can feel the very high quality of this product. The seams are accurate and you can't find any cheap looking details. It's a pleasure to touch this Filofax. The metal 'f' makes it look very elegant.

[2] 

On the left side there are two full height pockets and an elastic pen loop. The fabric looks nice and feels very durable.

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This Filofax comes with a one-week-on-one-page diary. The single days are very small but there is enough space to write two or three appointments.

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On the right side you have the same pockets like on the left side. I really like the symmetric look of this Filofax.

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Finally I can summarize that I found my perfect Filofax. It looks nice, feels valuable and is very portable. For some people this Filofax is maybe too minimalistic.
PS: I am not a native English speaker so please excuse any mistakes in this small review

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EmmaNoey (2012-08-19 00:17:11)
I've looked at these on Pens and Leather; they seem really nice. The rings appear to be smaller than on the malden, so I imagine it's more of a streamlined size. A compact pocket, maybe? Nice review, thank you.

Helen Conway (2012-08-19 03:03:50)
You write better English than most of the natives I come across!

Laurie (2012-08-19 03:39:05)
Thanks for this excellent review!
I've had my eye on the A5 Boston because it is supposed to be a compact or possibly even "slimline" A5. But unfortunately for me, it is out of my price range. My slimline A5 search continues!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-19 03:54:59)
Interesting to see pictures of this -especially the interior. A slimline A5 would be my preference.

Frederique (2012-08-19 04:51:47)
Thank you for taking the decision I couldn't take : decide to buy it "just to see" :)
11mm rings, just like my slimline... And no credit card slots/zipped pouch/bill slots, for which I have no use since I don't use my filo as a wallet? interesting, indeed!
I, too, couldn't find many "real life" pictures of this binder, and I am hugely attracted to it : I already use a metropol slimline as my main minder (also with a week per page diary), but don't have that many appointments or things to write on each day. I only have a GTD next actions lists (@home, @call, @errands, etc), some references sheets, and projects pages/lists.
Plus, black is the new black: timeless, discreet, and less "in your face" than the bright red metropol I currently carry. And leather, which is a nice upgrade :) (Though the metropol is almost indestructible.)
Therefore : major envy!
I only worry about constant use, and how the metal "f" will survive: in my experience, on wallets/bags, the metal parts that were somehow binded to the leather always seemed to get our of their slots...
But I might disregard this fear.

janet (2012-08-19 06:22:45)
Thanks for the review - especially of an unusual Filo. What I found super-fantastic (:)) was the symmetrical pocket design. What a brilliant idea - maybe they can incorporate this into more designs because not everyone uses the notepad at the back. And I often find there are not enough pockets on the front.

janet (2012-08-19 06:24:35)
Oh and PS I am an English teacher and your English is fantastic!

Bryan (2012-08-19 07:12:27)
Great review!

Paul B (2012-08-19 07:23:27)
I'm surprised at myself but I rather like the small, metal "f" on the front. I dislike very "in your face" logos, but I like this one, it seems more elegant. I just wonder how durable it will be, but time will tell. And your command of English is wonderful, by the way.

Lutz Michen (2012-08-19 09:01:32)
Thank you very much for your nice comments. I love this Filofax more and more every day. The "f" feels very duarable and solid so I think it will survive as long as the whole Filofax.

crofter (2012-08-19 10:58:42)
On retirement, I decided to downsize my Filofax to a pocket size. Since I didn't have near as many appointments, I thought it would be easy, and I was partially right. I went to a pocket slimline Topaz, and for the most part it

has worked ok. I didn't want the strap as it seems to hang up when either putting it in your pocket or taking it out. I soon found out the pen loop did the same thing. The solution to the problem was the Guildford extra slim. It has the same ring size as the slimline Topaz, but no strap OR pen loop. It is also narrower. It is all leather with no fabric and is just a beautiful little binder, and is small enough even to fit in a shirt pocket.
It is my opinion that the more portable the Filo is, and the nicer it is, the more you will use it. I have had to make top tabs for it, it is to narrow for the regular side tabs. I also have made my own day/page sheets, and it is easy to use it as a 2pg/day. I carry about 90 days at a time, plus a financial sheet, and a few extra lined sheets. It has worked out great. To the best of my knowledge, the Guildford Extra Slim is no longer being produced–truly a shame.

Yu (2012-08-19 11:08:28)
I also have that one! :D Love it, although the ring size is too small for everyday use (at least for me). But I use it as my adress book.

Frederique (2012-08-19 12:42:18)
Oh, another reminder of the slimline topaz! I have been wanting the red one for a long time, and I remember SNARling telling me very vigorously that I would love it...
Hmm, Boston seems nice, but if I were to get a pocket slimline, I'd go for the Topaz, and I've just seen it on sale at pen lovers paradise, at 37,50 $?!?!
https://www.apenloversparadise.com/products/products.asp?product=346 3 &cat=745

Reader Under The Spotlight - Lime Tree (2012-08-20 00:00) - Steve Morton

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This week I would like to introduce to you all 'Lime Tree'
Hey there! Lime Tree here.
I am brand new to Filofax world and enjoying every bit of it. Because of my pretty Filofaxes I started journaling again and re-discovered a livelong love for stationary, watercolor and art related things. You can see all that journey unfolding at my [2]blog.
"Lime Tree" is the translation of the Portuguese word "limoeiro" which was always included in my childhood songs, books, stories and tales. It brings back warm memories of an "easy-breezy" life playing outside with tons of fresh air on my face.
1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?
I bought it in December 2011, it was a [3]Pink Domino in personal size.

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?
I used some of those random planners that you find everywhere and for a very short period (while I was waiting for my Filofax) I used Franklin Covey.
3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?
Oh, I love them all! Each one for a different reason. Domino because it was the first. Baroque because it is gorgeous and it is my "me" binder. Compact Chameleon because it is so portable and so on.
4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Hhhmmm, the question I have been very afraid to answer. I really didn't want to count but here we go. I have.....12 *breathe, breathe* It was hard, but I finally fearlessly count them all and there it is the final number!

5. What do you use your Filofax for?
To plan my year, have my lists and to-dos; To plan trips, keep record of stuff, set goals, and all that. I am hoping to storage some of my smaller watercolor and sketching items in an A5 too. Another one I am hoping to set up as scrapbooking pics of trips.
6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?
How versatile it can be. You can do anything you want. Use as a regular calendar, notebook or as I mentioned on the other question as portfolio or picture album. Possibilities are endless with Filofax! :)
7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?
Hhhmmmmm that's a hard one. I am always so indecisive. I doubt I would settle regardless of the "perfect" design.
However, some good decorated curves "a la Baroque" would be necessary, as well as horizontal card slots, and a gazillion of hidden pockets like the Holborn has, including the back pocket. Then, somehow be able to close without a clasp like an A5 Adelphi. Also have one of those "slide in" pocket-envelopes that Moleskine has (and I think a few of the vintage Filofaxes as well) and pen loops that really can hold all sorts of pens.
Oh, and ADJUSTABLE rings! HA! If I need more paper I would "adjust" it to hold more. If not, just keep it like a Slimline. Hehe, very doable, huh?
Another very important feature would be color options like the Finsbury with a Chameleon texture. To make it even more feasible after all those wonderful features the organizer would miraculously be light, portable, and easy to write! HA!
That pretty much sums it. :D

8. How do you carry your Filofax?
The daily one in my bag (currently Personal Baroque). The A5 Adelphi I leave at work, A5 Cham on my desk at home, the "project" or storage ones stay on a shelf for right now and all the other ones, including minis and pockets take their turn resting as I experiment with my daily set-up.
9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?
I like the Chameleon a lot. And I have plenty of those. So I better behave :)
10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?
$90 on a slimline Almond Amazona. Very pretty!
11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?
How friendly everyone is! It is a very safe-space to talk about something that people "out-there" don't really understand.

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?
Gosh.... I really fried my brain here to find something. Nothing came up. Everything is good as is! :)

13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?
Marisa Monte – "Mais". Way overdue!
Thank you Lime Tree... Adjustable rings.... I like that idea sort of circular trombones!

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Lime Tree (2012-08-20 00:34:25)
Thanks for featuring me Steve! :)

Tiki Jane (2012-08-20 00:38:00)
Yours was one of the first blogs I came across when I first discovered the Philofax/Filofax community and I really enjoy your posts!

Paul B (2012-08-20 01:50:46)
I love hearing the history behind some of the user names here. Thanks for the post, I'll be checking your blog to see the watercolour stuff too.

Lime Tree (2012-08-20 02:11:44)
Thank you Tiki!
Nice to know I may had helped reinforce the enabling feature of Philofaxy, hehe

Lime Tree (2012-08-20 02:15:18)
Hi Paul! That is so true. User names are always hard to understand from an "outsider" perspective! Thank you for checking my blog! :)

Doris (2012-08-20 03:56:35)
Hi, it's nice to see you "spotlighted"! (:

Rori (2012-08-20 09:59:24)
Where's the picture of you????

Yu (2012-08-20 10:32:50)
Yay! :D

Lime Tree (2012-08-21 00:07:00)
It was nice to be "spotlighted" as well!

Lime Tree (2012-08-21 00:07:40)
Hehe, we will take some on our mini-meetup! ;)

Lime Tree (2012-08-21 00:07:53)
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Butanben (2012-08-21 07:01:10)
Hi Lime Tree,
I just loved the way that your blog name came about, from your childhood in Portugal and your explanation of the perfect Filofax, for me was just spot on perfect!! I'd love to know how you made your Lime Tree logo and how you posted it on to your blog page???? I'd love to have a logo of my own like this..... but not a clue how I'd go about that!!

Lime Tree (2012-08-21 10:46:04)
HI Butanben, I talked a bit about the creation of my button here: http://www.limetreefruits.com/2012/07/blog-button-is-done.html
Then I scanned it to put on my blog. I hope that helps but if you need more detailed info, just let me know and I would be more than happy to help you putting something together ;)

Back to School Offer - Filofax UK (2012-08-20 12:00) - Steve Morton

I've just been told that [1]Filofax UK have a 20 % off promotion code running at the moment.
For a limited time only we're offering 20 % OFF off all orders. Simply use code **SCHOOL20** at the checkout. Offers excludes Yard-O-Led and Temperley limited edition products.
Could this be a good time to weaken and treat yourself....

[2]

1. http://tidd.ly/d83ed995
2. http://www.awin1.com/cread.php?s=152857&v=2457&q=90347&r=97790

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-20 13:37:38)
nice!! how long is this for?

HazelScotland (2012-08-20 13:39:52)
Just ordered a heap of stuff yesterday too. Aaaah well not to worry. Still over excited about the arrival of my goodies :)

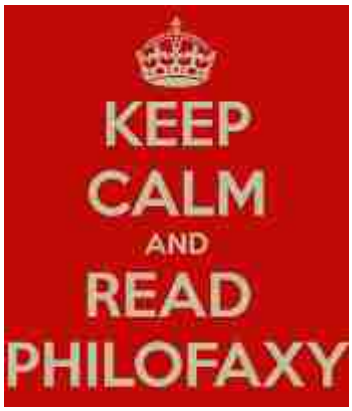
Steve Morton (2012-08-20 13:40:12)
The notice I received didn't give the cut off date which is unusual There might be a mailing this week I guess. But I wanted to tell everyone ASAP in case you were considering ordering anything this week. 20 % off is a reasonable discount for FF UK.
Steve

Johanne Nevin (2012-08-20 13:58:51)
might order one for my daughter for school, or could give her one of my three... but think a new order is a coming lol

Bryan (2012-08-20 19:12:26)
That's a great deal! I was happy to find my Cuban discounted by 30 % on Filfaxusa's site. 20 %+ makes a big difference on the price!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-20 19:24:41)
Hi Brian, this offer is for the UK Filofax website, so it won't work on the US website unfortunately!

Free For All Tuesday No 81 (2012-08-21 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1] 

Tuesday's are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away... and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

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karin (2012-08-21 01:30:09)
Hi everyone, just a quick question about the grey maldens. Do they scratch easily? I know Ochre maldens have been reported as scratching easily and the crimson color apparently doesn't scratch easily. In the U.S. I can only buy A5 Malden in grey or pink and I prefer the grey. Are grey malden owners happy with their filo? Thanks, and

I love this website!!

alisoninsouthampton (2012-08-21 02:25:15)
Hello. I have 2 pink maldens and neither have scratched and they get totally abused. Chucked in my handbag, thrown about the house by toddlers (whilst I chase them and in a begging tone "pleeeese give that back to mummy as they try and write it in themselves). Not a problem at all. I love the colour. It's like pink for grown ups.

alisoninsouthampton (2012-08-21 02:26:42)
I have a question - how easy is the printable Filofax paper to use? And do I need to buy a paper punch for it?

PaperAddict (2012-08-21 03:03:07)
This comment has been removed by the author.

PaperAddict (2012-08-21 03:04:36)
Hi Alison. You don't have to buy a special hole punch and can get away with just a Single Hole Punch or even better a Cropadile. They punch through lots of paper at once like it was soft butter.

lululucy (2012-08-21 03:53:59)
Have used the Personal size printable paper (3 pages Personal to one A4) and it was not difficult at all. I printed my addresses on normal paper first to make sure the margins and layout right and that I had oriented the paper in the printer correctly, but then once all that was set up, quite easy to use. And the holes are already punched, so no need for a paper punch.

PaperAddict (2012-08-21 04:01:15)
Oh Crikey read your question completely wrong I'm sorry. I thought you meant the wonderful printables provided by Ray that you'd need to print, trim and punch yourself. [We'll put it down to a Senior Moment].

janet (2012-08-21 04:56:09)
Just out of interest I have noticed the past few times I have visited Filofax UK that the grey A5 Malden does not appear in the options at all, not even as an 'email when in stock'. Have they been discontinued?

janet (2012-08-21 05:00:17)
I have two grey Maldens and they are pretty tough. A small heads up though, on all quality coloured leather the colour has a chance of scuffing off, and there are variations in the leather from binder to binder.
I always caress and cuddle Maldens in the store (but the staff are stationery nerds too so they understand) and the leather on the Ochre does vary from binder to binder. And the leather on the big binders seems different from the leather on the smaller binders. If you are buying online you will probably get the luck of the draw but if you buy in a shop you can choose if they have a selection.

Steve Morton (2012-08-21 05:00:50)
Sadly yes they have been discontinued, but you might still find them in stock elsewhere such as Filofax France:
http://www.filofax.fr/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=5 &rangeId=150 &dsizeId=5

Babs (2012-08-21 05:07:52)
You don't need to buy a punch, but in my experience, the actual printing process was hideous. Especially if you want to print only 1 or 2 pages but double-sided. Plus, because of the perforations the paper stuck together so I had to go through the entire stack and separate each paper one-by-one, which still wasn't fool-proof and some sheets ended up getting stuck together going through the printer.
I would say you're better off buying a stack of plain paper and printing directly on to that rather than mess around with the 3-pages-on-A4 set-up. It's a lot less hassle and a LOT easier!!

timmo55 (2012-08-21 07:06:10)
I've not had any problems printing on the A5 sheets - both blank A5 sheets and the A4 which has 2 A5 pages perforated on it. I have a fairly cheap Canon ink jet printer which prints double sided and works like a dream.

Butanben (2012-08-21 07:08:49)
Hi Philofaxers!
Just to let you know, I've started a blog called Each Shining Hour and will be posting once a month towards the end of each month. I have already done my first post. I wonder if Gromit can store a monthly blog??? On another note, I have a gorgeous crimson pocket Malden, which I want to put to good use. I originally wanted it as a pocket carry around diary, but was driven mad by the all round worry of synching 2 diaries.... in case something was missed, or I double booked!!! Any ideas how I can use this as something daily to love and cherish? Tried it as a wallet..... but zipper pocket too small.....

Alison Reeves (2012-08-21 07:55:59)
Hi Jane - Do you have any hobbies you could use it for? My niece discovered 'Zen Tangle' at the quilting show I took her and my Mom to last Friday. She has a personal FF (snake bronze no less) I bought her some time ago, but she says she can't think of anything she can use it for (at nearly 14 she still doesn't keep a diary). I've suggested she use it for Zen Tangle patterns - you can download loads on the internet and they all have names, so she can copy them and store them alphabetically.
I've been using a notepad for some of my quilting stuff - but am accumulating loads more to store now so will probably be creating a 'craft' FF some time soon. I did have sight of the glorious quilting FF belonging to Helen Conway when we met up at the quilting festival so that has given me quite a few ideas!

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-21 09:28:04)
Does anyone else own just one Filofax by choice? Or am I really the only one? Don't get me wrong, I'm obsessed with my Filo just as much as the next person..but I don't see the need to have two or three binders (this is personally, I know others have a much more hectic schedule than my 20 year old butt). I just want to see if I really am all alone on this one :)

T-na (2012-08-21 09:33:56)
Don't have a grey malden but just wanted to add that you may also check to see if there are variations in the grey leather as in the ochre or purple ones. I thought purple was the only color that had the "creased" and "more creased". I finally saved enough to get the ochre personal only to be disappointed that the leather was very creased and wrinkly, very different than all the pictures I've seen. The strap closure was smooth, just the way I imagined but the rest of the planner was rough textured. Guess there's a chance it may smooth out with use but the tactile experience turns me off so much that I doubt I would use it enough to give it the worn look.

JasJan (2012-08-21 09:48:49)
I have a few but only ever use one at a time, though as I am a stay at home mum I don't have to juggle work and family.

David Popely (2012-08-21 09:55:14)
I've got four now, one is on Adspot, another will most likely follow soon, leaving two - one A5 and one Personal, which is to allow for random changes of preference on size. I'm in complete agreement - I'm adopting a minimalist approach to Stuff generally and I don't have a need for more than that.

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-21 09:55:45)
I think I'm different on this but I don't mind a few scratches or smudges. It shows my binder is used and loved.

April Gaviola (2012-08-21 10:05:37)
Hi! I am attempting to make top tab dividers for my filofax, a Personal Malden in Vintage Pink. I love it! And I love this site as well! I was wondering if anyone can give me some tips and tricks on how to do it. Thanks so much!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-21 10:06:02)
Hi Alondra, check out my blog, I have had a series called One True Filofax with some guest posts from people who use only 1 filofax!

Gail (2012-08-21 10:25:56)
Alison, I had to Google Zen Tangle as I hadn't heard of them, sounds like something I would like to doodle, can imagine a Filofax full of these beautiful doodles, it would look great.

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-21 10:28:57)
@The Perpetual Student TPS, loved your One True Filofax post! It was a real treat to see that I am not the only one who is faithful to just one Filo :) Thank you.

Amy (2012-08-21 10:34:46)
Hi Alondra! You are not alone...I too own only one filofax - a personal brown Osterley....and I keep EVERYTHING in it! I do understand why some choose to have more than one, but I have found that I like having only one in use at a time. I have considered buying an additional binder just to transfer everything in the instance I want a change, but I do not think I could stay organized if I had more than one in use at one time!
And thank you for your question. I have been reading Philofaxy for quite a while and this is my first post!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-21 10:43:15)
Gail, it's very popular to use for scrapbooking and card making - also for making gift tags. She also had some canvas shoes and caps that had been decorated as well as pictures and wood. The link to quilting was a bit tenuous thought! I think it's just a fun thing to do when watching TV or waiting for something - you can while away a good few minutes at a time!

Steve Morton (2012-08-21 12:23:38)
Jane,
Your blog is in the big list on Gromit. And it will capture any posts you do when ever you do them.
Steve

J (2012-08-21 12:23:41)
Look into Avery Note Tabs- Staples usually has them. They are really sturdy and are the perfect size! I've got mine in my Crimson Malden :)

Steve Morton (2012-08-21 12:24:53)
How about Avery Sticky tabs?
Or... this post might help...
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2009/06/creating-top-tabs.html

Steve Morton (2012-08-21 12:26:18)
No one should be afraid to admit they only own one Filofax or only use one Filofax at a time. It's what ever works for you that matters most.

Cheryl (2012-08-21 12:56:34)
I have a grey pocket Malden that I love. Its so smooth and creamy! However I ordered the Black personal Malden and its going back. I don't mind creases but the texture on the black Personal is rough, pebbly, scratchy. Don't know how to explain it but I just don't like it and it doesn't have a good feel in my hands. So disappointed. Plus it smells funny, not that fine leather smell like my pocket one. Guess that's what happens when you take advantage of a half off sale...they must send you the misfits of the litter. :(Actually I prefer the grey more than I thought I would as its a nice deep rich shade of grey. (Not to be confused with the sex trilogy everyone's yammering about :-0!)

Alison Reeves (2012-08-21 12:56:51)
I have the greatest respect for anyone who can own and run their life from one filofax - it is my goal to be able to do this!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-21 12:57:46)
There are also some very nice ones in the Martha Steward range at staples

Steve Morton (2012-08-21 13:08:36)
My two grey A5's are slightly different from each other, different batches I think as well
50 shades of Philofaxy....!!!

Laura (2012-08-21 14:22:30)
Hi everyone.
I've recently started a new job (which at the moment is mostly task orientated and very few appointments), and i'm looking for tips on how to organise this in my Filofax.
I only like to use one Filofax, so it is also being used for personal things. Can anyone point me in the direction of some useful posts on how to balance work and personal tasks/appointments etc? Or do any of you have any thoughts on this subject?
Thanks, L.

Laura (2012-08-21 14:23:17)
Oh, and this includes what type of diary inserts you use as well. I'm struggling with this a lot at the moment....

Laura (2012-08-21 14:23:32)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Natalie Pluck (2012-08-21 14:27:44)
Is it a waste of a filofax (personal size) if I don't have a diary in it? I have a diary in my A4 one and an academic diary loose so I don't feel the need for one, but it seems stupid to have an organiser without one in :o

Rianne (2012-08-21 15:29:55)
Avery tabs of martha stewart tabs.
I see a lot of avery tabs and martha stewart tabs. these are handy. I can not find the smal tabs in Holland. only the big one from 51 mm.
I can order it online via amazon.com but it's way to expensive too ship it to Holland. Can someone help me out of now where to buy it in Holland?
If i want to buy these:
http://www.amazon.com/Avery-NoteTabs-Assorted-Colors-16350/dp/B004CY SG9W/ref=sr _1 _1?ie=UTF8 &qid=1345577217 &sr=8-1 &keywords=avery+notetabs
The shipping is 7,00 dollar...so it's to much and if I order for more money than we can have the problem that the douane intercept it and than it wil cost a lote more money.
Greetings Rianne

Ray Blake (2012-08-21 15:31:48)
I've got a few posts on making dividers and some templates:
http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2012/05/quick-and-easy-fil ofax-dividers.html #uds-search-results
[1]Direct link

1. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2012/05/quick-and-easy-filofax-dividers.html#uds-search-results

Ray Blake (2012-08-21 15:38:34)
Is there a link?

Steve Morton (2012-08-21 15:45:32)
There is... http://butanben.blogspot.fr/

Songbird68 (2012-08-21 16:07:10)
This isn't a question, just a comment: I am currently *agonizing* over the "to A5 or not to A5" decision. I have sitting next to me a brand new, still-in-box, beautiful aqua Chameleon, which I'm trying to decide whether to keep, or return and continue using my personal Malden (which I'm considering selling & getting in another color, actually. lol)
It seems like every couple hours, my outlook on the best size for me changes. This is crazy. Seriously.
That is all. :-)

Songbird68 (2012-08-21 16:08:11)
And PS, I'm relatively new here, but you people are ENABLERS!!! Ha ha. I really want to be a "one Filo woman" if at all possible.

Laurie (2012-08-21 16:09:32)
Oh because my answer was going to be: "Keep them both, duh!"

Songbird68 (2012-08-21 16:17:09)
Laurie, I'm actually considering that. :) But then if I use the A5 for my main planner, I need to decide how to repurpose the personal Malden. The Malden line is sooooo lovely, I can't just sell it, unless I'm exchanging it for another color.

Laurie (2012-08-21 16:19:10)
You'd be surprised all the uses you can think of for a Filofax. ;)

Songbird68 (2012-08-21 16:21:17)
I have a mini Chameleon as my wallet & just use for random on-the-go notes/shopping lists, but trying to settle on which to use as my "one main Filo": my personal Malden or the brand new A5 Chameleon I just received. I agree with you that for me, it would be too crazy to try to run my life from more than one planner.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-21 16:24:05)
Hi Rianne - these are sold in Staples in the UK (a very large ststionery store). I wonder if you have Staples in Holland? Also if there are other large stationery stores, perhaps they may sell them? Here is a link:
http://www.staples.co.uk/office-supplies/filing/dividers/note-tabs-s mall-26-x-38mm-assorted?r=se
Perhaps you could do a search here: http://www.staples.nl/ (I'm afraid my language skills are not good enough to do one for you!)

Yu (2012-08-21 16:24:07)
Haha! That made me laugh! :D The chasing-thing happened yesterday at the preschool where I work. I opened my filofax to get something out and one of the kids (a three year old) snatched it and went all "Ooooh!" and then ran off to show off "the pretty swirls in 'frökens' book" to his friends. So adorable, but stressful! They didn't abuse it though, but gave it back with an almost reverent air.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-21 16:26:47)
I have this dilemma a lot. Do you need to carry your organiser with you? If Yes you may prefer to stick with the personal size as it is much easier to carry.
Could you use the A5 for a home binder just for household activities / shopping / home & garden projects?

Yu (2012-08-21 16:26:48)
To the purple Malden owners out there - is the leather "dry"/"cracked"/"creased" or "pebbly" on yours or is it smooth? Been thinking about buying it online... but might have to wait for the stores to get it so I can hand-pick one. =/

Why didn't I buy one in London when I had the chance? WHY?! T _T

Yu (2012-08-21 16:30:46)
Filofax Sweden still has it as well:
http://www.filofax.se/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=5 &rangeId=150 &dsizeId=5

Yu (2012-08-21 16:36:45)
@Songbird68 - Omg, me too! I mean, the agonizing thing. I thought I had settled on personal just an hour ago and asked for help on Twitter to decide which one. Then I happened to glance over to my A5 Aqua Chameleon and got all confused and felt like I should use that one instead. :D The allure of the Aqua Chameleon. Haha! <3

Erozion (2012-08-21 16:57:49)
I have a personal Portobello that I bought from Ray, I'm head over heals with it. I really only want one Filofax, so the Ranger that the Portobello replaced is being sold.

indigogarden (2012-08-21 17:03:38)
I've printed on the personal sized paper. Once I figured out where to place it and which way to turn it for the printing on the other side, it was a breeze. The quality of the paper was reasonable. I like it for my printable notes.

Songbird68 (2012-08-21 17:30:49)
@Alison, I did consider just using the A5 for household stuff - but the annoying pragmatist voice (and unemployed budget-minded person) in me keeps whispering that an inexpensive binder from Walmart will suffice for that. :P
@Yu, yes, the Chameleon's are so gorgeous! And they're being discontinued, so I felt like I had to jump on it.
If I'm truly honest w/ myself, I know my life really isn't busy enough right now to warrant more than one Filofax. I could consider keeping the A5 for when I get a job again though, since I got it for such a steal (hint: Google for discount code coupons for any given retailer before purchasing anything).

Songbird68 (2012-08-21 17:37:13)
Oh, I do have a question: has anyone here used the compact size Franklin Covey inserts/diaries in their personal size Filofax? I'm considering that due to the narrow FF page size, but I've read that it can be an issue due to the FC pages getting tattered & worn, since they extend almost to the edge of the binder....
If I do go with FC, I plan to customize my own dividers to accommodate the extra width, so I'm thinking that may protect them? Thoughts/experiences? Thank you!

Butanben (2012-08-21 19:45:13)
Thanks Steve. Glad Gromit has found me!! Sorry Ray.... forgot all about the link bit... apologies there.BTW, having lived in Bristol for 18 years, I always feel a special affection for Wallace and Gromit.... and of course Wayne the sheep. My favourite of all time is the Wallace and Gromit alarm clock bed!! Makes me laugh every time that one!

Butanben (2012-08-21 19:48:24)
Alison, Zen tangles sound like good fun... I'll look into that one.

EmmaNoey (2012-08-21 22:59:22)
Not at all. You can use a filofax for projects, a journal, a wallet, to corral your ideas on a particular subject; anything you want. No need for the diary/calendar if you have that handled elsewhere.

Hannah C. (2012-08-21 23:12:47)
I've always used just one planner to manage my whole life - which usually hasn't included a lot of work tasks, but did include university. :)
Are these day-specific tasks, or anytime tasks? The book Getting Things Done may be helpful. Also, Time Management From The Inside Out may be helpful as well. GTD relies on to-do lists organized by context, while TMIO relies on scheduling everything. Both books had stuff which helped me.

I'm currently using a 2 page per day insert from Franklin Covey. I work, am a wife and mom, and am about to start grad school, and I'm already using the space! If your life is heavy on daily tasks/appointments, I'd recommend a page or 2 page per day insert. If your life is heavy on non-day-specific to-dos and you find you can work well from context to-do lists, you could probably use a weekly insert instead. I've found that a daily to-do list really helps me actually be productive, so I'm going to stick with at least a page per day insert from now on. I would probably also create a section in my Filofax just for work things. However, I know a lot of people use separate notebooks or Filofaxes to organize their work notes, so this would depend on how much you need to store. Hope this helps! :) I'm sure there are blog posts out there about this, too, but can't think of any specific ones right now.

Hannah C. (2012-08-21 23:16:46)
I use Franklin Covey inserts in my Filofax. I just put the diary pages at the back, and use Filofax size paper and dividers in the front. It works just fine. It would be more difficult if I used the pen loop, though.
J at The Crazy Life of J also uses FC inserts in her personal Filofax. Here's a link to her 2012 set-up: http://thecrazylifeofj.blogspot.com/2012/01/my-2012-filo-system-fina lized-for-sure.html I got the idea of putting the FC inserts at the back from her! :) She's also stuck with the system, so you could ask her if her pages are getting worn. I haven't used my FC inserts consistently enough to allow wear to happen!

Stephanie (2012-08-22 00:30:25)
I only have one filofax that I use to organize my work, blog, baking column, and invoices. It's a personal Adelphi and its works so well keeping it all in the same place.
I have a kitchen binder for recipe development organization that I orginally wanted to be a filofax but I realized that it wasn't a good idea. Mainly because I get it covered in all sort of food and also because I really need to be able to just three hold punch my papers and have them in the binder quick. No messing around with trimming and punching it special.

Rianne (2012-08-22 05:28:09)
Ik have looked for staples in Holland.
But the don't have that particulair note tabs
Thx for the reply
Gr. Rianne

Angharad (2012-08-22 11:18:07)
Hope I'm not too late with my question/dilemma. I currently use one pocket Filofax for everything but since I'm going to college in Sep I wanted something in addition to this to record my day-to-day college work in (the course I'm doing is very much evidence based and I've a memory like a fish!). I'm on a small budget so I can't decide between getting a Metropol Personal or trying out the new Flex in A5. I'm tempted by the Flex with not having the rings in the way for writing. I only really need a diary or plain ruled paper insert for either. Can anyone help me with some pointers so I can decide please? Thanks

Songbird68 (2012-08-22 15:00:28)
Thank you, Hannah! I will check out that blog. :)

J (2012-08-22 15:30:18)
In case anyone wanted to see my response to Songbird's comment on thecrazylifeofj -
I think using them will depend on a few things:
1. Your definition of "worn" Some of my calendar pages (the FC ones) are a bit worn, but for me, I honestly like it. It shows the character of a well loved binder! It also might help if I wasn't so rough on my binder- tossing it in and out of my cavernous bag :)
2. If you use the pen loop. I don't use mine, so having the FC tabs and pages doesn't become as big of an issue. I could see it being a problem if you like to use your pen loop though.
You might also notice a little more wear if your entire binder is FC width pages, as the clasp might rub on them more towards the front of the binder... if that makes any sense.

I'd say go ahead and try it, even if you just use some scrap paper cut and punched to FC-width. In the end, it will really depend on your personal preference- while I like the idea of the look of a well-used binder, I fully realize that it isn't for all :)
But no matter what you do, make sure you report back and let us know how it worked out!

Yu (2012-08-22 16:45:37)
Do you need to keep lots of notes? And are you taking just the one course?

Angharad (2012-08-22 19:39:44)
Probably lots of notes. It is one course but I'll be working towards a few different smaller qualifications alongside my NVQ qualification.

Butanben (2012-08-23 17:55:34)
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Butanben (2012-08-23 18:10:09)
Rianne, I've got some tiny mini Post It Tabs.... suitable for a mini or pocket really. Are those the kind of thing you are looking for? Happy to post to you in Holland.... no charge for anything..... would just be happy if that helps you out. My e. mail address is je.mccourt@virgin.net if you want to let me know your address to post to.I used 1 from the pack, but they were the wrong size for my use I found.

Angel Jem (2012-08-25 14:55:03)
Much better use of leather and clips, I think!

Web Finds 21 August 2012 (2012-08-21 12:00) - Steve Morton

And here we are again with the Tuesday edition of Wed Finds, all the Filofax posts from around the web, found by machine but personally checked before adding them to the list.

1. [1]All Stars Guest Post by Imy: What's in my Bag - Deligted
2. [2]Can I Live in a Pocket...? - LJ's Blog of Stuff
3. [3]Ooh – New Pretty/Functional Things… - LJ's Blog of Stuff
4. [4]On diary (calendar) formats - Blue Bonnet Reads
5. [5]A Shocking Confession - Mish Mash Muddle
6. [6]Going Digital - Filofax Compatible - Femme Musings
7. [7]Filofax Family – Malden & Finchley - My Filo World
8. [8]Es gibt ihn wirklich! - Filomaniac
9. [9]Filofax Fortnight #4 - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
10. [10]Filofax Mix-Up on Ebay order - 2 Scrap Alot
11. [11]Filofax Overhaul!! - The Wonderful Life of Alice
12. [12]filofax week #18 - Paper Lovestory
13. [13]It is official… I need a new Filofax - Notes in a Book
14. [14]Burj Khalifa and the Filofax. - The Musings of Max

15. [15]What's in My Filofax? - Bryan Sherwood
16. [16]How Do You To Do: Take Two - Well Planned Life
17. [17]Travel Filofax - The Storage Studio
18. [18]Purple Ronnie Organiser Pages in my Filofax - I'll tell you in another life
19. [19]All Stars Guest Post: The New Golden Age Of SF By Ray Blake - Fennell Books
20. [20]Filofax inserts - Mish Mash Muddle
21. [21]Journalling School Session 5: Role play - My Life All in One Place
22. [22]Journalling School (5) - Filomaniac
23. [23]Filofax/ Day Runner Agenda Week #1 - Make Up Geek
24. [24]Reasons Why I Chose Against Filofax! - Make Up Geek
25. [25]Guest Post by Cloudberry - My Life Grid - Thoughts & Exploration
26. [26]Filofax Decision Time - Femme Musings
27. [27]Today's Productivity Tip: Start a 2-List System - Day Timer Blog
28. [28]30 Days of Lists Filofax - It's My Life!
29. [29]A5 chameleon for work - Filofax Fantasies
30. [30]Filofax Love: Adelphi - Said the Cat
31. [31]not much in my personal - Filofax Fantasies
32. [32]Day Planner for your A5 Filofax - My Life All in One Place
33. [33]30 Lists in 30 Days - List 15 - Thoughts and Exploration
34. [34]All Stars Guest Post - Helen - Agatha Christie Challenge - Lime Tree Fruits
35. [35]Travel Story - About my Filo - Filofit

And here are the Video Web Finds

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IFRAME: [40]http://www.youtube.com/embed/7oKKb7uQD1M?rel=0

Enjoy

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The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-21 12:01:48)
I LOVE having web finds on a Tuesday afternoon!!

LJ (2012-08-21 12:53:13)
35 web finds, and it's not even the weekend, plus vlogs. Loving this. Thanks Steve :o)

Steve Morton (2012-08-21 13:22:18)
It would have been higher!! But I have been out today so that the cut off time was earlier than last week. So new posts this afternoon have started to go in to Saturdays post!!

Johanne Nevin (2012-08-21 13:57:53)
Wow thanks for featuring me so soon I'm chuffed

Cheryl (2012-08-21 14:10:31)
Oh love these! Especially the vids. I love snooping into other people's lives, homes, Filo's, I admit it and listening to the various accents. LOVE that ad...thanks for posting!

RelativityNSomeTea (2012-08-21 15:39:39)
Love the videos they are brilliant! I hope to purchase a Malden or a Holborn soon! Check out my channel to see what's in my Personal and A5 domino filofax's :-D I'd love some followers!

Terri (2012-08-21 15:54:16)
I love the web finds. after seeing Jen's video I think I need an A5.
Terri

kanalt (2012-08-22 06:53:55)
I love the NZ post ad! Also, in regards to the middle video (I'm so sorry - I've already forgotten who it was - the grey Malden I believe), thank you for saying who you are. I don't subscribe to YouTube and oftentimes, when i watch the videos as part of the web finds, I have no idea who's doing the videos, so thank you for introducing yourself. It helps me to put a voice with the correct person.

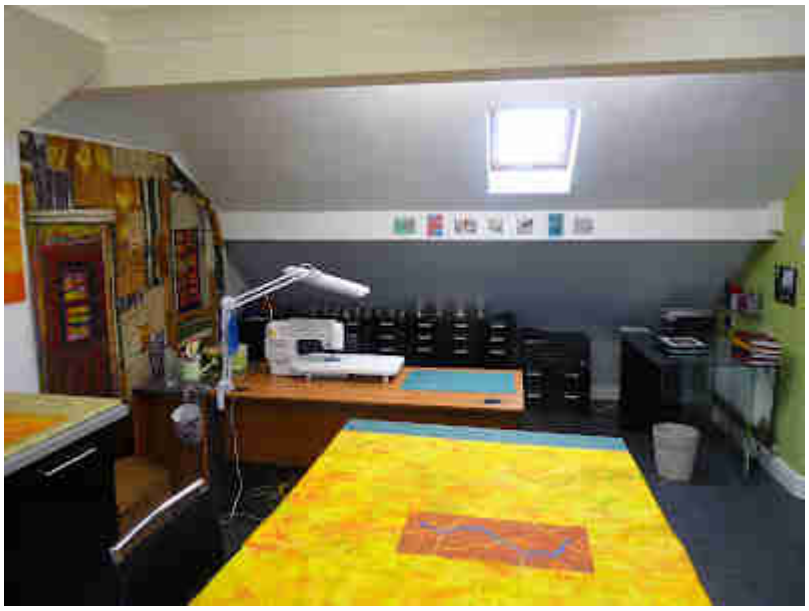
Cruz Johnson (2013-01-07 00:15:07)
Great to see a New Zealand ad in there; can anyone identify which model is in the video?

Guest Post - Helen - A5 Ochre Malden 'Studio planner' (2012-08-22 00:00) - Steve Morton

This week Helen shows us her A5 Malden 'Studio planner, this follows on from her guest post last week about her [1]Personal Aston
This is my A5 Ochre Malden 'Studio planner'.

[2]

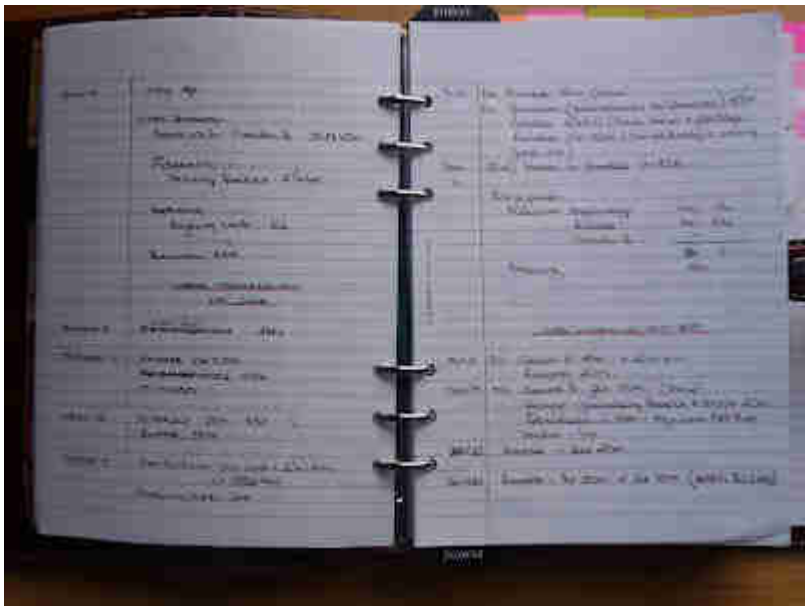
I am a lawyer by day but I also am an emerging textile artist. (That is what creativity life coaches tell you to call yourself when you are not yet as good as you hope to be but you want people to take you seriously nonetheless!) . This is the Studio where it lives although it makes frequent trips out to one of the downstairs lounges or to coffee shops to keep me company in thinking times.

[3] 

I am making good use of the 30mm rings (love them!) so prepare for a long post! Throughout I have made it African themed. I had bought a very cheap and battered copy of Passages by Carol Beckwith and Angela Fisher on Amazon marketplace which was an edited version of the two volume book African Ceremonies which I then also bought. So I desecrated the cheap book and cut it up in service of giving me daily filo inspiration. I have just 'glue-sticked' (glue-stuck?!) the photos onto the official Filofax dividers. The black card sticking out of the pockets are two pieces of L shaped card I sometimes use as a viewfinder to isolate a design. As you can see I clip a green pen behind the rings. All pens are Pilot Hi-Techpoint.

[4]

The Filofax has the following sections:
Time recording (not behind a divider) and Quilts (second divider) sections
These two sections work in tandem and I flip back and forth.
First the time recording session. Amongst textile artists I am considered a little freakish unusual (albeit not unique) I think for being so right brained about left brained creative work. But it works for me. I like to know what time I spend for two reasons. First so that I can cost the value of a work for sale purposes. But as my main focus is participation and exhibition, rather than sales at the moment I also need to know how long it is realistically going to take to do a particular type of project so I can plan to take on only what is reasonable for the limited time I have over my day job.
The time recording goes on in several ways.



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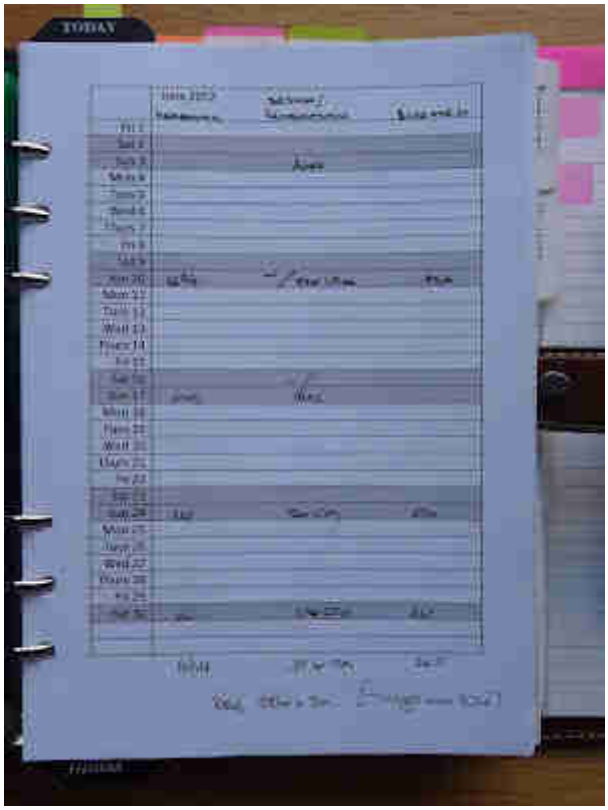
First let me show you a few pages in. As the week goes on I note down what activities I do in the studio. I aim for 10 – 15 hours a week. I note what type of activity I do. Then every week I summarise that on a monthly page.



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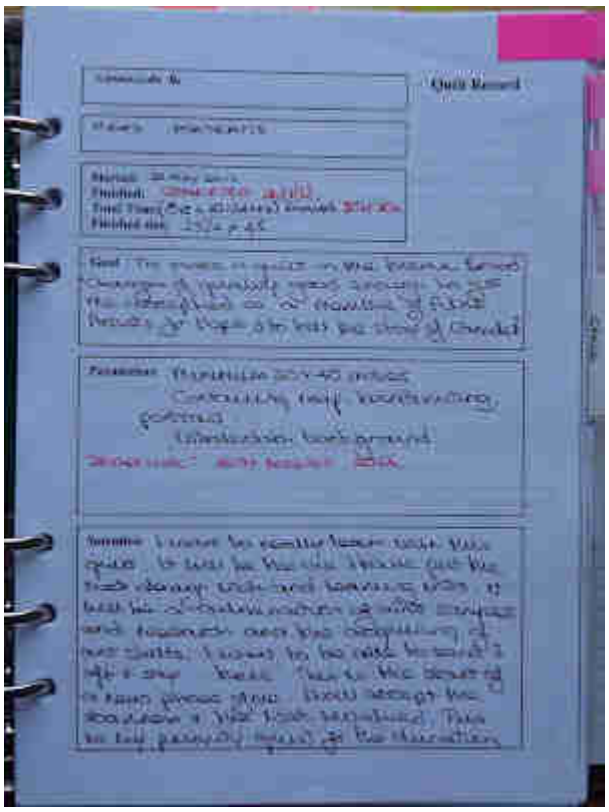
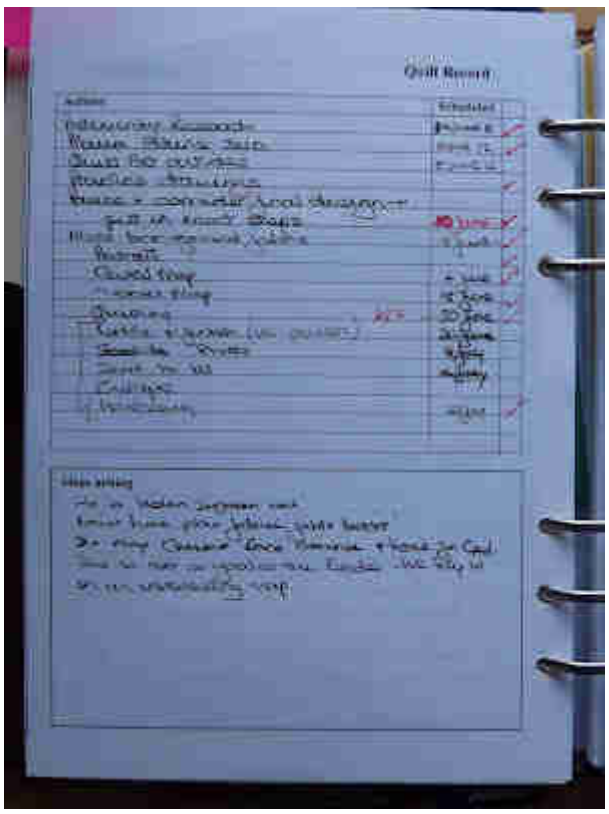
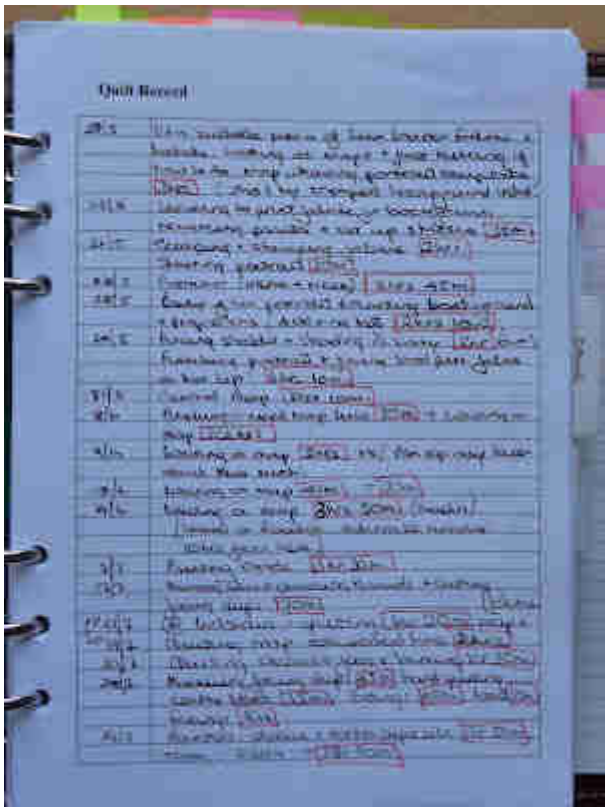
I found this template elsewhere on the internet but I forget where now*[Steve:Philofaxy!!]*, which is a pain as I need it for next year as this works very well for me.*[Steve: Don't panic we have created one!]* I started this first and the information it gave me informed my other planner pages in this section. Then I have a four-page section for each piece of art I am currently working on. This stemmed from a course I did about working in a series.

The main bit of it is a project planner where I set out the next actions and the time I want them done by and then also keep a track of what I do and who much it takes. That means that I can costs a quilt but also compare the reality with my estimate to be more accurate next time. I really enjoy using my filo at the end of every studio session like this. I use a free stopwatch on my iPad to record the time.

[7] 

[8] 

[9] 

Then, my newest page is this: I am working mentally in two semesters a year. This is a planner for mid August to Easter. I had a lot of options open to me about what projects to take on in terms of competitions, calls for entry to juried show and group activities I was committed to. So I picked the ones I wanted to do, using my previous planner estimated how much time it would take for each one and added a safety margin of a good few hours. Then I worked on the number of weeks times just 10 hours a week average for safety and established that much to my surprise I had time to attempt them all. But then they all have different deadlines and so I have to do them in a certain order whilst at the same time allowing myself the fun of working on what inspires me on a given date. The result is this planner for how I should allocate my 40 hours per week. It is intended that it will alter a little as I go along as some projects will be quicker, some longer than anticipated. Or I might have a lazy week!!

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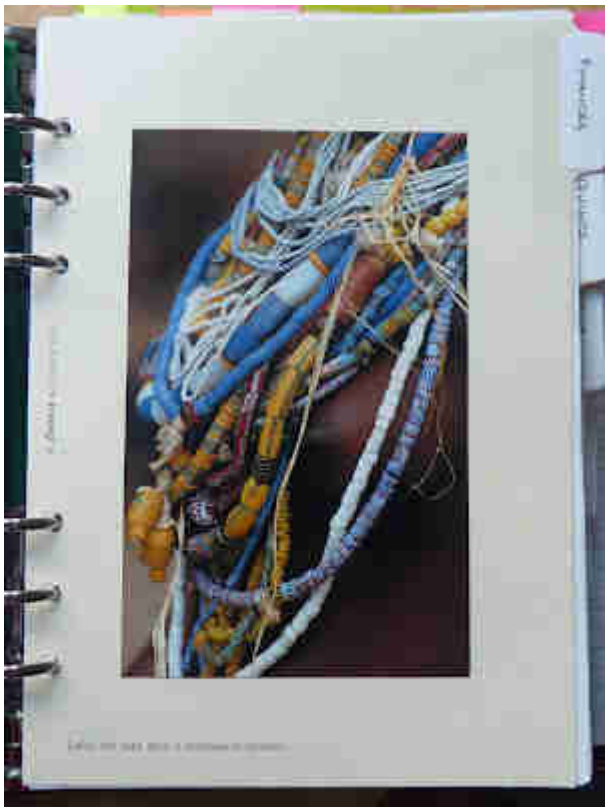
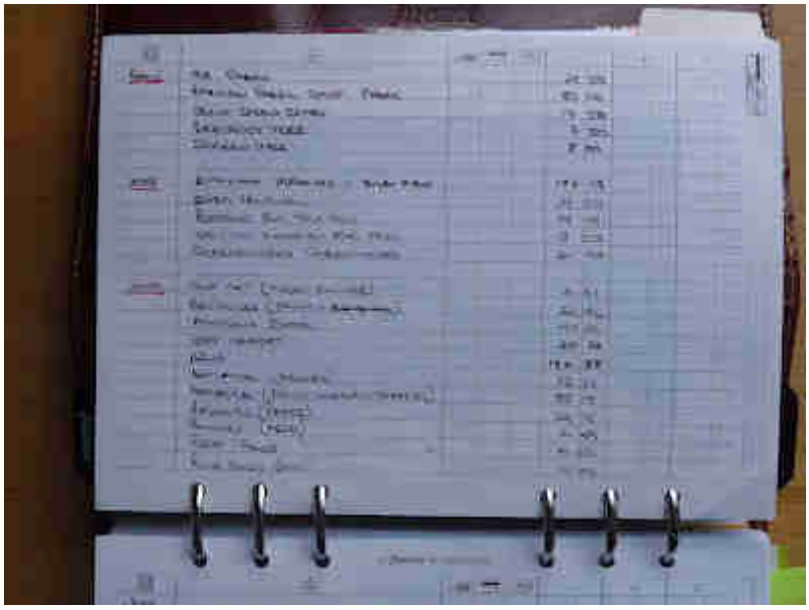
Finance

In between these two sections I have a finance section where I note what I have spent on art and the

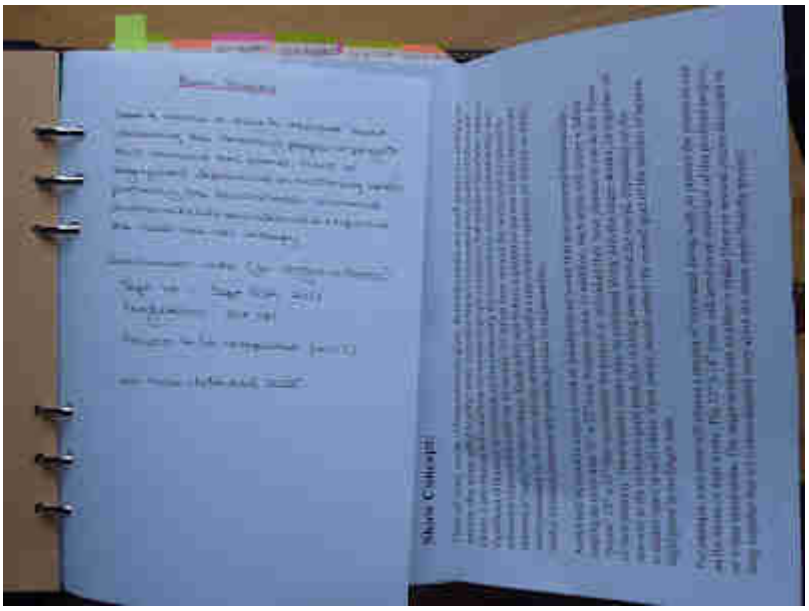
budget I allowed. There is no logic to the finance being in between the other two sections save that it evolved that way!

[11] 

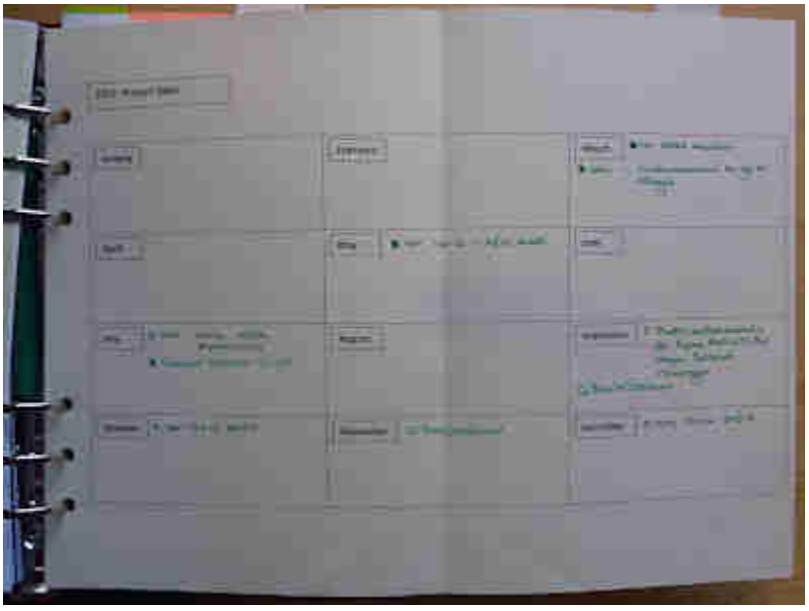
[12] 

Calls for entry

The rules for each show or competition I may decide to participate in can be several pages long. I do a quick summary sheet and print out the details on A4 with the entry forms.

[13] 

Planners.
With so much going on a simple clear overview is often a good head clearing things to have. A simple table on A4 with some text boxes for the months does the trick. Here I can add in potential projects with deadlines falling in the next 'semester'.

[14] 

Website, Patterns and Articles
There is not much here at the moment as I have completed projects and have not yet started new ones. I will soon fill it with note son revamping my website and with notes of measurements and instructions I take as a develop patterns either for the African Fabric Shop ([15]www.africanfabricshop.co.uk) or magazines. I keep a list of possible magazine articles. I have always done a bit of freelance journalism on and off since I was 16.

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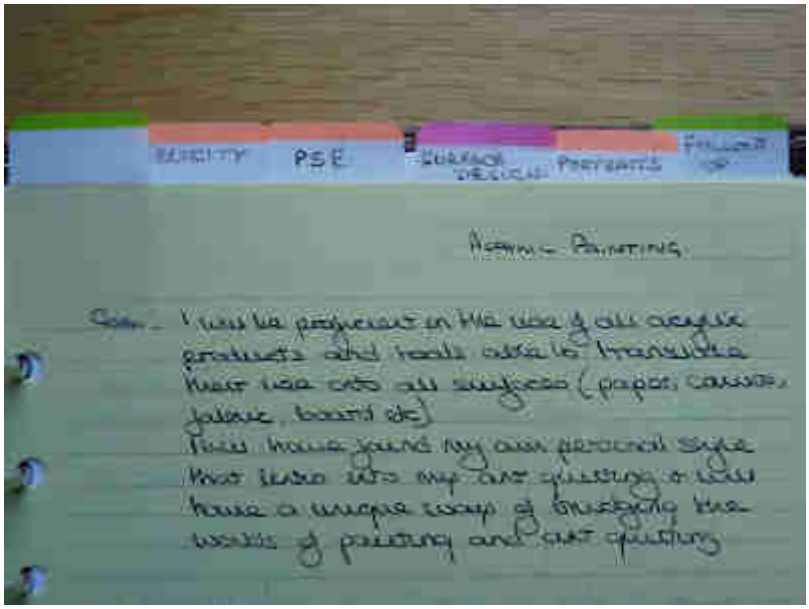
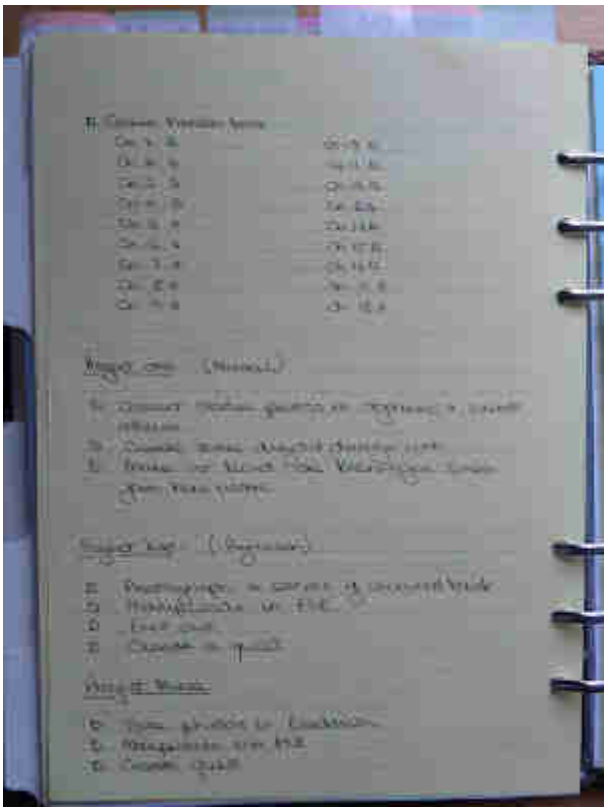
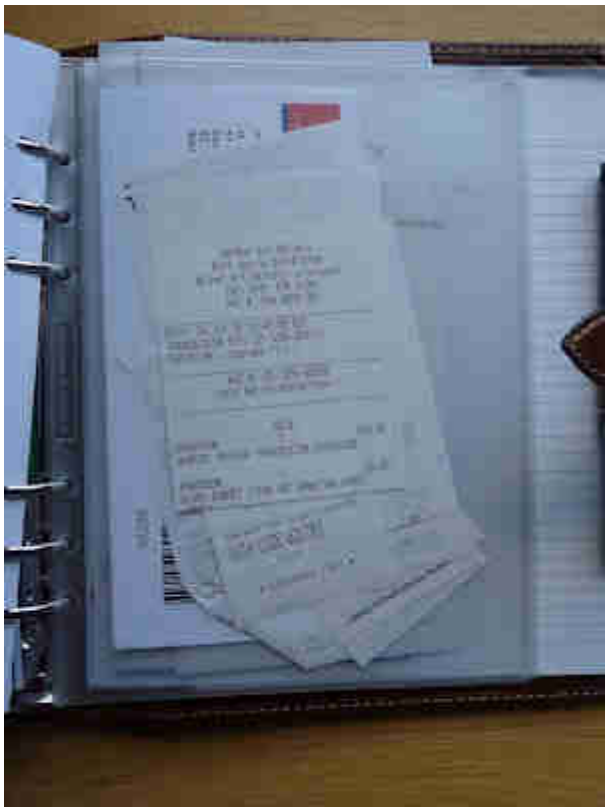
Personal learning plans

There is so much I want to learn! I am constantly tempted by degree programmes (Because they are there….!) but that is (a) a bad use of money and (b) not even tailored to my needs. So I am auto-didacting. This section has various syllabuses I have set myself – skills I know I need to do the work I envisage in my head. I set out my goals and the steps I need to get there. Syllabuses on yellow, notes on blue.

[17] 

[18] 

Shopping
List of what I need to buy at the next trade show.
Inspiration
Empty!! Its not that I am not inspired rather that everything there was in here has been refilled elsewhere in another Filofax (yes, it will become another post!!) no doubt this will fill up again. It is just a temporary holding section really
Forms
Entry forms and stocks of my own pro-forma sheets
Miscellaneous
Currently holding the four page records but for completed quilts
Plastic envelopes

[19] 

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One for receipts, one for quilt related travel things. Currently it has my tickets for lectures and entry at the Festival of The Quits a four-day jamboree at the NEC, Birmingham in August. Can't wait.
I use the swing pad at the back a lot too

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This is the Filofax I love the most because it is the most full of self made templates and purpose. I am working on my others to get them like this. It takes time but I think that is the real hobby of filofaxing in a way. Buying is the short-term buzz but the constant customisation is the long-term pleasure.

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Babs (2012-08-22 04:00:20)
Another beautiful filo, Helen, and a lovely post. I'm sure you must have more than 24 hours in your day to fit everything in!!

Helen Conway (2012-08-22 04:17:25)
There's only 24 hours in a day???? Huh, I should buy some of those inserts with times on each day to remind me.

Butanben (2012-08-22 07:15:38)
Helen, what a wonderful post. I just fell in love with your photographs of Africa too and a glimpse into your light and airy quilting room as well as your Filofax, was a positive treat- I can imagine you spending many happy and relaxing hours up there.I am awed at how much you manage to fit into your day to day life and how much energy and verve you have Helen. You have certainly inspired me today. xx

Alison (2012-08-22 07:16:00)
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Alison (2012-08-22 07:16:52)
Great post Helen, I don't know how you find time to fit in all your hobbies!!

Helen Conway (2012-08-22 08:42:45)
The secret is advance planning, prioritaisation, a husband who cooks, a cleaner who cleans and no children!

Babs (2012-08-22 08:53:58)
A husband who cooks?! Where would I find one of these models?? ;-)

Gail (2012-08-22 10:00:59)
Self made templates are the best to have and are the most useful. Love your Filofax. x

Helen Conway (2012-08-22 10:03:27)
You don't. You marry him, buy him a copy of Delia Cooks and refuse to feed him until he learns.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-22 12:01:42)
Well, mine cooks but his repertoire seems to be limited to chips, sausages, etc. He can cook a mean roast in the BBQ but I have to do the veggies and roasties! You must have got a good one there Helen!!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-22 12:05:05)
Fabulous post Helen - and one I've been looking forward to. I have to say that I have been lucky enough to see this FF in the flesh and it is really impressive! It is such an inspiration to see how others actually use their FF.
I too am amazed at how much you pack into your day/week. It really is a great advert for planning. I have wasted far too much of my life in aimless activities. I am in the process of setting up 'my ideal week' (see Helen's previous guest post) but I have to say I find it really hard! It's far too tempting to say 'I'll do it tomorrow' and we all know tomorrow never arrives!

kanalt (2012-08-22 12:18:00)
Great post! I absolutely love your last line - it will be added to my list of favorite Philofaxy quotes!

LJ (2012-08-22 12:25:20)
Wow, wow, wow!!! What fabulous templates and planning - it's amazing how you fit in the time. I love your studio. Can I just say again... wow!!!

Cloudberry (2012-08-22 13:46:02)
Many thanks for this excellent post Helen. It just goes to show how much can be packed into life outside work, with a little planning. I now have some thoughts on how to put my retired A5 back into use as my creative planner. Thanks for the inspiration!

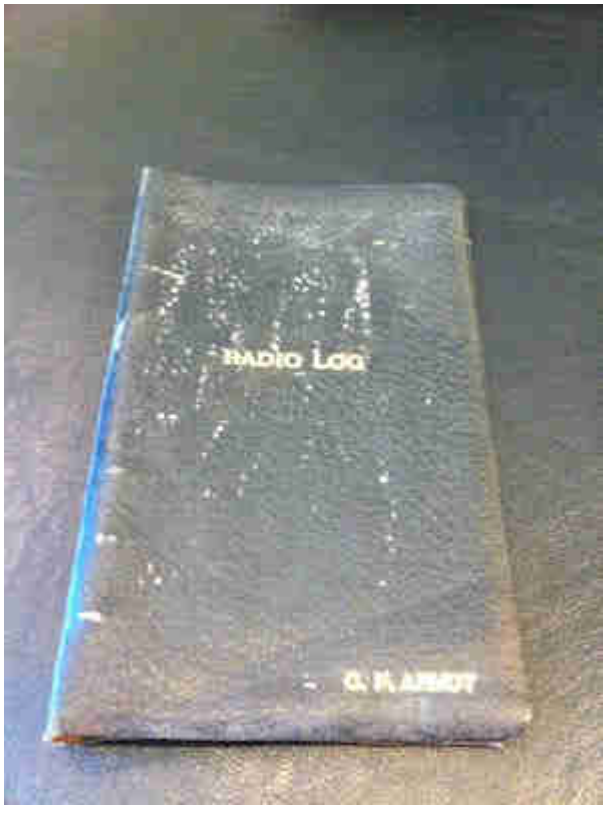
Helen Conway (2012-08-22 15:19:19)
I have and I know it!

Helen Conway (2012-08-22 15:21:13)
Thank you all for the kind comments. Nothing makes me happier than when people say I have inspired them.

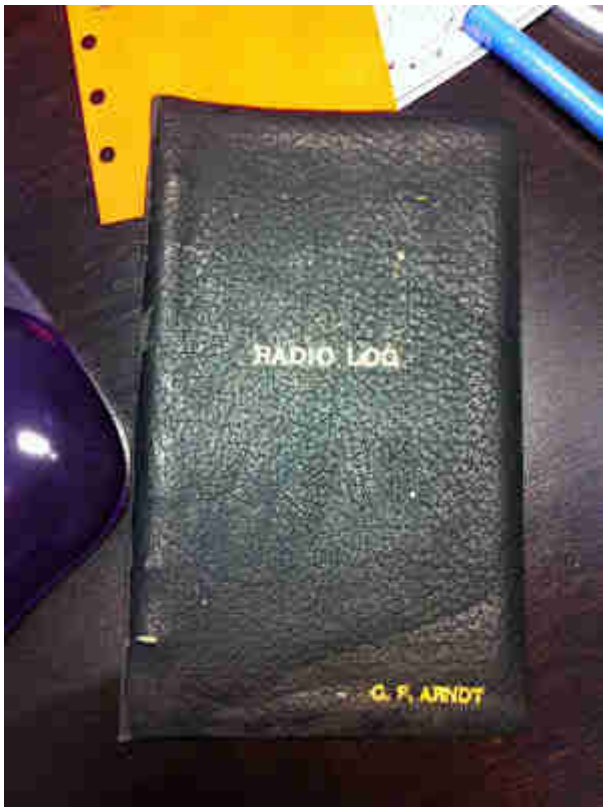
Smurfette (2012-12-05 04:48:25)
Helen - lovely studio, very resourceful filofax I love how you have tailored it to suit your business - some good ideas there. I have just bought an A5 Malden grey for my Mum for Christmas, and if she likes it I am looking forward to helping her organise it for her business :)

Guest Post - Paul - Lefax Radio Log (2012-08-23 00:00) - Steve Morton

Some weeks ago, I bought a vintage Lefax from Ebay. It is a 1928 Lefax Radio Log, in what would now be a slimline-sized binder.

[1] 

The actual condition looks worse than it did on eBay, but we'll see what some restoration and patience will do. It will be difficult to restore to proper use as the inside is lined with a what seems like a vinyl-type layer which as gone completely hard. The covers feel brittle and would probably snap if bent. Leather cleaner then leather restorer, followed by a long soak in some leather polish may bring back some of the flexibility but I think it may remain a museum piece, not one to be used, sadly.

[2] 

It is embossed on the front cover with RADIO LOG in gold leaf, and the owner's name on the bottom, G.F. Arndt. From the 1928 catalogue inside, it looks like these subject-specific Lefax binders all came with the titles embossed in gold, even the "Family Budgets Made Easy". Looking inside, you can see the mechanism is quite badly rusted and I'm not going to attempt to open the rings until the leather is more supple, in case it damages the covers.

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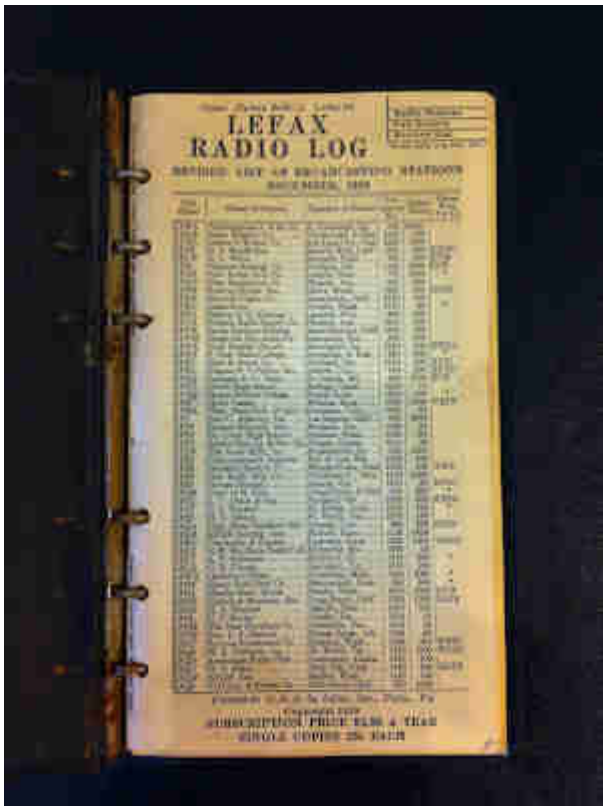
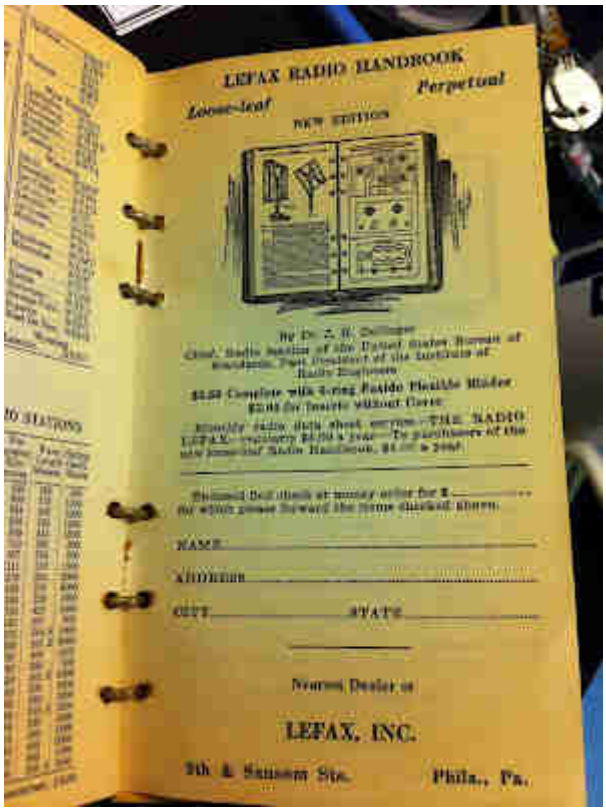
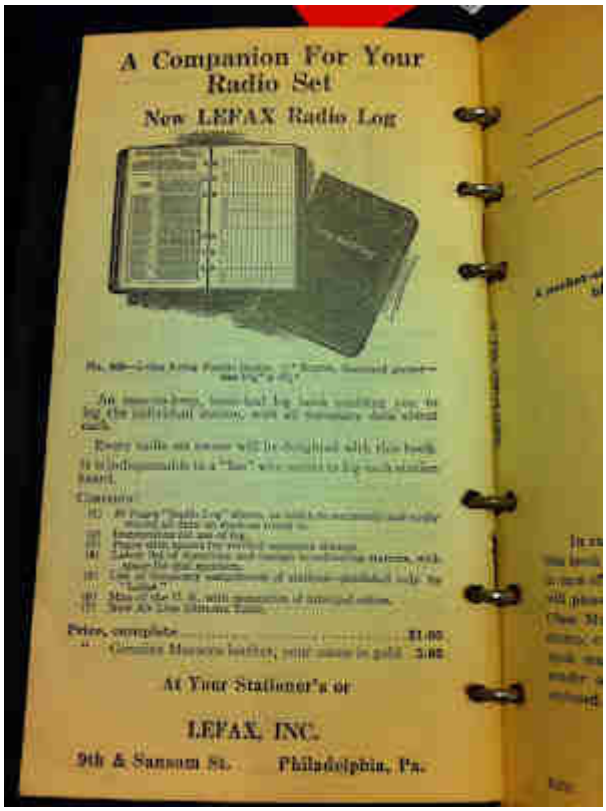
The first page shows the "Lefax Radio Log" for December 1928. It even has the Dewey Classification system number for it: R531.2

[4] 

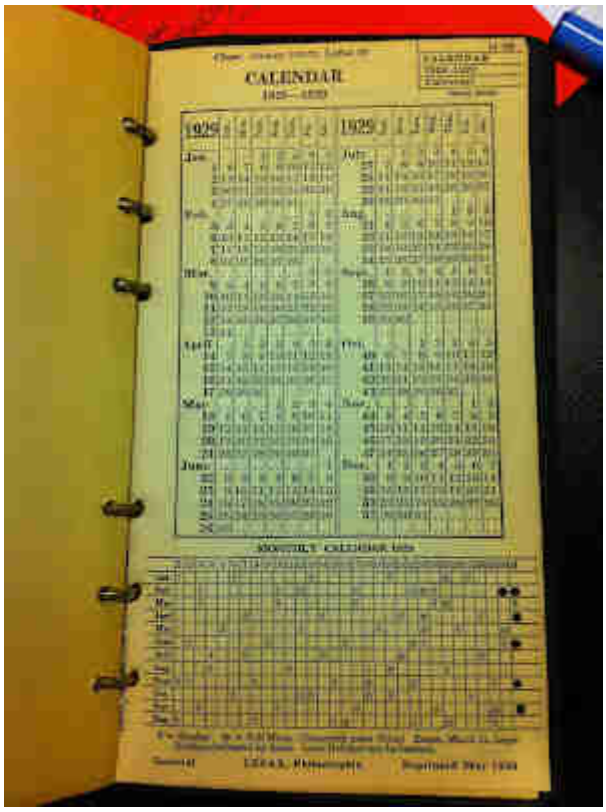
The inserts seem to be monthly, and cost a whole 25 cents each, or a whopping $2 for a year's subscription.

[5] 

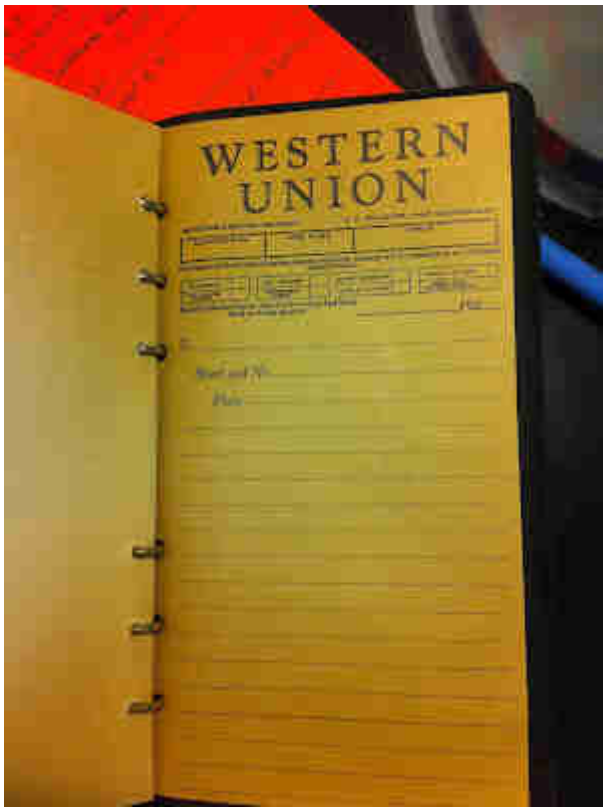
Or if you paid $3.50, you got the "Genuine Morocco Leather "binder included., with "your name in gold". If only they were that cheap today.

[6] 

The 1928 Calendar is also included at the back.

[7] 

As personal telecommunications were not as sophisticated as today, it even came with a pre-formatted, blank Western Union Telegram, just in case you were out of radio contact or were away from home, and desperately needed to send an urgent message.

[8] 

An explanation of the Lefax system is included, together with a very comprehensive catalogue of every insert available in 1928.

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Inside the rear cover, there is a clearly legible imprint of the Binder Code number, and the fact that it was made in Philadelphia.

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I managed to gently open the rings, which use a completely different mechanism to modern binders. There are no levers to press, and you have to open each set of three rings individually. I will scan the inserts and post them on Flickr. The seller told me some of the radio stations are still operating, so they may be of interest to the Radio Hams on the website. The 1928 catalogue is also of historical interest, as it shows just what a rich and varied selection of inserts was available, 85 years ago. Filofax, take note.
The binder itself was bone dry and very brittle, and it was crying out for the Nivea treatment. I bought a large tin of the original hand crème in the blue tin, and applied an amount that would make most people cringe. Bearing in mind this binder was over 80 years old, it was in desperate need of being moisturised. Here is a photo of the new tin, after I finished applying the coating.

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And here is what it looked like immediately after the application of copious amounts of Nivea.

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I placed the binder, covered in Nivea, into a Ziploc sealed plastic bag and left it in there for 5 days, sitting on the windowsill soaking up the warmth of the Dubai sun. After 5 days, I opened the bag and removed the binder. Notice how much less Nivea there is on the leather now and hardly any of it was transferred to the bag. Most of it has already soaked in.

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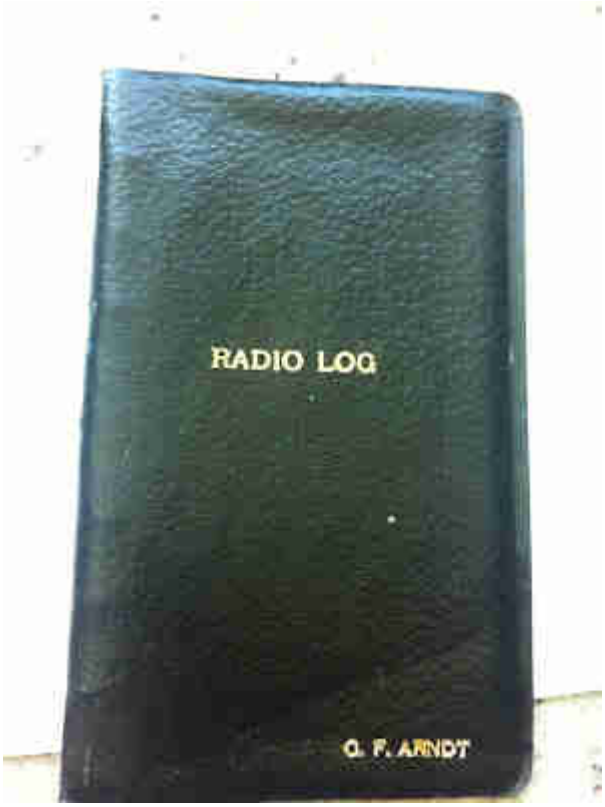
Time to get the lint-free polishing cloth out. It took 20 minutes to remove the excess Nivea, and then to gently rub in the remaining coating. Before the Nivea treatment, it was brittle, and would have snapped in two if I had tried flexing the covers. After 5 days of a Nivea bath, the covers were once more flexible,

and pliable. Here is the finished result.



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The Nivea bath did reveal some damage to the spine, and made it more noticeable, but at least now the binder can be handled without fear of it snapping in two.

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Next job is to clean the metal ring mechanisms and to remove the worst of the rust. This binder was sold on eBay around the same time as a 1930s Mathematics binder which was also bought by another Philofaxer, so hopefully we will see a guest post on that one too.
Paul

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Alison Reeves (2012-08-23 03:26:48)
Very interesting post Paul. Loved all the detail and pictures. Three cheers for Nivea! Isn't it amazing how effective it is? I wonder if it is as effective on my wrinkles!
I love these bits of history and it's good to know this particular binder is in safe hands and will be appreciated once again.

katka (2012-08-23 03:59:19)
1928 ? Wow. I wonder how today's filofaxes will look like in 80 years.

Lily (2012-08-23 04:05:46)
I might go and have a Nivea bath myself :p

Babs (2012-08-23 04:11:08)
That's really interesting, Paul. A quick google reveals that $3.50 in 1928 would be roughly equivalent to an average US earner spending $210 today so it's the 1928 equivalent of an Enigma or a Regency!
I love the telegram forms too. The 1920's equivalent of an iPhone holder maybe??
What a great post and such a great purchase!

Butanben (2012-08-23 04:19:11)
I always am amazed at how fast technology moves on. It was not only unusual to see the Filofax, but the inserts were fascinating. Great to have a small glimpse into the 1920's lifestyle where obviously sending a telegram was the fashionable thing to do. I love watching programmes like Time Team, and last night Greg Wallace on Who Do You Think You Are? I can't help but muse over who GF Arndt may have been. Thanks for such a great post.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-08-23 04:29:06)
Is it not more likely to be GF Arnot? An O rather than a D - that's a fairly common name around here (Scotland) - with a variation in the spelling (double T or single).
Fabulous to see the binder - nice snippet of history!

Steve Morton (2012-08-23 04:35:32)
Yes I think you are right Amanda.
And I've found a reference to a GF Arnot dating back to 1929 in the USA here:
[1]http://articles.adsabs.harvard.edu//full/1929PA.....37..521B/ 0000522.000.html

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Ling (2012-08-23 04:37:15)
I loved to see the photos, now I'm curious who bought the other old filo. It's amazing what some Nivea can do.

Butanben (2012-08-23 04:41:52)
Ohhh!! Of course an O rather than a D makes sense and a huge wow that you've found a historical reference Steve. I didn't know it was a common Scots name either.... so already some information. Right..... brekkie first..... then off to look that one up straight away Steve. Thank you. xx

Butanben (2012-08-23 04:51:14)
I have just looked it up. GF Arnot was a Princeton graduate and a member of the American Astronomical Society. So one clever guy... with a passion for the universe! Wonder if any of our Philofaxers are related to him?

Paul B (2012-08-23 06:20:47)
It puts it in perspective, doesn't it? Its a lovely touch, having the name of the binder, plus your own name, in gold block. Pity they don't do the same today. And I loved the Telegram form. A really nice touch.

Paul B (2012-08-23 06:23:38)
I don't know why I never considered that, I just saw it as a "D" and assumed it was a German surname. But looking at the GF Arnott in the scan of the magazine, it has two letter T on the end, so maybe it was a different chap. I'll email the seller and ask if he has any more info on it.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-23 06:38:20)
(Sigh) - I'd really love an Enigma Brindle! I would move to a personal binder for that. Second best would be an

Almond Amazona.

Paul B (2012-08-23 06:44:24)
It was Chris. Here's the link: http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/07/free-for-all-tuesday-no-77.htm l
Hope we get to read about that one too!

Laurie (2012-08-23 08:40:18)
This is absolutely amazing!! I'm astounded at what Nivea can do to a very old binder, that is fantastic. And, how interesting–a Filofax that was not intended to be used as a diary/ planner, but for a completely different purpose. Shows how versatile these binders are!
Thanks for showing us this!!

Paul B (2012-08-23 08:45:28)
Alison, I had a good look at the Enigma Brindle in Covent Garden on my last trip to UK, and I wsa surprised how popular it was. It seemed such an.....odd design. What is it that captivates? The colour or texture? It is very usunual, though, and unlike some of the frankly hideous creations of recent years, I can appreciate the design work that went into it. By the way, I have just resumed using a Fountain pen for the first time in ages. I read your comments (and others) with great interest, about the combination of brown ink on cream paper. I don't have any of the cream paper in Dubai, but I did see Montblanc Toffee Brown ink here, so bought some, filled it, and loved the colour. I know nothing about fountain pens but have an old one that writes beautifully (the only photo I have is here: http://musingsofmax.wordpress.com/2012/08/13/the-seed-of-an-idea/) . I'e used it for the last 2 weeks, on and off, and I'm surprised at how much better my handwriting is. The strange thing is, I doubt it's the pen, more the fact that I concentrate a lot more with the fountain pen. But now, it has made me very interested in getting some fountain pen friendly paper for the Filofax, for our trip. I don't mind if I have to buya notebook and guillotine it to fit, but any recommendations would be gratefully received.

mywormy (2012-08-23 12:39:01)
LOL Alison and Lily, I think I will cover my face with Nivea and leave it on for a few hours and maybe it will help with my wrinkles!

Steve Morton (2012-08-23 12:39:59)
Does it act as hair restorer by any chance???!!!

Steve Morton (2012-08-23 12:42:15)
I wonder if it's the Christ that did the three guest posts recently?
Steve

Alison Reeves (2012-08-23 15:47:44)
Paul, Good paper is Rodia, Clairefontaine, or if you are near a paperchase they do a Migueluem (??) paper in some of their spiral notebooks that you could cut down. I've also had some great cheap notebooks from Asda with grid paper - it's fantastic with a fountain pen! Would need removing from the book and trimming though.

Terri (2012-08-23 16:47:02)
Great post and great detail! And I'm with the other posters...bring on the Nivea bath for me too!

Nicole (2012-08-23 21:12:41)
This proves that leather really stands the test of time! How did you manage to restore the vinyl lining as well?

EmmaNoey (2012-08-23 23:24:49)
Very interesting - thanks for posting. The Nivea does a great job. As suggested, I tried it on my not-nearly-as-old Winchester, and I'm really happy with it. Much more flexible, and you can tell it's navy instead of black. There's so much information on Philofaxy . . .

Paul B (2012-08-24 04:23:34)
Thanks Alison. We have a Paperchase in Dubai Mall, so I'll try that first. I bought a Notebook about the same size as the oblong Moleskine, it has one of the Pantene coulours on it, and the paper was beautiful.....or so I thought, until I tried my fountain pen on it, and the ink just sat there, going nowhere. It was very smooth paper, and seems to be almost coated, so unfortunately a waste of money. I'd love to take some suitable paper on our trip, so I can use my fountain pen and brown ink.

Paul B (2012-08-24 06:37:40)
Nicole, I just used the same (enormous) quantity of Nivea on the inside too. I'm not sure if its vinyl, or some kind of webbed coating, to give it rigidity. The catalogue describes three qualities (and proce range to match), of binders. The Radio Log came in Morocco Leather, but it definitely has a coating inside. After 5 days of soaking in Nivea, it was pliable again, not brittle. I'm planning to give it another bath this week, using much less Nivea. Instead of a soaking, this will be more a case of gently rubbing in a small quantity. Then I need to clean the ring mechanism. I need to measure them, as they are tiny, much smaller than a modern-day Slimline. I have an old Mini Executive, with equally tiny rings, and I think these may be the same size.

Paul B (2012-08-24 06:38:39)
Its a good point, Emma, that it brings the colour out too. I previously did this on a Burgundy binder and it looked rejuvenated.

Paul B (2012-08-24 06:39:33)
It really makes you wonder about the owner, doesn't it? It would be great to find out more about him or her.

Paul B (2012-08-24 06:40:43)
I can't help thinking the current ones will be lucky to see out a decade. While the vintage Windsors, Balmorals, Dundees etc. will just keep on going, like the Duracell bunny.

Chris (2012-08-24 10:54:12)
No it was this Chris: http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2006/10/wikipedia-coolness.html?showCo mment=1162236-840000 #c116223688259569916
I've been reading Philofaxy for a long time but rarely post. I will put together a guest post showing off the Mathematical Lefax soon.

Chris (2012-08-24 10:55:35)
p.s. I think it probably is Arndt. It looks like a 'd' to me.
Interestingly, I work with a G Arndt!
Chris

Steve Morton (2012-08-24 12:36:41)
Hi Chris
It looks like the Wikipedia entry has been edited by Filofax and they have removed all evidence of us. May be we should have our own page? Not sure how we do that.
Steve

Lime Tree (2012-08-24 23:39:32)
This is so amazing Paul! Thanks for posting it.
Unbelievable how you brought it back to life with the Nivea treatment. Amazing job you did there! Congrats on your vintage and happy binder!

mywormy (2012-08-26 14:22:16)
LOL Steve - you are funny!!

Jon Hall (2012-09-09 21:57:49)
I followed this item on ebay for awhile. I collect old radio stuff and have many radio logs scanned in at my website VintageRadio.com/history. My interest is the content. I had no idea that the concept, if you will was collectible. I actually just did buy a LeFax binder like this that is a 1922 radio catalog and station list. I am glad, of course, that this one found a very good home!
As to the stations in the list, many from 1928 are still with us. Many still were leaving the air for a lack of funds or interest and more interestingly, changes in regulation. 1928 was a year of significant change in US radio. Many stations were purged and forced to leave the air so there were some interesting stations whose last listing is likely in this book. The problem was that for a relatively short period there was no real legal enforcement of broadcast rules as it was determined that there no real way to enforce the bit that they had written. If you wanted a station, you, more or less, just asked for a license and call sign. 1928 was the year this started to change. By 1934 we has the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). That's possibly more than you may have wanted to know here but we all likely do share a general interest in history or we wouldn't collect and help preserve this stuff!
By the way, Go Jo, the white mechanics hand cleaner is great for wood restoration and is at least very helpful for leather too. You don't want a version with abrasives though, of course. I will certainly remember the Nivea tip here too.

JohnofJenkins (2012-09-16 05:40:31)
I have a Lefax Boston which is in very good condition. It has been sitting around for yonks. Perhaps someday I will do something with it.

Free for All Friday No. 197 (2012-08-24 00:00) - Nan

On recent Fridays, [1]Laurie and [2]Anita wrote about chance meetings with a Filofax connection. But have you ever had a chance meeting with a *Philofaxy* connection? This week, a friend at work told me he was reading an article on [3]MacPsych that linked to Philofaxy. While checking out our blog, he realized that this Nan was "*that* Nan" — the Nan who always has the organizer open on her desk at work. Have you had any chance encounters of the Philofaxy kind?

1. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/08/free-for-all-friday-no-196.html
2. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/08/free-for-all-friday-no-194.html
3. http://macpsych.me/2012/08/11/the-relevance-of-getting-things-done/

Gems33 (2012-08-24 04:04:35)
Hi all.
Im trying to find the right diary inserts for next year. my week on two pages hasn't been too bad but what other companies do filo personal and a5 size inserts I can look at? Its turning into a diary obsession!

Paul B (2012-08-24 05:32:34)
Have you tried the FILES section on this website? Steve and Ray have produced lots in different formats, with the added bonus that you can tinker and tweak yourself.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-24 05:42:39)
I had been trying to use the Time Management weekly and daily ones this year - however I have found myself reluctant to use them. I've changed them out for a week on one page with notes, and an ordinary day per page which I had been hording. I'm having much more luck with these. I think the TM ones were too over the top and there where too many boxes. This way I can record my overall goals & tasks for the week (I've divided the notes page in two - one for work and one for personal) and then I can allocate onto the daily pages and record more detail. The plus is that these are cheaper too!
I may well use Ray and Steve's next year if I can tweak them a little.

Steve Morton (2012-08-24 06:31:39)
Nan,
I would love that sort of thing to happen to me... 'oh you are that Steve' but sadly it's not happened quite yet... I've been asked in shops a couple of times 'Would you like any help choosing a Filofax sir?' I resist the temptation to say... 'Don't you know who I am??' !!!
I now have some business cards printed with the details of Philofaxy printed on them, I will hand these out if the situation every arises again!
Steve

Gail Wheatley (2012-08-24 07:12:49)
So how does everyone read the Saturday and Tuesday evening webfinds? I grab a big steaming cup of hot tea and settle in for a good few hours or reading. I open 10 Webfinds at a time (right click, open in new tab,) so they are all appear in my browser, then plough through each and everyone of them. While reading one, if there's a link in it, I click on the link to open in another tab so by the time I get to the end of the ten Webfinds I normally have another load of links to plough through. (More often than not, these links have links to open too. lol) Once I've done with them, I start on the next set of ten Webfinds. It's a long day but I get so much out of how others use their Filofaxs and pick up a lot of great ideas. Does anyone just pick out titles that appeal to them?

Julia (2012-08-24 07:51:17)
I open most of them at one time and then read. Great inspiration!

Printed Portal (2012-08-24 07:55:37)
I tend to just work my way through the list with my morning coffee on whatever mornings I find fine myself with a spare few minutes.

Butanben (2012-08-24 08:07:21)
I diary them in as read Philofaxy mag blogs..... as to me it is like a good read of a magazine, only better, as it is Philofaxy related. I then read through all of them over a cup of coffee and a biccie/cake as a treat.... usually as a reward to self after housework chores!!! I right click mouse and open in a new window.... the same if I have a link.... and then I know where I have got to. If I am extremely busy, then I will split the pile into 10 at a time.

Butanben (2012-08-24 08:16:24)
My best Philofaxy encounter was when I e. mailled CP about my very first Meet Up I went to. Not only was she utterly friendly, but it turned out she worked in Bristol, where I had lived for so many years, and knew it so well. That seemed such a lovely coincidence to me.Steve wouldn't it just be great if someday,particularly somewhere un-Filofax related... someone did say.... aren't you Steve.... you know THE STEVE.... from Philofaxy!!!???

Steve Morton (2012-08-24 08:55:48)
I've had something similar happen in my work related encounters in the past, just not one that was Philofaxy related!
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-08-24 08:56:59)
A quick question for fellow Pilot Frixion users, what sort of life do you get out of each refill? I'm finding some of mine don't last 6-9 months before I have to change them. This is the 0.7mm ones.
Steve

J (2012-08-24 09:56:36)
I would love to have a Philofaxy connection like that! I've only had one real Filofax connection before, and even that had me over the moon!
Oh well, maybe someday. Although probably not this weekend since I'm sure I'd be laughed at if I brought my Filofax out to my bachelorette party- some people just don't understand!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-24 10:06:56)
Has anyone made or found any interesting 'rulers' for their A5 filofax? FF only seem to do black or frosted and they are very boring! I'm not a great one for stickers etc, but would like a more interesting or 'blinged' ruler!

Debbie (2012-08-24 10:07:36)
Could I make a request here to have a Chicago Meet Up at the end of September? Saturday September 29, 2012. I am new to filofax (but not to planners) and will be traveling to Chicago with my husband and son and would love to meet you at papersource or wherever the group likes to meet. Morning would work best for me but I am flexible to the group needs/wants.
This blog and the Flickr photos are so inspiring to me!
Thank you all!

afh163 (2012-08-24 10:37:55)
I am (im)patiently waiting waiting the delivery of a personal Metropol planner. It's my first filo and I'm very excited! Ive been watching videos and reading blogs to get inspiration for organizing, but I feel kind of stressed and overwhelmed because I don't know how to best organize for my life. Any suggestions for more planning ideas? Thanks!

Nicole (2012-08-24 10:59:45)
I had somewhat of an online coincidence. I found PigPog's site when I was first researching Filofaxes. The authors' handles sounded familiar and then I realised I knew of them as Ashes to Ashes cosplayers/fans from a forum!
http://pigpog.com/2007/02/02/moleskine-v-filofax/

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-24 11:00:09)
I open them (right click, open in new tab) and close that tab once I'm done reading. Then I'm off to the next one. Honestly, if the page has no pictures I won't bother reading. I like to see how one uses their Filofax rather than just reading about it.. so I usually go through the webfinds a little faster than most would. Either way, I'm just as excited when I see them up and running Saturday (and now Tuesday) morning!

Amy (2012-08-24 11:22:19)
Hello everyone! If this has been posted before, just let me know and I will delete my post but....I spotted what I believe to be a Filofax in, believe it or not, a McDonald's commercial last night! If it is a FF, I do not know which it is, but it may be a Slimline Holborn. The link below is to the commercial on YouTube. If it does not work, just search for "McDonald's commercial sculpture" at YouTube and it should come up! Enjoy!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=rowzP _urqAY
Amy

Steve Morton (2012-08-24 11:29:49)
Hi Amy
Welcome to Philofaxy
Thanks for the heads up on the McDonalds Ad, I've found it and I've added it to the Webfinds for tomorrow so everyone will see it!
Steve

jes (2012-08-24 11:54:25)
I am a filofax lover out in beautiful Hawaii where anything filofax is quite scarce. All of my filofax related items come by way of my wonderful mailman. I may be heading over to Connecticut within the next couple of months and am so excited to set foot in an establishment that ACTUALLY sells filofax stuff! Maybe i'll run into some east coast amercians i've seen on youtube!!

Terri (2012-08-24 12:24:53)
I thought that I read a post on this sight from a woman who saw greatly reduced in price filofaxes in a store called

Home Sense here in Canada. I can't find the post now but I did find the filofaxes!! My goodness, they had the A5 Finchley in red and the A5 Cuban in black. I actually purchased the Finchley but returned it and bought a personal chameleon in raspberry. It is gorgeous. They also had a personal Holborn which was fabulous with all the card slots and pockets but they only had a black one. I think I may need to check out some other \home Sense stores to see if I can find anything different!

Terri (2012-08-24 12:26:34)
I should mention the A5 size filo was $49.99 and the personal was $39.99. Great prices!

J (2012-08-24 15:09:04)
I just saw that last night! I kept pausing to try and see what Filo it was, lol!

Tammy (2012-08-24 16:44:01)
Hi, the last one I had only lasted about 6 weeks and I don't think my use was that heavy! I'm not sure whether I would get another one at the moment.

Rianne (2012-08-24 17:30:41)
I'm always looking forward to the webfind and most of al the movie's I watch them firts. But i really like them and try to read them all. But it's so much that I'm behind in reading the post.
I love it to do it on my couch with a snack and cup of tea or wine on the side.
Gr. Rianne

Butanben (2012-08-24 17:48:08)
J, if I knew you and were a friend, I would have taken great pleasure in making you a wedding Filofax... prettier than Alice Temperley in white lace and ribbons, with slots for all your planning, business cards and photographs. I know you have made your own wedding planner anyhowsie.... but what a great gift that would be for you as the bride to be!! Have a great and fabulous'bachelorette' party J. xx

DEM (2012-08-24 17:51:30)
slippers on, chai tea right next to me! Love Saturday mornings!

Butanben (2012-08-24 17:53:37)
There is a Home Sense near to me in the UK, @ Branksome, Poole. They usually have a few Filofaxes at greatly reduced prices throughout the year. Seems to be a sister company of TK Maxx. Particularly good Filofax bargains in the 3-4 week run up to Christmas I find.

Butanben (2012-08-24 18:13:48)
Just a thought.... what about some of those blingy small crystals you can buy at stores like Hobby Craft!!! I put one on the popper of my pocket Urban, so that the Filofax button didn't get scratched with wear and tear. Sure that some crystals will be flatter than others? Puffy stickers can get in the way a bit.... but 'tasteful' bling may work!!

indigogarden (2012-08-24 19:03:05)
I read the webfinds every week. I get so many great ideas from all the blog posts. :)

Bryan (2012-08-24 19:03:48)
I think I'm the only one at my workplace using a Filifax but I've already had some people admiring it!

Doris (2012-08-24 23:35:52)
Gail, I do exactly the way you do. Then close the tab once I'm done reading. (:

kanalt (2012-08-25 08:06:03)
I would love to have a Philofaxy encounter. So far, nothing...

kanalt (2012-08-25 08:06:55)
I could do an entire post on how I go about it. Hmm, maybe I will... ;)

Angel Jem (2012-08-25 14:51:00)
I met an old blogmate again through Philofaxy.... Hello Papoosue! She won't have time to read this, far too busy studying!

Steve Morton (2012-08-27 05:17:08)
Oh no... I've started getting spam emails about Nivea face cream.... well I suppose it makes a change from the normal stuff that hits my SPAM box... including worryingly these days.... motorised scooters... is someone trying to tell me something??!!!

Laurie (2012-08-27 06:11:01)
Steve perhaps it is because you are Retired and sometimes Retired people, being Retired, as they get (much) older (than you) might need a motorized scooter to scoot them about their Retired daily business, since they are Retired. (Keyword = Retired)

Steve Morton (2012-08-27 11:39:08)
'Like' !!!

Web Finds 25 August 2012 (2012-08-25 00:00) - Steve Morton

And some more posts for your delight, these half week lists are almost as big as the full week ones from a few months ago! Fantastic really.

1. [1]A few more Printable A5 Inserts - The Crazy Suburban Mom
2. [2]RAINBOW FILOFAX PAPER - Imysworld
3. [3]AllStars Guest Post - Ray - Things I carry with me - Deligted
4. [4]The Filofaxtour2012 - Rapunzel's World
5. [5]Trying to make the week on two pages attractive…! - Filofax Love
6. [6]A quick update... - My Once Upon the Moon
7. [7]filofax week #33 - It's Just Hazel
8. [8]What's In My Filofax: A5 Purple Domino. - Organise With Lauren
9. [9]Rapesco Adjustable Diary Punch 66-P - I'm a Filo Freak
10. [10]Sneak Peek Of My New Agenda! - Glossette
11. [11]All in the Family - The Storage Studio
12. [12]Penny-in-Training - Wandrrlust
13. [13]My new Malden - Notes in a Book
14. [14]Notizzettel [Filofax] - Janas Book Look
15. [15]Soll ich's käff? - Filomaniac
16. [16]Question of the Week - Fountain Pens and Your Filofax - Bryan Sherwood

17. [17]My filofax is still fatter than i thought - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
18. [18]Filofax spotted in the wild - This Bugs Life
19. [19]How do I know what Washi Tape I already own??... - Imysworld
20. [20]The Best Way to Combine Outlook with Your Paper Planner - Day Timer Blog
21. [21]Jack Vintage bei Filofax Deutschland - Filomaniac
22. [22]All Stars Guest Post by Femke: The Things We Carry... - My Life All in One Place
23. [23]simplicity is the key for GTD? - Paper Lovestory
24. [24]Filofax Weight Loss Plan Part 3 - This Bugs Life
25. [25]What's in My Filofax? - Bryan Sherwood
26. [26]Filofax and the Japanese Poundland - The Musings of Max
27. [27]Bamboo - Sweetpea
28. [28]My Chameleon - Sweetpea
29. [29]Filofax Blog of the Week: FIlofax Love - My Life All in One Place
30. [30]Desert Island Blogs: Plannerisms - Planet Millie
31. [31]All Stars Guest Post by Ray Blake - How to overcome procrastination - We didn't need another Filofax Blog
32. [32]Introducing my filofaxes - Practically Pretty
33. [33]Waiting patiently- Filofax Fantasies
34. [34]A5 System - Wandrrlust
35. [35]Philofaxers' 365/30 Lists - Mish Mash Muddle
36. [36]What's in your filofax Friday? #2 - Hand Made by Rianna
37. [37]It´s time for my first real Filofax - Just Stefanie
38. [38]Get It Done, Girl! Lessons Learned From Daddy Darling - Gala Darling
39. [39]Randomness and my Filofax - The Crazy Suburban Mom
40. [40]Filofax Accessories - It's My Life
41. [41]Filofax Paper Holders - It's My Life
42. [42]My Malden is here yay!!! - Filofax Fantasies

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can't guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Don't forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks Video Finds

IFRAME: [43]http://www.youtube.com/embed/jh2lcXD5JNY?rel=0

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Spot the Filofax in this next one!
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Enjoy

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Lime Tree (2012-08-25 00:02:49)
ooohhhh so which one is it from the commercial?

Whispering Rabbit (2012-08-25 01:04:36)
I love the addition of non-filofax related posts such as Gala Darling's 'Get it Done, Girl!' ... very very helpful and inspirational ^ _^ I'm definitely a fan of twice-a-week web finds!

LJ (2012-08-25 01:06:40)
Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! Who ever would have thought that there could be so many posts about FIlofax related things :o)

Steve Morton (2012-08-25 03:03:17)
If your blog post isn't in this one and you have just written it, it's because I was asleep! Cut off time for the Saturday morning Webfinds is around about 11pm Paris time. Or about 6-7 hours before it gets published.
However, we are already hard at work building next Tuesday's Web Finds. The cut off point for this coming Tuesday will be about mid-day Paris time as I'm out down in Poitiers taking son to the TGV station, and collecting a client from there...exciting life!!
It's a continuous process the creation of these posts, but it is semi-automated now, but each post and video is checked to see if it should be included or not.
Thank you for all your feedback on the webfinds and how you view them etc. It's very much appreciated by me and it helps me decide what to include and what to leave out.
Steve

Cloudberry (2012-08-25 05:46:13)
Excellent selection.
As I read the ones on procrastination I realised that I am procrastinating as I really should be getting on with researching for my essay this weekend!

Butanben (2012-08-25 19:28:22)
The procrastination post was fabulous I thought too!! Spent ages trying to decide which Filofax is in the McDonald's ad!!!! Looks like a Compact.... was thinking Chameleon.... but..... then gave up..... not very good at these things!!! I certainly would not be eating a squishy egg Muffin or greasy anything near a luxurious binder..... that's for sure!!!!

Iris (2012-08-26 09:13:00)
The McDonalds clip reminds me of "Modern woman" by Billy Joel... I think it's a Holborn?

New York City Meet Up - September 22 (2012-08-26 00:00) - Steve Morton

As promised, there will be an (early) autumn meet up in New York City! This will be our [1]fifth meet up – all have been very successful and very fun!

When: Saturday, September 22

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Where: We will meet at [2]Sam Flax (900 Third Ave., between 54th & 55th) for shopping. We will then proceed to [3]Le Pain Quotidien (937 Second Ave., between 49th and 50th) for a late lunch/early dinner and Filo conversation. This has worked well for us in the past, so we will continue in the same manner.

Contact: If you would like to attend the meet-up please email Kanalt (kanalt17 *at* Gmail DOT com). We'd like to keep the list to about 10 people in order to keep the group manageable and intimate – the Filofax shopping space is quite tight at Sam Flax.

We hope to see you there!

1. `http://wellplannedlife.blogspot.com/search/label/Meet-ups`
2. `http://www.samflaxny.com/`
3. `http://www.lepainquotidien.us/#/en_US/menu`

Steve Morton (2012-08-26 08:23:02)
Oh to be able to do time travel or to be in two places at once... it's the same day as the London Meet Up... you will just be starting as we finish!

kanalt (2012-08-26 09:06:30)
It would be great if you could be in two places at once! What a day for the Philofaxy community!

Debbie (2012-08-26 12:45:14)
I am new to Filofax but would love a meet up at the end of September in Chicago! I will be there with my son and husband for business and would love to get together with other addicts!

Sandra (2012-09-18 12:32:19)
Sorry I missed this! Not as much time these days to read the blog. Email me at skhen (at) hotmail (dot)com and let's meet.

Sandra (2012-09-18 12:33:22)
Sorry I missed this! Email me at skhen (at) hotmail (dot) com. I'll let others in the area know as well.

A Date For Your Diary - Sunday 2 September (2012-08-26 12:00) - Steve Morton

New York

Sao Paulo

London

Paris

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 2 September** from 11am (US East Coast time), 4pm London time, 5 pm Paris time 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 2 September 2012**.

1. `http://www.skype.com/`
2. `http://steve-morton.com/2011/07/30/improving-your-skype-audio/`

Debbie (2012-08-26 12:45:53)
I am looking forward to this! Thanks for arranging it!

Tflower11 (2012-08-26 19:01:22)
Please can I join even though it would be my first time

Tflower11 (2012-08-26 19:01:45)
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Reader Under The Spotlight - Millie (2012-08-27 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

Today I would like to introduce you to Millie. How Millie has managed to escape being under our spotlight before now I really don't know...

Hello! My name is Millie, and I'm a conservationist. I work for a national UK charity, and I run a blog called [2]Planet Millie, where I talk about everything I love. This mostly includes gardening, notebooks, fountain pens, crochet and reading!

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

I bought my first Filofax in 2010. I'm relatively new to this community, I guess! It was an ochre Malden in the personal size. I had been watching Philofaxy and the Filofax website for a while, and then I fell in love with the Malden range and decided to take the plunge.

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

I've never used any other binder-style brands. However, diary-wise, I've used a diary every year since I started secondary school (in 1998). Back in those early days of planner use, I used the ones we got free from school. I think I only started buying my own diary when I was 14 and becoming an "independent teenager"! Up until I finished school, I bought a WH Smith diary every year. They have some brilliant ranges for school with fun designs. At university, I switched to using Moleskine planners. I've always used week-to-view pages. I used these until I got my first Filofax.

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

I only have two Filofaxes - a personal ochre Malden and an A5 vintage pink Malden. I also have a red Moleskine planner that I keep a daily journal in. My favourite is the personal Malden. It's the perfect size and is lovely to touch.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

Two!

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

I use the personal Malden as my planner. Unlike a lot of readers (I think, based on Laurie's survey), I keep personal and work appointments all in the same planner. I use the A5 Malden as a recipe book.

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

The best bit about Filofax organisers is that you can rearrange the pages and add/remove pages as you need. I love this flexibility, and now that I've used a Filofax I don't think I'd go back to a bound planner.

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

I'm not sure I have anything to write here!

8. How do you carry your Filofax?

My Filofax goes in my handbag most the time, or in my study bag (which is a big bag with my MSc notebooks in it) sometimes. When I'm at home, or work, I leave it out on a table.

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

I love the Malden range (you probably guessed!), but I've also had my eye on a Finsbury for aaaaaaaages. The trouble is, I'd like a vintage rose Finsbury in the personal size, and they're not available any more. So, I keep looking at them on the Internet and sighing!

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

Gosh, I can't remember, but it would be the A5 Malden. I think it was £90+? I've probably deliberately wiped it from my mind as it's so much to spend on one item of stationery!

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

The community! I've met lots of lovely readers through Twitter and I like chatting to them. We're all awesome!

12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?

I'm going to ignore this question as it is a silly question! I like everything.

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

I'm a member of Spotify, so I download lots of random albums because they're free (I have to say this, so you understand that I wouldn't necessarily pay for what I download!). The last album I downloaded was a The Runaways greatest hits album. I saw the film a few months ago and I wanted to see what they were like in real life!

Thank you for letting me take part! *Thank you for taking part Millie.....*

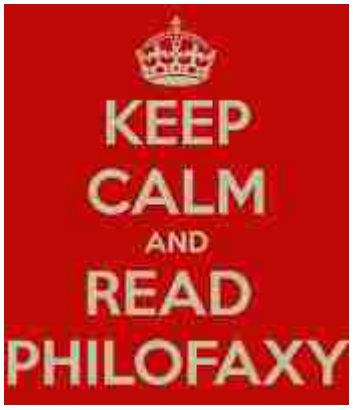
1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-Om0oV3cU6SQ/UA7RXet33GI/AAAAAAAAMIY/Vn5b2o37PSQ/s1600/photo.JPG
2. http://mslogica.com/

Yu (2012-08-27 04:38:55)
Hi!
Nice guest post! :)
We have vintage rose Finsburys in all the stores that sell Filofaxes over here. So maybe they could still be available locally? ^ _^

Millie (2012-08-27 05:55:18)
Thank you for featuring me! I'm hoping now someone will send me a link to a rose Finchley for sale..... The power of philofaxy!

Erik (2012-08-28 02:29:39)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Free For All Tuesday No. 82 (2012-08-28 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1] 

Tuesdays are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

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Tina (2012-08-28 00:08:49)
Post hates me it seems so no Filofax for me yet :(Buuuuuut I was wondering can I use fountain pen on the pages? I've read a few comments saying the pages are quite thin.
Cheers!

EmmaNoey (2012-08-28 00:47:53)
I noticed a Winchester with 30 mm rings on ebay uk tonight; shipping is only to the UK, so I won't be bidding myself. Thought someone else might be interested -

Lime Tree (2012-08-28 01:29:03)
Aaaawwww, still nothing? Are you waiting since the pink metropol post? That is a long time! :-/ no fun.

PaperAddict (2012-08-28 03:08:28)
Is it okay to ask if there's any Genealogists here using their Filofax? And if so what sized binder are you using and how? I'd really like to use a personal size for this but just don't quite know how to go about it?

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 03:25:39)
Check our files section there are some templates for recording details for this sort of thing

Scoot (2012-08-28 03:42:57)
It may be possible to get away with some inks, also depending upon the rate of ink flow, but as a norm my own and others experience is no; the ink will either lay and separate on the surface of many coloured Filofax papers, or bleed and smudge on the plainer colours.

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-08-28 03:59:12)
It depends on the ink, paper and the pen plus the combination together. thinner nibs with 'dryer' inks can work but its trial and error.ive been able to use lamy and noodler pens pretty successfully but its ink dependent. The filofax inserts I use is mostly graph paper, I think the color paper is a bit different.
Tracy

Matt (2012-08-28 04:07:59)
Hello Philofaxy, I have just started blogging about my Filofax and other stationery obsessions. I have just ordered the A5 Cuban zip organiser. I just wandered if anyone else who has/had this organiser would care to share there experience of using it and how they found it. For me its ideal as due to it being zipped prevents any loose paper etc falling out and just keeps everything together. Also I love the style of it and the smooth Italian leather.
Any comments/reviews would be gratefully received.
Thank you
Matt.

Clareio (2012-08-28 04:09:40)
For those of you who don't get Filofax emails - Using the code SORRY at the checkout on anything apart from Yard-O-Lead and the Temperly range before September 3rd will get you a 20 % discount.

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 04:10:19)
In reply to Erik who left a comment on yesterday's post. In London visit City Organiser Mon to Fri. And Paperchase in Tottemham court road

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 04:12:39)
Blog address?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-08-28 04:16:05)
Hmm. I *do* allegedly get filofax emails but haven't heard that offer...

Matt (2012-08-28 04:21:19)
www.filofaxfetish.wordpress.com

Shadow Wolf (2012-08-28 04:33:42)
My personal experience of the standard white Filofax inserts is that they panic if you so much as let them see a fountain pen. Even my extra-fine Waterman Carene with Waterman Serenity black ink, normally a pen I can rely on to be fine on any paper, exhibits feathering, bleed, and show through. My only success has been my (so far) 100 % fail-proof combination of TWSBI extra-fine and Noodler's Bulletproof Black. Fortunately it's a favourite combination of mine anyway, but shall I just say that I find standard Filofax inserts horribly...limiting when it comes to pen use. My solution is to print my own inserts on better paper, but when I use any supplied ones, I find a pencil to be the best medium, unfortunately.
(Most recent test = Standard supplied 2012/2013 diary in a new Domino A5, and I confess I think the paper

quality is particularly poor)

Clareio (2012-08-28 05:17:14)
It went into my junk emails saying 'sorry you haven't heard from us for a while, our email system was having issues, have a 20 % off code to apologise'

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 06:58:29)
Thanks Matt.... I'm waiting for someone to come up with '50 shades of Filofax' !!!
Your blog is now in the system and will be monitored from here on.
Steve

Matt (2012-08-28 07:46:01)
Yes that would be a great name! Thank you for putting me on the system and I look forward to reading philofaxy's future posts. Regards Matt

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 08:08:00)
Just a quick question from me about the Ad-spot page. I know we get quite a turn over on the sales side on the page. People let me know as soon as things are sold etc. But I'm unsure about how successful the Wanted Ads are on the page.
Very few people get back to me to say that they have got want they wanted so most of the ads just time out after 12 weeks and are deleted.
Feedback please.
Regards
Steve

Lime Tree (2012-08-28 08:21:55)
I like it, got very good deals from there. :)

Shabby Vintage Junk (2012-08-28 10:12:47)
Hello Matt....!
I was lucky enough to find an A5 Cuban Chili/Red (unused) at the Market a while ago....I use it exclusively to track all aspects of my business....I ADORE IT....Alas, I don't think it will ever lay flat....!!!!!
Cheers from Oz,
Tamarah :o)

Bryan (2012-08-28 10:23:46)
I've had good luck with my Lamy 2000 with an Extra Fine nib. I am primarily writing on the cream paper but it's worked well so far. I'd give it a try and see if you can find a pen that works for you. I would recommend at least a fine nib if not extra fine.
Good luck!

Laura (2012-08-28 10:44:42)
I was wondering how many people had tried using the pages from a pocket size Moleskine in their pocket Filofax. (see this YouTube video - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61uSWdhBMOU)
How successful has it been for those of you have tried it out?

Matt (2012-08-28 11:06:43)
The Cuban in the Chili colour is really nice! i found it very hard to choose between both that and the Saddle brown colour. Yeah I have heard that from a few people- about it not staying flat, it might mean I have to do a lying flat training session with it but will see :)
Regards Matt

carou (2012-08-28 11:18:51)
Not really a Filo question, but does anyone have any recommendations for stationery stores in both NYC and Paris?
I am planning trips up and would like to spend some time stationery and/or Filofax shopping :)

Stephanie (2012-08-28 11:23:58)
I am wanting to buy the metal hole punch for the personal sized filo and I was wondering if anyone has one and how it works for them. I make so many of my own pages that punching the holes with a single punch is getting tedious. Does the filo hole punch handle a few sheets at a time? (I'm talking about the 55 dollar one, not the one that can attach inside the filo)

Paul B (2012-08-28 11:27:42)
The Rapesco 66-P is much better. In UK its cheaper than the filofax metal one and is a much better design. I recommend it.

Paul B (2012-08-28 11:29:49)
I read on someone's blog that they were looking for as Personal Deco, but can:t remember who it was and if they wanted blue or purple. I just saw one on ebay UK which looks blue to me but the seller says its more purple than it looks.

Paul B (2012-08-28 11:32:38)
I had the A5 Cuban Zip. It stubbornly refused to be trained over 3 years. In the end, I just got used to it. I was mobile a lot so it didnt bother me too much. Its beautiful leather though.

Paul B (2012-08-28 11:34:09)
Steve, I was going to put a wanted ad in some time ago, but I think i was put off that they were at the bottom, and seemed a bit ignored. Maybe a separate tab would be better, for a trial period?

Alison Reeves (2012-08-28 11:42:22)
I'm using a Waterman fountain pen with a medium nib and the standard cartridges and it seems fine. You can see a shadow of the previous page's writing, but not so much that it bothers me.

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-28 11:45:25)
I bought this hole puncher for my personal Filo http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B000J6EXM6/ref=oh_details_o01_s00_i00. You'll save a few bucks, and it works great for me! I know there another page on Philofaxy that talks more about them..

Lily (2012-08-28 11:52:09)
I just offered someone something on it - maybe it would e worth adding something to the Sellers Guide asking people to check the Wanted before submitting their listing?

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 13:05:21)
Paul and Lily thanks for your suggestions. I might shuffle the order so the Wanteds are at the top of the page and the For Sales further down. I'm reluctant to add another page, because it would be easy to ignore that page completely then.
But yes I will add something to the Sellers Guide, excellent suggestion.
Regards
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 13:06:49)
My personal size Cuban Zip could be trained to lay flatish... but as soon as you zip it back up again it needs retraining back again! I might start using it again sometime, it's a great organiser.

Steve

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 13:08:50)
Oh and just like that you appeared in Web Finds. Sorry I've been out all afternoon on delivering people to train stations and collecting people and delivering them to hotels!
Time to relax.... a little now ;-)
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 13:09:54)
I seem to recall a similar email last year... I wonder/think it's a bit of a marketing ploy to make you think they haven't been able to send out emails so here's a 20 % off code...

Frederique (2012-08-28 13:37:24)
I have sent some people with "wanted" ad links or info on how to find what they were looking for (some filo were even sold on the adspot page, if I recall correctly!), but haven't heard much thanks/feedback. I thought, at the time, that they were just waiting for someone to find their ideal filo, and not really actively looking for it?
But yes, shuffle the order might be a really good idea !

Frederique (2012-08-28 13:45:19)
I have the filofax metal punch, it works as you would want a punch to work. I usually don't put more than 5 sheets at a time, just to be sure the holes are punched neatly.
Moreover, I tried to punch transparent plastic home-made dividers, that were a bit thicker than the filofax paper dividers, and I had to (litterally) step on the filo to apply enough weight for the punch to punch through the divider. And yes, I did one at a time !
So yes, the punch works, but in retrospect, I guess I would have prefered purchasing a more sturdy punch, like the rapesco linked in the reply above ! And it would have punch pocket-sized paper too... But I didn't know that other brands made filofax compatible punches...
But I purchased mine on sale, so it's not a big regret :)

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-28 14:02:23)
For those that live in the US,
where do you go to purchase your colored pens? What type of pens do you purchase? So far I've been using the Sharpie colored pens but they bleed through pretty bad which I thought I would not mind but it turns out, I mind a lot! Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Matt (2012-08-28 14:30:32)
Yes the leather looks gorgeous Paul!! That's what attracted me to the Cuban Range! and Steve yes it looks like that's just going to have to be one of the slight down sizes of using this organiser but if i'm honest I don't think it will bother me to much. Besides it has so many redeeming qualities such as the smooth Italian leather, extra storage space and the larger ring sizes.
ps. no worries at all, thank you again for putting me on the web finds, I feel very privileged to be mentioned on Philofaxy :D
enjoy your evening
regards Matt

Gerard (2012-08-28 15:31:44)
Take a look at the range on jetpens.com
They're US-based, but shipping even to Ireland was quite reasonable.
They have a good range of gel pens, which work fairly well on the Filofax paper.

austinlinda (2012-08-28 15:39:00)
Matt- I too have a love for the Cuban Filofax models. I have the personal size in Chili–and the same thing in the

Zipped model.
Even though they are both called personal size, the zipped version is larger both in ring size AND in overall size. I have found it much lighter than A5 size of course, and it does the job of the A-5 most situations. I hope you continue to enjoy it.
(I am considering picking up another personal size in the beautiful shade of a light tan.)

austinlinda (2012-08-28 15:40:46)
Where is the discount available? Is it a "UK" only store/site?

Gerard (2012-08-28 15:45:11)
Hi, I've done some genealogical research, but it's all been computer-based, apart from visits to the National Archives with Filofax in hand to record details.
I use a programme called MacFamilyTree, and carry a copy of the tree synched on my iPhone.
I tracked down and arranged to meet a lovely second cousin, who showed up to our first meeting with an enormous sheaf of loose papers containing years of research, so it can be done!
As Steve mentioned, there are some forms in the Files section here. If you have material on computer, then Steve's tips elsewhere here might allow larger A4 or A3 printed charts to fit in a Personal Filofax.
I love this idea, and I'd be very interested to hear if you develop a solution.

austinlinda (2012-08-28 15:51:00)
Is there an appropriate place to list "free offers" for just the cost of postage, on the Adspot listing area? I have several nice ones needing a good home, but they have a small cosmetic area of damage.
Unfortunately I tend to try to "fix" any markings or sticky places on the leather when I receive them this way–so instead of returning them, I rub a tiny marked area too much that it shows.
I feel like its ruined at that point, and get depressed that I wouldn't let a pro fix it – or I should have returned it, and just wait a little longer for a replacement.
As y'all know, lots of times there just aren't any more to be found-and I try to fix a flaw–foolishly.
So what can I do with them, besides take out the inserts? Give them away, perhaps?

Cheryl (2012-08-28 15:59:55)
yeah but didn't it say 'expires March 2012'. I was LOL when I read that...unless I was seeing things. And yes, I believe its the UK site only.

Matt (2012-08-28 16:08:30)
Thank you austinlinda! I just love the simplicity yet style of the Cuban organiser - I was debating getting the personal size zip as it would be slightly easier to carry around but I just couldn't resist getting the A5 at the price of £55!! The chili colour is lovely!! The light Tan is again a stunning colour! In my opinion you can never have to many Filofax's ;)
ps - Dont worry I know Im going to enjoy my A5 Cuban zip!!! :D very excited.

Babs (2012-08-28 16:26:19)
I adore Kate's Paperie in NYC! http://www.katespaperie.com The big department stores (Barneys, Nordstrom, Bloomingdales, etc) are also good for unusual non-UK stuff.

Babs (2012-08-28 16:27:37)
Can I make a plea that the errant apostrophe is removed from the FFAT blurb? I realise this request is unbelievably petty, but it drives me NUTS every Tuesday! LOL!

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 16:37:57)
All punctuation will be removed!

Babs (2012-08-28 17:07:32)
LOL! You have as well!!
:)

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 17:49:09)
Sorry :) is not something I recognise in my punctuation engine. [Hal response]

Tina (2012-08-28 18:19:18)
@Lime Tree (sorry don't know your name!) you have a really good memory!! And yes that's the one it's been FOREVER!!!
@Shadow Wolf "they panic if you so much as let them see a fountain pen." Pahahahahaha
Thanks for the many answers! :) I'll try with Lamy (which a couple of you mentioned) abd I'll try with the other lot of fountain pen and pens I've got. Thanks!! :D

Sandra (2012-08-28 19:09:03)
Ha ha re: punctuation. Staedtler pens are lovely as are my beloved Papermate felt tips. But watch out on Filofax paper! I'm experimenting with Circa compact pages in my personal for 2013. It'll be a Franken-Filofax. ;)

carou (2012-08-28 21:17:37)
that probably is me! :) i wanted one in purple. Would you mind sharing the link?

carou (2012-08-28 21:22:09)
Thanks Babs!
Never thought about the department stores - will have to check them out :)
Now, anyone's got recc's for Paris?

karin (2012-08-28 22:22:20)
does anyone know if the purple a5 malden is scheduled to role out to the U.S.?

Steve Morton (2012-08-29 02:00:02)
Yes please send the details of your free things to go on the Adspot page. Thanks

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-29 05:47:07)
Hi Laura, I do that, I lovr Moleskine notebooks so this is the best of both worlds for me! It's quite tricky to dissect the notebook and punch those pages, but once you do it's great. The pages sit snugly inside the pocket sized filo, really taking up all the space, so I recommend top tabs for your dividers! Overall I love these pages in my pocket Malden, I much prefer the page size compared to the filofax pocket pages! I need to buy some more notebooks to dissect!

kanalt (2012-08-29 06:44:06)
While in NYC, you might also want to check out Sam flax (www.samflaxny.com I believe). It's where we shop during our meet ups, and aside from a decent Filofax selection, they have all kinds of paper/stationery/art supplies. It's a great place to peruse.

kanalt (2012-08-29 06:47:56)
I also have the personal punch - admittedly, I didn't look around for different brands, etc so I paid the expensive price from filofax. I use it all the time though, so it's more than paid for itself in usage. I usually only do one sheet at a time to make sure the holes are punched perfectly, but that's just my preference. The one thing I will say about it - the back is quite stiff at first, so you might need pliers to open it to get the punched circles out of it. Once you've done that a few times, it's easier to get the backing off and will have no problem.

kanalt (2012-08-29 06:50:45)
I used to use the sharpie pens also. I didn't mind a little bleed through - what bothered me about them is that the barrels are all black with only a stripe to let you know which color the pen is. It drove me nuts to have to take all of them just to find the one I needed. After that I switched to the frixion pens (bought from jet pens). I liked them but needed more colors once I started keeping my work to do items on my planner. Now I use the staedtler pens, which I love. However, there is a small amount of bleed through on the Filofax inserts from these as well. I need the colors the pack provides, so I'm willing to deal with it.

Laura (2012-08-29 07:20:05)
I have a pocket Malden on the way. I have always found pocket filofax paper too small to use but I think this will give me best of both worlds as you say.
Would love to see yours in use... :)

Clareio (2012-08-29 09:59:15)
Moleskines were either Buy-One-Get-One-Free or Buy-One-Get-One-Half-Price in Waterstones recently... what better time to buy multiple to fill a pocket filofax!

Clareio (2012-08-29 10:00:34)
the filofax one is far too expensive! try the Rapesco one!

Alondra Karwowski (2012-08-29 10:17:38)
Thank you for your help. I purchased the G2 Pilot Gel assorted pens on ebay. I have the black pens from pilot, so I'm hoping the colored pens work just as good. If not, I'm definitely looking into the pens you all have suggested.

Paul B (2012-08-29 14:12:36)
This is the blue one http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/New-Filofax-Deco-Personal-Size-Leather-Org aniser-/27104-5036396?pt=UK _BOI _Office _Office _Supplies _Stationery _ET &hash=item3f1b8b096c #ht _500wt _1359
and there is a purple one, but its a pretty steep 126 pounds...http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/FILOFAX-DECO-POCKET-ORGANIZER-DAY -PLANNER-AGENDA-DIARY-AMETHYST-PURPLE-026764-/37063838-8820?pt=LH _DefaultDomain _0 &hash=item564bc4fe54 #ht _817wt _1110

Paul B (2012-08-29 14:13:34)
Not sure how this ended up under the wrong post but here it is in the right place!
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PaperAddict (2012-09-10 22:22:49)
Thanks so very much Steve and Gerard. I have been researching my Family Tree for some years now and was using Mac Family Tree but have recently switched to the Ancestry for Mac program. I'm more of a "Personal" sized fan than and "A5" and think I may have discovered exactly what I'm looking for here http://family-tree.co.uk/acatalog/Genfile.html with the GenFile system. So I've ordered it and once it arrives I'll more than likely recreate the forms I need in Word so all I need do is print them out. I know there will be a lot of handwriting coming my way but it's also an excellent time to double check and verify the information I currently have and hopefully that will help with what direction I take next as I'm now a wee bit bogged down with info, paper and files. Thanks again.

Web Finds - 28 August 2012 (2012-08-28 12:00) - Steve Morton

And here is the Tuesday edition of Web Finds

1. [1]Getting Slim - aham - Filofax Slim! - Lime Tree Fruits
2. [2]My Summer - Belzira's Corner
3. [3]Filofax Classic Compact Botanics - Belzira's Corner
4. [4]My Malden at Work - I'm a Filo Freak
5. [5]Martha Stewart for Avery for Filofax - The Storage Studio
6. [6]All Stars Guest Post - Femke: A Review of HHhH by Laurent Binet - Fennell Books
7. [7]Rediscovering my Filofax - Maudie Made
8. [8]First month in Filofax. - Katie Louise Halsall
9. [9]My very first Filofax - Megan Brodie Rogers
10. [10]Filofax. The nerdiest blog ever. - Grakky F
11. [11]AllStars Guest Post: Fit-o-fax by Zoe - Lime Tree Fruits
12. [12]my filofax week #19 - Paper Lovestory
13. [13]Guest Post: DEM gets mind-mapping in her Filofax! - Cloudberry Musings
14. [14]PIMP YOUR FILOFAX - That's All Me
15. [15]DIY tabs for my Portobello Filofax - I'll tell you in another life....
16. [16]Stickers on the cover of your Filofax? - Notes in a book
17. [17]OK - I Am a Filo-Freak, But I'm Also Organizer Crazy - I'm a Filo Freak
18. [18]Journalling School (6) - Filomaniac
19. [19]Journalling School Session 6: Personal Goals - My Life All in One Place
20. [20]I converted my sister to a Filofax diary! - Paper Lovestory
21. [21]Papier gagnant ! - Le Temps Maitrise by Filofax
22. [22]The Planning Process - Well Planned Life
23. [23]Inside my A5 Imperial Purple Finchley - Mish Mash Muddle
24. [24]Filofax/ Day Runner Week #2 - Glossette
25. [25]Day Per Page Agenda Layout - Glossette
26. [26]Philofaxy All Stars 2012 // Guest Post by Angela - Wandrrlust
27. [27]My Filofax is here !!! - Just Stefanie
28. [28]Min skjønne A5 Finsbury Aqua - The absolutely fabulous Ingvill Susann
29. [29]Ways of a Filofax - Enjoyette
30. [30]Just an insight into my Filo background - Filofax Fetish

31. [31]Exciting news!!! well for me anyway……. - Filofax Fetish
32. [32]Question of the Week - How Do You Use Dividers? - Bryan Sherwood
33. [33]Wunschzettel - Filomaniac
34. [34]Advance Planning Prevents Unpleasant Surprises - Homemaker Daily

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can't guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Don't forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks Video Finds

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Enjoy

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Gail Wheatley (2012-08-28 13:34:42)
Guttered.....devastated....crushed,the biggest blog I've ever wrote and it didn't make webfinds! Off to cry uncontrolably in the corner!

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 13:36:57)
And I think you know why.... lack of Filofax apart from the picture at the end... Sorry strict editorial control for Webfinds....
Steve

Gail Wheatley (2012-08-28 13:47:22)
Oh dear, never mind, I was hoping someone could help me answer the filofax related questions I had in there too. No probs!

Lime Tree (2012-08-28 13:49:07)
Ooohhhh that's why all of sudden I got viewers on my blog! I totally spaced out that today is webfinds day! YAY! Thanks for adding mine Steve!

Steve Morton (2012-08-28 14:06:48)
Yes pay attention please, I think this is the third Tuesday with Web finds!! I did it to make the Saturday one a bit shorter because it was becoming a monster task to read them all.

Gerard (2012-08-28 15:25:41)
Oooh - such stern editorial control! Thanks for another great selection Steve.

Cloudberry (2012-08-28 17:00:26)
I've just been catching up with the mid-week selection before my bedtime. Lots of useful stuff to dream about! Thanks -

Babs (2012-08-29 03:53:44)
Another great selection, Steve. I enjoyed reading them over a glass of rosé last night! Thank you :)

Guest Post - Helen - Health Filofax (2012-08-29 00:00) - Steve Morton

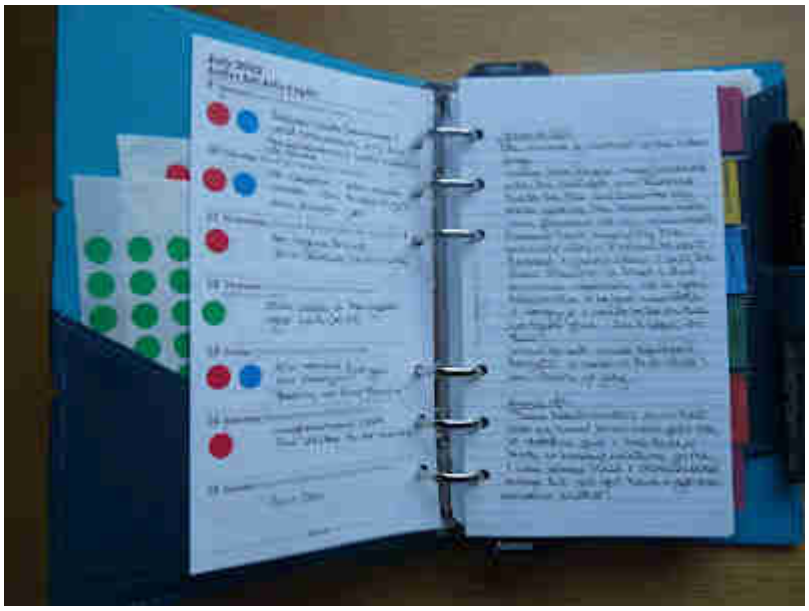
Thank you to Helen for the third in a series of guest posts.

[1]

This was a cheap purchase. At £7 from Staples it had to be bought just for the ruler and inserts alone. They quickly found their way to my personal Aston. But then I decided that cheap in cost and construction though this was, the Lineburst was not at all that nasty. And so it was drafted into use as my health filo less than a month ago. So it is still a little bit a work in progress.

[2]

In the front pocket are stickers and a spare £1 for the gym locker. Anyone who knew me at school (where I got my only detention for forging a note to get out of hockey) will roll about on the floor at the idea of me having an exercise filofax. But that the point. I need to stay healthy and I need motivation and much to my surprise, this Filofax is doing it for me. Of course, it's not really the cheap and nasty filofax that's doing it… it's the promise of a very, very expensive one to come if I am a good girl…..

[3] 

Because my first section is my exercise log. It works on the same system as a child's reward chart. Exercise equals stickers and accumulated stickers equal rewards. The minimum recommended exercise for health (as opposed to weight loss) is five sessions of thirty minutes moderate cardio activity a week plus two sessions of strength training.
So, using Ivy 8mm round stickers from Amazon, I get one red sticker per 30 mins cardio (be that in the gym or a neighbourhood walk) , one blue sticker per strength session and a green for yoga (which some say counts as strength but I count separately). I have been noting how I felt, what I did, what my heart rate monitor said etc. (if you think using a filofax makes you feel professional just try the illusion of fitness the very wearing of a heart monitor gives you!) This is a new systems and so my notes are all about habit establishment at the moment but as you can see , it is going well. I never thought that I would be eager to go to the gym just because I don't want to break my run of red sticker accumulation!
Then I have a section for logs. That is empty at the moment because it relates to future goals. Indeed the next section is for those goals but that includes sensitive info like my weight and though I generally spill my life online I do have some limits about what I will share with you! So no photos.
The first months goal (which is almost over that the time of writing) was simply to establish the habit of exercise. Nothing more. I will now add new goals, but I have yet to sit down and decide those specifically. It will be things like cycling a certain distance in a set time (which is when I will start to log my times) or to add in more online yoga classes, meditation and other health goals. It's about a holistically well lifestyle bit by bit not about just fitness training. This section also has a list of potential treats. But not food ones. I am thinking that three months of keeping to this exercise routine ought to equal a new filofax say. And that when I add in a yoga goal after a while I can have a pretty new yoga top.
Incidentally, my filofaxes do overlap. So when I wrote about my personal Aston you also saw how my exercise routine appeared on my ideal week sheet and my daily pages.

[4]

The binders in this filo are decorated with pictures of athletes I admire and find inspirational. I left some pages to add in 2012 photos in due course.

[5]

I then have a workout section, which is a work in progress. For an intelligent woman with a great memory (if I say so myself!) I have a dreadful habit of arriving at the sym, looking at the free weight floor area and thinking, 'Um sit ups and, um, sit ups and um, sit ups with a twist…." There is loads you can do for variety! So I am in the early stages of putting together a Bible of ideas.

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[7]

These pictures and instructions came from a book I had on Bums and Tums that fell to bits from rolling around unread at the bottom of my gym bag.

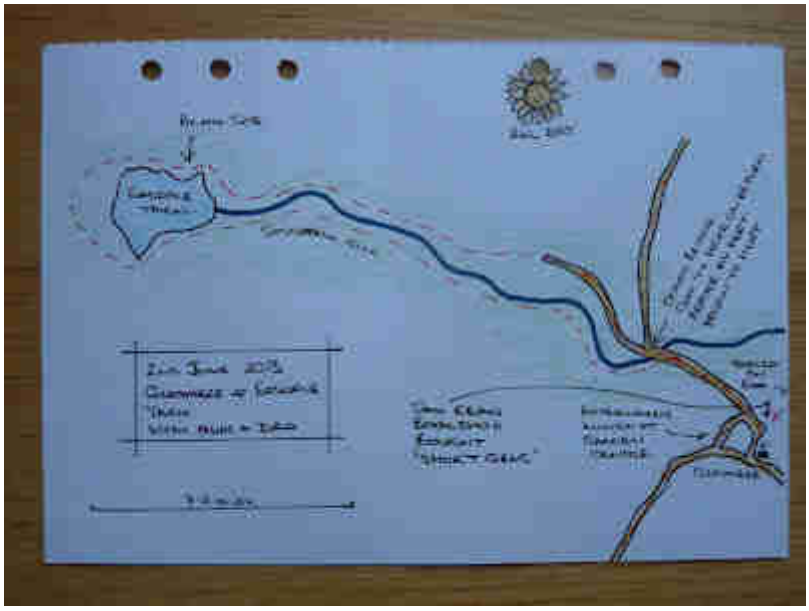
[8]

And these little icons are from the American Institute of Exercise website and are just enough to remind me what to do. Obviously I choose one each trip, I don't have to do them all – there are pages of them for each part of the body!! And it's fun sitting on the coach watching Olympians do real exercise, whilst I cut up little icons and glue them down. Got to be good for the finger muscles, that.

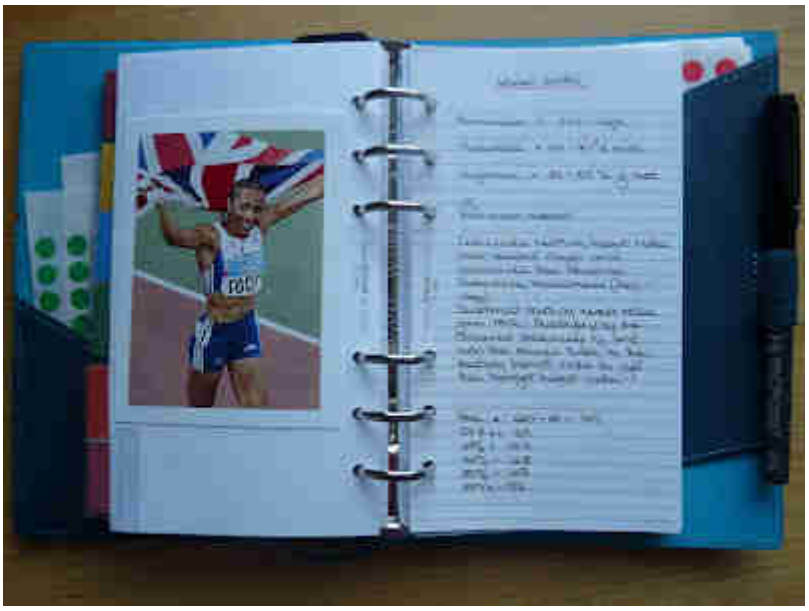
[9]

[10]

I have a yoga section listing the online classes I want to do in the future and a walks section which is blank because my parents who are fell walkers persuaded me to buy a load of gear and ever since I wore it on my first walk it has rained every trip I have been to see them and I haven't go to to anymore yet! Originally I had a section in an A5 for this and my plan was do little journal record of where we walked.

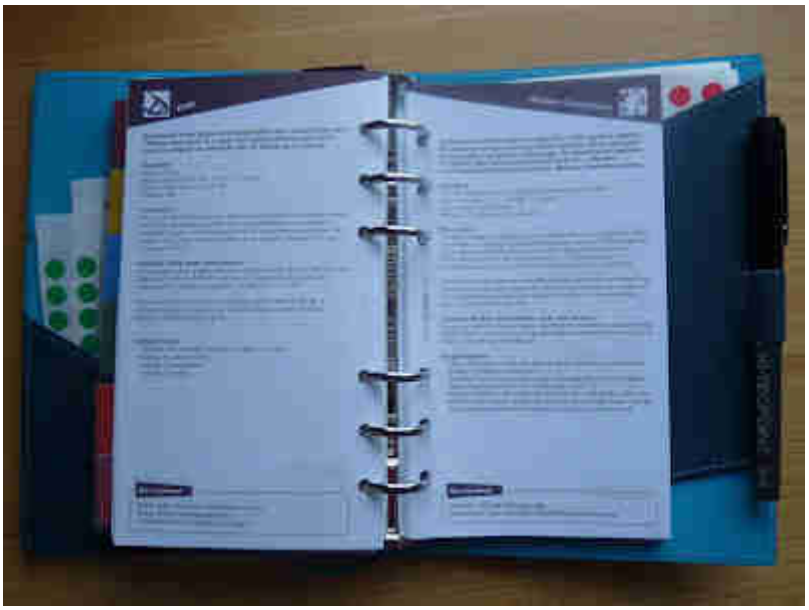
[11] 

This is for the first walk we did and I need to reduce it to personal page size and then add in a list of routes to do in the future. (And yes I know you can get waterproof trousers but no, I am not fell walking in storms! That is why God invented indoor gyms).



[12]

I have an information section where I note things I read online or often in Oprah magazine! Information that motivates me from fear of bad things that will happen to me if I am a couch potato. Or information I am too stupid to do in my head like translate my weight from stones to kilos for the gym machines.



[13]

At the time of writing I also have the info pages from the Olympic inserts but they will go when the games is over.
The Olympic filo is serving me well for this purpose because I don't mind tossing it in my gym bag or on the floor by the treadmill while I work out. And hopefully as it gets fatter I will get thinner!

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carou (2012-08-29 00:56:43)
Now you've made me want a health/fitness Filo too, Helen!
I've also recently begun getting into the groove of exercising constantly and eating healthily, so I think a Fitness section needs to find its way into one of my Filos soon.

EmmaNoey (2012-08-29 01:43:32)
Very interesting! I had to look up fell walking as that phrase isn't in use here. You learn something new every day . . .

Angel Jem (2012-08-29 02:21:07)
Online yoga classes? Seriously? How does that work? It sounds fascinating.
Thanks for showing. Very useful idea.

Clareio (2012-08-29 03:16:01)
I can't get into an excercise habit however hard i try, once i sit down after work i don't want to get up again. The fact that my other half is just as bad means we rarely get anywhere...
Hopefully I can successfully drag him swimming tonight...

Alison Reeves (2012-08-29 03:22:57)
Really enjoyed this thank ou for sharing Helen. I'm assuming you take this into the gym with you? I like your way of motivating yourself - this could work for me too!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-29 03:28:27)
Ps (sorry my iPad hung and wouldn't type) I do Pilates and when I come to practise at home my mind goes blank so it would be good to adopt a similar approach - I could list one or two simple routines and illustrate them. I have some strength books by the indomitable Joyce Vedral (if you haven't heard of her , google her - she is a real character and a proponent of weight training and looks amazing for her age which is in her 60s) would be good to photo copy some of her pictures and stick them into a filo as her books never lay flat! Anyway very inspirational thanks Helen - just like your previous posts. I'm off to buy stickers!

Lily (2012-08-29 03:45:45)
What I have is a target page, so I get to colour in a square after every hour of exercise, and after ten hours I get to buy a magazine

Babs (2012-08-29 03:55:22)
Another great post, Helen. You really need to start your own filofax blog!!
I love your ideas and I think I might borrow them. I was doing really well at the gym then hurt my back and it's all gone to pot since. I need to get back to it. I really like the idea of the reward stickers. It gives a nice visual on progress too.
Well done!

clickybang (2012-08-29 04:06:59)
Thank you for posting this! I've just joined a gym and want to set up something similar in a pocket (don't want to lug my A5 around all the machines).

Tim (2012-08-29 04:40:49)
I love different phrases used around the world to mean the same thing. When I asked about fell walking in New Zealand, I was met with blank stares. They have a great word for it - tramping!

janet (2012-08-29 05:19:08)
great post Helen. And you get a big gold star from me (he he I am a teacher through and through) for featuring Oscar Pistorius - go Blade Runner! Did you know that his trainer only found out he had no legs six months after he had started training him?

Scoot (2012-08-29 05:51:27)
I'd keep at least some of the Olympic pages, as with examples of all organiser pages, as they will provide food for thought in designing future pages of your own.

Barbara (2012-08-29 08:32:58)
Very inspiring Helen, as usual. Thank you for taking the time to make this post. If anyone can be the next Alfred Wainwright it is you I think! Loved the drawing of your walk.

Paul Taylor (2012-08-29 09:50:47)
I wonder if Helen means things like Podcasts? If you go to the iTunes store and search for Yoga there are loads of podcasts available with everything from beginners 20 minute gentle stretching to 90 minute Astanga style workouts. I've downloaded a few... some of them even come with PDFs with posture guides etc.
Being a Bikram devotee, if I'm practicing at home I generally stay with the official Bikram Yoga Class which is a double CD or available online at iTunes. There are only two problems with practicing Bikram Yoga at home - one is motivating myself to do it, the other is getting the room hot enough!
I've often wondered if it would be possible to do a yoga class remotely using something like Skype - have a webcam in the classroom broadcasting to a number of students at home...

Nan (2012-08-29 11:02:44)
So inspirational!

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:10:15)
I am a member of www.myyogaonline. you can strem classes on line or buy them for a small costs extra to your subscription to play when you have no wifi access.

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:10:56)
Thats my key - exercise BEFORE I get home! I go to the gym after work.

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:12:28)
I do yes. Thats why I like the cheap filo for this - I chuck it on the floor and wwedge it under the handles of the bikes and generally abuse it. For a week or so I used an Aston and I was always worried someone might nick it if I went to get some weights or something!!

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:13:22)
Excellent idea. I am telling myself that after four months I get a grey A5 Osterley!

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:14:51)
New blog is in progress!! I want to make it good and special so I have been preparing (using a filo dedicate dto that of course!!) and hope to launch in November with a new site. You will all be the first to know about it.. and maybe Steve will even let me show you the filo I use dto plan it all!

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:18:10)
I didn't no. Great story! My Granddad stepped on a mine in WWII and lost his leg below the knee. he still played doubles tennis though wearing what was then the usual long trousers. There is a great story of him falling when going for a hard shot and there was an almighty crack.
"I've broken my leg!" he yelled. His opponent shouted that he was running to call an ambulance when my Granny said, "No,it's Ok Jim. I've a spare one in the car."

Jim was by all accounts very miffed not just to be being beaten but to be beaten by a man with ' a bloody peg leg'!

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:19:06)
Good idea! I could play with adapting them while I watch the paralympic opening tonight!

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:19:52)
Umm yeah, maybe. save that actually many of my walks go from home to cafe amd back!!

Helen Conway (2012-08-29 11:20:42)
Go for it. It made a real difference for me.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-29 12:36:37)
Great story Helen! Sounds like quite a character!

How Flexible Is The Leather Flex? (2012-08-30 00:00) - Steve Morton

Thank you to Helen Fennell for her review of the new Leather Flex cover.

The Delightful Mr F has had a Flex to use at work pretty much since they first came out. He is not a user of a traditional Filofax, but really liked the Flex and it works really well for him. I had been wondering about one for work too. For me it is best to use a bound notebook rather than a binder for meeting notes etc, but I also have some loose lead bits and pieces I need to carry with me, which fall out if tucked inside a normal notebook.
Then I saw that City organiser had the A5 leather Flex covers in stock, and I thought it would be rude not to buy one!
I chose the blackcurrant leather cover. The cover is lovely, the colour is a very regal looking purple, and the leather is nice, and has that lovely leather smell. It is quite floppy, which I guess it needs to be for this purpose.

[1]

The layout inside is slightly different from the First Edition covers. The pockets on the left hand side are horizontal instead of vertical.

[2]

It still has the large slots on either side of the folder, and a small slot for a jotter pad.

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[4]

One of the pockets on the left hand side expands so you can slip your iPhone, or in my case my Blackberry into it. It fits well, and I can see this being very useful around the office as I need to carry my phone with me.

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[6]

The folder comes with a pen loop, a jotter pad and a notebook. The pen loop is mounted on a piece of gray card, and I can't help feeling that this is a bit of a disappointment compared to the lovely leather binder. Although I am not sure what other design solution there is. When the loop is slotted into the opening on the left hand side, it sticks put a long way and looks awful. However, when slotted into the outside pockets, it goes in much further and looks much better.

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[8]

I had always thought that the Jotter pad looked a bit pointless, but now I have one I find myself using it for “things I must do today without fail” lists. I’ll see how it goes, but I may well adopt that permanently.

[9]

The notebooks I don't like at all, and neither does The Delightful Mr F. They aren't very good quality, especially compared to the Moleskines I normally use. Mr F uses hardback Moleskines in his first edition version. They are a tight fit, but they do go in the slots. I tried to get a hardback Moleskine in my leather one, and again it will fit in the outside slots, but it is very tight and I would be worried about damaging the leather. Instead I am going to use Moleskine Volants which fit easily.

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When everything is in place it is very thin and neat. I haven't' yet quite worked out my system, so when I have, hopefully Steve will let me share it with you.

[13]

[14]

On the whole I am very impressed with the cover. It feels nice to use and I think it will stand up to the wear and tear of the office. I'd love to see how other Flexers use their Flexes.
Thank you Helen for your detailed review, some interesting changes they have made.

1. http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-0OrToAwOFos/UCK04JydhVI/AAAAAAAAMlU/0XDmKNorJg0/s1600/Picture+1.JPG
2. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-HuPG05sfifM/UCK0-AleEBI/AAAAAAAAMl0/2YI5nVxrdrg/s1600/Picture+2-1.jpg
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Julia (2012-08-30 03:47:59)
Lovely review (and lovely colour), thanks! (I too am quite unimpressed at the leather-card pen loop... given the quality of the cardboardish card they used. They should come up with something more in tune, I had an older flex I gave my mother and that particular felt disappointingly cheap even with the vinyl covers...)

carou (2012-08-30 04:37:41)
Thanks for the review, Helen!
Good to know that they fit a moleskine volant. I love the volants, but always lament a lack of "pocket space" to fit notes and bits that I need to carry with me. This may be the solution :)

Jotje (2012-08-30 05:34:50)
I cannot believe that Filofax would sell such an expensive purple leather cover and then stick a grey card in it as a penloop?!
Other than that: it looks great! But it would be even better if they had included a small ring option .... ;-) (nuff said)

Steve Morton (2012-08-30 05:39:12)
Just need Tim to go to work on it and fit a small set of rings....

Tim (2012-08-30 05:48:16)
Thanks Helen for a very intereting review and thanks to Steve for including my guest post on today's "You might also like" selection.
Filofax have yet to show any of the new Flex models on their websites, yet City Organiser (UK) and Pens & Leather (USA) have been listing some - but not all - for several weeks. My favourite is the new leather tan A5.
Filofax are clearly planning to completely saturate the marketplace with new versions of the Flex. When launched last June, there were just three 1st Edition models in three sizes. That's all they are listing now. However, with a little delving onto different websites, I've added them up and reckon there will now be no less than THIRTY SIX Flex models to choose from in the next few weeks! I think these will be as follows:-
First Edition Pocket: Black, Grey Slate, Pink Magenta
First Edition Slim: Black, Grey Slate, Pink Magenta
First Edition A5: Black, Grey Slate, Pink Magenta
Smooth Pocket: Black, Grey, Red, Pink
Smooth Slim: Black, Grey, Red, Pink
Smooth A5: Black, Grey, Red, Pink
Smooth for iPad/ A5: Black, Red
Lizard Print Leather Pocket: Black, Blackcurrant, Ruby Red
Lizard Print Leather A5: Black, Blackcurrant (Helen's), Ruby Red
Lizard Print Leather for iPad/ A5: Ruby Red
Nappa Leather Slim: Black
Nappa Leather A5: Black
Nappa Leather for iPad/ A5: Black
Vegetable Tan Leather A5
Vegetable Tan Leather for iPad/ A5
All I can say is - phew! Note that the only leather slim model appears to be the Nappa in black. Smooth models will be described as "leather look".

Tim (2012-08-30 05:53:32)
They look naff, but, to be fair the card pen holders wear pretty well. As you saw on my guest post a few weeks ago, I've got two in my A5 Flex that act as the binder closer - so they get stretched by both the pen and the Flex contents. There's no sign of them breaking after 15 months of use.
I'm resisting buying a leather Flex so far. I know that I would have a modelling knife to it within hours - as Steve has suggested!

Horsellian (2012-08-30 06:22:08)
Thanks for the review; it's very interesting how the pockets are different from the First Edition ones - I'm not sure that would suit me at all.
I also love seeing what other people do with their Flexes, as there aren't very many Flex set-up posts out there. I've recently posted a bit about how I use my Flex on my (very new) blog - [1]http://antidisorganisation.wordpress.com-/2012/08/28/my-filofl ex/.

1. http://antidisorganisation.wordpress.com/2012/08/28/my-filoflex/

Ling (2012-08-30 06:23:14)
After reading about how you customized your Flex I was wondering if you'd go for a leather A5 flex with and build in the rings or a compact A5 if you had to choose?

Tim (2012-08-30 07:34:11)
Hi Ling. Before I customised my Flex, I just wanted a compact (i.e slim) A5 Filofax. At that time, the only model with 20mm rings was the Adelphi which (without being sexist in any way) was not in any way a masculine organiser. Now we're awash with 20mm A5 Filofaxes! (Luxe, Boston etc.).
However, my Flex customisation has been so successful (for me) that I won't now be tempted by any of the 20mm ringed Filos. The 13mm rings I fitted to my Flex are just enough for me - especially now I've got an iPad 2 and am doing even more digitally than I was last year. The Flex fits into an A5 pocket in my messenger bag and weighs barely 500g with contents and pen.
I do want a leather version though. So, I'm currently debating whether to try an A5 leather Flex as sold. To keep it slim, I would make some of my own booklets - 3 month diary/ agenda (using Philofaxy templates), home-printed key information booklet and a homemade slim notebook. The fourth main slot would have the standard Flex year planner and I would have a jot pad.
It might work, but I suspect I would quickly want to return to my current set-up. I can see me with a beer and a modelling/ craft knife fitting my 13mm rings to the new Flex, late one night! It would be an irreversible operation though!
The ability to add/ move/ remove pages with a ringed mechanism is my ultimate in flex-flexibility! Even if I made my own booklets for a Flex, they would soon look tatty and have hand written updates on them. With a ring mech any page can quickly be replaced with updated info.
Anyone else trying to go slim A5?

Stephen Gazard (2012-08-30 07:55:12)
Tim I followed you and took the penknife to the Flex and put 13mm rings in ... works great .... I then ordered the leather version but sent it back as a most importantly the internal layout was different - I use all the six credit card pockets plus the bottom pocket holds post it notes and spare blackberry battery etc ..... and secondly it was much more 'soft' so you needed to lean it on something to write .... a real shame as it looked 100 % better than the first edition and smelt lovely as ever ....

Kelly Russell (2012-08-30 08:09:01)
Hi Helen (and everyone else)
I really purchased one of these, to go with my new Purple Malden and like you was really dissappointed with the pen holder.
It is good to know that the Volants fit as I'm not a fan of the flex notebooks.
Thanks, Kelly

Kelly Russell (2012-08-30 08:10:01)
recently purchased...

Ling (2012-08-30 08:16:28)
Tim, thanks for your extensive reply, it's very useful. I actually bought a first edition A5 after reading your tutorial, but I can't find 15mm rings here in NL.
I just love the vertical pockets. I have bought a Holborn personal and will be using that when it arrives. But if I

can't get used to the personal size, I will think about a compact A5 and in the meantime I hope to find 13 or 15 mm rings. Stephen, may I ask where you found yours? Wait, you cut them out of a Filofax slimline, if I remember correctly.

Ling (2012-08-30 08:30:50)
That's a really nice idea, thank you so much for sharing. I didn't know about this kind of bine spine. How does it look when the Flex is closed? Do you think one size bigger (16mm internal diameter) would fit nicely or would that be too large? I can see myself using this for hobbies and such. I could even make several booklets for different subjects.

Tim (2012-08-30 08:42:20)
A kindred spirit! For those still looking for a slim ring solution, Horsellian's idea looks great! It also saves the Flex from surgery! Well done Horsey!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-30 13:06:54)
Wow - I've never heard of these binding spines before. What a brilliant idea! I suppose there is an investment in the punch.
I have been considering using a Flex as a notepad binder - I like to take notes in meetings etc in a bound notebook - I currently use A4, but was thinking of going to A5 so that it matches my FF.
Decisions, decisions!

Sirpa-Kaarina (2012-08-30 13:58:44)
Hi,
Is it possible to use a A5 leather flex as a cover for a tablet?

DEM (2012-08-30 15:10:12)
Great idea! Thanks for sharing those rings!

Horsellian (2012-08-30 15:10:22)
Yeah - the punch isn't cheap, particularly if you've not got other uses for it (though I got quite a good deal on ebay IIRC).
Mine gets used a lot: it binds sheet music for my husband's choir, 'workbooks' for my preschooler, books of resources for my Brownies, etc. etc., so it's worked out a good investment for me.

Horsellian (2012-08-30 15:17:46)
I've not got a great pic of the Flex closed - only [1]this one of it with a Metropol personal on top of it! You can see it's quite neat looking closed though - nothing sticking out.
I would think the larger spines would probably be too big and the Flex wouldn't reach around it properly (though I've not tried), but the 12mm ones claim to hold up to 95 sheets.

1. `http://antidisorganisation.files.wordpress.com/2012/07/dscf1997.jpg`

Shadow Wolf (2012-08-30 15:44:28)
I love my first edition Flex. I'm using it to plan for NaNo at the moment, and it's really useful. It's not showing signs of wearing too well though - the vinyl is chipping off the corner after only a month of light use. I am very, very tempted by a leather one, although I wish they hadn't messed with the card pockets - I have a set-up I'm happy with in the Flex and I don't really want to change it. I took a photo of mine and wrote a review on the Flex feedback site about a week and a half ago, but so far it isn't showing up there :(I had a lot to say, so maybe it's taking them a long time to read it!

Babs (2012-08-30 15:45:53)
I wonder if the Staples' ARC A5 notebook would be a similar option but would enable you to move the pages around easily too. I don't know for certain though, as I don't have a Flex cover.

Tim (2012-08-30 16:14:05)
Certainly NOT an iPad. That's why they're introducing a Flex iPad version. Note - not designed for The New iPad (iPad 3).
Standard A5 Flex cover is 170mm x 223mm.
iPad size is 186mm x 241mm.
A5 iPad Flex version (for iPad 1 and iPad 2) will be 205mm x 260mm.

RelativityNSomeTea (2012-08-30 16:17:02)
Great review, I have been thinking about a flex for a while now and haven't been sure if i'd like it. I'd love a zip pocket in the flex like in the Malden if that's correct(sorry I'm newbie). I may give in and buy one and give it a review, apart from the card slots it does look quite pretty and would go perfect with my purple A5 Domino! (How I use it, is on my blog!)
Till next time!

Tim (2012-08-31 04:25:53)
Ling - I think 15mm rings would be too much. 12/13mm is the maximum. Slimline rings sound ideal, if they're not riveted to the binder (I'm not a Slimline man!)
Helen/ Stephen - today's photos and comments have put me off the leather version a bit. Is it really that flimsy? Do the card pen holders stiffen the cover up enough? The First Edition Flex (plastic) is not attractive, but it is sturdy!

Sirpa-Kaarina (2012-08-31 16:02:19)
Tim,
Thank you fot the information.

FFAF No. 198 (2012-08-31 00:00) - Steve Morton

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all our Guest Posters, they have contributed some great posts in the last couple of months. I had to check back and the last real post I did was about 6 weeks ago! I don't count FFAT, Web Finds as 'real posts', they are sort of mechanical in a way... I mean a post that has a lot of thought and feeling put in to it, some photos, some mock ups etc
The 'time off' (if you can call it that) has not been wasted, it's given me time to look at other things on the site. I've had time to update some of the templates, which is a bit like [1]painting the Forth Bridge. They require continual checks and updates as there are so many now on the Files page and I've also been adding some new ones as well.
Thank you to Gerard and Ray for their help on this task too. It's good to see people making reference to our templates or 'Ray and Steve' diary inserts in many places, great to know the long hours are being put to good use.
With September arriving tomorrow I hope you have enjoyed your Summer (Winter) break and you are mentally prepared for the last 4 months of the year.
So have you made any changes to set up of your Filofax organiser recently? But as this is Friday you can of course discuss anything Filofax related.

1. `http://idioms.thefreedictionary.com/be+like+painting+the+Forth+Bridge`

Cheryl (2012-08-31 01:32:08)
I was curious about the Compact Zipped Malden so I went to CO website and it says 'end of line' and no more expected. Didn't these just come out a few months ago or am I mistaken? Wow, things sure come and go fast in Filofax world. Plus, I never saw these on the US or UK website. Is anyone currently using one and what are the pros/cons? It may be a moot point asking if they are not available any longer but I am still interested in knowing more. Thanks!

Cheryl (2012-08-31 01:35:38)
Oh, and yes, I'll be doing a new set up when I receive my Compact Chameleon (due Saturday), mainly out of necessity since its obviously smaller ring size. So paring down is the plan and we will see how that works still using WO2P.

Steve Morton (2012-08-31 02:12:47)
Hi Cheryl
Yes they are quite rare beasts. They have been spotted in shops in Germany in the last couple of weeks. But I've check on FF DE and FF FR and they aren't on the website at all.
They were never intended for the UK market, but CO managed to get hold of a few. I bought mine in May, and it's reviewed here:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/06/filofax-malden-compact-zipped- organiser.html
I love the Ochre colour and the leather, Capacity wise it's the same as any other compact. Layout is the same as the Pennybridge, except it's in leather. If you put too many coins in the zipped pocket it can get a little bulky and heavy a slim pen is a must if you don't want issues with closing and opening the zip.
It has an outside slip pocket which is useful for putting your car park ticket in so it's handy when you come to get out of the car park. It does lay flat after a little training so that isn't an issue.
Steve

Angel Jem (2012-08-31 03:13:09)
I start full time for 2 terms as a Reception teacher and I have a problem. Do I use my lovely wine red zipped A5 Holborn and risk the stains and paint or use my less beloved spare Domino and change my A5 to a CPD journal where it will be safe? Advice please!

Clareio (2012-08-31 03:21:23)
Taking a Holborn near Reception children sounds to me like murdering the Holborn... Unless you keep it in a drawer whenever anything messy is happening... I'd use the Domino if I were you!

David Popely (2012-08-31 03:29:48)
What size is the Domino? It sounds from your question as if it may be a personal.....is that going to work for you, in a work environment?
How about a splash-proof cover or pouch for the Holborn when not in use?
How much will you *actually* need to deploy the Holborn (or Domino) while in class?)
Just a few thoughts.....:)

karin (2012-08-31 03:44:18)
Does anyone know if the Malden purple a5 will ever be available in the U.S.?

jes (2012-08-31 03:48:25)
I am in the US (Hawaii) and wondering if anyone has purchased from the filofax websites in other countries? I can see domino snakes on sale in germany but have no idea how to get them to my mailbox...

Steve Morton (2012-08-31 03:55:58)
Jes,
See this post about who delivers to where in the world. But I know City Organiser will deliver worldwide at very reasonable delivery rates. There is a link on this page:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/04/filofax-delivery-options.html
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-08-31 03:56:21)
Last I heard was end of September...

Helen Conway (2012-08-31 05:24:52)
My task for this weekend is to design me some inserts for my A5 Finchley which needs setting up as a 'House' Filo. Much of it will be for managing various renovation projects but I also am going to do inserts to assist me with my good intentions (which never quite seem to get into practice) to work through my collection of cooking and baking books and try some new receipes and breads each week. I am not thinking of a daily meal planner (becuase I hate having to decide seven days in advance what I am supposed to feel like eating!) but more a weekly overview with spaces for my choices of new stuff for that week and what ingredients are needed. It should help coordinate my plans to cook and eat with my husband's task of doing the actual shopping! (Yes, Ladies, I trained me a Stepford Husband!!) I think the lack of coordination there is why I never actually implement my intentions - I love to bake but not if I have to schlep to the supermarket for the one missing ingredient first! I will give Steve the files when done in case it suits anyone else but I wondered before I do them if anyone else is doing anything similar and if you had any tips?

Alison (2012-08-31 05:34:46)
I'm sat here working out whether to change my set up, it's still quite new but needs some tweaks, it's getting kinda full and heavy (a5 Holborn zip) but its my preferred size, debating whether to split into two A5 or trial a slimline personal to carry around, was determined to be in the "one true Filofax" though, decisions, decisions!!!

Helen Conway (2012-08-31 05:53:11)
whats the current set up and whats in there to split? the one true Filo thing I personally think only works if you do pared down planner only.

Butanben (2012-08-31 06:01:18)
I use an A4 Strata in the classroom... in black. Easily wipeable down. I decant this week's plans, timetable meeting notes etc..... just this week's stuff I use to plan at home. The huger policy folders etc stay at school and again I decant if needed.... eg marking policy. That way not lugging great big folders to and fro. I have an A5 black Finsbury too.... with diary and personal admin. I don't keep separate work and home diaries, as it is all too easy to double book. The reason for A4 is that all school handouts are given in A4 size... but diary wise I can choose my own size!!
I use an accordian pull out calendar with little boxes, to colour code school holidays, the rare sickness absences and INSETs. On the back I write the name and short details of the INSET course.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-08-31 06:28:15)
I would say don't make any major changes until you've tried the set-up for at least a month. You may want to put a pencil mark on pages you look at in that month to see whether you need to carry them around or not - maybe even a different mark to indicate if you looked at them at home or out and about.
Most habits take time to become habits so changing too quickly might not actually be helpful.
Hope that helps.

Alison (2012-08-31 06:49:57)
Thanks, I'll hang on for a while, most of what I use is at home, I don't go out much and if I do it's not far, I don't use a Filofax for work so I can manage lugging my A5 around or leave it in the car if I don't want to carry it shopping etc.

Gail Wheatley (2012-08-31 07:41:46)
Angel If you absolutly want to use your Filofacx in class then tell the children that your desk is a NO GO area. I was a TA in year 1 class and the teacher told the Children, what ever was on her desk was hers and no one should touch it...ever! It worked, nothing was ever taken from it.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-08-31 08:06:33)
I just got my personal purple Malden!!!! :D :D :D Oh it's so great! The leather is soooo smooth, my (older version) A5 purple Malden is really wrinkly in comparison, and I thought that was smooth in comparison with the 'extra creased' ones! It doesn't lay flat quite yet, but I imagine it will very soon! I'm going to put pictures up on flickr

soon :) I think it is relatively easy to scratch, so I'm going to have to be careful with it, but it's just about to have a moisturiser bath so I hope that will help :)

Wannabe Mummy (2012-08-31 08:43:55)
I am love love love loving my Campact Chameleon - I just tweaked/finalised my set up yesterday. I currently have September to January month view on 2 pages (printed from Philofaxy), WO2P June - Dec, and then various sections behind for lists and other bits and bobs. I don't use dividers but instead have used a stash of the Martha Stewart Home Office Avery tabs. I also use it as my wallet and that works wonderfully.
I'm so in love with it!

karin (2012-08-31 08:55:34)
Glad to hear! Thanks

karin (2012-08-31 09:00:38)
Has anyone else had their ochre Malden crease on the front near the spine? Kind of drives me crazy. I am thinking of getting a purple a5 Malden too, but I am afraid it might happen to that one too.

DEM (2012-08-31 10:01:55)
woohoo! Congrats!

DEM (2012-08-31 10:03:24)
I've been using the same main set-up for over a year now with only small tweaks here and there. The main change for mine lately has been the addition of more tabs and sticky notes. I'm planning on doing a post on it soon on my blog.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-31 10:53:17)
Are the 'Steve & Ray' source files easy to amend? I've recently moved to the A5 week per page with notes - I don't get a lot of appointments, so I can put those in the diary page and the facing notes page holds all my tasks (I split the page in two with a red line and put all work tasks on one side and personal on the other). I would probably want to edit the layout of this facing page a little from the current S &R version.
In addition I would like to create a similar spread which would accomodate a diet diary/meal planner and exercise planner. I think this spread would work well for this (i.e. divide the dated page into three for meals and use the 'todo' column for smacks - then the exercise stuff could go into the final column.
I'm pretty adept at Word so that is no problem, it's the merge etc that is bothering me!

Gail Wheatley (2012-08-31 11:26:48)
So if you could choose only one filofax forever, what would it be!
Although I love my Maldens and Finchley, I think I would choose A5 Holborn becasue of all the pockets!

Gail Wheatley (2012-08-31 12:01:54)
What would be the best paper to print out the A5 Diarys that Steve and Ray did? I love the page on 2 day so it's going to take up some room in my A5 Filofax, but I would like it printed on good quality paper, would 80gsm be too thin, would 100gm be too thick? I would prefer not to see the other side through the front?

Steve Morton (2012-08-31 12:49:39)
Naturally I'm going to say they are easy to amend!!
But if you fancy a bit of one to one tuition via Skype one day just let me know and I can take you through it.
Have you watched the video on doing the merge?
It really is quite easy to do.

David Popely (2012-08-31 13:02:08)
Ochre Malden Personal, cotton cream inserts.
Exactly what I have right now.....

crofter (2012-08-31 13:09:47)
An older model Winchester, make your own inserts with Clairfontain or Rhodia paper.

Alison (2012-08-31 13:10:15)
I have the ochre Malden A5 and so far no creases!!

Alison (2012-08-31 13:12:03)
Think mine would be my brown A5 Holborn Zip but the Ochre A5 Malden is a very close second :)

Ray Blake (2012-08-31 13:23:44)
80gsm would be fine. I've used 70 which I found just right. Forget 100 unless you have huge rings.

Filofreak (2012-08-31 14:07:36)
Steve
Kudos to you and all the other posters for ALL of your hard work on Philofaxy! It's wonderful and definitely a labor of love and it shows in the care and attention you pay to the website.
Erin

DEM (2012-08-31 14:09:42)
Personal Ostrich!

Steve Morton (2012-08-31 14:10:20)
Thank you Erin, I value and appreciate your comment, thanks.
Still a few more guest posts in the pipe line... and some from the rest of the team of course.
Steve

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-31 14:21:27)
Ok. I got my first Filofax - a personal Malden vintage pink. But I'm disappointed. The Filofax closes funny so the edges don't line up. I keep trying to train it to line up but it won't. I can live with that, but the pen loop is so narrow that I can only fit a pencil or a tiny pen. I'm really unhappy about that. I use a fatter pen that I love and it won't fit - not even close.
I got 2 pages per week and I actually like those a lot. But there are no monthly pages and nothing has tabs like I'm used to with Franklin Covey. Haven't decided if I'm going to use it or just stick with my Franklin Covey compact. I was thinking my Franklin Covey pages would fit the binder but they don't. When you try to close it, the tabs hit the pen loop.
Oh, one more thing. What do you do about the strap? When I'm writing, the strap keeps getting in my way. I've tried tucking it under the pen loop and folding it back but it won't stay. It's in my way!
Sorry to be so negative. Change is hard and it wasn't quite what I was expecting. You guys all make Filofax seem so awesome.
Patty

janet (2012-08-31 14:53:41)
there was a video on last weeks Web finds that showed how to use that 'edge not lining' up thing to your advantage. Can't remember how at this very moment but it may be worth a look.

Terri (2012-08-31 14:55:42)
Hi Patty. I think the malden is like this because it is a more informal type of binder, if that makes sense. I have the same one as you and all the things you don't like I love!
Terri

Gail Wheatley (2012-08-31 15:04:40)
I would love to see that video does anyone know which one it is?

Debbie (2012-08-31 15:14:07)
Could I get some advice from you more experienced Filofax owners? I just ordered both the ochre Personal Malden and the pink personal Finchley to try. I have them both now and am leaning toward the pink Finchley but am wondering if I should wait until I am in Chicago at the end of september to go to a store that carries many styles so I can see each one and decide then? The ochre personal malden feels pretty masculine to me so I may decide to keep the pink Finchley—or should I wait to see them in person? Any ideas appreciated!

Deborah (2012-08-31 15:52:12)
wait til Chicago so you can see them in person you may end up with something completely different..sometimes you need to see them live and get the feel of them

Debbie (2012-08-31 16:04:56)
Thanks Deborah! Are you familiar with the stores with the best selection of Filofaxes in Chicago? Thanks!

J (2012-08-31 16:05:24)
Hi Patty,
I'm one of the few Filofax/Franklin Covey combo users out there- I've really made the systems work for me! I can't make any promises, but here's what I'd do.
Don't use the pen loop. Instead, get one of the elastic pen loops on a sticky back- I found mine for $2 at Staples. Voila! Any size pen you want, without any interference.
This also allows the FC pages to fit- when the pen loop lies flat, the pages lie right over them. I've been using FC inserts all year (I keep them at the back of my binder) and it works perfectly. So much so that I'll keep using them next year!
The strap should also loosen up with use, but if you want to train it, tuck it all the way under the binder while it's open on a table. It might become a bit floppy, but it won't get in the way!
Hopefully these ideas help you out a bit. I promise, the amazingness of the Malden combined with the FC pages is worth it!!!

J (2012-08-31 16:07:39)
You can wait until Chicago, but in living here I'd warn you that the selections aren't great. You'll typically see the Finsbury, a few Classics, and maybe a Chameleon.
But, if you have time, I'd say wait and see if you find anything- just don't get too excited as in-store Filofax selection in Chicago is pretty bad!

Deborah (2012-08-31 16:39:32)
In a word no but some things you need to see before you buy and a filofax is definately one of them or any other filofax store I was hoping the states would have better selection

Babs (2012-08-31 16:40:00)
I don't think it was a video. I think i t was Helen's post on her Personal Aston:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.co.uk/2012/08/guest-post-helen-aston-perso nal-set-up.html

Anita (2012-08-31 16:42:58)
Hi Jes, I recently received an A5 Domino snake from Filofax Germany & it was all very easy. Ordered on Sunday & it was delivered on the following Thursday! Unfortunately they don't deliver outside of the EU, but a friendly Philofaxer may be able to help you out if it was that specific model you were after :)

Laurie (2012-08-31 16:54:12)
The Finchley line is discontinued, so if you like that one you might want to keep it or you might never find it again!

Terri (2012-08-31 17:16:41)
I bought the FC inserts after looking at your set up J. I love it!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-31 17:24:34)
Thanks Steve - I'll check out the video and will give you a shout if I get stuck!

Alison Reeves (2012-08-31 17:26:01)
I'd like an A5 Amazona in Almond - shame they never made that colour! I have the black one which I really like.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-31 17:26:44)
Actually, I'd really like an A5 Ascot.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-31 17:28:03)
Gail, Staples do a multi copy 90gsm paper which is very good. Great if you want to use fountain pen with no show through.

Alison Reeves (2012-08-31 17:29:45)
Here, Here - there has been some really interesting posts in the last few months. I know they would have taken quite a bit of time and thought to write.

J (2012-08-31 17:49:16)
Thanks, Terri! Definitely not conventional, but I love it! This system works better for me than anything else I've tried- it'll be sticking with me for 2013!

Becca (2012-08-31 19:25:01)
I'm trying to order from Filofax Germany but the website won't let me enter my postcode in the 'zip code' box - every time I press the 'next' button to continue my order it asks me to enter my zip code. Does anyone know how to solve this? Thank you!

Yu (2012-08-31 19:59:42)
Yup! On my personal, not on my former A5. Makes it look like it's reaaaally old even though the filo got it when I was setting it up! Brand new from box and all. :(

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-08-31 21:14:05)
Thanks. I'll give those tips a try J.

Butanben (2012-08-31 22:04:50)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Butanben (2012-08-31 22:16:35)
Hi folks,
Just for your info, September's dates for your Filofax are now on my blog, Each Shining Hour. Just Google Each Shining Hour Blog and access my page. Apologies for the word heavy content. I will have some more piccies next month,otherwise reader tedium sets in!!! This is my first full blog post and I've realised I've not got the formula quite right yet. What no piccies..... Gromit will not be pleased Steve!!! I wanted to have a blog with something useful for Philofaxers and for my teaching work, with dates for assembly stories etc.The posts will be following at the end of each month, if you want to follow along. xx

jes (2012-08-31 22:17:02)
Ooohhhh....friendly Philofaxers!! I swear every single model of filofax I want is available every except the US!

Hoot DuJour (2012-08-31 23:41:35)
I just ordered my first Filofax, an A5 Sketch as it was 30 % off. I'm upset because I just checked the website, and there are now a ton of options 50 % off. I haven't gotten a chance to get acquainted with my Skecth because I am away, but have already purchased quite a few accessories to get me started.
I wish I had found this wonderful resource prior to my purchase. I intend to read up quite a lot and select the

Filofax my husband will (yes, he must) buy me when I finish up grad school in May

Savannah (2012-09-01 00:36:39)
Day Timer has the four page a month tabbed calenar that are similar to Franklin Covey. The Day Timer pages are the identical page size as Filofax so this brand may be worth a try if you want more planning page options that fit appropriately with the Filofax binder. Ofcourse you can mix them in with the Filofax pages you do like. You can probably get the best price at Amazon.

tmpayne (2012-09-01 00:58:44)
Does anyone know where I can order cheaper colored A5 punched paper? Also, what are some cheaper punch options. Ive read the posts on punches already, but I live in the states and shipping is way too high for the punches I've seen. Thanks in advance!

tmpayne (2012-09-01 01:22:56)
I just ordered my first Filofax too. I ordered a black A5 Cuban. I really hope they are worth all the hype. I've kinda been lurking around philofaxy for a few months debating about which style and size to order. Which acessories did you purchase in addition to your FF?

Deborah (2012-09-01 04:44:01)
just incase you didn't associate my reply with yours. I think if you are unsure about certain filofaxes you should try seeing them up close and personal ie; in the shop not neccessarily in Chicago..I had a weird impression this was the only time you were going in a filo shop...I live near Reading Berkshire, or filo shop is in th Whsmiths and they don't even have all the filos on show just the boxes...but good luck in your search..sorry if I misled you in anyway

Gail Wheatley (2012-09-01 07:54:48)
Ohh that sounds ideal, thank Alison.

Gail Wheatley (2012-09-01 07:56:15)
Well I printed the remainder of the year out on 100gsm and wow it is thick, I didn't realise how thick it was till I was writing on it and there was no bleed through.

Lily (2012-09-01 08:14:49)
Have you tried John Lewis? They often have a good selection actually out.

Debbie (2012-09-01 08:46:21)
I live in an area where there are no Filofax suppliers. I live in Idaho and the nearest supplier is in Salt Lake City. I have not been to the store that carries Filofax but am traveling to Chicago at the end of Sept. I just may keep the pink Finchley because I am a believer that if I want to I can buy myself a new Filofax every year! LOL!

Cheryl (2012-09-01 11:24:46)
Thanks, Steve, for the great comments and review. I like all the features (all those credit card pockets!), the gusseted section and the slip pocket in the back. Too bad I missed this one but I'll be checking around the web just in case luck strikes. Either color would work for me but I'm kind of liking that purple one to go with many items in the fall wardrobe. Enjoyed your review...thanks!

Cheryl (2012-09-01 11:28:06)
Thanks for the info! I just got mine an hour ago and am playing around with it. Its going to take alot of training to lay flat...it almost looks like it wants to resist laying flat which wasn't the case with my regular personal chameleon. Other than that I love the size. I definitely have some paring down to do and since I do have alot of dividers, I think you have the right idea. I just picked up a bunch of the MS Avery tags at Staples last night so it looks like getting rid of the dviders is the key. Thanks for the tip!

Becca (2012-09-01 12:04:01)
Hi Anita, I was just wondering how you ordered from Filofax Germany re my comment below? Thanks!

jes (2012-09-01 13:07:37)
i was unable to order from the germany website. they do not ship outside the eu. so you got farther than i did!

Lily (2012-09-01 15:22:05)
I had this issue, I put a zipcode in as 00000, and put my postcode in the normal address space.

Butanben (2012-09-01 22:31:53)
Yes.... Here Here!! Erin's comment is spot on!!

Doris (2012-09-01 23:20:31)
My personal ochre is creased as well, from use. But I don't mind it. (: The ochre seems to have softer, 'thinner' leather.

Paul B (2012-09-02 07:01:44)
There was one on Ebay I was going to bid on, then the owner took it down and put it back up with a starting price of..... 95 pounds. I couldnt believe the jump. There is optimistic and then there is unrealistic!

Hoot DuJour (2012-09-04 20:47:56)
It came with the week on 2 pages, that seems good for right now. I ordered the month on 2 pages to help with longer term planning as well as the horizontal year view. I'm not sure how useful that will be, but I thought it looked cool. I'm unsure as to how to organize my Filofax, I'm sure it will be a work in progress for quite some time.

1.3 September

Wed Finds - 1 September 2012 (2012-09-01 00:00) - Steve Morton

And this mornings Filofax blog posts for Wednesday to Saturday from the Internet. If you missed the Tuesday helping of posts [1]click back to them here.

1. [2]Printing inserts; the saga continues - The Crazy Suburban Mom
2. [3]Download a Party Planner for your A5 Filofax - My Life All in One Place
3. [4]My Filofax Collection (minus the personal size Malden in crimson) - Filofax Fetish
4. [5]My Red Personal Cuban as My Prayer Journal - I'm a Filo Freak
5. [6]Books, bags and Filofax - Circus Life with Disturbed Mamacita
6. [7]Things Filofax on Etsy - This Bugs Life
7. [8]Filofax Focus Groups - Mish Mash Muddle
8. [9]all stars guest post - Carou: pennybridge as a travel filo - Paper Lovestory
9. [10]My First Blog - Anthannon
10. [11]Five Year Filofax Journal - It's My Life
11. [12]My Work A5 Filofax - The Aston - Thoughts and Exploration

12. [13]The Nutty Boy By Ziraldo (Guest Post By Lime Tree) - Fennell Books
13. [14]"Your package is on its way" - Megan-Brodie Rogers
14. [15]Filofax goodies - Filofax Fantasies
15. [16]What a GREAT Filofax DAY! - Filofax Fetish
16. [17]New Tabs For My Filofax With The Dymo Label Maker - Lady Tamlynn
17. [18]Get Organized with Filofax - Mom Trends
18. [19]Its here, it's here - My Once Upon the Moon
19. [20]Diary Issues - Two Pages Per Day V Two Days Per Page - Imysworld
20. [21]Filofax Containment Part Two - The Storage Studio
21. [22]Guess What I Got Today Everybody!!! - I'm a Filo Freak
22. [23]Big Brother - Filomaniac
23. [24]My FiloFlex - AntiDisOrganisation
24. [25]Philofaxy Prize Metropol - AntiDisOrganisation
25. [26]New pocket Baroque - Paper Pens Ink
26. [27]Paper planners and human evolution - The Crazy Suburban Mom
27. [28]My New Compact Finsbury - Mish Mash Muddle
28. [29]Evernote and Your Filofax - Bryan Sherwood
29. [30]New filofax - Ruban Rose
30. [31]Where is this year going? - The Crazy Life of J
31. [32]Philofaxy All Stars Guest Post: Imy, Whats in my Car - All things gay
32. [33]Filofax Blog of the Week: Paper Pens Ink - My Life All in One Place
33. [34]Filofax Fortnight #5 - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
34. [35]Losing weight - Cloudberry Musings
35. [36]In My Mailbox: Compact Osterley - Wandrrlust
36. [37]What's in my Car - All Stars Guest Post - Alistair... - Imysworld
37. [38]What's in your filofax Friday? #2 - Hand Made By Rianna
38. [39]Organizing Our Busy Family With Filofax - Obviously Marvelous
39. [40]All Stars Guest Post – Ray – Keeping in Touch - Steve Morton
40. [41]FINALLY....My NEW Malden Filofax is here....!!!!! - Shabby Vintage Junk
41. [42]ALL STARS GUEST POST - Filofax Pro & Con's from Thoughts and Explorations - Imysworld
42. [43]September 365/30 Lists!! - The Life of The Perpetual Student
43. [44]All Stars Guest Post - Imy of Imysworld - Thoughts and Exploration
44. [45]London 2012 Line Burst Filofax - Mish Mash Muddle

45. [46]All Stars Round-up - My Life All in One Place

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can't guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Don't forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks Video Finds

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WeirdRockStar (2012-09-01 03:02:34)
Love love LOOOVE these links!
That´s all.
Happy Sat. everyone!

Babs (2012-09-01 03:20:10)
Thanks Steve. Another great list of links.

Cloudberry (2012-09-01 08:57:29)
Wow - I pick up so many ideas from these posts. Love the post on Etsy from Janet @ Tiis Bugs Life - a handmade FF binder...hhhmmmm, don't get me started!

Bridgett (2012-09-01 16:02:15)
I was really confused for a second and thought I had already read the Wednesday Finds but these are indeed new and much appreciated for Saturday.

Butanben (2012-09-01 20:30:32)
Lady Tamlynn... you've had me making new labels for my Filofax tonight!! Had the label maker for ages, and didn't realise it made such pretty borders. So Avery tabs out... and hey presto, a spruced up Filofax, thanks to your blog.... brilliant post, thank-you!!

Scotland Philofaxy meetup! (2012-09-02 00:00) - Laurie

[1]

Now that I'm back in Scotland, let's start talking about a Scotland Philofaxy meetup!
Please comment and answer the following questions:
1) Which would be a better location/ easier for you to get to: Aberdeen or Edinburgh? (Sorry I can't go to Glasgow, too far for me.) Aberdeen might be closer for some people, but I don't know a decent Filofax retailer there (does anyone know a good Filofax destination in Aberdeen??). If we go to Edinburgh we can visit The Pen Shop at Jenners, which is the only Filofax retailer I know of there. Does anyone know a retailer in or near Edinburgh that might have a larger selection of Filofaxes, and/ or might be less crowded?

2) When? For me, later in the autumn would be the best time so I have time to settle into my new house. I can't do most of October, or November 24 and 25th but hopefully we can find a date that works for most people. Timing is negotiable but if we can start to narrow it down that would help.
So Scottish Philofaxers, what do you think? And of course, anyone else who would like to come up for the event is more than welcome!

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-mitIdTdupMU/T9fKcgQzOkI/AAAAAAAALyg/hBw7i_Qpweo/s1600/LondonMay2012.jpg

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HazelScotland (2012-09-02 02:03:30)
Edinburgh. Edinburgh. Edinburgh.

Superpooky (2012-09-02 03:41:51)
The Pen Shop also have a stand alone shop near St James centre in Edinburgh and John Lewis usually have a selection and some nice stationery if that info helps.

Erozion (2012-09-02 06:51:17)
Has to be Edinburgh for me. We could always have a good think about where Filofax is sold. Though the pen shop in Jenners is the place I know with most stuff, I'll need to go take a look at their shop in Multrees Walk Superspooky, never been.

Mags Rennie (2012-09-02 08:02:39)
I can do either Edinburgh or Aberdeen but later in the autumn would be best for me. Tiger Lily's or The Hub?

Erozion (2012-09-02 08:29:34)
According the the Filofax website - Blackwells, South Bridge and Hamilton & Inches, George St have stock. Letts Filofax Group Ltd have a place in Dalkeith, wonder if they would welcome a visit.

crofter (2012-09-02 09:20:15)
Laurie, no hope of me coming, but I am so happy for you that your back in Scotland. Home is where the heart is, and it would seem to me that your heart has been in Scotland for a long time now.

Bryan (2012-09-02 09:24:02)
I wish I lived in Scotland!

RelativityNSomeTea (2012-09-02 09:45:02)
I live in Scotland! I could get to Edinburgh with a friend :)

austinlinda (2012-09-02 10:00:32)
I wish I could just VISIT Scotland! I've always been interested in learning more and visiting there!
Maybe someday. ;)

Butanben (2012-09-02 10:31:14)
My family come from Edinburgh! If I were currently employed, I'd be up there joining in!!

Morag (2012-09-02 11:25:42)
Edinburgh would be good for me!! Sounds like there's a few places to visit to drool over Filofaxes and assorted stationery :)

Nellie (2012-09-02 12:08:57)
Mr N and I honeymooned in Scotland. We had a week on Skye and then a week in Edinburgh. Bliss. Have a great time guys!

Laurie (2012-09-02 12:47:52)
Thank you crofter! Yes this has been my dream for a decade now. I'm so happy to be here!!

Erozion (2012-09-02 17:55:44)
Skye is fantastic, been a few times, great honeymoon Nellie

fluffyferret (2012-09-02 18:02:07)
I live in Aberdeen and in the city itself John Lewis, Paperchase and WH Smith sell Filofaxes and inserts.

Erozion (2012-09-02 18:07:34)
Sounds good, is that your cat?

Lily (2012-09-03 07:54:00)
Could you go halfway between? Is there anywhere in Dundee?

Laurie (2012-09-03 08:06:29)
Dundee is fine, or Perth, or someplace else sort of mid-way if that works for other people too. Don't know about Filofax retailers anywhere near there though.

Farmer Wilf (2012-09-03 08:10:28)
Another vote here for Edinburgh. As a recent convert to Filofax from the electronic mess that I'd got myself into I'd love to see how others organise their filofaxes

Erozion (2012-09-03 08:12:24)
Yeah, that's fine with me as long as I don't have too far to walk. I use a stick.

Farmer Wilf (2012-09-03 09:57:50)
I don't know of anywhere in Perth besides WH Smith that stock Filofax. Burns and Harris in Dundee used to stock them but I'm not sure that they still do. (hope this helps)

Steve Morton (2012-09-03 14:14:22)
If I can throw my hat in to the ring.
Firstly I want to see this meet up go ahead, no doubt about that. There are enough people who have so far shown interest, I'm sure it will happen.
I would also like to attend, but... it would have to be on a particular date and in a location that I can get to by flying from SE England, most probably staying over night. So my costs are going to be significant.
So I would prefer to sit back and let Laurie go ahead and organise the meet up and if I can attend then I will do all I can to attend.
Steve

Laurie (2012-09-03 14:23:34)
Seems like the majority would prefer Edinburgh, so let's talk about that.
What about timing? It would need to be a Saturday, perhaps the first or second Saturday in November? Does that timing work for people?

Laurie (2012-09-03 14:24:39)
Steve it would be fantastic if the meetup falls on a date when you can come up!!

Erozion (2012-09-03 14:27:16)
That's fine for me Laurie

fluffyferret (2012-09-03 15:39:53)
Yes he was sitting on a snow covered roof at the time and had snow on his whiskers. Is that a pic of your cat?

Erozion (2012-09-03 15:44:04)
yeah, she's Siamese. I love cats.

Mags Rennie (2012-09-03 15:52:02)
I could probably make the second Saturday in November, and if you want I could bring some of my stock ;).

Morag (2012-09-04 03:35:41)
I can make either of those dates - looking forward to it. Can't wait to see other people's filos & their setups

Danielle Currie (2012-09-04 04:50:36)
I really want a personal amazona in almond, have u filofax gurus got any advice I am Edinburgh based and tried eBay already x

Erozion (2012-09-04 08:00:10)
I've been talking about the meetup to someone I do voluntary work for. I've given her the Philofaxy website details and she may be interested in joining up and coming to the meetup.

HazelScotland (2012-09-05 15:58:52)
I Can't make the weekend of the 10th but if that suits everyone else then I understand :(xx

Andrew R (2012-09-05 18:59:22)
Definitely Edinburgh. Not a Sunday (much poorer public transport). The 3rd clashes with the Bitts Park fireshow in Carlisle (best bonfire in the North of England, and probably Scotland too), but 10th might be possible. Andrew

Laurie (2012-09-06 02:02:18)
I forgot many places will have their bonfire night that first Saturday. Let's discuss the 10th vs the 17th. Right now either is fine with me. Which one would work best for the majority of people?
And yes definitely Saturday. Trains don't run between Aberdeen and Edinburgh on Sunday so I'd have to take the bus which would take too long.

Erozion (2012-09-06 04:05:03)
Laurie, I'm fine for either day

Steve Morton (2012-09-06 04:30:35)
'If' I can make it, it would be the 17th rather than the 10th.
Steve

Laurie (2012-09-06 04:43:03)
Right that settles it. November 17, Edinburgh! Steve, please make the announcement! (And if you can't make it after all that is completely okay.)
Next we will discuss where to meet and Filofax destinations. I've been to The Pen Shop at Jenners but it won't be as much fun without Craig, and it's very crowded so alternative destinations would be good.

Laurie (2012-09-06 05:02:37)
I have created a group on Facebook called Philofaxy Edinburgh Meetup Nov 17 so we can discuss the logistics!

Erozion (2012-09-06 05:13:37)
Hi Laurie. Can you post a link pl. Can't seem to find it on a search. thanx

Steve Morton (2012-09-06 05:32:09)
The group is here: https://www.facebook.com/groups/424807494232038/
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-09-06 05:50:19)
I'm adding as many people as I can find on FB that are already in my Friends List!

Steve Morton (2012-09-11 17:00:41)
The date is set for 17th November, in Edinburgh. I will be there... travel and hotel booked. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 17th.
If you haven't joined the Facebook group yet please do.
Steve

Reader Under the Spotlight - Angela (2012-09-03 00:00) - Steve Morton

Welcome this week to Angela.

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I'm Angela and I blog over at [2]Paper Lovestory. I've been blogging on and off since I was 14 but I finally settled on Paper Lovestory at the end of my first year at university :)
1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?
I bought it in 2009 but I'm pretty sure I had one of the children ones when I was younger. I've forgotten what brand it was but I remember it having square patterns and the rings were much like a Filofax!
The one I bought back in 2009 was a personal Finsbury in Raspberry but my sister has it now! Foolishly, I bought it full price from John Lewis (as I didn't discover City Organiser til early 2010 when it's website was cityorg-pdq or something!).

2. What other brands have you used or considered using?
I had a brief flirtation with a Moleskine in 2011 (I used it for 9 months) but I really didn't like how rubbish the paper was so quickly reverted back to a Filofax in late December 2011.
3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?
I really am in love with my personal Osterley in plum. So much so, that I am considering getting it in the Compact size. I also love my Finchleys - I don't think I will ever sell them.
4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?
Oh dear. I think it is eleven, but I may have counted wrong so it could be ten or twelve! Only four are in use at the moment. I'm thinking of saving them for when I have children and then have one for each child. I'd keep momentos of their childhood in there; like the bracelet they wear after they are born (in hospital), a scan of them in my womb, record their first word, first time they walked, etc. I may be thinking too far ahead here though!
5. What do you use your Filofax for?

- Personal Osterley - daily diary and this one goes everywhere with me
- Personal Finchley (Vintage Rose) - my 'me' binder
- Personal Finchley (Teal) - holds my 2013 inserts and comes out from time to time so I can write things in it

- Personal Finchley (Jade Green) - my 'fashion' Filofax

The rest are acting as storage binders (for my spare notepaper, tabs, etc) and my A5 is lying in wait in case I ever require a bigger daily diary.
6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?
The fact I could customise them and make it look like my own. There is only so much you can do with a Moleskine; and even then, you can only keep it for a year anyway!
7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?
Well, it'd have gold compact rings. The exterior would be leather - though I don't know what pattern (if any) and the interior would be smooth leather. Inside, it would have four card slots with a pocket underneath that on the left, and on the right, there would be a zipped pocket. Not unlike the Osterley I'm using I guess, apart from the zipped pocket!
8. How do you carry your Filofax?
I'm really quite careless with how I handle it. I just throw it into my bag before leaving the house with no regard for the fact that I have keys and other potentially sharp objects in there too!
9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?
I'm actually very tempted by a Compact Osterley, but also the Temperley for London Violet! At the moment, these two are the ones I am currently lusting after. I will most probably be getting one of these two as I really do want a Compact (I'm finding the personal a bit too big at the moment) but I'm not anticipating a purchase anytime soon. Unless my parents are particularly generous with a graduation present (my grad ceremony isn't til late October!).
10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?
I spent £375 on The Affair by Temperley London but of course, that went back due to the rings. The next most expensive is probably my Osterley which only cost me £55 (to replace a faulty Amazona almond). I don't remember spending anymore than that on a Filofax.
11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?
Everything! The community, how friendly everyone is and how willing everyone is to try and help each other. In the dog-eat-dog world that the world is portrayed as sometimes, Philofaxy is a breath of fresh air. Also, it's great to meet other people who share the same obsession with stationery.
12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?
Honestly? I can't think of anything. Or maybe the fact that it makes me want to buy more organisers?
13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?
I last bought Down the Way by Angus and Julia Stone. I can't stop listening to it on loop!
Thank you Angela. If anyone else would like to step under our Spotlight and share their Filofax story please get in touch philofaxy [at] gmail [dot] com

1. `http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-W8roHVQocuM/UDukyoX1x-I/AAAAAAAAM8k/9TMyKD7uTNE/s1600/blog.png`
2. `http://paperlovestory.com/`

Imy (2012-09-03 05:14:43)
One of my favoritest bloggers and Philofaxers :D (Yes I made up two words there)

Sandra (2012-09-03 09:29:43)
So nice to read more about you, Angela. Your weekly blog updates rock! ;)

Alondra Karwowski (2012-09-03 10:23:05)
She is also one of my favorite blog's to read!

Free For All Tuesday No 83 (2012-09-04 00:00) - Steve Morton

Tuesdays are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
However, I've been sent a couple of pictures of a Filofax can you help identify which model it is?

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Thanks for your help

1. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-ixnlhojaG9o/UEUjYqQI8XI/AAAAAAAANAA/p4TEQoW52Pg/s1600/Real+Calf+Filofax+1.JPG
2. http://3.bp.blogspot.com/-4MC8q4bJO40/UEUjizuirCI/AAAAAAAANAI/76pJQ2unZBc/s1600/Real+Calf+Filofax+2.JPG

Bridget (2012-09-04 00:10:27)
I'm not much help, but if people are in filofax id-ing mode I'd be interested in finding out which model this one is http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=508804847

SNARLing: (2012-09-04 00:23:54)
hello! i hope all is as happy and well as possible for the moment - happy september! so i'd been sneaking some surfing in as i regularly do and found this on the ff france site:
http://www.filofax.fr/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=5 &rangeId=169 &dsizeId=5
it seems like the super crazy beautiful true open a5 20mm binder people may be looking for complete with super crazy horribly expensive price tag

WiniC (2012-09-04 00:40:55)
This looks super similar to my ('vintage') Lincoln Filofax, which was purchased (I believe) some time in the 1990s, but a bit more up market.
Exterior: http://img577.imageshack.us/img577/651/imagewvc.jpg
Interior: http://img9.imageshack.us/img9/6899/imageeiy.jpg
I know I'm not 'old,' but the thought of something being 'vintage from the nineties' makes me feel ancient T.T

Jenna (2012-09-04 03:36:25)
Hi guys! I'm a lurker here, but finally caved and bought my first (and hopefully only) Filo! Im so excited! :D I bought the aqua chameleon since it was on clearance. Im so excited for it to arrive!
Quick Q, can the page file templates be printed on standard North American letter sized paper or should I just buy some A4? I'm a Canadian here so A4 isn't very readily available.

Alison (2012-09-04 03:54:25)
Wow thanks for sharing, I want one but can't justify it - not at that price, resist, resist, resist !!! :)

Paul Taylor (2012-09-04 05:21:59)
I have that exact same model Filofax - tan leather personal, gold coloured metal corners on the front and gold coloured 7/8" rings. I've looked it over and nowhere does it even hint at what it's called (unless it's a 'Real Calf'!) and I've been thinking about asking this very same question for a while now. I acquired mine sometime in the late 80s and it replaced a grey Winchester - I think it was shortly before I met my other half, which was '89 if knowing the age is of any help in identification. It's a shame they don't make 'em like that any more - mine is a bit scuffed and dented but still fully functional and the rings still meet precisely with a satisfying click when opening and closing. I haven't used it in anger for the best part of a decade but it could come back into service tomorrow at a pinch...

Gwen McKerrell (2012-09-04 06:17:23)
Hi Paul
I am the owner of the filofax in the picture, having been a philofaxy reader for a while but not commenting until now. I kind of like the idea of a model called "Real Calf" and am glad someone else has the same model as me. I'm relatively new to filofaxes and am still trying to find a set up that works for me but am looking forward to using "Real Calf" within that setup.

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-04 06:26:37)
steve take a look at this listing - http://www.ebay.com/itm/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem &item=260982617995 no name given but the card is presant and the pics are good.
The next image from flickr http://www.flickr.com/photos/jmarkbertrand/3452297247/ has the text from the back side of the card....
The reverse of the card reads: "The Living Quality of Fine Scottish Leather. Every piece of leather has its own character in grain and texture. Leather from National Chrome Tanning gains extra individuality from its Scottish heritage – tanned using the softest water in the world with skills built up over generations. Like wood, leather is one of the few materials that grows more beautiful with use, the grain acquiring a natural patina."
No name yet though...
Tracy

Songbird68 (2012-09-04 06:28:07)
Is it possibly a personal Portland?

Steve Morton (2012-09-04 06:33:37)
Or a Personal Sherwood, as in this photo:
http://www.flickr.com/photos/jmarkbertrand/3452298235/in/photostream /
It certainly has the same internal layout with two pen loops, the numerous card slots and the zip pocket in the back cover.
There was never one called 'Real Calf' that's a type of leather you will find it in a lot of Filofax organisers of that

age!
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-09-04 06:38:33)
That's a Winchester... same as the one I have!

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-04 06:40:54)
I thought about that one but it's got a slip pocket the one in your picture doesn't have... but the leather looks similar

zephyr (2012-09-04 06:50:42)
It's a Sherwood.

Paul Taylor (2012-09-04 08:23:12)
I *was* joking! It's just that they usually have an imprint saying 'Filofax personal xyz, italian leather/real calf/whatever'. It's just a bit odd that the model number or name doesn't seem to be included in the imprint on this one for some reason. Maybe Filofax were in limbo between naming conventions around that time?
It is very similar to the Personal Sherwood, I agree, but the Sherwood doesn't have the metal corners on the front cover and its rings are chrome. This particular model has gold rings.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-09-04 09:27:31)
It's definitely NOT a Portland - I have one and they are completely different (and have their names on the inside too). A portland has a gusseted zipped pocket on the left and 6 card slots on the right and a full-height pocket behind the card slots.

crofter (2012-09-04 09:36:33)
I also think it is a Sherwood, I have an identical model in Black. This is the first one that I have seen in brown, and I think it is quite nice.

Gwen McKerrell (2012-09-04 09:54:42)
Thanks all for your comments. The filofax is actually red, however the light was not good when I was photographing it and I couldn't get the exposure right on the camera, hence it looking more brown/tan than red.

Alondra Karwowski (2012-09-04 09:59:29)
I have a question.. does anyone know of any US online stores that sell Filofax's, inserts, accessories etc. for cheaper than the Filofax website? I know Ebay sometimes have stuff but I find that they are just as pricey (if not sometimes more than the Filofax USA website). Thank you!

M Ng (2012-09-04 10:42:15)
You should check out [1]Pens and Leather. The binders are always about 20 % off, but it can be a while before they have the newest models available. I believe the refills and inserts are essentially all full-price, though. Good luck!

1. `http://www.pensandleather.com/`

Alison Reeves (2012-09-04 11:59:16)
Well, whatever this binder is called it is lovely. I really wish they would do more in the gold coloured ring mechanisms. I have an Ivory Panama with the gold rings which is lovely - sadly I don't care for the closure so I may have to sell it on.
On another note I would just like to make a comment about planners. I've spent a fortune on diary inserts (mostly prior to the Steve & Ray collaboration). I tend to see others using a particular layout and strive to follow suite. I've been through just about every option. I really, really wanted to TM weekly and daily ones to work, but sadly I couldn't live up to them. Then I discovered that the one diary layout that I thought would never work is perfect for me - the week on one page with notes (where you have the week on the left and the facing page is for notes). Although I run my own business, I find the granularity of one page or two page a day too much to cope with. I

don't have a lot of appointments, but I have tasks and projects which I want to be reminded of all the time. So I divide the notes page in two with a red line and put work projects on one side and personal ones on the other. I find I don't have to keep re-writing every day - but it does give me a real sense of what I need to get done each week, and how I am doing on the progress front. I plan to refine this further with some colour coding - say one colour for customer tasks and another for business ones.
A further observation is that I have also diligently kept a month to view, but have no idea why as I use Outlook and regularly look at that. So I plan to scrap the month to view, and perhaps just use a set to plan something like blog posts.
I don't need to long lists of tasks - I've basically identified a list of projects and created a mindmap for each project with all the tasks on and printed it out and folded and punched into my A5. This way I can still have the pleasure of my preferred view (i.e. mind map) but can also have the pleasure of crossing off tasks on a larger project to give me a feeling of progress. So I keep my list of projects, and behind that a mind map for each one. This leaves me with much more room for things like checklists (e.g. one for when I have to work away - what to take, or a list of items to take to training sessions I run, or a list to run through when editing and proofing documents).
I'm going to re-set up another binder for my home/diet/meal planning/exercise and recipe topics. This won't have a diary as such, but I'll utilise one to record my meals and snacks.
I just then need to decide whether I set up a separate binder for hobbies or not. I'll know more when I've bedded in my planner one (which covers work and home) and I can see how much ring space is available. I've more or less given up on the idea of using a personal size - I don't go out that much so can take the A5 when I really need it. For personal use I have my diary and contacts on my phone - so I needn't look like to bag lady hauling around loads of stuff I don't really need (I'm all for travelling light!).
I think this has all come about because I felt the FF was ruling me rather than the other way round and I was seriously thinking about not using it at all - I'd fallen out of love because it wasn't delivering the help I needed. Has anyone else had a real change in the way they use or set up their binders recently?

Valerie (2012-09-04 12:42:12)
It looks just like the very first Filofax I bought back in 1989...my model was called Lincoln and it was brown.

Butanben (2012-09-04 14:11:21)
Steve.. I don't know if there is such a thing out there... but I've been looking for a metal closure for the front of my binder. Let me explain. When I go to WH Smith or Staples I buy many a big A4 ring file and in some, they have a metal clamp type clip to hold down the paper inside, so the paper is pressed down and held securely... visible when you open the folder... it is a mixture between a clip and a clamp device. These do not however fit the A5... or indeed A4. I would love a paper clamp clip. Anyone know of anything out there to fit the bill??????

Steve Morton (2012-09-04 14:28:33)
Hi Jane
I know what you are talking about, normally seen in lever arch files/ring binders
I doubt if you will ever find one for an A5 Filofax because the rings spacing isn't common to anything else.
But an A4 Filofax is the same ring spacing as a normal 2/4 ring A4 folder (80mm) have you tried using one of those clamps to see if it works or not?
Steve

Laurie (2012-09-04 14:33:42)
Here's one for all you restorers out there: my Buckingham has some rust on the ring mechanism. Is there any way to remove it without damaging/ staining the surrounding leather? Thanks for any info!

Steve Morton (2012-09-04 14:34:45)
Could you post/share a photo so we can see where the rust is? Thanks
Steve

Laurie (2012-09-04 14:54:10)
Sorry no because my post-malware computer is still having problems loading photos and it would take about 45 minutes to load the one photo. But the location is at the base of the top lever, where it meets the metal spine of the mechanism. There's not a lot of rust, but I'd like to nip it in the bud before it spreads if I can.

Steve Morton (2012-09-04 15:07:30)
Can you get a small bit of wire wool on the end of a cotton bud to it, to rub it down may be?
Sorry I didn't realise you were still suffering with the dreaded Malware... Ubuntu CD time...
Steve

Laurie (2012-09-04 15:10:46)
To be honest I think it's as much a problem with Kodak software as the malware issue.

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-04 16:02:13)
I have a couple of questions both of which are probably very noobish and silly, so I apologise, but...
1) I have a lovely zipped Lyndhurst that had an unfortunate meeting with a hardback book when I was carrying it, and now has indentations from the book's cover in the leather, which is making me very upset. Is there any way to 'undent' the leather?
2) Is there a way to remove the binding mechanism entirely from a Filofax? Before everyone screams, I have a binder with broken rings which I don't want to throw away.
Thanks guys :)

crofter (2012-09-04 16:12:28)
Laurie you might check for a product called "Never-Dull". It is described as Magic wadding, and is often found at truck stops in the States. You might look on Amazon and see if it is available over there. If need be, I will buy a can and mail it to you. I am sure it will work.

Laurie (2012-09-04 16:30:36)
Thank you crofter, I will look for it!

Josh (2012-09-04 18:33:01)
Gorgeous!

Butanben (2012-09-04 18:58:45)
Yes Steve, I did try one and strangely enough, the thing didn't work in my A4 Strata. Would be really handy for A5, as I've just swapped from larger ringed Finsbury to smaller ringed Cuban ink coloured Filofax.... taken stuff out I don't need and made a separate reference Filofax....for things I need occasionally ie maps,Filo info notes eg European Union etc, but not stuff I use each and every day. Have been ruthless about pruning, and now have the benefit of an A5 binder, but a lighter and nicer A5 binder. Would now be handy to have a clippy thingymawhotsit for my A5!!!! Think you are right though..... I'll be darned lucky if I find one that fits. Worth asking though!! xx

Butanben (2012-09-04 19:04:47)
I know ice cubes remove indentations from sofa legs etc etc in carpets .....may stain a Filofax though!!!!Worth looking up on Google???? Sorry.... not much help.... most folks on this forum send their binders back to Filofax for ring mechanism repairs/replacement..... they are usually very helpful that way so I hear. xxxx

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-04 20:14:49)
I'd never heard of that before, but I certainly will Google it, thank you!
I don't think Filofax would be too pleased to get back my old binder though! It's not even a leather one, but I do like it, and I can think of other uses for it - if I can get the rings out! But I can't work out how to get the rivets out.
Thanks!

EmmaNoey (2012-09-04 22:05:04)
There's a guest post from Tim Edwards on July 11, 2012 where he discusses removing a ring mechanism from a binder and installing it in a flex. It could be helpful.

Butanben (2012-09-05 20:05:28)
Anvismart defender.... a free download... is brilliant at detecting and removing the most current malware. Run the quick clean and the long clean and all click threats removed. Also has a de- frag built in. I also run clean on C- Cleaner.... another freebie download. My dad was a systems analyst and recommended these, which he uses himself, alongside Norton. xxxxx

gmax (2012-09-08 09:38:43)
Sherwood was available either with a gilt ring mechanism and gilt corners, or with a standard ring mechanism and without gilt corners. Colours were black, burgundy and tan. The one pictured above is likely to be burgundy.

gmax (2012-09-08 09:47:24)
It would date from circa 1992, and was priced at £49.95.

Web Finds - 4 September 2012 (2012-09-04 12:00) - Steve Morton

Well we do not seem to have too much difficulty in creating two of these posts each week with a reasonable number of posts in each one, so it looks as if this idea is set to continue.
So here are the latest batch of posts we have found for you on the internet:

1. [1]All Stars Guest Post: Essentials to plan a busy family life - Deligted
2. [2]Organising stickers and making more stamps! - Filofax Love
3. [3]My Weekend - Cloudberry Musings
4. [4]Compact Chameleon Arrived - Anthannon
5. [5]Dates for your Filofax - Each Shining Hour
6. [6]Customizing my Pocket Adelphi Pt. 2 - Behind my Purpley Life
7. [7]Mulberry agenda - review - Paper Pens Ink
8. [8]"Alt gegen neu" bei Filofax Deutschland - Filomaniac
9. [9]Can someone Identify this Filofax for me please? - Pride, It Leaves You Hollow
10. [10]All Stars Guest Post by Steve: The 2012 Steve Morton Filofax Set- up - My Life All in One Place
11. [11]Insert Printing Drama - Practically Pretty
12. [12]I Love My Raspberry Chameleon Pocket FF As My Wallet - I'm a Filo Freak
13. [13]North West Philofaxy meet-up - The world of Debimoje
14. [14]Need to Step away from the Filofax - Filofax Fantasies
15. [15]One week with the Malden - Filofax Fantasies
16. [16]A New Month, A Fresh Start - Cowgirls Up!
17. [17]Blue Compact Finsbury setup with DIY templates - Simple Notes To Me

18. [18]365/30 day Lists - Funner things to do with your Filofax - The Crazy Suburban Mom
19. [19]your filofax week #20 - Paper Lovestory
20. [20]My Filofax Story so far... - Notes in a Filofax
21. [21]Philofaxy North-West Manchester Meet-up - what fun... - All Things Stationery
22. [22]A Literal Filofax Affair - All Stars Tour - Paper LoveStory - Imysworld
23. [23]Portland zu verkaufen - Filomaniac
24. [24]Filo Finds - My so called organised life
25. [25]Zu verkaufen: Kendal A5 - Filomaniac
26. [26]Philofaxy North West Meet Up - Filo Obsessed
27. [27]My very first Filofax!! - Nothings Original Anymore
28. [28]Journalling School Session 7: Problem Solving - My Life All in One Place
29. [29]Journalling School (7) - Filomaniac
30. [30]My Filofax is here !!! - Just Stefanie
31. [31]Filofax. The nerdiest blog ever. - Grakkyf
32. [32]All Stars Guest post from Helen @ Fennell Books - Walking - Filo Obsessed
33. [33]If you could tell Filofax anything ... - Mish Mash Muddle
34. [34]Setting up the Mulberry Agenda - Paper Pens Ink
35. [35]My Weekend page worked! - Cloudberry Musings
36. [36]I'm curious... - Belzira's corner
37. [37]Well here it is..... - Sweetpea
38. [38]Weekly Task Lists - Mish Mash Muddle
39. [39]august review - Paper Lovestory
40. [40]New Filofax - Floral Paris

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can not guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Do not forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks Video Finds

IFRAME: [41]http://www.youtube.com/embed/y3xyDDxrDfc?rel=0

IFRAME: [42]http://www.youtube.com/embed/s1k _DI1x _oE?rel=0

IFRAME: [43]http://www.youtube.com/embed/AOurxGhyqWc?rel=0

IFRAME: [44]http://www.youtube.com/embed/1GtZMrju52w?rel=0

Enjoy

1. http://deligted.blogspot.nl/2012/08/all-stars-guest-post-essentials-to-plan_31.html
2. http://filofaxlove.wordpress.com/2012/08/31/organising-stickers-and-making-more-stamps/
3. http://cloudberrythoughts.blogspot.fr/2012/08/my-weekend.html
4. http://anthannon.blogspot.fr/2012/08/compact-chameleon-arrived.html
5. http://butanben.blogspot.fr/2012/08/lets-shine-in-september-2012.html
6. http://mypurpleylife.blogspot.fr/2012/08/customizing-my-pocket-adelphi-pt-2.html
7. http://paperpensink.blogspot.fr/2012/09/mulberry-agenda-review.html
8. http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2012/09/alt-gegen-neu-bei-filofax-deutschland.html
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10. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.fr/2012/09/all-stars-guest-post-by-steve-2012.html
11. http://practical-and-pretty.blogspot.fr/2012/09/insert-printing-drama.html
12. http://filofreak.blogspot.fr/2012/09/i-love-my-raspberry-chameleon-pocket-ff.html
13. http://debimoje.blogspot.fr/2012/09/north-west-philofaxy-meet-up.html
14. http://filofaxfantasies.blogspot.fr/2012/09/need-to-step-away-from-filofax.html
15. http://filofaxfantasies.blogspot.fr/2012/09/one-week-with-malden.html
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18. http://www.crazysuburbanmom.com/2012/09/36530-day-lists-funner-things-to-do.html
19. http://www.paperlovestory.com/2012/09/your-filofax-week-20.html
20. http://notesinafilofax.wordpress.com/2012/09/02/my-filofax-story-so-far/
21. http://allthingsstationery.blogspot.fr/2012/09/philofaxy-north-west-manchester-meet-up.html
22. http://imysworld.blogspot.fr/2012/09/a-literal-filofax-affair-all-stars-tour.html
23. http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2012/09/portland-zu-verkaufen.html
24. http://mysocalledorganisedlife.blogspot.fr/2012/09/filo-finds.html
25. http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2012/09/zu-verkaufen-kendal-a5.html
26. http://filo-obsessed.blogspot.fr/2012/09/philofaxy-north-west-meet-up.html
27. http://nothingsoriginalanymore.blogspot.fr/2012/09/my-very-first-filofax.html
28. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.fr/2012/09/journalling-school-session-7-problem.html
29. http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2012/09/journalling-school-7.html
30. http://juststefanie81.wordpress.com/2012/08/26/my-filofax-is-here/
31. http://gracefairbairn.wordpress.com/2012/08/22/filofax-the-nerdiest-blog-ever/
32. http://filo-obsessed.blogspot.fr/2012/09/guest-post-from-helen-fennell-books.html
33. http://mishmashmuddle.blogspot.fr/2012/09/if-you-could-tell-filofax-anything.html
34. http://paperpensink.blogspot.fr/2012/09/setting-up-mulberry-agenda.html
35. http://cloudberrythoughts.blogspot.fr/2012/09/my-weekend-page-worked.html
36. http://belzira.blogspot.com/2012/09/im-curious.html
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38. http://mishmashmuddle.blogspot.fr/2012/09/weekly-task-lists.html
39. http://www.paperlovestory.com/2012/09/august-review.html
40. http://florialparis.livejournal.com/5646.html
41. http://www.youtube.com/embed/y3xyDDxrDfc?rel=0
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44. http://www.youtube.com/embed/1GtZMrju52w?rel=0

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-04 13:36:41)
I'm finishing my dissertation right now, so unfortunately I haven't been able to read webfinds for the last few weeks- So I am really looking forward to catching up on literally hundreds of blog posts once I've handed it in!! Anyway, video 2 doesn't work? :(

Steve Morton (2012-09-04 13:42:04)
Oh dear, I will remove it from the post... out of my control if the owner removes it. Can't remember what it was about now!
Steve

Gerard (2012-09-04 14:51:41)
Mon Dieu! Web Finds on a Tuesday? Have you no pity?! Thanks all the same :)

RelativityNSomeTea (2012-09-04 14:55:09)
Love watching these video finds! Inspires me to try different filofax ideas! :)

Butanben (2012-09-04 21:20:41)
Philofaxy is just so international...just wonderful to read posts from all over the globe!! I loved the video in French!! I'd love to see on a world map little dots to show the towns and parts of the world where folks come from.... because of data protection, it would not be wise maybe to link names directly with locations.... but hey... wouldn't it just be great to have pins in a map, showing where in the worldPhilofaxy readers, commentators and bloggers come from.Wonder if such an app exists.... like Google map, where one can zoom in on an area too???!!! Just pontificating here Steve about how wonderful the world wide web is at bringing folks of all nationalities together!!!!!!

Butanben (2012-09-04 21:23:40)
PS-Thank you to you and Gromit for including my blog!! xxxx

Jennifer Bunagan Reyes (2012-09-05 11:48:28)
I feel so honored to be a web find on Philofaxy!!!! Cool beans!!! Thanks Philofaxy!!!

Planning the Academic Year with your Filofax (2012-09-05 00:00) - Laurie

Students, and parents of students, how are you using your Filofax to plan this academic year?
I recently had a [1]post on this topic on Plannerisms, but I want to specifically ask the Philofaxy crowd how you are using your Filofax to plan this academic year.
The school year has only just begun and already it feels like a manic whirl of events to schedule, projects to prepare for, and activities to organize. This year not only are both my kids in school, but my husband is on his own academic schedule as a lecturer so I have his lecturing and holidays schedule to factor in as well.
How are you keeping it all straight? Which diary format(s) are you using? Have you created a specific tabbed section? What other tips do you have for keeping yourself and everyone else organized this school year?

1. http://www.plannerisms.com/2012/08/parents-and-students-how-are-you.html

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Paul B (2012-09-05 00:15:53)
I wish I'd started using my Filofax to coordinate my PhD course. My job was very full on with 100 hour weeks slowly becomin the norm. I was always struggling to keep up with where I was and what the next steps were, when essays were due, which people I needed to speak to, etc.
Looking back I would have had a dedicated A5 for the studies, an kept it as a separate binder, with an academic diary or week on one page. Having a separate binder would have allowed a very creative use of tabs as well. I'm in the last few months now so a bit late for me, but looking back, that's how I would have approached it. Maybe I'll use one on the next PhD ;)

Babs (2012-09-05 04:13:42)
I'm a full-time mum and part-time psychology masters student so time is very precious! I use a single A5 binder - a beautiful imperial purple Finchley - for home and study and use the Filofax week-to-view Time Management inserts to help co-ordinate things. I work on a weekly task list rather than a daily task list as my days don't always run to plan so it works really well for me.
I have more information including pictures here > http://mishmashmuddle.blogspot.co.uk/2012/08/inside-my-a5-imperial-p urple-finchley.html

Alison (2012-09-05 04:22:57)
As a mum of five children this post really interests me keeping track of the holidays etc for two different schools, the older two can manage their own timetables, PE days etc now that they are in High School but I keep a note in my Filofax of PE days, swimming days etc for the little ones and i'm going to create a section to keep track of any homework and home reading they get.
I'd love to go back to college, maybe next year and if I do my Filofax will be an important factor in managing college and home!!!

Jotje (2012-09-05 04:40:19)
I use the pages from the Family Life Book by Organised Mum in my A5 Filofax. It has a column for every family member (consisiting of myself, BF, 4 kids), plus a column for meal planning. Here I can keep track of BF's irregular and ever-changing work schedule, my own appointments and all the activities and dates from my kids (3 in Elementary and 1 in Middle School). In addition I use 2PPD for detailed planning (including my work). It works brilliantly for me!

Manuela (2012-09-05 04:47:35)
As a postgraduate-student I'm using my Filofax for everything at University. I have a Filo in Personal size and it works very well for me. I made a own UNI-section, where I keep track of all courses and classes and a W2P-calendar. I also use a monthly planner to have an overview of everything that is going on - due dates, holidays, and so on. On Filomaniac we were talking about this topic too and so I decides to start my own blog about planning for university using a Filofax (a german blog). So I startet to create my own system that works for university planning. It took a while - most of my undergraduate time - but now I found the perfect system for me.

industrious housewife (2012-09-05 04:47:58)
Have you blogged this set up yet?

Babs (2012-09-05 05:12:33)
industrious housewife - this seems to be a similar set-up / blogpost (from yesterday's web finds)
http://deligted.blogspot.nl/2012/08/all-stars-guest-post-essentials- to-plan _31.html

Clamball (2012-09-05 05:13:21)
My 11 year old got the Pocket Breast Cancer Organiser at the weekend. Half price here in Ireland at €19 and they threw in a WO2P 2013 insert as well. She is keeping track of school, PE days, field trips, and now wants to do her homework there as well, even though she does get a homework journal from school. So far she is very happy with it and seems to be doing some journalling in a separate notebook. Not bad for a kid who struggles to read.
I have Malden Personal for work and home and I do note after school activities, any odd type school days, hubbys shift rota and work appointments for myself. We have to co-ordinate with our in-frequent childminding (due to hubbys shift rota) and I note the days we will be needing her as well.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-05 05:25:13)
That is indeed the same set up, Judith=Jotje!

Faith (2012-09-05 05:39:22)
I'm just going into my final year at uni and use an A5 Finsbury. I use the week to view column format in one tab, a second tab for exam dates & results, and a third tab for my dissertation. You can see pictures [1]here.

I ordered a Domino Snake filofax in the German sale though, so I'm playing around with the idea of putting more uni stuff in and having two filofaxes on the go. I'm not back to uni until the 16th so I have a (very) little time left!

1. http://studentspyglass.com/2012/04/18/filofax-for-studying/

WiniC (2012-09-05 06:30:16)
I use my Personal Filofax as my 'one true Filofax' and have a sub-section for my MA thesis to do lists and overview. In addition I have a notebook as a 'thesis journal'. As I have no regular due dates, etc. I use the Philofaxy day planner inserts to track my work, uni, and home/life tasks to make sure everything gets the attention it needs. I'll have to do a specific blog post on this topic, but I've a few references to my method in this post: http://postgradmama.wordpress.com/2012/06/22/my-new-filofax/

Lord Dodo (2012-09-05 06:58:14)
I use my A5 Chameleon with its 2012/13 Dodo Acad-Pad diary insert that shows a week to two pages with plenty of planning space on the left hand side for notes etc. and 5 boxes per day/ columns per week. There's a timetable insert at the front which has my son's school timetable in it so I can quickly see if (in his new 6th form life, just started) he is keeping up with what he is supposed to be doing! Early days so far - you have to be a bit clandestine with teenagers - they're supposed to be managing their own work/study etc!
We've a few left in stock if you're interested - see here for more details on the formats - which includes an A5 suitable for Filofax now too! Use code 12PR for a 10 % one time discount :)
http://www.dodopad.com/shop/mid-year-academic-diaries-calendars/filo fax-compatible-organisers

Cloudberry (2012-09-05 08:13:58)
I'm doing a Post Grad at the same at a full on job. I use one Personal sized Ff for both business and studies.
I keep my study timetable in a year planner - lectures and essay deadlines. I use a week to view with notes and use the notes page as a weekly to-do list. I have a separate project page for my MSc and my legal PG. I have to fit my studies around my job, but when an essay deadline is looming, I try to organise meetings so that I can leave the office on time.
I even organise my work lunchtimes to do some research online!

Babs (2012-09-05 08:29:19)
doh*

Lady_Tamlynn (2012-09-05 09:25:40)
I'm a teacher so this post is really interesting for me. I moved into an A5 towards the end of the last school year and found that it worked brilliantly for me, so I have stuck with this size for the new school year.
I'm currently using my A5 Chameleon with a Dodo Acad-Pad. I'm trying to move to a 'One Life, One Filofax' mode of organisation so the Dodo Pad is brilliant as I can have seperate columns for work related stuff and personal/home stuff.
I've been using this set up for around a week now and it is working fantastically and the Dodo AcadPad really brightens my day :-).

Maus (2012-09-05 10:26:10)
I'm a teacher, too, and has moved into an A5 Holborn Zip for the last months of the last school year. I'm using selfmade diaries and inserts for lists (shown in several posts on my blog "Filo-Manie". The set-up is still perfect for me!
Everything concerning meetings and conferences is saved in another A5 FF, Lady Tamlyn's lovely Vintage Pink Malden [;-))].
Privately I'm using the Compact size, currently my georgeous brown Regency. It holds a monthly view (without tabs) as well as a W2P diary. (My actual set-up is shown on the " Filo-Manie", too.)
On school days I have the pleasure to use at least three of my lovely FF... which makes me happy erveryday... :-))

Nicole (2012-09-05 11:49:57)
I use Pocket sized WO2P. I write the deadlines in the daily spaces and flag them with a different colour for each unit.
I spotted a black Filofax (or a similar organiser) used by Joan Watson in Elementary! However Sherlock doesn't comment on how the organiser gives him clues about her character.
http://s15.postimage.org/qkyzppgyz/elementary _organizer.jpg

Hannah C. (2012-09-05 13:26:18)
I just started grad school. I am using a personal Filofax with 2ppd Franklin Covey inserts. My classes are all online, so the assignments go by week. I put a checklist of the week's assignments on the day that they're assigned, and a list of what's due on the due date. I'm using a sticky tab to mark the first uncompleted class checklist. I also put due dates for all my big assignments on the monthly pages. I can only fit 2 months of 2ppd in my Holborn with everything else I want to keep in there, so I have the rest of the year in my Finchley. That way I can write things down for the future with ease.
I also have a section for school. It has one page which sums up all my classes for the semester (with professor contact info and assignment lists), and then I have a page for each class with more info.

Jotje (2012-09-05 13:47:47)
Haha LOL, that'll teach me to use my full and nick name at the same time! And that's why my Twitter name reads Judith/Jotje ...
That said, I will do a more detailed blogpost on my current A5 Filofax setup in the near future ...!

Angharad (2012-09-05 13:54:40)
Great topic! I use one pocket Filofax daily but it's pretty full. I'm using this week before I start college proper to work out how to set up my new Personal size Filofax so I really needed the ideas. The Dodo AcadPad looks great but no Personal size :(Which lead me to thinking maybe I should get an A5 for college....I think my hubby would kill me if I bought yet another Filofax though LOL!

Bluehorn (2012-09-05 15:16:20)
Can anyone help? I'm a student and am trying to find a timetable layout for my weekly college timetable. Just wondering if anyone knows if philofaxy did one or not? I can't locate one.

Steve Morton (2012-09-05 15:18:09)
Hi
What size would you like? Personal or A5?
Look for 5 day Timetable if you want Personal on the Files page..
Steve

pasdetrois (2012-09-05 15:18:16)
I'm back at university for my second year next Friday and have just bought my first Filofax (Personal Swift) which came with a week on two pages diary which is working well for me at the moment, but I think if I were much busier I would need one of the two days per page diaries as the weekend space is quite limited. It's main use is just going to be a diary, so I've covered the A-Z dividers and I use them to divide the months up so I can jump to a specific date quickly. I've got a few university things in there too like packing lists, course overviews plus a few addresses and to-do lists, but I'm mainly using it for diary purposes as I have 19 hours of lectures, two societies plus being on the committee for both of them, singing and an attempted social life to keep on track with!

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-05 17:48:46)
I'm trying to get myself settled into using a Filofax with my next module with the Open University, which is starting in a couple of weeks. I've been playing with making my own templates, but I'm not very good at it! I love the weekly time management diary offered here (amazing!), but the OU week starts on a Saturday, and try as I might, I can't get Word and Excel to play nice to create this with the source files :(Is there a tutorial for Excel

noobs who are terrified by spreadsheets?
I also hope to have sections for assignments and reading and so forth, but I don't want to make it too structured, since I know that this can be a major trigger for my anxiety and panic problems. If I try to 'get organised' I get overwhelmed.

industrious housewife (2012-09-06 06:54:01)
Looks good!

MsAnonymous (2012-09-06 20:35:47)
link? :)

MsAnonymous (2012-09-06 20:57:04)
I got a Personal Swift this year for this exact reason. Its hard to keep track! I would love to see how your layout if you had a blog.

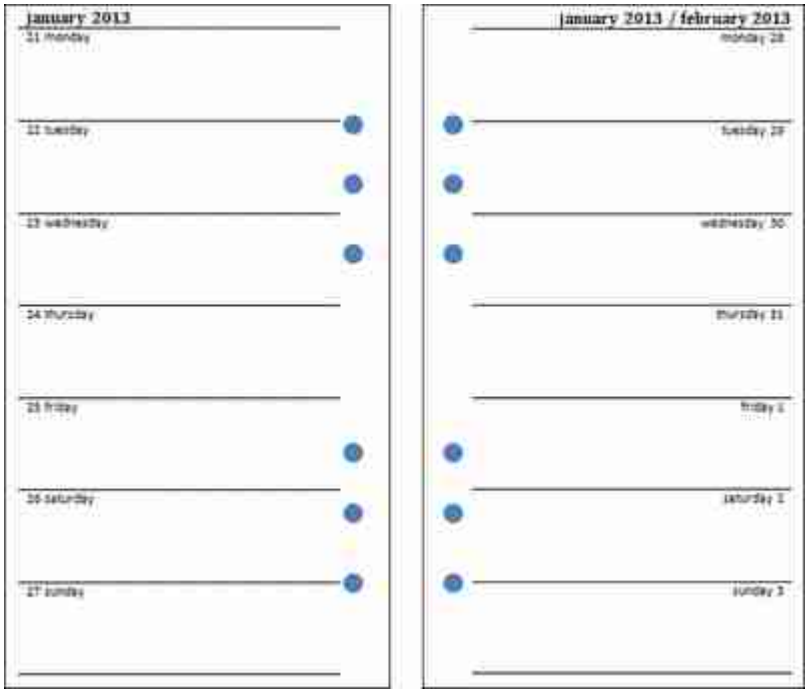
Tina (2012-09-06 23:44:59)
I'm the Librarian Assistant at an International School and the Filofax has worked great for me this week. I have three bosses: Library Director (who's also in charge of the High School and Middle School Area), Primary School Librarian and EC-K Librarian (yes the 3 to 5 year olds have a library of their own ^^). What I did was give a colour to each of one of my bosses. So in the diary section I write with the right colour for each boss and then I have 3 parts with blank pages for each boss as well.

mppaul2 (2012-12-21 15:21:39)
CB, do you have a post about your setup for this?

New Filofax Personal layout - week per page (2012-09-05 11:00) - Steve Morton

I was surprised (when I had cause to check) that Ray and I hadn't yet made a Personal size week per page layout for A4 printing. So here it is.

[1]



Note that this is based on the Cotton Cream layout. It is simple and uncluttered and doesn't disrespect weekends.

You can download this layout as a prepared set or you can download the source files to adapt the design for yourself.

Pre-prepared sets

You can download the 2012 set as a [2]Word file or as a [3]PDF file.
You can download the 2013 set as a [4]Word file or as a [5]PDF file.
Print this double-sided. If you have a duplex printer, set it to flip on the short edge. If you don't then you'll have to print odd-numbered pages and then re-feed to print the even-numbered pages on the reverse. You might have to experiment to find out how to re-feed the paper.
On one side of each sheet you'll find crop marks. Use a craft knife and a steel ruler to release the Personal pages and punch them. The templates are set up with mirrored gutters to accommodate the holes.
If using the PDF be sure to set it to print at full size as explained [6]here.

Source files

You can also roll your own using our source files. You'll need this [7]Word file and this [8]Excel file.
If you want to know how to go about using the source files, [9]this post will help you.

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-HdZPFCqg0IM/UD8aTw4gpDI/AAAAAAAAA9Y/79uAb65NViY/s1600/wpp.gif
2. http://philofaxy.com/inserts/Personal%20week%20per%20page%20on%20A4/2012%20merged%20Personal%20Enhanced%20CC%20on%20A4.doc
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6. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2012/03/help-pdf-files-print-slightly-smaller.html
7. http://philofaxy.com/inserts/Personal%20week%20per%20page%20on%20A4/Personal%20Enhanced%20CC%20Week%20Per%20Page%20base.docx
8. http://philofaxy.com/inserts/Personal%20week%20per%20page%20on%20A4/DatesSourceFilo_WPP_Personal.xlsx
9. http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.com/2012/02/download-source-files-for-new-personal.html

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tmpayne (2012-09-06 02:04:43)
I hate when weekends are disrespected!

Guest Post - Robyn - Collins Personal Planner (2012-09-06 00:00) - Steve Morton

A big thank you to Robyn for this picture laden Guest Post that thumped in to our in box a few days ago!
Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Robyn and I'm NOT obsessed with my Filofax. How is this possible, you ask? Does this woman even own a Filofax? Well, yes in fact, I own two. But the subject of this post is my Collins Debden Personal Dayplanner. I received it as a gift in 2009 after eying it off many times at the stationery store, and since then it has never been too far from my side. Those of you who appreciate the leather Filofaxes probably won't like my binder, but anyone who likes to pimp their 'fax might be interested in what's inside. Let me take you on a tour.
This is my planner from the outside. It's made of some sort of polyurethane plastic / vinyl and it wears really well but unfortunately gets filthy and is virtually impossible to clean.

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But, it's not the outside that I like, it's what's inside that counts. Follow me…

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Pockets! Yes, many pockets. Six card slots and two full length pockets. In the top card slot is a bunch of small pieces of scrap paper, in case I need to scribble down a small note to give to someone, or to put somewhere other than in my planner. Next slot down is my mechanic's business card (I have no idea why as his number is virtually on speed dial in my phone and I really don't need the card), next slot with something in it contains my business cards, and at the bottom is a small piece of material from something important to me. Normally I also have a USB stick in one of the slots but I had taken it out when I was

taking these photos.
The first full length pocket contains a small notebook in which I write various thoughts that I don't want to keep in looseleaf form in my planner. In the back pocket are some diary stickers.

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The missing one is a cinema ticket, it's the only one I've had cause to use. After I bought these stickers (I have about 30 sheets of them) I realised I probably won't use most of them, but I couldn't help it, they were so nice and colourful.
I might be interested in swapping or selling these stickers. If you like them and want some, email me at robynlouisejeanthomas AT hotmail DOT com.
The front page of my planner is a plastic pocket. Collins Debden ones don't have a "zip", the edges are just pressed back together and they clip shut. There are three in my planner and this one contains some notes that are personal to me. Next I have a business card holder which has some of my favourite photos in it.

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The rings are about 27mm. I had been using a Waterman ballpoint since I got the planner but I recently bought a Frixion to try. I like it but I think I'll go back to the Waterman when the Frixion runs out. The Waterman's barrel is red and matches the planner much better.
One of the more recent things I made for my planner was this ice-cream themed pocket. It's a great spot to put little pieces of paper, receipts, etc. that are floating around loose. At the moment it contains a receipt for my library books, a booking confirmation for a course I have to attend, and last week's payslip. I made the pocket from cardboard, wrapping paper and a lot of sticky tape.

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This is the back of the pocket.

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Behind the ice-cream pocket I have some pages of lists and to-do notes. Generally I just keep the one or two most important lists here, and the other lists are in the next section.

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This is the first divider I made and it's the one I like the best. I used the original cardstock front page from the planner and covered it in wrapping paper. Again, a lot of sticky tape.

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This is what is on the back.

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The original front page had space for all of this information and a bit more but I didn't need to fill in all the spaces and I didn't like how my handwriting looked all squished up in the little boxes so I made my own information sheet instead.

This is another divider I made (more cardboard, wrapping paper and sticky tape). It's got birthday cakes on it because it marks the start of the birthdays calendar in my planner.

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To record birthdays I use a month on two pages that came with the planner. Since I don't need to know what day of the week the birthdays are on, only the date, I retained the 2009 calendar that came with the planner and never bother to replace it each year. There aren't any birthdays on these pages because it's December from the year before, the calendar has two Decembers.

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Another divider I made for myself. This one is at the start of my yearly diary.

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I use a week on two pages diary. Collins Debden doesn't make a wide range – for the personal size there is only this one that I use, day per page and month on two pages like I use for my birthday calendar. I have looked at all the Filofax layouts and also the layouts other people have prepared, and I've found, in the end, the one I have works for me. Also it's convenient and fairly cheap, at least a lot cheaper than the Filofax inserts.

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I prettied up my 'Today' marker a bit.

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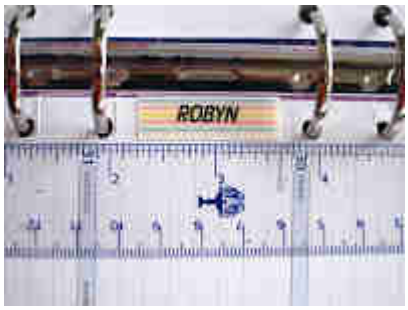
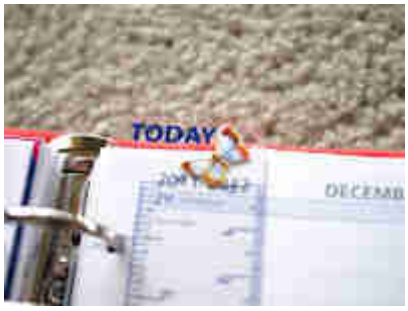
[15] 

[16] 

At the back of my diary I have another plastic pocket. This one contains stamps and currently a Kit Kat wrapper which had a competition on it (I have to keep the wrapper until the competition finishes in case I win).

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Then there's another divider that I made.

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Behind this divider I have spare notes pages. Some of them are actual “Things to do” pages that came with the planner, but recently I also bought 2011 day per page refills when they were on sale for 50 cents because they were perfect for notepaper, to do lists, etc.

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One of the things that Collins Debden does better than Filofax is this great heavy duty plastic divider at the back of every planner. It’s really sturdy and stops your back pages getting banged up.

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Behind this black plastic is another plastic pocket with some banknotes in it. I don't use this planner as my wallet (it's far too big) but I like to have some cash on hand anyway.
Inside the back cover is a notepad that came with the planner.

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I don't particularly like it so I don't really use it, and I won't replace it when it runs out. But if it's not replaced, there will be an ugly empty space at the back. The opening looks like this:

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I discovered that one of the plastic pockets will slide right in there, but that seems pointless. If anyone has an idea for a use for this pocket, let me know in the comments.
If anyone is wondering why I would choose a Collins Debden over a Filofax, here's just a couple of reasons:
• Full retail price is only about AUD $58.00
• It lays flat brand new
• Refills are cheaper than Filofax
• Lots of pockets
If you have any questions leave a comment! Thanks for reading.

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zephyr (2012-09-06 04:53:52)
Very interesting - I also use the Collins Debden paper sheets, which does not bleed through, unlike FF paper, when using real ink.

Imy (2012-09-06 09:43:50)
I have those stickers from Australia!!!!!! :) I don't really know what to use them for, but a friend sent them to me for my birthday :)
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Lily (2012-09-07 10:19:38)
Are the refills Filofax compatible? I lie the look of those diary sheets....

robynlouise (2012-09-07 23:31:32)
Yes they are Lily. It says on the refill packaging "Designed to fit DayRunner, Filofax, Day-Timer and most 6 ring organisers". Also, as zephyr mentioned, the paper does not bleed through, it's much thicker than Filofax paper.

Lily (2012-09-13 03:21:24)
Ooh, excellent :) they remind me of the sheets in my school-issue homework diary. Where stocks them in the UK?

robynlouise (2012-09-18 23:12:28)
Sorry Lily, I'm not sure, I live in Australia. You can probably buy them online.

Kathleen Nicholson (2012-10-08 12:06:09)
I also have a Collins, just like your's except mine is dark green with contrasting tan strip down the spine. I got it in 1998 (!), it has been my constant companion ever since then and shows no sign of wear at all. Unbelievable! One of the things I really like about it, which is superior to Filofax, is the magnetic clasp, which will never wear out. I really love my Collins. I live in the UK, but the shop where I bought it no longer exists, so I wouldn't know how to replace it if every I needed to. I should imagine that would only be if it ever gets lost. Can't imagine it ever wearing out....!

Kathleen Nicholson (2012-10-08 12:09:27)
I have a Collins just like your's except mine is dark green with a tan strip down the spine. I bought it in 1998!... and it has been my constant companion ever since then. It shows no sign of wear at all, and has always opened flat. One of the things I really like about it is the magnetic clasp which will never wear out. I love it. I live in the UK and the shop where I bought it no long exists, so I wouldn't know where to buy a replacement. However I should think that would only be necessary if this one got lost, as I think it quite likely I will be the one to wear out first!

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FFAF No. 199 (2012-09-07 00:00) - Anita Lim

I recently took my filofax abroad with me (more details in another post) and I found that my simple set up really worked well. Since returning to the UK, I've been working on actually using my filo, rather than spending too much time trying to find the perfect dividers or layout. I enjoy thinking up different ways to use my Malden, but to be honest this is sometimes me just procrastinating on actually getting stuff done! So, for the time being I'm not going to change anything, and I have a sheet of lined paper in my projects section where I will note down any ideas or tweaks for later consideration.
I'm curious, how long do you normally stick to a certain layout before deciding to bring in any changes? And as it's a Friday, please feel free to discuss anything filofax related or ask any questions that you might

have.

Jenna (2012-09-07 01:09:38)
Not directly filo related, but does anyone have any suggestions for a printer that takes custom filo sized paper & does double sided printing for a mac? I just bought an epson and am so annoyed because it said it did both but then i found out these features only work on windows computers! So annoying. I just want to print out some inserts for my filofax!!! lol.

Anthannon (2012-09-07 02:43:35)
I have made set up changes three times this month but that is all this year and it is mainly because I want to use a compact but I like a timed diary for work. I tried a two fax system for about two weeks and now I'm thinking just the compact is for me. I am just trying to get it right so I can order next years diary! I think I might have it but I'll give it a week!

Clareio (2012-09-07 03:06:59)
I rarely tweak it now it has everything i need in it. I recently changed a tab title as i quit my position as a Civilian Instructor at the local air cadets squadron and didn't need that section in my filofax any more... it is now a nameless section that currently has no use but i'm sure one will turn up!

Farmer Wilf (2012-09-07 03:28:46)
I have just got a Pocket and A5 Finsbury. The A5 I use for work and managed to setup quite quickly in a way that suits me. I want to use the pocket Finsbury as a way for me to note down ideas for the webcomic that I'm writing and producing along with ideas for blog posts, work to be done on the site, etc. and I can't seem to come up with any ideas for a good setup. Has anyone else every used their Filofax for something similar or could anyone give me any help....

Babs (2012-09-07 04:10:40)
Anyone who is on my FB will know the problems I've been having with my HP printer, but when it decides to work it *does* do automatic duplex and prints on filofax paper too (but not duplex on filofax paper IIRC as I think it's too small). It's an HP Photosmart Premium C309g and it's also an airprint printer. I have been tearing my hair out with it though. Despite it having a direct USB-USB connection from printer to Mac it has been somewhat temperamental. But the features are good as I say.

Wendy Miller (2012-09-07 04:18:38)
I feel your pain - I've just changed for the third time in a month as well, and have decided that I'm not letting myself be tempted by a different layout until after Christmas. Hopefully.

Alison (2012-09-07 04:23:13)
I don't constantly change my set up all the time, I pick my diary and tend to stick with that for the year but the rest of the Filofax comes with time, I work with it and change things as I go along using temp labels, when i'm certain i've got the set up how I want it then out comes the permanent pen and I stick with it, i've been trying out different way's with to-do's, i'm happy with my system this year but I have TM diaries for next year so there will be some changes then, as for the rest of the set up I don't think that will change!!

Marisa Brockett (2012-09-07 04:44:21)
I ordered from Filofax UK for the first time (yay for my first Filofax!) on 8/29 and have not received an email saying it was shipped and it only says "order received" in my order status on their site. Do they change the status and send an email when they ship or is this normal not to have any communication? Just thought I'd check here before I call their customer service long distance.
Thanks! :)

Alison (2012-09-07 05:21:57)
It's the norm, they never send a shipped email and very rarely update status to shipped!!

Marisa Brockett (2012-09-07 05:26:59)
Thank you, Alison! I'm so antsy to get my Filofax and was starting to think my order fell through the cracks! Now to impatiently wait...

Wannabe Mummy (2012-09-07 05:30:56)
Has anyone else seen that Organised Mum are now offering personal sized inserts (as well as a small choice of binders)? (I put a comment up on Jotje's blog....
http://www.boxhousepublishing.com/Pick-and-Mix.html

Steve Morton (2012-09-07 05:45:29)
Yes we have a blog post about these coming up on Sunday.
We are also trying to get some samples to review.
Steve

Butanben (2012-09-07 06:24:53)
I changed my diary in August. In some ways it was silly of me to print and write everything out again, but now I am so delighted that I did it. I had Steve and Ray's TM modified A5 diary and was thrilled with it..... but then I saw Gail Wheatley's magnificent labels and just had to have some!!!!! So off I went and printed away. However, white labels on cream paper just jarred with me so much every single day, that I soon had to have a white diary again.... but on good quality paper..... hence the full re-print. I now have a diary which I am not going to tweak or change again. I have printed off 2013 and written in all birthdays etc.... so I am ready to go!! I am noe enjoying the luxury of having the perfect set up for me. Lovely!!

Butanben (2012-09-07 06:26:44)

Butanben (2012-09-07 06:29:58)
PPS.. Sorry for the typo above.... noe should read now!!! For some reason my post published straight away, without the usual review and edit.xxxx

Cloudberry (2012-09-07 07:25:02)
I've just ordered some! I was planning a blog on them.

Unknown (2012-09-07 08:03:36)
I just want to say Thank you for all the inspiration I have found here on the blog from everyone. I bought a personal Finsbury in rasberry a few weeks ago and love it. Thanks for all the neat Printables as well. I am using the week on a page, the year one,
and the shopping one. I love them. Thanks again and keep up the great work.
Karen

crofter (2012-09-07 09:44:36)
I normally don't change anything during the year, in fact I used the same setup in my personal for about 20 years. I decided to change to a pocket on retirement, and now am running a two filo system. Now is when I am tweaking and adjusting things, and my plan is to go to the pocket as my sole diary/agenda at the first of the year. It is quite an adjustment after all this time, but I think it will work, and once committed, I will use it for at least the year.

Cheryl (2012-09-07 10:12:26)
Against my better judgement I ordered a Personal Classic in Camel from ebay and received it yesterday. (I say against my better judgement because I am wary, but in all honestly I did order one other one a few months ago-an A5 Finchley in Chocolate-and it is perfect). So, I am somewhat baffled. It doesn't look, feel (or smell) like leather.

But it has all the usual markings, etc. Maybe I was just expecting something else in a Classic made of Italian leather. It's just too slippery. Yes that sounds strange but my hand literally slips off of it and it just has this plastic feel and look. I know there was some discussion about the Classics having problems with peeling. The cover on this one is perfect as of now and I honestly don't see how you could 'peel' any plastic coating off of it. Well, not sure if I'll keep or return. I really like the color, especially with the cotton cream paper and the salmon lined paper looks so elegant in it. There is one wonky ring (the top one as always) but doesn't seem bad enough to catch the paper. But its the 'leather' that has me puzzled. I thought the Classics had a soft leather feel to them but then my closest shop is 20 miles away and I haven't been in in awhile to actually see them in person.

Miss Lily (2012-09-07 11:00:19)
I just wanted to thank Steve and Ray for providing us with so many diary and insert options. I've recently discovered the benefit of printing my own. It took a little experimenting to figure it all out but now that I have the my setup-in-progress has so many more options. I've also been able to experiment with all the different filofax sizes as well. It's so nice to be able to print what I want when I want and not have to decide if it's worth the time (waiting for shipping) or money to "try it out". So, again, a big thanks to Steve and Ray for all your hard work on the inserts and also a big thank you to Steve, Anita, Laurie and all the readers who contribute to this wonderful blog.

Cheryl (2012-09-07 11:01:57)
Well I think I answered my own question. It's going back. I held it up to various lights and I already see the cracking/peeling starting to occur on the spine. I didn't notice this yesterday when inspecting it-could have been the lighting. You can tell this binder has never been used or so it appears. Its stiff as a board and pristine, so with use and 'training' the cover to lay flat I can see I will have a peeling mess in a very short time. Too bad, lovely color.

janet (2012-09-07 13:24:33)
Classics are stiff, even though the squares may feel a teeny bit puffy if you push themm. They are hard smooth leather if that helps any. I almost bought a gorgeous beige one once but I realised I was only thinking of buying it because it was on the sale.

LucyLastic (All Things Stationery) (2012-09-07 13:52:15)
Oh wow! I am seriously liking these! I'll wait for your post on Sunday before ordering some I think Steve. They look right up my street!

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-07 16:25:13)
I've had nothing but good experiences with several HP printers, I have to say. I have an OfficeJet Pro 8600, and it's brilliant. Like Babs says, it won't duplex A5, but it's easy enough to do manually, or just print double on A4. It prints wirelessly from my Mac with aplomb. The ink lasts for ages too. I've made the mistake of buying other cheaper printers, and really regretted it - my last mistake was a Kodak that is a total nightmare. The software crashes my computer, the ink carts don't last five minutes...

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-07 16:33:11)
I change a lot, because I really struggle to find a system that actually works for me. Mostly it's my unusual lifestyle I think - I study from home, so few scheduled classes, I'm largely nocturnal, so time slots never show times that suit me, the OU week starts on Saturday, and who does that, seriously? So... I've been experimenting a lot with printing out templates and making a few of my own. I have some pages I'm happy with (The A5 month on two pages from this site is just perfect :)), and a few ideas, but for the diary itself I'm still struggling.
So forgive me, please, if this is against etiquette, but I'm shamelessly begging for help from someone brighter than me. I just love the week on two pages time management template Steve and Ray have made, but I cannot for the life of me work out how to use the source files to change the template to start the week on Saturday, which is essential for me. I've tried, I really have, but I can't make head-or-tail of excel, and I need 2012 and 2013. Does anyone incredibly kind have time to rescue me from my problem, pretty please?
Whether anyone has or not, you're all awesome, and thanks so much for all the inspiration, ideas, templates, friendship...

Hannah C. (2012-09-07 16:40:33)
I have a Canon printer (don't remember the model though, sorry) and it does duplex printing and I was able to create a custom size for personal paper manually. I also have a Mac and those features work just fine! It doesn't do booklet printing though, at least not with my Mac.

Steve Morton (2012-09-07 16:40:47)
Mr Wolf... You don't need to change the excel file.. leave that well alone... stand back and keep your hands away from that.....
All you need to do is rejig the base file so it has a Saturday start and then re-do the merge file.
Email me/us and I should be able to come up with something for you if it's simple and straight forward...
Steve

Tim (2012-09-07 17:08:59)
I agree with your description Janet - firm leather with a "puffy" feel. I nearly bought an A4 version but struggled with the thick padded feel.
I tried to find the one you've purchased Cheryl but could only find a secondhand one on eBay that had not sold at £20 but had when relisted at £15. The photo looked like a normal Classic to me and for that price I'd expect a wonky ring or two!

Jenna (2012-09-07 17:14:36)
Thanks babs! Super helpful.

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-07 18:15:06)
Thanks so much Steve! I promise I'll take my hands off the excel file and fiddle solely with the Word one. I just tried it out and managed to totally muck up all the dates, so clearly I'm not getting it yet, but I will try before I bother you further. I apologise for my technical inability! By the way, not that it matters at all, but I'm not a 'Mr' I'm a girl :)

Cloudberry (2012-09-07 20:23:27)
That's a great idea Steve. I shall create a page to park those thoughts and ideas on tweaking my FF. Interestingly, from my 'weekend' page last week I can see I frittered away a lot of time tinkering with my FF and not getting on with my essay!

indigogarden (2012-09-07 20:47:59)
I use my personal filofax as a writing journal. It tracks my writing blog and serves as research notes for the novel that I'm writing. You can read about it on my blog: http://nowastedink.com. I did a post about my writing journal setup and how I use Scrivner + Filofax to organize my writing blog. I think that some of these ideas would work well for your webcomic organization.

Paul B (2012-09-07 22:00:16)
I'll check that out. Really curious about scrivener, and I've read a lot of reviews on it. People seem to fall into two camps, love it or hate it, but no middle ground. Looking forward to seeing your opinion on it. Not sure how I could tie it in with a Filofax but that would be a bonus.

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-07 22:03:33)
Feel free to call me any kind of fan-girl you want, but Scrivener is the one piece of software I would never, ever cope with being without. I love it, I've stuck with it for years, which is unique for me, and I use it pretty much every day, sometimes for hours - and I've not once walked away frustrated. Check it out, and check out the amazing forums too - loads more lovely, helpful people there; Scrivener is a community rather like this is :)

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Shadow Wolf (2012-09-07 22:16:07)
Do you really want ideas on that, because I'm capable of talking about Scrivener at great length! My usage isn't what yours would be, but maybe I could help. Again, a post on the forums over there would net you advice from far more knowledgable people than me!

Josh (2012-09-07 22:17:49)
I have been using basically the same system for most of this year. I landed on a day on two pages diary (about 6-8 weeks worth) plus tabbed month on two pages for the full year. I've got my notes and reference info sorted with a set of A-Z index tabs, a notes section, and A-Z contacts.
I'm currently brainstorming ways to thin down my contents to allow me to maintain a full 8-10 weeks of diary. I plan to order a "slimline address book" section, which would allow me to put many of the entries straight onto the tabbed divider thus freeing up several pages in my contacts section. I'm also toying with removing the wallet functions from my Cavendish, consisting primarily of approximately 21 cards (ID cards, credit cards, bank cards, store discount cards, health insurance cards, etc.) plus bills and some coin, which would allow a good number of paper pages to be added. I may also pull out the various sticky notes and flags, which I do not use regularly and take up a good bit of space. We'll see what I can do.
Ray very kindly made up a version of the Day on Two Pages insert for personal, but I've had some issues with printing/cutting/punching and getting everything lined up evenly. However, I plan to work out the details for 2013 as this will surely fill my needs very nicely and I can use good quality paper and consequently use my fountain pen without fear. Luxury!

jen (2012-09-08 02:51:23)
Would love to know how you are handling your to-dos ... this seems to be the biggest area of weakness for me and I have ended up keeping them separately from my filofax as I got tired of them spoiling things!

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-08 05:15:59)
Okay, I admit my *total* technical incompetence when it comes to the Microsoft Office suite, and beg for help. I've worked out how to change the day labels, but now all the dates are wrong, and I can't work out how to get them right. What I want is exactly the same layout and functionality, but just the week starting on a Saturday - with the correct dates! Is that difficult for someone clever to achieve? I'm so sorry!

Steve Morton (2012-09-08 05:47:00)
Email me and we can sort it out hopefully.
Steve

Cloudberry (2012-09-08 12:34:44)
Yay - my Organised Mum inserts arrived today. I just had to take some time out of essay writing to examine them. I'm so keen to use the diary that I contacted Boxhouse to ask if a 2012 version was available!

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-08 17:58:46)
Ok, more confessions of my sudden inability to do anything sensible, but where do I find your address to email you?

Steve Morton (2012-09-08 18:13:48)
On the About page

Shadow Wolf (2012-09-08 18:18:19)
I must be jinxed - when I click on 'About' all I get is 'Sorry, the page you were looking for in this blog does not exist' :(

Steve Morton (2012-09-09 02:13:05)
Please try again seems to be working now

David Popely (2012-09-09 09:09:59)
I rarelt change my setup any more...since I settled on my current arrangement at the end of 2011 it's worked pretty well *most* of the time, and I subscribe to the philosophy of not trying to mend anything that isn't broken.

Frederique (2012-09-09 15:55:18)
Josh, I have a spare set of A-Z slimline dividers in cotton cream, and I have absolutely no use for it (I already have A-Z colored dividers which I love); it is brand new and unused, as it came with my new Compact Osterley, which I bought two weeks ago.
I can send them to you free of charge, if you want ?
Or if not you, perhaps other readers ?
If interested, please contact me at 702723 at gmail dot com.

David Popely (2012-09-09 16:11:51)
I've just checked the Filofax UK website for dated a5 'Time Management' refills for 2013, and it appears they have been withdrawn. You can check this out at
http://www.filofax.co.uk/timemanagement/annual _update.asp
Another master-stroke from the fashion-obsessed, functionality-phobic folks at Slam PR (who seem to advise FF badly whenever they can, but the real responsibility for this shambles lies with FF themselves, shamelessly betraying their loyal customers of 30+ years for a bunch of fickle fashionistas.
Seriously, these people do not deserve to be in business.

Steve Morton (2012-09-09 16:15:27)
David
I recall someone mentioning this before that they would be available in October. May be just give them a call and ask when they will be available.
Or you could print one of ours....
Steve

David Popely (2012-09-09 16:43:11)
Thanks Steve - I really appreciate all the effort which has gone into the 'Steve and Ray' version, but I don't have the facility to punch the paper, and I would rather buy them pre-punched and pre-printed. I find it unbelievable and infuriating that FF don't seem to care about their customers of 30-plus years, or *any* customers who value functionality above fashion, and I seriously do not think they deserve to be in business any longer on that basis. If the TM refills are going to be 'available in October' the question arises, 'why is this?' - surely people using the TM refills ought to self-identify as the one sub-group of customers who above all others are interested in the 'function' of their system, and would therefore be interested in getting their 2013 refills in good time. Seriously, I can no longer comprehend FF's mentality, nor their attitude towards their customer base. Things seem to have gone downhill (even) more rapidly since the arrival on the scene of Slam PR, and the outpouring of Management- and PR-speak from the MD-cum-airhead recently interviewed and linked from this site only serves to confirm this. I think I'm going to dust off and reboot my TMI system for next year. Their dated refills are already available, as are the full, undiminished range of their custom forms. The page size is somewhere in between FF Personal and A5, and it's just about portable in most situations. Most of all, it has a *philosophy* of use behind it, and functions in accordance with that philosophy while remaining flexible to individual requirements. The binder (mine at least) remains near-perfect after over 20 years, and it looks great - better and more professional than any FF binder I've seen. Finally, it features the detachable wallet which FF 'stole' in concept for their Flex system. I don't know if Slam had a hand in that bit of Intellectual Property hijack, but I'm surprised they haven't heard from TMI's lawyers.
All in all, it's sad to see the decline and presumably-imminent fall of a company which stubbornly refuses to listen to its customers, preferring the spurious, misleading and downright bad advise of a so-called PR company. They're not getting much good PR here.....

Butanben (2012-09-10 11:41:58)
Just to say, I have been surprised and pleasantly so, at how easy it has been to print off and punch Steve and Ray's A5 TM diary for my A5. I so appreciate it, as it means that I can use good quality paper and colour code with a range of gel pens I love, which don't bleed through. Also, if I muck a page up, spill coffee on it, or just want to type in something new, then I don't have to go to the expense, hassle and sheer wastage of ordering a new diary just for an error on 1 page, or have to use Frixions, which can rub out diary entries.In my book, that is utter bliss. Plus the layout is really, truly and utterly working for me. So..... thumbs down to Filofax, as you say David, and three hearty hurrahs to Steve and Ray. Thank you guys for all your hard, hard work, my life is much more manageable and better planned because of you. Also, you have given me a new creative hobby of designing and making planner pages, not to say ahem... the shopping part of enabling..... all of which I love and adore!!!
My personal view is that Filofax should go the way of bespoke.... ordering a diary package on the internet,with the ability to individualise the layout, which is then able to be printed at home and individual pages re- printed, or sent direct to your address. Similar to the photo diaries they have offered,and address book software, but with a vast range of formats and choices. Similar to those offered on Philofaxy, but maybe with something that little bit Filofax unique.Yes it would take hard work, but your customers are asking for decent quality stationery products. Oooh... and a few stationery accessories, like the lovely London today page markers, available in all sizes, wouldn't go amiss too!!!! Filofax lovers = stationery addiction as a general rule.... and stationery has come on in leaps and bounds retail wise over the last decade.... only look at the success of Paperchase, Moleskine, etc etc, to realise this as a truism.... Filofax needs to keep the competitive edge in that market, and it is not just about the planners themselves!!!!

Josh (2012-09-11 00:27:39)
David, I quite agree. I'm totally put off by the lack of proper "planning" inserts available from filofax. I'm somewhat leery of buying any of their new binders as well, as they seem to be plagued with ring mechanism issues. The mere fact that they no longer offer any personal size binder with the large capacity rings is yet another strike. I've spent the past year using DayTimer inserts, which are available in some very practical formats but are printed in a dreary green ink and are printed on the worst paper available, seems like rather thick toilet paper. Horrible. I would love to purchase proper inserts straight from Filofax but this seems to be increasingly impossible. I too am very appreciative of the effort that Steve and Ray have gone to to create printable inserts, but I've had some trouble thus far with getting them printed, cut, and punched evenly. Something gets out of alignment and the page sits wrong in the planner or the front and back images don't line up perfectly.
In the meantime, I plan to see what I can make of what's available. If the fashionistas can help keep business humming along for filofax, I suppose that would be a good thing, but if they are going to completely cut their traditional customer out of their business model, I don't see a bright future for filofax!

David Popely (2012-09-11 03:57:46)
Hi Josh
I assume your tabbed month on two pages is a Daytimer refill? So far as I know, they're the only people who do such a thing. I'm also currently trying to decide on diary formats for 2013, and that's a possibility for me, as I really like the day on two pages format (which Daytimer also supply). However, I was very disappointed to note your comments re the paper quality of Daytimer, since that's one of my long-time issues with FF themselves. Does anyone out there have a sample of a Daytimer insert (maybe an old diary page?) which they could mail me within the UK, so I could take a look?

Web Finds - 8 September 2012 (2012-09-08 00:00) - Steve Morton

Once again here we are with Saturdays batch of Filofax blog posts from around the web, if you missed [1]Tuesdays episode pop back and catch up on those as well.

1. [2]My New Slimline Holborn!! - Filo Obsessed

2. [3]All Stars Post: Philofaxy Web Finds: How They Are Created - Steve - Well Planned Life
3. [4]Visiting Dodo Towers - Dodolicious Tea Party! - Imysworld
4. [5]Filofax (and -ish) enabling - The Crazy Suburban Mom
5. [6]Malden Filofax Review - All Things Gay
6. [7]My poorly chameleon! - The World of Debimoje
7. [8]Planner Setup: Hermès Vision - Wandrrlust
8. [9]My 'New' Filofax - The Post Grad Mama
9. [10]Blog Giveaway! - Bryan Sherwood
10. [11]Competition to Win a Filofax! - Enter NOW! - Imysworld
11. [12]Neue Umfrage: Wann kauft Ihr den/die Kalender für 2013 - Filomaniac
12. [13]F-f-f-finsbury! - Katie Louise Halsall
13. [14]My New Filofax! - Femme Musings
14. [15]Planner Conundrums - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
15. [16]All Stars: My Book Life - Kanalt - Bluebonnet Reads
16. [17]Personal Amazona V Compact Regency - Imysworld
17. [18]A Beautiful Match! - I'm a Filo Freak
18. [19]How Do You Use Your Flex from Filofax - I'm a Filo Freak
19. [20]Dodo Acad-Pad Week One - Lady Tamlynn
20. [21]Toss the To-Do List and Make a Checklist Instead - Homemakers Daily
21. [22]Mulberry Agenda Organiser - This Bug's Life
22. [23]Philofaxy AllStars Guest Post by Kanalt17: Bag, Bag, Bag – and Another Bag! - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
23. [24]Personal reappearance! - Filofax Fantasies
24. [25]My life, all in one garbage chute - The Musings of Max
25. [26]Filofax Blog of the Week: Filo Obsessed - My Life All in One Place
26. [27]Filofax and Field Notes!!- Filo Obsessed
27. [28]How to use a Filofax Finance/Expense Sheet? - Imysworld
28. [29]Guest post from Patty at Homemakers Daily: Want to See What's In My Franklin Covey Compact? - Plannerisms
29. [30]Philofaxy All Stars 2012 // Guest Post by Helen - Wandrrlust
30. [31]My Filofax Uses Part 1 - It's My Life!
31. [32]My Filofax Uses Part 2 - It's My Life!
32. [33]My Filofax Uses Part 3 - It's My Life!
33. [34]Hello Mrs. Malden - Behind my Purpley Life

34. [35]Routines vs. Lists - Plannerisms
35. [36]What's on your Filofax Holiday Wish list? - The Crazy Suburban Mom
36. [37]All change on the Filofax front .... again - Heather Holistics
37. [38]Disorganised - Cloudberry Musings
38. [39]Filofax helped me drop a dress size! - Cloudberry Musings
39. [40]Competition to Win a Filofax! - Enter NOW! - Imysworld
40. [41]WebFinds - 7 September - Bagsey Blog

This is a special Video Web Finds as today, is the day that [42]Jordan (The Crazy Life of J) will be getting married to Mr B... I am sure you will join me in sending them both our best wishes for the future and hope they have a great day. If you have been following the big lead up on J's blog to the big day you will I'm sure know about all the crazyness... I did ask if there would be an 'I do' tweet on the big day.. but apparently not!! #wearemarried may be??!!

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Enjoy

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Jenna (2012-09-08 02:07:01)
I love these posts! So many awesome filofreaks to follow!
OT: I just saw the Enigma on the US website. Is this a new model or am I blind and it was always there? XD It looks pretty.
http://www.filofaxusa.com/store/organiserdetails.asp?sizeId=3 &rangeId=168 &dsizeId=3

Lime Tree (2012-09-08 03:45:54)
Love those videos! Can't comment on YouTube from my phone thou :-/
Thanks for posting all that juicy information!

Filofreak (2012-09-08 12:24:30)
Hello
I recently read that the Covent St Filofax store closed. Is this true? And did they move or close for good? Was hoping to visit when we go to Ireland/England next year and it made me sad to hear they closed.
Erin

Anthony Hill (2012-09-08 17:46:17)
Did I see a Philofaxy Card in Redforrori's video on the comparison between the black and ochre Maldens, if so from where would you get one?

Steve Morton (2012-09-09 12:00:45)
I hand them out when I meet up with others or post things to other readers.

Butanben (2012-09-09 12:18:40)
Congratulations to the newlyweds!! I love the Mendhelssohn Wedding March.... my favourite!! Talking of favourites.... I yearn for an A5 purple Malden, but obviously can't afford one until I am back at work. However, do they have the issues mentioned on the video blog here???? Crumpled and with a crease near the spine????

That would put me off!!! Please don't take this the wrong way, but if I had purchsed such a creased Malden, it would have gone straight back!!! It is very much a personal taste, but my crimson pocket Malden is not like this at all!!!.... and I love it.

Anthony Hill (2012-09-09 18:16:49)
Hi Steve
Many thanks for satisfying my curiosity.

Organised Mum - Pick and Mix (2012-09-09 00:00) - Steve Morton

Well for a long time I know quite a few of our readers have been asking for new inserts, better diaries etc... As you know Ray and I have tried to meet those requests and quite a few of you are using them.... but not everyone has the time to do all the printing, cutting and punching etc. You just want to view it on line, order it and pop open the rings on your Filofax and slot it in. And I totally understand that approach.
So it was with great interest that I saw that [1]Organised Mum have come up with a new range in addition to their existing products that uses the Filofax Personal size. Their new [2]Pick and Mix range.
Interestingly you can buy a binder from them... and you will instantly recognise the Domino and Metropol from the Filofax range. The Paris and Turin I think are from the [3]Collins range of organisers.
Then add a [4]diary insert, only the one format is shown, but I wonder if they will be introducing others at a later date.
They also have a range of [5]inserts:

- Personal Address Book
- Personal Family Schedules, Events and Occasions
- Personal Shopping and Menu Planning
- Personal Finance and Budget

Of course if you already have a Filofax Personal Organiser then there is no reason why you can't use any of these inserts in your existing Malden, Finchley or Finsbury etc.
I also see this as a possible development for other companies to offer a similar service with their own inserts. As we say 'Watch this Space'

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Josh (2012-09-09 01:53:33)
Would be very interested to know how their paper quality is. The format of the diary pages is nice. Similar conceptually to the Dodopad but not as fun! I'm definitely hopeful that more companies will offer us greater choice in inserts!

Tim (2012-09-09 03:07:48)
Gosh! Very enterprising of them. I wonder if this initiative has the blessing and backing of Collins and Letts Filofax? Maybe they don't even know.that their products are being used in this way? Either way, with so many companies dropping out of the paper organiser market, a new entrant is very welcome. Good luck to them!

Cloudberry (2012-09-09 03:34:17)
I ordered the diary and some other items on Friday and the package arrived on Saturday. Great service.
I've just created a post on my blog.
I shall be using the diary to track what I eat. The 5 column layout is ideal. As I tend to write in pencil, I don't expect any paper quality issues!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-09 06:10:56)
About a month ago I bought the Organised Mum smaller diary (spiral bound) from John Lewis. I was pleasantly surprised to find that the paper size is EXACTLY the same as personal size. The format from this spiral bound diary is Week on 1 page with notes, and the notes page is in 3 columns for to-dos, meal planning and shopping list. I am going to do a blog post on this soon! I pulled the spiral apart and punched all the pages and put them in my filo- this works out very well, except that the holes that were used to put the spiral through make the inner side of the page messy, but I can live with that! I was so impressed with my new inserts that I then went on to buy the Organised Mum family book- I don't have a family of my own, so I use all the columns for my hobbies etc etc.
If I hadn't already bought the personal-sized diary and hacked it, I would definitely buy this diary insert! It is a smaller version of he Family Book, with several columns per day. My version lasts until Dec 203, so I think I will carry on using it until then, and then buy these new inserts for January 2014!!

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-09 06:12:35)
I forgot to say, one of the benefits of their new inserts is that they will be so neat, especially the inner side of the page, as opposed to mine which has about 20 holes running down it for the original spiral and now my filofax rings!

Cloudberry (2012-09-09 06:55:29)
Excellent - I shall take a look as I like the FF week-to-view-with-notes-format but hate the clutter of multiple languages.
I tend to use gummed paper to cover up the rough edge. I found some recently in HobbyCraft in the kiddies section. I'm going to use it to make some tabs.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-09 07:41:48)
Here's the link to the smaller diary that I hacked for my personal- http://www.organised-mum.co.uk/Pocket-Life-Book-Diary-p-1.html
And the bigger diary that I hacked for my A5-
http://www.organised-mum.co.uk/Family-Life-Book-Diary.html

Cloudberry (2012-09-09 07:48:54)
Excellent - thanks!

Mags Rennie (2012-09-09 09:44:02)
I have used Organised Mum for years and the paper quality is fantastic, as it doesnt't go through when using a fountain pen so I do hope that the paper is the same quality for the Pick and Mix range. Now I just have to persuade them to sell them to us trade customers too!! I am hoping that this will persuade Filofax to relook at their paper quality!

mornington-cr (2012-09-09 11:57:41)
Oooh, looks great, but unfortunately I will not be buying as I am not a Mum.

industrious housewife (2012-09-09 16:47:37)
It's good to see companies respond to what customers want.
I used Organised Mum diaries for three years before moving to Filofax as I wanted to be able to customise my planner and keep varied notes all together. I shall definitely be purchasing one or more of the inserts.

Johanne Nevin (2012-09-09 16:52:53)
These look great I've placed an order for all three packs

Jotje (2012-09-10 03:49:49)
I have done the exact same thing: I pulled my Family Life Book apart and repunched it for my A5 Filofax. Mainly because of the unique 6-column layout, but also because the paper quality of Organised Mum is superb!!!!

java's mum (2012-09-10 19:08:51)
The Inner-b organisers look similar, they're an A5 format mum style organiser and sell the yearly inserts refills separately. Not sure if they fit A5 filofaxes as I don't have one to compare the Inner-b binder to. http://www.inner-b.com.au/products11/refills/product/8-mum-organiser -refills-2012

Reader Under The Spotlight - Hannah (2012-09-10 00:00) - Steve Morton

Today I would like to introduce you to Hannah.

[1]

Hello Philofaxy folks! I'm Hannah C., and I blog at [2]Bluebonnet Reads. I live in Texas with my husband and 18 month old daughter. I work at a library shelving books, which among other things means I alphabetize for a living. I am studying Library Science, and hopefully in 2 years or less I will have a master's degree and I can become a librarian! In my spare time I read blogs and books, and watch TV shows on Netflix.
1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?

I bought my first proper Filofax in the summer or fall of 2011 - it was an ultra violet pocket Domino. If it was larger and if the Swedish sale had never happened, I might be using it still!
2. What other brands have you used or considered using?
I used a couple of compact Franklin Covey 365 planners in college, and I also used a Franklin Covey classic for about 5 weeks combined this past year.
3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?
Much as I love my imperial purple personal Finchley, I think my brown personal Holborn is my favorite. The color is lovely, and the pocket set-up on the Holborn works SO much better for me! The smoothness of the Holborn has also grown on me, and the fact that the back zipper is covered up means that there are no hitches in closing it.

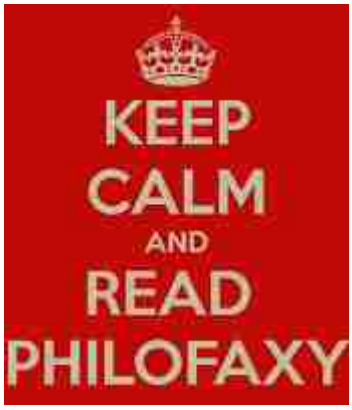
4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?
I only own four - an ultra violet pocket Domino, a red A5 Domino, and 2 personals: the imperial purple Finchley and the brown Holborn. The only one for which I paid retail price was the pocket Domino.
5. What do you use your Filofax for?
My Filofax's primary purpose is, of course, to keep track of my appointments and to-dos. It is also my "inbox" and an information/lists book. Some of the things I have in here: gift ideas, wish list, shopping list, current budget, money "rules", income record for my husband (he is a waiter and depends on tips, so his income varies), a page to record my daughter's health and height and weight, a page about our dog, date ideas, my goals, some resources I have available to me, my books to read in 2012 list...Basically, anything I may need to refer to again later goes in my Filofax!
6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?
It's the ultimate notebook. It's completely versatile and customizable - and you can carry all sorts of other things in it as well if you like. The binders are the best I've seen, aside from the ring issues - the leather they're made of and the designs are a lot nicer than the competitors available here in the US, in my opinion.
7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?
30mm rings, a pocket set-up similar to the Holborn but without that odd zip pocket, and a variety of color choices - black, brown, pink, purple, blue...
8. How do you carry your Filofax?
In my purse (handbag, for the non-Americans?). It goes with me almost everywhere. When I'm at home I usually leave it on my desk, unless I'm doing something in another room and need it.
9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?
I don't know if I can pick one! I like the cheerfulness of the blue Finsbury (and I'd like to try a compact someday..), and the overall look of the orchid Aston. However, since I just bought the Holborn, I won't be buying another Filofax anytime soon!
10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?
I paid $45 for my personal Holborn in the 50 % off sale which recently ended at FFUSA.
11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?
Free For Alls and Web Finds!
12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?
Is there really anything not to like? I suppose the comment threads can be a little bit hard to follow every once in a while.
13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?
I really don't remember - I don't download music very often! It's probably been at least 6 months since I downloaded anything. The last song I listened to was "Sweet About Me" by Gabriella Cilmi.
Thank you Hannah for agreeing to go under the spotlight

1. http://1.bp.blogspot.com/-o0LPRu48BJ0/UEBs4CAvSNI/AAAAAAAAM-k/Y8IF_cZoQnY/s1600/IMG_1434.jpg
2. http://bluebonnetreads.wordpress.com/

EmmaNoey (2012-09-10 21:04:53)
Working in a library seems like it would be a lot of fun. I would be very distracted by all the books . . .

Anita (2012-09-11 02:33:09)
Lovely to 'meet' you, Hannah :)

Free For All Tuesday No 84 (2012-09-11 00:00) - Steve Morton



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Tuesdays are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

1. http://2.bp.blogspot.com/-bJDrXVhsvXI/T-3uAaeb2dI/AAAAAAAAL9Q/I7Nbi2OZwrU/s1600/keepcalm1.png

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PaperAddict (2012-09-11 01:08:51)
Hi Everyone.
Would someone out in Philofaxy land be able to answer my question please? I would like to know what Filofax is currently offering that is close to the Winchester?
I love the lightness of the binder, the sturdy cover and just love the texture.
I did put this question to Filofax themselves but I may as well of been speaking Swahili as they had never heard of the Winchester but did say they change their binders yearly and would I like a catalogue, which was a lovely gesture. We have the grand total of 9 Leather (including the different colours of which there are 4) on offer in this country, so getting to have a touchy feely for myself isn't an option. So I'd love your opinions please. Thanks.

Ling (2012-09-11 01:36:28)
Hi all,
In the Philofaxy Flickr pool I saw a photo made by Aspiretobe/Lauren of a DO4P set-up. I'd love to see more details and was wondering if she has a blog, but I can't find one. Does anybody have more info on the DO4P?

Alison Reeves (2012-09-11 03:43:45)
Just thought I'd ask here as well as on Facebook page, does anyone know of FF binders with gold coloured rings? Either A5 or personal? I have an Ivory Panama with gold accents which is very pretty so they must do others?

Butanben (2012-09-11 04:42:09)
I have a question about how folks structure their to dos from week to week. Do you just transfer any unfinished to dos to the next week?? Or do you have another system of sorts???? I started to use the letters MF as a code for moved forwards.... but then looking at a series of MFs that made me feel like I'd failed as that meant stuff undone, but it seems silly to tick off tasks when they are not finished either!!! A small thing, but the lack of ideas for a good to do system that will work for me, is driving me nuts!! BTW, I have a separate Filofax with projects in which I look at each week for my weekly review..... GTD style and use jot pads as David Allen's tickler system.

industrious housewife (2012-09-11 04:53:56)
I've always had a separate to do list, and then written daily lists. I tried more of a GTD approach, but I like to keep project info together and found that pulling 'next actions' out of context threw me. I'm changing things up a bit at the moment, so happy to hear what other people do too.

industrious housewife (2012-09-11 05:07:19)
Just spotted the orange Osterley on CityOrganiser, it's a bit lovely.

One day...

Laurie (2012-09-11 05:11:29)
What kind of a company doesn't know their own product history?? Further proof that Filofax is run by people with the absolute wrong priorities.
Unfortunately, I don't think you are going to find anything in Filofax's current range that comes anywhere close to comparing with the Winchester for quality, construction and ring size. Filofax has moved far away from those days of classic style and quality construction. Now the binders are designed to be "fashionable" and to last maybe one season.
Personally, I think you should look for a Winchester on eBay. They come up periodically, and they cost about the same as a new, much lesser-quality Filofax costs.

Laurie (2012-09-11 05:15:19)
I have to keep my weekly to-do list in front of me at all times. I use a sticky note on my page marker. If I've over-tasked myself for the week and something doesn't get done, I write it on the next week's to-do list.
If there is something that's been on your list for weeks but hasn't been done yet, take a look at it. Is there something that needs to be done first before you can do that task? Is it not actually a task but a multi-step process? Make sure you have actionable tasks on your list. For something like "do taxes" or "back up hard drive," you need to break those down into actionable steps.
Hope this helps!

Steve Morton (2012-09-11 05:32:30)
Hi
I think the closest you will ever get to a Winchester these days is either a Mulberry or the Glen Royal as reviewed by Gerard
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/12/guest-review-glenroyal-organis er-gerard.html
But yes I despair at the response you received... all very current but totally lacking on the history and what matters to people.
Steve

David Popely (2012-09-11 05:40:42)
I use the standard set of GTD lists, keep my next action list current, and I cross out the ones which are done. When the list is about 70 % crossings-out, I rewrite a new list within the context of my weekly review.
All that having been said, I'm beginning to find the GTD system quite 'high maintenance'. I seem to be constantly moving stuff between Next Actions and Waiting For, and it's quite onerous. I may have to revisit the way I run my system - but I'm convinced that it's pretty efficient in comparison to some others I've used in the past, and the fact that I'm *still* (mostly) managing to keep it in one Personal size Filofax makes me think there isn't much to be gained by changing it

kathryn (2012-09-11 05:41:52)
I have the siena in expresso which has the gold coloured rings.

Ro (2012-09-11 05:53:43)
My personal lizard had gold rings, Alison

Butanben (2012-09-11 06:13:15)
My weekly to dos are written in my TM diary under tasks. I am transfering anything undone onto the next week. Just seems, as Laurie said, that some to dos keep moving from week to week!!! I think she has grasped the root of the problem..... it is not that I am not tackling these things, just that they are big projects. So, even though I've broken things down into smaller steps, it seems like the tasks are taking forever.... but they are big tasks..... so will take longer. Maybe need to be more reasonable on myself here!!!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-11 06:31:35)
I have a load of A5 meeting notes inserts that I no longer want - does anyone want them for the cost of the postage? If you do please email me on alison at writetowin dot co dot uk.

Steve Morton (2012-09-11 06:32:45)
[cough] Adspot.....

cgarsnrealest8 (2012-09-11 06:35:23)
Question to you filofaxers. For those of you who have several children, a job, a business, and other activities, do you find that you can properly manage your life with a personal size, or do you feel that you need an A5?

Alison Reeves (2012-09-11 06:40:05)
Sorry Steve - do you want to pop them on? Thanks!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-11 06:41:21)
I've not heard of that one Ro, is it called a Lizard?

Johanne Nevin (2012-09-11 06:41:52)
@2cgarsnrealest8 I use an a5 for work and keep that in work, and I also have an a5 for my home binder, I love the a5 size and find that it best for home and work use. Now in saying that I also have a personal which is my me binder for exercise diet and all things personal to me. But with school bills and family goings on I could never use just a personal size imo.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-11 06:42:58)
I'm having a simlar issue Jane, but I think it is because I am procrastinating on the big stuff! (I'm sure you are not bye the way!). I also use some of the day timer hot lists for things that will move from week to week and also for a waiting list so I don't have to keep writing them out.

David Popely (2012-09-11 06:43:47)
Personal works fine for me.....although I get constantly a) tempted by the extra space the A5 would afford, and b) then remember how much it hurt the last time I tried to carry it on a business trip, and/or how much of a dork I looked carrying it to a restaurant or evening out (my Malden Personal Ochre *never* looks out of place *anywhere*). It's all about the set-up for me.

David Popely (2012-09-11 06:50:55)
OK, not strictly a Filofax-only question, but once again I find myself thinking about the logic of time management, where tasks 'come from', how they relate (or don't relate) to personal goals, etc etc etc. I've been a fairly hardcore GTD user for a while now, but the thought is never far from my mind that the GTD system is very *very* reactive, and doesn't lend itself well to personal goal setting and fulfilment. I've been doing some reading around the Stephen Covey system, not with a view to adopting his planner but more to understand here he's coming from, and he's much more top-down in his approach. In this respect, I've read Making It All Work, which alleges to be the more-top-down complement to the GTD book, but I still find myself with a fairly reactive approach to things. I wonder if there are any other practitioners her who have any views on this.....

Alison Reeves (2012-09-11 06:58:08)
I think your size choice has a lot to do with whether you have to carry it around everywhere, how practical that is (fr example if you drive everywhere wouldn't be such an issue) and how much stuff you want to track. Also some might have all their diary stuff in a more portable personal, and heir more reference stuff in an A5 which stays home. Personally I always drift back to A5 as I like the space, the ability to more easily print stuff out and punch, and I don't go out much!

Ro (2012-09-11 07:10:46)
It is the genuine lizard leather, like the croc or ostrich, and on the US site, just referred to as Lizard, I believe. Lizard skin wears like iron, and when I sold it after six years of every day use, it looked exactly like the day I took it out of the box. And the rings were perfect, no problems whatsoever. Expensive Filofax, but worth every penny.

teddy edwards (2012-09-11 07:27:45)
Not a question but an observation. I finally realised I have a Filofax 'issue' when I found myself ever so excitedly telling my other half that a character on the TV programme 'The Thick of It' was carrying a red A4 Domino!

David Popely (2012-09-11 07:28:58)
Yep...I would say that's an issue! welcome to the club. When do we get our own 12 step program?.....
I do stuff like that all the time, it drives DW mad.....

Laurie (2012-09-11 07:46:42)
I think my DH decided I must be certifiable the other night when we were watching Transporter 3 (nothing else on tv!) and I pointed out the document holder was an A4 Domino folder! I definitely have an "issue!"

Steve Morton (2012-09-11 07:55:07)
'Like' !!!!

Laurie (2012-09-11 07:58:18)
LOL Steve! Which do you like, that I identified the Domino folder or that I was actually watching Transporter 3???

Heather from Heather Holistics (2012-09-11 08:09:07)
I too prefer A5. Not only does it provide me with the space to write, but I can easily print my own inserts. However, to keep weight down I only carry the vital essentials and archive anything else to a stay-at-home A5 Filofax.

Steve Morton (2012-09-11 08:22:59)
No identifying the Filofax... not come across Transporter 3, I don't watch that much TV these days!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-11 08:24:55)
Thanks Ro - In the UK they don't appear to do anything like the lovely high end binders in the US - some of them look really delicious! - we just get the fashion rubbish which doesn't last!

Cloudberry (2012-09-11 08:30:26)
Hi David,
I'm having a similar problem in that I seem to be constantly fire-fighting. I neeed to tie my goals into my tasks, otherwise I lose sight of the bigger picture.
I'm in the process of designing my A5 templates down to Personal size, as that system worked well for me. I like the principles of GTD but it didn't work in practice for me. I prefer the Urgent/Important matrix of Covey to prioritise my tasks.

David Popely (2012-09-11 08:35:54)
Cloudberry, have you looked at the Time Manager International system? As an alternative top-down system to Franklin Covey I think it's got a lot going for it....I've got a full system and it works pretty well. Best of all (as I said in my FFAF rant last week) it's got a proper philosophy behind it. It's designed mainly as a business-user system, but works pretty well for whole-life planning as well, although I *do* think the FC system is probably marginally better....

Laurie (2012-09-11 08:40:46)
You're not missing anything, believe me!!!

Laurie (2012-09-11 08:42:38)
I asked Filofax US once why the Alligator, Lizard and Ostrich binders aren't available outside the US and they said it's due to export restrictions on the farmed exotic skins, which makes sense. Those binders are actually made in the US too, so I'm guessing their construction is probably much better than the rest of the current Filofax range!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-11 08:50:58)
I'd better start saving then if I also have to include a trip to the US to buy one!!!

DEM (2012-09-11 09:04:03)
I work full-time, have two young children, and manage household/family tasks all in a personal. It works splendidly. I use both color-coding and quadrant coding (each quadrant on the day box is assigned-work, me, children, misc). I take my FF everywhere with me. It helps me keep on task and is always available to add new appts, notes, or to dos.

Paul Taylor (2012-09-11 09:17:51)
I used to use GTD after a fashion, but the overhead got a bit silly just at the time I was under the heaviest load and it all collapsed under its own weight.
These days I'm using a system called SuperFocus developed by a time management chap called Mark Forster (www.markforster.net). It's got much lower overhead, although aspects of GTD could be applied at the overarching 20,000 ft and above levels - SF is a system for doing, not a system for deciding what to do. The process is described here: http://markforster.squarespace.com/blog/2011/2/10/rules-for-superfoc us.html
It developed out of a previous system called AutoFocus, and has notionally been superseded by 'The Final Version' the process for which is available on the website.
A few of the critical takeaways are:
1. it works off an endless list, spanning as many pages as you need, through which you cycle picking off tasks.
2. like GTD, tasks need to be broken down to next action level
3. your list is not a 'to do' list it's a 'will do' list.
4. there is a 'dismissal' process with an associated review cycle, which means that if a task lingers too long and you don't want to do it then it gets dismissed. Dismissed tasks are then reviewed, which if the task really needs to be done, can result in it being expressed a different way, broken down more etc. Alternatively you might decide that you never intended to do it anyway!
I've been running this system for well over a year and, minor boggles notwithstanding, it's the best system I've found so far. The best bit is it works very nicely in an A5 filofax and also (with tweaks) provides me with the raw material for filling in my timesheets at the end of each week without too much effort.

Paul Taylor (2012-09-11 09:31:56)
In my (not so) humble opinion, the major flaw in the FC approach - from what I know of it - is that there seems to be an implicit assumption that you are in absolute control of how you spend your time. That assumption holds to varying levels for most people, at least those who are employed by someone else or who have family commitments. I remember reading that Steven Covey had a team working for him so that he could concentrate on the big thinking - clearly very few people are in that elevated state!
I also read Making It All Work and have tried applying the overall 20/30/40/50K views but life seems to continue to conspire against me and I fall back to the runway level except for really big things. Planning at a higher level is something that I find very hard and it may be that it is intrinsically difficult to align everything from top to bottom. That's probably why it's important!
Having said which, the 'Sharpen the saw' habit from Steven Covey's work is something which GTD doesn't really mention explicitly - I suspect David Allen thinks of it as just another set of next actions/projects/areas of focus etc - and is in some ways the foundation of getting on top of your time - it's a bit like the safety instructions in case of a plane depressurizing: put your own oxygen mask on before attempting to help anyone else!

David Popely (2012-09-11 09:45:25)
Hi Paul. Interesting that you should raise that, because it's the standard objection raised against both the FC *and* TMI systems, namely that having any kind of reactivity in one's life is an excuse for jettisoning any kind of top-down planning. David Allen is certainly very dismissive of top-down systems in GTD, which is probably why

his system features virtually no top-down elements apparent from a few 'afterthought' chapters in Making It All Work. Personally, I think this is throwing out the baby with the bathwater in a huge way - it's certainly true that there is more reactivity in most of our lives than was the case, say, twenty years ago, but there are some very simple strategies which can be applied (and which were present in the 'old fashioned' top-down systems which Allen dismisses, and in which you seem to be following him)to minimise the interruptions which give rise to the perceived need for constant states of reactivity.
Secondly, isn't the reason why most people adopt an active approach to their time management precisely that they want to get some linkage between their *own* personal goals and the tasks they engage in? Isn't this in some way what gives us meaning and purpose as individuals? Personally I would rather be pursuing my own goals than juggling the demands of others, which is what GTD seems very good at.
To the argument that we all have to react to email, I would answer, "Yes, but how quickly?". Cannot our clients, friends, etc be trained to accept the fact that we *don't* jump every time our phones go off, or our email alert pops up? I think they can, and I think I've proved it in my own business. Yes, there are occasions when we all have to 'drop everything', but they are not nearly so many or so often as we kid ourselves, or, more importantly, as we allow society to kid us that they are.
I'm in favour of a top-down approach, and to those who say it's an outdated concept, I would say, along with Barrack Obama and (more famously) Bob the Builder - "Yes, we can".

Ray Blake (2012-09-11 10:00:00)
Would these help? [1]http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2012/01/download-mo nthly-planner-for-your.html

1. `http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2012/01/download-monthly-planner-for-your.html`

David Popely (2012-09-11 10:03:10)
Looks good, Ray - I'm going to check these out....

David Popely (2012-09-11 10:03:48)
Whatever became of the once-mooted 'Philofaxy Conference' idea? Is anyone else still interested in seeing it happen?.....

teddy edwards (2012-09-11 10:07:58)
Nice to know I am not alone!

David Popely (2012-09-11 10:13:31)
Ray, got an A5 version?

janet (2012-09-11 10:39:38)
Now that is strange because I live in Sweden and they have all the exotic skin FFaxes for sale here - I was browsing the lizard, croc and ostrich ones a few weeks ago. Wonder if that is a UK restriction only? It's certainly not an EU one or Sweden would not be able to sell them either. My guess has always been that Aspinal and Smythson are two very entrenched high end stationery brands that they would be competing with in the UK. Sweden has many more inserts than are available in the UK too so perhaps Filofax UK needs a kick up the butt to shake their act up a little.

janet (2012-09-11 10:41:09)
And to reply to the orginal question sorry - my Siena A5 has gold rings. It is in Cappuccino

janet (2012-09-11 10:43:07)
I use an A5 because it is the only size that works for me but there is no getting around the fact that it is a brick.

crofter (2012-09-11 10:50:51)
As Steve and Laurie have said, there are none, I would offer these personal observations. The key to the "Winchester" quality was not only the leather that was used, but the gussets that were right next to the rings, front and back. This protected the covers from getting the indentations showing through to the front and back. Many people make a big deal out of the binder being able to lay flat right out of the box. I really don't want that.

It is a good indicator of thin floppy leather, and I can assure you, they don't last. Another thing that adds to the quality, I have quite a number of Winchesters, and not one of them have a zippered pocket in them. That is just one more thing to go wrong, and to me detracts from rather than adds to the durability of the binder. Lastly, ring size. I have them from 1/2 inch through the 1 1/8 size, and much prefer the smaller ring size simply because they are so much easier to write in.
If I were looking for a new binder, I would look for one that is all leather, no cloth lining, It tends to tear or separate from the binder over time. I would look for one that didn't lay flat; they will do so eventually, and will do it for much longer.
I hope this helps, it is just my preference which is different than most, but if you want a binder for the long haul, these are the things you should look for.
As Steve said, I think the best there is right now is the Glen Royal. It is by far and away the best made with the best material, plus it is made in Scotland.

Wannabe Mummy (2012-09-11 11:31:55)
Ooo love those - will certainly try them out.

Wannabe Mummy (2012-09-11 11:34:17)
Anyone in the UK looking for graph paper - just come back from a quick grocery trip and picked up 2 spiral bound A5 perforated (and punched - 2 holes) graph paper. There are 160 sheets of 70gsm paper. I've not tested it out for inks etc. Oh, they're 99p each :-)

Wannabe Mummy (2012-09-11 11:34:57)
Doh, forgot to say I found them in Lidl...

MishaMonet (2012-09-11 11:46:25)
I use both an A5 and a personal. I like to carry around my personal so I can take notes, check my calendar, etc. I "sync" them in the evening. It is more work, but I like the extra space of the A5 and I like having a "home base" Filofax that my family can check. Doing the manual sync also reminds me what I have coming up, and gives me a chance to calmly assess my days and activities. I just ordered the family organiser pack in A5 and am really looking forward to all those features.

MishaMonet (2012-09-11 11:48:14)
Does anyone in the US print their own inserts? Where do you find the right sizes of paper? I would like to print some custom "chores" A5 inserts for my son. Thanks!

Paul Taylor (2012-09-11 12:03:48)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Paul Taylor (2012-09-11 12:07:43)
(adding this one again in edited form after Blogger munched the original!)
Actually I'm not going to disagree that a top-down approach is best in some circumstances, and without some sort of top-down view it's easy to get lost and wake up 10 years later wondering what went wrong. You'll notice I mentioned that I personally find it quite difficult. That may be an attribute of my particular circumstances - I'm a (though I say so myself) fairly critical member of staff who is an informational resource, technical expert and reviewer for a raft of projects all operating on different timescales. A large part of my life is made up of meetings, discussions, workshops etc with various colleagues and attempting to guide/resolve/provide information to assist them in moving their projects forward. I work from home most of the time, and just to make life difficult we have 4 dogs and a lot of cats. I have a partner who is self-employed and we have to coordinate critter maintenance, people maintenance and home maintenance. I'm also a director of my partner's company and the company secretary, and also the webmaster. So there's quite a lot going on.
I have tried - with some success - some of the strategies you mention in a work context. I don't have a new mail indicator, for instance - it is turned off - and every now and then I designate a day as a 'seclusion' day when no incoming calls will be accepted other than from my line manager etc. I even have the support

of my management in doing so, as at one point a few years ago the workload was truly stupid - more recently all the project managers get together once a week and we map out a sensible(ish) plan for the use of me as a unique resource. But even so I find the top down stuff difficult, even in a personal context. That doesn't mean I think it's not important, just that in my particular situation I have limited success in making it stick!

Steve Morton (2012-09-11 12:13:51)
Not forgotten about David, but I've had a number of things that have constrained my time this summer. I'm hoping to meet with Filofax or their representatives when I'm over in November. To gauge their interest and get them to be active in participating in the conference. As a result it is now more likely to be early 2014 rather than 2013 that it will happen.
In the mean time we will continue to hold meet ups in as many places as possible (Cardiff included) holding these increases our potential number of people that might want to attend such a conference and therefore makes it more viable from an economic point of view.
I will have more information soon.....

Paul Taylor (2012-09-11 12:14:22)
further thought -
in software design (my field) there are historically two main approaches which have been endlessly debated since time immemorial, mirroring the GTD/FC 'dichotomy':
(a) top-down
(b) bottom-up
With the exception of 'theologians' who champion one extreme or the other, it is generally accepted by most practitioners that the most sensible and pragmatic - and productive - way to operate combines elements of both. This has occasionally been described as 'middle-out'...

Helen Conway (2012-09-11 12:36:31)
As a direct result of webfinds I bought off adspot a pocket Chameleon to use as a wallet with the full knowledge that it probably would not work as a wallet which is why the seller was selling. But It was a panancea to a self ban onbuying yet more A5s. . It arrived, I set it up at once and I love it. So now I have a problem. Its not going to last forever. The Chameleons are being phased out. So... Is it bonkers to buy lots more so that I have a life time supply if that means that I then have no money to put in the wallet?

Cheryl (2012-09-11 13:21:24)
Um, these are timely comments. I posted something the other day on the Filofax FB page asking what was up with all the 'fashion' posts and to please pay more attention to quality, fine leather, good inserts and working ring mechanisms. (Guess I was feeling a little snarky that day). So the response given on their FB page was "Hi Cheryl and Judith, we are keen to find out what you would like to see from us. It would be great if you could message us directly. Look forward to hearing from you." Immediate ROFL. I've emailed them a few times and the standard response back is 'we have no information about that, keep checking our website for updates'. WHO is working there? I'd be fired if I sent out a response like that to a customer!

Cheryl (2012-09-11 13:32:22)
I'm so sorry but I must be in the weirdest of moods today...seeing all those MF's would immediately send me into peels of laughter (or frustration). Oh the irony of calling 'undone tasks' MF's. SORRY.
A long time ago I had a 'to do' insert that was plastic like the page markers, only wider. It said 'to do' or 'tasks' at the top. It also had cut holes so that you could move it around. It was erasable but to be honest, I didn't care for the fact that the marker would smear sometimes.
What I do now is really dorky and simple. I attach my 'short list' to do's written on one of those Day Timer hot lists and stick it on an extra plastic page marker which easily moves around my Filofax.
As far as my ongoing major task and project list–can't help you there. Mines a big mess full of strikeouts, whiteouts and such.

Josh (2012-09-11 13:37:09)
Can anyone comment on the quality of the Aspinal organisers? I was looking at them recently as I'm somewhat disappointed with Filofax quality of late. They are more costly than Filfoax but significantly less expensive than the Smythson models.

Josh (2012-09-11 13:39:14)
I was just looking at the Lizard binders recently. The black one was marked down on pens &leather. Quite nice. My Cavendish is not holding up very well to daily use. Thin leather!

Cheryl (2012-09-11 13:54:59)
I used the Stephen Covey system for years when he first became affiliated with Franklin planner as it was called prior to his involvement. It was common practice for companies to send all their top and middle management to these training sessions where we were all given a basic binder, a year's worth of inserts, etc. Some of the companies I worked for supplied the inserts each year as well. I didn't find any major flaws in the approach but then I am not familiar with GTD so I can't compare. The problem was, we were all sent to these training, given these amazing systems, then pretty much bullied into 'dropping everything' and 'responding immediately' to everything. While most of us were bringing our planners to meetings, most of the people who went through the training (in my experience) was just using it for note taking and appointment scheduling. Those of us who truly implemented the system were fighting a loosing battle. There was a period of time where I actually had the audacity to shut my office door for an hour at the end of the day to do paperwork and/or shut off the email notification and do a little planning for the next day. I nearly lost my job and was told 'you do not do that'. It is unfortunate, but I did spend nearly 20 years in a company that apparently thrived on putting out fires. Like all systems, its only good if you use it and you have to have others on board with it or it's an uphill battle. I seem to do fine in my personal life but the minute I walk into a company's doors I may as well throw the planner in the receptacle at the entrance because in my experience most companies will tell you they want organized individuals who set goals but they do not walk the talk. Everything is an emergency (even when its not) and if you don't respond to email immediately it's like you committed a crime. Could be why I'm taking a little holiday from work at the present and resorting my priorities.

Debbie (2012-09-11 13:59:09)
I need advice. I am in analysis paralysis about which Filofax to buy. I would love to see all the planners in person and buy one that really speaks to me but I don't live near a store that carries them. I have read 100s of wonderful Philofaxy blog posts and have looked at dozens of wonderful Flickr pictures and I drool. I am not limited by how much they cost and have a pretty good idea of how I want the insides to work for me. (not sure if I want to attempt using my planner as a wallet but would like to carry it on errands and when I travel.
I currently have a Franklin Compact zipper planner in black that I love. I would like a new brightly colored Filofax for a change of pace but ordered and returned the pink Finchey and ochre Malden. The ochre malden felt too masculine for me and the Finchey too stiff and not my fav.
Can anyone give me advice on how to narrow it down? I want a cheerful,cute, handy planner and love leather. I am going to Chicago at the end of this month and live about 3.5 hours away from the Franklin Covey flagship store in Salt Lake City.
It seems crazy to keep ordering planners to try only to return them.
Any advice or comments are welcome!

Cheryl (2012-09-11 13:59:42)
ooh me likey...thanks! now if only i had the mind and the means to print them properly...that's the most frustrating part!

Cheryl (2012-09-11 14:06:35)
I don't know why they are discontinuing these. Not sure if anyone has had problems with them or not but I have 3 (A5, compact and personal) and I love them. I'm kind of in the same boat...I have my eye on a red or raspberry A5 before they run out! For me, the price is right and its just a different look from the Holborn or Malden (both of which I love as well for their attributes)–the Chameleon is just a bit 'dressier' or something. I mean who wouldn't want a Lizard but I don't see that ($ $ $) in my future any time soon.

Josh (2012-09-11 14:13:56)
Debbie, I think most of us are either in paralysis or just buy too many different ones! I definitely recommend stopping into a retailer when you're in Chicago to look at several. I thought the Cuban would be right for me until I held one in my hands at the retailer...
The problem is that here in the US most retailers don't have the latest product line in stock, so you may be limited to what you can sample. But something is better than nothing.

Cheryl (2012-09-11 14:17:37)
If you liked the Malden at all you might have liked the Crimson or Vintage Pink colors but you may have to shop around for those on sites other than Filofax (City Organizer, Pens and Leather, etc.). If money is no issue to me the Lizard. I like the vintage look of the Maldens at times but mostly I like a little polish to my binder and the Lizard is so pretty. People have also raved about the Osterly and the Amazona. On the low end, the Chameleon is one of my faves. If you didn't like the Finchley you wouldn't like the pebbly grain of the Aston either. So in summary, I'd look at the Lizard, Amazona, Osterly and maybe the Chameleon. I can't touch or feel them in person because the only store in my area (22 miles away) has a pitiful collection of about 8 on display and most of them are Classics! So I rely on the picture heavy blogs and You Tube videos before I make an online purchase. I feel your pain: I've returned one just this morning and have returned 2 others in the past month! Good luck!

Cheryl (2012-09-11 14:24:41)
The above was never an issue when it was the customer needing assistance. Customers, clients, etc., are always the top priority and when your biggest client is one of (actually all 3!) of the US auto companies then when they say jump you say how high. No problem, I get that and that's in my nature. It was the constant interruptions from coworkers who couldn't do their jobs, countless useless meetings and the ever lovin' 'goal setting' meetings in which we spent half a day off site setting company goals only to return on Monday afternoon and business as usual. LOL

Debbie (2012-09-11 14:31:38)
Cheryl
Thank you for your comments. They are helpful indeed. I will check out the ones you suggest. I love the feel of a juicy textured leather or smooth leather. I did not really dislike the Finchley it just was not spot on for me for some reason.
Thank you!
Debbie

Cloudberry (2012-09-11 15:10:32)
Hi David,
I'm going to show my age here! In the 80s, on promotion, I was sent on the 'A' Time course and was issued with the A5 (plastic) binder. I traded up to a maroon leather zipped. It was still in daily service for many years using FF TM inserts - with a slight dalliance when I was seduced by FC and bought the 7 Habits to go into my A5 binder....
I've just downsized to a FF Personal Ostrich but miss the TM format, so I was over the moon to find Steve and Ray had designed a TM version for Personal.
I think 'A' Time morphed into TMI? Would love to see your TMI – do you have a blog or would you like to guest on mine?

curiositykilledacat (2012-09-11 15:32:49)
I don't know if this has been asked before but since I've seen people commenting on the quality of the Filofax paper, I was hoping to get a general opinion from a few people.
The standard Filofax pages are either white or cream, and other companies that make similar inserts such as WHSmith and Paperchase also stick to white.
I also know that Franklin Covey do some inserts in a couple of other colours & patterns (personally I think they're all hideous)
I was wondering whether people would like coloured refill packs if you could buy them?

(I think it might appeal to those of us who can not make a printer read our minds and print what we want at home!)
Or does everyone prefer the white or cream ones ?
(Do tell me if these exist already and I've just not noticed)

Frederique (2012-09-11 15:37:20)
The PANAMA also has gold rings...
See http://www.amazon.co.uk/Filofax-Panama-Personal-Organiser-Maroon/dp/ B0035Q9DUE

Debbie (2012-09-11 16:11:58)
I cannot answer your question other than to say that I agree about the Franklin Covey designs being hideous.
I would enjoy colored paper refill packs! I like writing with sharpies so would like a paper that allows for that.

Debbie (2012-09-11 16:29:14)
Which personal sized planner in your opinion has the best set up for using as a wallet in addition to being a great planner? Meaning has good number of card slots and an easy to use coin/cash spot AND looks good while being super functional?
I am thinking it would be fun to be able to grab just my planner from my purse and go into a store.
Thanks!

Lostwithoutyou (2012-09-11 16:49:02)
Can the personal sized chameleon be trained to lay flat?

Ling (2012-09-11 16:53:02)
I have a Personal Holborn in wine and it's so much more beautiful In person than I had exoected it to be from looking at it online. It has plenty of pockets, the leather smells divine and it's supersoft. The zip pocket has room for plenty of coins and is easy to get into. It would be my choice for a personal wallet, but I'm using a pocket Filofax as a wallet already.

Debbie (2012-09-11 17:20:32)
Does anyone know of an aqua finsbury personal for sale?
Thank you.
Debbie

Deborah (2012-09-11 18:11:31)
Debbie Heres my tip Look at Josh's, redforrori, Perpetual students and Imysworld youtube channels. I personally believe it will help you find your organiser nirvana four points of view all very eloquently spoken and thought out. Maybe even organisedlikejen if your on the fence about A5..I was on the fence about Filofax and these people convinced me filofax was for me. Filofaxy also confirmed me that a5 size was not going to be price prohibitive because of the templates they produce, good luck

Cheryl (2012-09-11 18:22:50)
My personal Aqua Chameleon is flat (I've only had it a couple months and it does not even get daily use when I switch out to others) and my Black Compact Chameleon is almost there and I've only been using it 10 days. Mine were relatively flat out of the box but I don't think that's been everyone's experience. Wonder if it has something to do with color?

Hannah C. (2012-09-11 22:53:22)
I have to second the Holborn. I recently acquired one, and I think it has the most pockets of any current Filofax - and the pockets are incredibly useful as well, in my opinion. I don't actually use mine as a wallet (as I have a lovely Fossil wallet which I got for my birthday), but I did a test drive with the Holborn as wallet and it would work very well.

Jenna (2012-09-11 23:26:56)
I haven't tried this personally since I dont have an A5 but I've heard that some people buy legal sized paper and cut a bit off at the bottom and its the same size as A4. After that you just cut it in half and its A5 sized. hths!

PaperAddict (2012-09-11 23:27:27)
Thanks so very much for your input everyone. Laurie I think your idea is a good one but I'm also loving the Glen Royal. That is very classy. It's nice to know that my feelings of disappointment are justified in this case.

PaperAddict (2012-09-11 23:31:30)
Maybe message her Ling and ask her? She certainly does have some amazing photos.

David Popely (2012-09-12 02:42:17)
Hi Cloudberry
I too benefited from a beneficent employer with a seemingly unlimited training budget, back in the 1980s, and was sent on the TMI course, which was one of the foundational moments in introducing me to the whole concept of proactive time planning. I got my first TMI (plastic) binder there, and soon upgraded to the rather nice leather version I've still got (and it still looks great!). TMI and A-Time were, and still are, two separate companies, A-Time became Time/System and is still going, I believe. TMI was sold to Cello and thence a further time, and is now very much a bog-standard training consultancy. I think they call it 'corporate culture change' - I think maybe Slam PR and/or their near relatives have been at work on their 'image' too. As a result TMI no longer do open courses, which is a shame, but the full range of refills is still available, with the diaries regularly published (you can order 2013 now), although everything now ships from somewhere in Shandinavia rather than from Henley-in-Arden.
Definitely up for a blog-swap, I'm just finishing one off for Paulien on 'digital envy' which will go up later in the week, and have an excellent post from her on managing free (non-work) time. Drop me an email at davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com and let's talk!

David Popely (2012-09-12 02:45:02)
I use cotton cream throughout my Personal Malden, apart from when I occasionally get the urge to adopt a diary format which FF don't supply in CC (which is most of them). The paper quality usually persuades me back pretty quickly.
I consider FF's coloured refills to be one of the great aesthetic crimes of the century, and I wouldn't use them, either now or in the future. I've even adapted my diary format to Cotton Cream, and that's where 'm sticking. It's not great paper, but it's the best FF do.....

David Popely (2012-09-12 02:47:17)
My ochre Malden Personal does pretty well. Four card slots in the front cover, plus a small zipped pocket for change, and a larger pocket behind for notes and/or receipts. I use it *exactly* the way you are contemplating (as well as for everything else!)

Heather from Heather Holistics (2012-09-12 05:25:21)
David, this sounds like a really interesting couple of blog posts. If Steve's web widget doesn't find them, could you please email me a link to your blog. Thank you

David Popely (2012-09-12 05:26:48)
Sure will Heather.....we should know when both posts are going up, within the next 24 hours.....links to follow. Thanks for your interest

Steve Morton (2012-09-12 06:55:35)
David's posts are captured by the web widget so they will feature in web finds....
Steve

MishaMonet (2012-09-12 11:29:23)
Oh, thank you very much! :) I will try that.

Cloudberry (2012-09-12 14:41:47)
Hi David - have emailed you.
Looking forward to blog-swapping!

Butanben (2012-09-13 17:34:57)
Cheryl and Alison a Day Timer hot list sounds good. Also, Paul your link and comment was so interesting that I am certainly going to follow that one up. Cheryl, a whole list of MF's= Move forwards, did have me rofl in frustration.... that idea was quickly abandonded as a mega fail.... worth a try.... but not much good in reality. Am I missing something here.... is MF text speak or shorthand for something else, which would make my use of it doubly ironic then??? Like David Cameron, I thought LOL was lots of love at first!!!!!!!

Web Finds - 11 September 2012 (2012-09-11 12:00) - Steve Morton

And here is the start of the weeks Filofax web finds

1. [1]365/30 Lists: Filofaxes I crave - Filomaniac
2. [2]Papelote Notebook Elastic Band with Pen Holder - Imysworld
3. [3]New Planner Pages for My Filofax - An Experiment - Thoughts & Exploration
4. [4]My New Filofax - Beauty Becca
5. [5]All Stars Guest Post by Helen: The Flex - One Month On - My Life All in One Place
6. [6]Work in progress and working... - Productive Living
7. [7]365/30: Sept 8 – Filofaxes I crave - Living with Lisa
8. [8]September, 8/30: Filofaxes I Crave - Notes in a Filofax
9. [9]Chameleon in distress :) - The World of Debimoje
10. [10]Malden Filofax in Ochre - Hazel's Blog
11. [11]New ideas for new Tracyley - Rapunzel's World
12. [12]Turning a bookmark into a today marker - Bluebonnet Reads
13. [13]My First Filofax!!!!! - Glossette
14. [14]Reminder: New York City Meet Up - Well Planned Life
15. [15]"Für den ersten Eindruck gibt es keine zweite Chance" - oder doch? - Filomaniac
16. [16]Still No Purple Malden...yet! - Behind my Purpley Life
17. [17]my filofax week #21 - Paper Lovestory
18. [18]Organised Mum - Diary - Cloudberry Musings
19. [19]Organised Mum - Shopping & Menu Planning - Cloudberry Musings
20. [20]Organised Mum - the pen test! - Cloudberry Musings

21. [21]Organised Mum - Healthy Life Jotter - Cloudberry Musings
22. [22]Filofax: Personal Sized Hole Punch- Notes in a Filofax
23. [23]Losing Weight the Filofax Way Part4 - This Bugs Life
24. [24]Filofax Price Book DIY Insert - The Crazy Suburban Mom
25. [25]Work Week #1 - Sweetpea
26. [26]My Malden Week #1- Sweetpea
27. [27]Philofaxy All Stars Guest Post - Helen of Fennell - Thoughts & Exploration
28. [28]Philofaxy All Stars Guest Post – Susan – Philofaxy Web Finds as Organizational Tool - Steve Morton
29. [29]Journalling School Session 8: Keeping Things Fresh - My Life All in One Place
30. [30]Journalling School (8) - Filomaniac
31. [31]all stars guest post: imy from imysworld! - Paper Lovestory
32. [32]Franklin Covey Two Pages Per Day inserts in my Filofax - Plannerisms
33. [33]Malden in Purple voraussichtlich ab Oktober erhältlich - Filomaniac
34. [34]Flickr Withdrawl - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
35. [35]Filofax discovery/Metropol review. - Blunt Fringe Girl
36. [36]Malden Mania - Circus Life with Disturbed Mamacita
37. [37]365/30 #8: Filofaxes I Crave - Wandrrlust

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can not guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Do not forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks Video Finds

IFRAME: [38]http://www.youtube.com/embed/bo1dbZHqYOQ?rel=0

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Enjoy

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HazelScotland (2012-09-11 14:40:44)
Wow - my blog post made the big time. I can't tell you how excited I am....:))). Finding this website has been so much fun, thank you everyone!

Still using a Filofax.....?? (2012-09-12 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1]

Do you ever get asked that question if you mention your Filofax, or you are seen using a Filofax personal organiser?

'Are you still using a Filofax....?'

It is normally followed by one of the following:

'I had one of those once.....'
'Why aren't you using one of these.....' *shows you his/her latest iAndroidWin Phone*
'But you have retired.....'

The first two we have all come across I'm sure and we have our stock answers for those like...

'Oh do you still have it?' *without trying to sound too nerdy*
'I tried using one of those but I like paper and pen... it's quicker you know'.... '*said with an air of superiority. You quickly go and seek out someone else to go and talk to or get a top up for your wine glass, leaving Mr/Ms Nerdy iAndroidWin phone user stumped for an answer....*

It was the third one that caught me off guard, it some how sneaked in under my Filofax radar defence shield.
I was just loading my usual prepared answers when I was caught out... but not for long.... so it got me thinking a bit more.... dangerous I know.. 'but you have retired'.... "yes I know but I'm still allowed to think..." now don't you start as well!!!
So let me clear this one up..... Yes I've retired from a salary paying job, but I don't get a pension from my previous employers until I'm 60, which is a few years off yet... It's true that Alison (her indoors aka The Hand of Philofaxy) and I do work part-time with our property search business, but technically she is the employed person I'm just the unpaid assistant/notetaker/photographer/wheel man.
OK so technically I no longer do a 9-5 Monday to Friday job... but I still have to interface with lots of people that are still in true employment, or businesses that adhere to business hours, which in France nearly always includes a 2 hour lunch break!

So my daily life has to mould itself around other peoples schedules and therefore in a way I'm more dependent on a Filofax than I was when I really was working.... yes I did work once upon a time.... but I would have kill you if I told you what I did!!!! Shhhh need to know... So I might not have as many appointments/meetings (and you know [2]how I love meetings) as I used to have, but I have a lot more varied things to remember and do on a daily basis. And given how bad my memory has become, even the topic of this post I had to right down for the fear of forgetting it the next day.
So I use my week per view diary insert not only to capture events and appointments (meetings!) but also as a reminder of things I said I was going to do, but haven't got around to doing yet.
I also use it to remind myself of topics I'm going to write about, just a single line is often enough to jog my memory, occasionally I will supplement the 'one-liner' with a sticky note or similar on the page as a more detailed reminder, but once done I will remove the note.
The thing that often catches me out is Bank Holidays, I know you working folk enjoy having them with a day off, but they just cause me a minor inconvenience, so whilst they might not apply to me in France, I often note the UK Bank Holidays in my Filofax as well as the French ones. May is a total night mare for Bank Holidays in both countries.. one or sometimes two a week in May. So the European holidays page comes in handy when I'm doing any long term planning.
The transition from my previous job to my new status caught me out a bit in terms of how I was going to be using my Filofax, it has taken me over 18 months to find a set up that works for me. I've described it in a [3]blog post that I did for Ray's blog [4]My Life All in One Place as part of the All Stars Tour.
During the move to France I was using my Filofax a lot with lots of check lists and contact details etc. But once we had settled here of course it took on a slightly different role which is how it changed to what it is now.
Have you ever had a major change in set up to your main organiser to cope with a big change in life style/job change etc?

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JohnofJenkins (2012-09-12 03:28:54)
If I bring mine out the question , generally, is "what on earth is that?" "It's a filofax" "A whatofack- never heard of it" I am semi retired and I still have meetings and I still have telephone calls to make and I still get called into work and I have to organise fundraising events and find people to assist. Sometimes I wonder how on earth I ever found the time to go to work in the first place. I use my FF on a daily basis and I would be lost without it. "She who must be obeyed" calls it "My Brain Thing". And yes, I said I would not, but I have :o)

JasJan (2012-09-12 03:37:51)
I get 'but you don't work!'
Since having children I use my filofax a million times more than I did when working. My work life was pretty much the same everyday but now I am juggling children and the household my life is much more varied. I think some people assume a filofax is for executive business people only and really are ignorant to wonderful hobby of filofaxing

Steve Morton (2012-09-12 03:45:23)
Bringing up children is a full time job. Paid with love and affection...
I once interviewed a Mum who was returning to work after having time off to bring up her children she said 'I've not done anything for the last 5 years' Yes you have you have brought up 2 children I replied. 'But that doesn't count does it' It certainly does.... I bet you are a better negotiator than any of my project managers... and she was!! Reasoning with a 3 year old gives you a lead on convincing adults that no you can't get 5 days work done in 2 days and still expect the same results...
She got the job... no hesitation!

Doris (2012-09-12 04:07:42)
I've been in this boat: I may not have a 9-5 job but I still have a life, family, and responsibilities. A Smartphone will never be able to handle the amount of data I put into my filos. Nor will it have a faster reaction time – flick to correct tab, pull out pen, write!

Ruby Scarlett (2012-09-12 04:22:03)
I get that too sometimes but so far they've always shut up when seeing the amount of stuff I cram onto a day per page.

Deborah (2012-09-12 05:10:31)
Electronic gadgets are all very well when they work, also when the internet has signal and is fully powered...all this cloud stuff is fine but you can't answer a call and check your diary on your phone at the same time whereas a filofax you can answer the phone and fill in in the info.
Yes, electronic gadgets have there place, but so does paper organisation.
And to say why do you need one when your retired or you are a stay at home Mum, well its probably the time you need it most..

Deborah (2012-09-12 05:20:59)
I believe its called cognitive distribution

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-12 06:04:42)
This isn't on topic but I wanted to ask - My son has a really hard time organizing school. He really can't keep track of whats due and when and the syllabuses don't make sense to him. It's just a lot of writing that all melds together. I've been up since 1 this morning trying to get him to just put one foot in front of the other with school but he's in overwhelm - I told him I'd write everything out by day so he know's what's due when, what he's expected to read, and what the class will be about.
I'm not sure how to do that in the most efficient way... it's all trial and error... but I'm going to try setting up a mini for him. I only have the yellow piazza which is just too girly.
Does anyone have a mini in a masculine color they aren't using? I want something he can carry in a pocket or a zip lock thing in his binder. I don't want to spend very much because I don't know if it's going to work and if it doesn't ... I already have a mini I'm not using. Any model will do really but I need to keep the price low - Don't mind a #plannerfail, like I said, organizing my kid has been a 21 year long work in progress, but I can't afford to spend a lot for the fail.

Lady_Tamlynn (2012-09-12 06:43:56)
Hi Tracy,
I don't have a mini in a masculine colour but I do have a pocket Urban in grey if that would be any use to you. It's very masculine and would be ideal for your sons needs. It's yours for the price of postage if you want it. I actually have 2 Urbans so I want to get rid of one.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-12 06:48:33)
On the other hand, I wonder how many of us Philofaxers inwardly comment or judge people who use phone calendars exclusively? I guess it's good when they work for that person, but for people like my dissertation supervisor who uses his iphone exclusively and promises to do something for me but always forgets, I secretly thing "He should really use a filofax..."!!!

Laurie (2012-09-12 06:55:51)
JasJan I've been looking for you!! You won the Dodo Pad Filofax diary in my giveaway! Please email me your address at laurie at plannerisms dot com so I can send you your prize!
And yes, my planner gets a workout like never before keeping up with my kids, household routines, my own stuff etc. Being a SAHM is actually a managerial position: managing multiple people, budgets, and the household!

Lady_Tamlynn (2012-09-12 06:58:53)
A lot of people seem baffled as to why I have an iPad and a Filofax, but I just explain that I could never use my iPad as my diary. I've tried many organisational apps in the past but none of them give me the clear week to view that my Filofax does and, as a result I ended up forgetting things. Besides, if I useD a tablet or phone as my calendar, where would I store all the random bits of paper and pieces of information that are stuffed into my Filofax?
So my iPad is used for lesson planning, net surfing, Powerpoints, word processing, etc and my trusty Filofax keeps me organised and reminds me when all these lesson plans, etc have to be completed for :-)

Butanben (2012-09-12 08:27:21)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-12 08:35:02)
Thank you for the offer, I might take you up on that. I have a pocket in pink and I'm going to see what he thinks of the size. I was trying to get something he could stick in a pocket and I think the pocket may be too big. That said, he might be willing to try it. I'm going to show him the pocket and mini size and see what he thinks. I'll get back to you and thanks so much for responding
Tracy

Butanben (2012-09-12 08:38:50)
I couldn't cope with using weeny teeny screens for a diary!! Give me space and the tactile feel of pen and paper any day!!

Lady_Tamlynn (2012-09-12 09:51:21)
No problem, Tracy. The Urban is in very good condition. The litlle button popper is just a little scuffed. You can email me at ladytamlynn@gmail.com if you're still interested.
Ashlene

Deborah (2012-09-12 10:20:34)
My conclusion regarding the dissertation supervisor is that some people just don't use a system and resist writing/typing anything down, I really don't think a filofax would work for that person, because a closed filofax is almost like a phone switched off..

Paul B (2012-09-12 10:24:50)
Last night I took a work call at 2345 (don't ask). He needed some part numbers and prices. I:d just got in bed. I said "I7m in bed. Two seconds.....", opened the trusty Filofax, found what he needed, rattled them off with prices, and said "see you in the morning", leaving him baffled. I know it can:t replace the PC completely, but I do my best to use it in the times, places and situations where it is better, faster, more efficient.....and just FEELS better.

Lostwithoutyou (2012-09-12 10:58:59)
I have a pocket chocolate finchley, not sure if he would consider that girly...

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-12 11:52:05)
Lostwithoutyou, I was thinking more along the line of pink and baby yellow being girly. Any brown or black would be great. I've got to show him the sizes first and see which he prefers
could you email me with how much you'd want? mom at crazysuburbanmom dot com

Beverley (2012-09-12 11:57:48)
I "only" work part time and my kids have flown but . . . my Mum is in assisted living, I work at a library which is open seven days a week an into evenings so my schedule is all over and my husband has always worked shift work. If I didn't have a scheduling system that worked for me I'd be curled up in a small ball in the corner keening softly. And if someone makes a crack about your Filofax and being retired again just tell them you need somewhere to keep track of your doctor's appointments.

Butanben (2012-09-12 15:09:28)
Well done Paul!!!

WeirdRockStar (2012-09-12 15:53:35)
" Yes, I used to have one of those back in the early 90´s when I was a sales rep. "
.. to which I replied
- Oh, how do you now keep organized?! (and you gotta say this annoyingly enthusiastic, like a monkey on speed)
- Organized..?
- Yes! I have all our lives organized right here, within seconds of my reach. Doctor´s appointments, school schedule, meetings and those attending with their contact info right next to them promptly, meal plans and shopping lists, budgets, detailed cleaning lists that I´ve broke down to each week- day, my son´s therapy dates, nannies and their hours, contact infos to all officials and personal peeps we might ever need and cross references from a year- month- week- day info. Anything I need, I´ll find the info in mere seconds.
You know, every day stuff like that. So what method do you use to keep organized and effective?
- * mumbling... *
The sermon I served last time.

kanalt (2012-09-12 21:11:39)
Tracy, I have a mini black domino that I'm looking to unload. I may also have some blank inserts, though no diary pages. Let me know if you're interested.

Tina (2012-09-12 23:24:51)
I've used a planner all my life from primary school all the way up to uni and now at work. I'm 23 and work at the library of an international school. I have 3 bosses, each gives me different tasks. Me and my friends seem to have turn slightly workaholic so all parties and going out must be planned weeks ahead and ofc there's always the theatre (which I love and tickets are bought a month in advance). Still with all of that going on people are shocked when I mention I use a planner (filofax is brand new ^^ so before that it was an array of different planners). They assumer since I'm young, bit obsessed with technology and a wee bit hyper I can't write things down and organize them. My usual answer is 'I went to a German school, they made us use it and I got use to it' still people are shocked yet find it very useful to check a date or whatever they need on my planners. Also I'm more of a visual person. If I see the weeks rather than say there's 4 days left or 20 to go to wherever, number and me don't get along, I need to see it!
Still my dad (old man always cursing at technology yet fighting to get along with it) thinks I'm completely mental haha he thinks it's hilarious but as long as it keeps me organized he's happy. Besides he's happy to get pirate stickers and Angry Birds sticky notes hahaha (stuff I've found buying supplies for my FF :))

Tflower11 (2012-09-13 04:51:05)
I think im the only 17 year old that uses a filofax, 8 months ago i did not know what a filofax was of even if it existed - most of the people in my age range dont know what it is but are interested as to what it is

Jess FY (2012-09-13 16:24:57)
I find it offensive that someone should even approach the topic of your retirement as a reason for / for not having a Filofax. I think this is because of the implication being made that once you don't have a full time job anymore you don't appear to have a life or something?!?! It's crazy as I would say, from personal experience, that this is the opposite. I'm 22, and due to a death in the family and starting university last year I decided that I needed a little break from my full time job as a care worker, mainly due to my head not being in the right place. I have found that when I am not in employment full time, I seem to have to use my Filofax more than ever as my life isn't a regimented as when I was in full time employment, it seemed to the same shifts / the same days always repeatedly filled in, in comparison to entries regarding eBay (I had an eBay shop for a while) car boots, interviews etc.
I'd say that I'm currently going through a radical change in my life at the moment which is leaving me a little overwhelmed in terms of my Filofax. I have now just started my second year at university, started an agency job so I could arrange my shifts around University and also a volunteer job which needs to go in as well. I'm attempting to

completely changed my Filofax so I can attempt to be able to see all these things basically at a glance. Hmmmph. xx

David Popely (2012-09-14 02:59:34)
That approach always works for me as well - because it's true - people who use gadgets *profess* to be organised, but separate them from their desktop computers and they're usually "Oh....I'll have to email you about that when I get back to the office"
Apart from contact databases....paper organisers work.....smartphones don't. End of argument.

David Popely (2012-09-14 03:01:34)
Love the Rumpole reference John! I sometimes use it, but *only* with reference to my ex! :)

David Popely (2012-09-14 03:04:04)
Ah yes.....it's OK to organise your work life, but not your private life.
OK....so you have less personal free time (maybe) than you have work time. Isn't that a reason for *more* organisation rather than less.
Joined-up-thinking alert, I suggest.....just mention it next time it comes up. After you've berated them for suggesting that your full time parenting role doesn't classify as work

David Popely (2012-09-14 03:05:06)
Why is it that people don't get this? Paper is *quicker* in every situation, except for making a call on a mobile phone, which seems these days to be the last thing mobiles are actually designed for.

David Popely (2012-09-14 03:05:54)
I have a guest post on Paulien's website going up today, on just this subject. I'm sure she'll post the link in due course.....

David Popely (2012-09-14 04:33:59)
Seconded!

Anita (2012-09-14 07:51:21)
I'm also amazed that someone would say that about being retired. I know some people who are busier than when they were employed full-time & their grown up kids now have to book an appointment to see them! When the time comes, I intend to fully enjoy my retirement & will be using my filo to plan it all :)

Jess FY (2012-09-14 16:16:22)
I'm glad you agree with my point, I can safely say If I wasn't such a nice person I might have bopped the person right on the head with my filo fax! hehe. xx

WeirdRockStar (2012-09-15 00:37:42)
The thing that rubs me the wrong way is the passive aggressive condensation in "used to have one back in the Neolithic era, but you are retired, etc etc etc ".
It´s rude and it´s a quip that screams " explain yourself ".
Actually I often have used " would you like me to tell you explain to you ? " on various occasions and FF is not an exception.

Philofaxy Meet Up - Edinburgh - 17 November 2012 (2012-09-12 08:00) - Steve Morton

Following on from post by Laurie about a [1]Scotland Meet Up. After quite a bit of discussion on here and on [2]Facebook, a date has been decided.
So there is going to be a Philofaxy Meet Up in **Edinburgh** on **Saturday 17th November 2012**.
Can I encourage anyone interested in attending the meet up to make [3]contact with me or join the

[4]Facebook group.
There are still a few things to decide, but I will be attending the meet up, my travel and hotel are already booked for that weekend. We are still deciding on the time of our meet up, where to eat etc but we will hopefully fill in these gaps in the next few days.
However, we need to know the final numbers before we make reservations etc.
Laurie and I are looking forward to meeting some more readers in Scotland.
And for your amusement this will only be my second ever visit to Scotland and the first one hardly counted... I was only there a few hours and I then went back on a plane to London!

1. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/09/scotland-philofaxy-meetup.html
2. https://www.facebook.com/groups/424807494232038/
3. mailto:steve@philofaxy.com
4. https://www.facebook.com/groups/424807494232038/

Erozion (2012-09-12 11:53:37)
I think Elvis stepped onto Scottish soil for a wee while before getting back on a plane

Steve Morton (2012-09-12 14:20:57)
I went to the Civil Aviation Authority(CAA) office near Edinburgh airport! It was back in about 1986/87 I think.. Steve

Superpooky (2012-10-03 12:09:27)
Elvis landed at Prestwick Airport in the west coast of Scotland in 1960.....

Superpooky (2012-10-03 12:12:32)
Elvis lands at Preswtick Airport in. 1960.

Diary Insert for 2013? (2012-09-13 00:00) - Steve Morton

So have you picked your diary insert for 2013 yet? Or does the thought have having to decide give you shivers.... well don't panic help is at hand.
Some of you might recall the marathon series of posts I did about the different diary inserts for different size Filofax organisers last year:

- [1]Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 1 of many!
- [2]Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 2
- [3]Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 3 - Filofax A4/A5
- [4]Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 4 - Filofax Personal
- [5]Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 5 - Filofax Pocket
- [6]Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 6 - Filofax Mini
- [7]Diary Inserts for 2012 - Part 7 - Print Your Own

Some of the options in the above posts might have changed in the last 12 months, but I think essentially the choices are more or less the same.
Since those posts where published this time last year there have been some additions. We now have our own series of inserts designed by Ray and myself to choose from. You will find them on our [8]Diary Inserts page.

These are available for most sizes in designs that reflect your requests. Naturally you have to print them yourself. But you at least get to choose the colour and quality of the paper this way.
Additionally [9]Organised Mum have started producing their own Personal Size diary inserts and other matching inserts. We haven't been able to get hold of these inserts to do a review, but one of our readers has done a review and you will find the posts here:

- [10]Organised Mum - Diary
- [11]Organised Mum - Shopping & Menu Planning
- [12]Organised Mum - the pen test!
- [13]Organised Mum - Healthy Life Jotter

So if you are considering changing format, first of all decide if you are going to stay in the same size Filofax organiser or not. Then may be do a mock up of a page for that size with the page divided approximately to the size of the grid on a diary insert and test drive it with your own writing. Is there enough physical space for your normal notes and reminders etc.
Still got any questions? Put them in the comments to this post and we will do our best to answer them.

1. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-1-of-many.html
2. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-2.html
3. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-3-filofax.html
4. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-4-filofax.html
5. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-5-filofax.html
6. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/09/diary-inserts-for-2012-part-6-filofax.html
7. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2011/10/dairy-inserts-for-2012-part-7-print.html
8. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/p/diary-inserts.html
9. http://philofaxy.blogspot.com/2012/09/organised-mum-pick-and-mix.html
10. http://cloudberrythoughts.blogspot.fr/2012/09/organised-mum-diary.html
11. http://cloudberrythoughts.blogspot.fr/2012/09/organised-mum-shopping-menu-planning.html
12. http://cloudberrythoughts.blogspot.fr/2012/09/organised-mum-pen-test.html
13. http://cloudberrythoughts.blogspot.fr/2012/09/organised-mum-healthy-life-jotter.html

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David Popely (2012-09-13 01:50:43)
I've picked up several! As follows....
Personal size DPP
Wo2P Personal (the Cotton Cream option for when I'm in militant CC-only mode)
Wo2P A5 vertical columns (because at some stage I'm going to have to use the A5)
I'm also waiting for Charlotte to send me(or give me, if we can arrange to meet, as she's also in Swansea)the remainder of this year's Wo2P TM inserts, and if I can make them work for me at the second attempt (I gave my first set away), I may buy the full TM dated daily and weekly refills in A5 as well.

Jenna (2012-09-13 02:03:19)
Im going to try Wo2P with a week of the dodopad inbetween the 2 pages. I havent tried this yet so im not sure how it will work out. If not, Im going to go with either standard Wo2P or week per page + notes if I can figure out how to print it out easily lol. Im going to be alot less busy in the new year so no need for the 2DPP (i hope)!

Lime Tree (2012-09-13 02:08:10)
I am getting anxious just to think of 2013 set up. LOL I wonder if I will have my second year using Filofax will be just like the first one: totally undefined.
I was thinking of pocket because it worked well. Then I remember Compacts are great. Then drool over the roomy pages of A5s. Cant make up my mind on the size for next year.

The calendar then.....DodoPad? personal/compact or A5 then, no pocket. Good old weekly cotton cream? Pocket is an option again. Day per page? all sizes back on the run again!
Gosh, really, I am having a 2013-planner-fail before it even started. I guess the only thing I am sure is that 2 days per page really are unnecessary for me. That is the only thing I know for now! All the other options, size, design, layout, etcetc, totally open!!!! so very hard to decide.

Whispering Rabbit (2012-09-13 03:18:27)
For Australian Filofaxers, the Kikki K 2013 medium planner insert is now available (and fits the personal FF) and is really beautiful: it has cream paper, attractive fonts, faint rulings without appointment times, and the added bonus of red-font for Sundays (an attractive feature of the danish inserts). To my delight (as, yes, I've already bought one) it also came with a month-per-view section included. Very nice. Haven't written on it yet so I can't comment on the paper quality. They're also 1 or 2 mm taller than Filofax branded inserts.
I also bought the 2013 dodopad insert for my workplace (compact) FF and as a first time user I'm delighted by it!

Butanben (2012-09-13 04:09:39)
Already decided and printed off my 2013 A5 TM Steve and Ray diaries. Strangely it is my to do system that I have started to tweak at. Steve and Ray's format has ensured I get more to dos done than ever before, but I am still experimenting with various methods. At the mo I am using a personal oyster sketch, picked up cheaply at Home Sense. Just a gorgeous colour— purely for GTD... projects,someday maybe and future to dos. Then I decant the smaller to do steps into my A5 diary at my weekly review... I check over too every so often in between. So diary sorted.... but GTD and to dos still in mid tweak mode.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-13 04:34:27)
I've spent a fortune on diary inserts over the last 3 or so years and I guess I'm more or less tried everything going. However I am very drawn to the Franklin Covey compact inserts (which fit into a personal binder - Laurie you have a lot to answer for!!!) - but they are wide (another 1/2 inch) - and it is this extra width that attracts me. I find the personal pages too narrow and have been using an A5, but I never take it out with me as it's too heavy with all my other paraphernalia, which is a shame. I've just ordered some current years FC inserts that are pretty seriously reduced, and if I like them will get the 20123 ones. This way I can take my diary and current todos out with me and I'll probably use them around the house more as well.
If I don't like them, the jury is out - but I also quite like the TM week to 2 pages by both FF (time management series) and Ray and Steve's version. so it will probably be one of those.
I will probably set up my A5 for on the desk checklists and other info. I'll also be looking to reset up an A5 as a home/health/menu planning binder - but I haven't decided on this yet. I'll probably want a diary format for this to record my menu plans and what I actually ate, so not sure yet which format I'll go for.

Angela Paperlovestory (2012-09-13 04:34:57)
Oh I really want to try the Kikki K inserts! I emailed them asking if they'll budge on the shipping price to the UK but they never replied to me :(Either I'm going to have to spend $175 or was it $150 to get free shipping, or I'll just never try them unless I go to Australia myself. I've only ever heard good things about them :)

Alison Reeves (2012-09-13 04:38:49)
PS - I've also tried the day timer inserts this year - but I didn't like the week to view layout (far too cluttered) the line spacing on the notes pages is mad (far too close together) and also the paper quality was not great.
One thing I will say though is that although we all bash FF they have the biggest variety of layouts of anyone for diaries - colour schemes etc are all pretty basic, but if you look at FC and D/T their layouts are all more or less the same. It's just a shame they don't sell the layouts across all of the sizes.
One more thing - if you love cotton cream type diary pages and lot of the continental FF sites have a bigger range of cream diary inserts - or just offer different ones.

Laurie (2012-09-13 05:04:22)
After YEARS of trying and failing to use a personal Filofax as my diary (page size just not big enough) I am having tons of success with the 2PPD Franklin Covey pages. (Sorry Alison! :D) Two pages for every day finally

gives me enough room for everything I need to write. Just when I thought I was done trying with this size!
But yes, the sticking-out is a bit annoying, and a larger ring size would be nice. Zoe is very generously sending me one of her unused FC binders to try out. If it works well, and the difference is significant enough, I might invest in a leather FC binder! I'm told the quality of the FC leather binders is outstanding. Which is good because I'm not buying any more Filofax binders until they improve their quality and production issues (rings etc.).

WiniC (2012-09-13 05:05:48)
Sticking with your overly brilliant Personal weekly TM template - I've been adding birthdays, holidays, etc. to it in Word in preparation for printing in the new year!

Erozion (2012-09-13 05:26:35)
I'm going with Philofaxy's Enhanced TM Week Per View. I printed off the last 5 months of it and really love the layout. It works perfectly for me at the moment. I also seriously considering printing the Day per Page diary to use as my journal. It will encourage me to write every day and keep track of health issues too. My memory is so bad I really need to write everything down. Maybe I should keep a health diary too, but one without the dates on as I wont be keeping that every day. Philofaxy diary layouts are just brilliant.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-13 06:45:01)
Good to know it's working Laurie. I'm going to try and use it (when it arrives!) in either my Panama which is pretty open, or a Domino for the same reason. Like you if it works well, I'd be prepare to sell some of my FF binder stash and get an FC one. At the end of the day what matters to me is functionality. I really spend far too much time debating the pros and cons of all this and not enough time actually getting some work done!

Erozion (2012-09-13 10:32:01)
ahh, maybe not, just noticed that the DPP had times on them.

Jotje (2012-09-13 11:50:34)
For the weekly diary I'm all set. I'm already using the repunched pages of Organised Mum Family Weekly Planner for my A5 Filofax. Daily: well, it's gonna be 2PPD. Have been using the Filofax TM inserts until I started using (and repunching) the Circa Balanced Life Planner pages by Julie Morgenstern. Lovely heavy paper quality, rubbish ink! Everything rubs off and smears when you use pencil or Frixions. But the layout of the pages works great, I've been experiencing a true productivity boost!

Alison (2012-09-13 12:15:15)
In my A5 I'll be using weekly and daily TM, for my slimline personal i'll stick with week on two pages or maybe week on one page with notes!!

Alondra Karwowski (2012-09-13 14:04:01)
I'm using the cotton cream week on two pages. Nothing special really but I'm excited nonetheless.

Cloudberry (2012-09-13 14:42:45)
I just designed my own layout for 2013 based on the TM format with my own customisations to bring my goals back into my line-of-sight.
For business, I've used A5 TM for years as it was the best match to my needs, but even so there were some compromises..... Now having downsized to Personal, I took the opportunity to design the TM layout to suit my needs precisely. I want to reach the point where my format is 'invisible' in supporting my to do my job.
For personal life, I'm going to use the Organised Mum. The 5 column grid is perfect to use as a food/exercise diary! Their Pocket Life book is also FF personal size and has an interesting layout, but it would need to be re-punched.

Cloudberry (2012-09-13 14:48:02)
Jotje - thanks for the heads up on JM. I have one of her books on de-cluttering and found her ideas very useful. I like her concept of organising from the inside out. Do you have a blog on how you are using it?

EmmaNoey (2012-09-14 02:03:47)
I'll be continuing with pocket week on a page, Snoopy calendar set from Sanrio. They're available, but I'm waiting for them to come out from Amazon. Since the set includes month on two pages as well as a couple of yearly views, I may try those out too. These are just a few millimeters taller than Filofax pages; they're actually intended for Louis Vuitton binders, which have matching ring spacing. I've never tried those.

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-09-14 05:19:14)
At work (A5 Mulberry) I have produced my own vertical week to view, based on the Philofaxy diaries (I blogged about it: http://paperpensink.blogspot.co.uk/2012/08/new-work-diary.html).
For my personal, carry everywhere Mulberry (agenda size - A6) I have created my own version of the TM week + notes from Philofaxy, by printing 4 weeks of week per page onto A4, flipping the paper and printing 4 pages of to-do/notes sheets, cutting to A6 and punching.
You can see that on my blog at: http://paperpensink.blogspot.co.uk/2012/09/setting-up-mulberry-agend a.html
In addition, for day to day planning, I have bought a cheap (£1) DPP A6 diary, pulled it apart, punched it and have a month at a time in the Mulberry agenda. The paper is actually probably better quality in the £1 diary than in a filofax one!

Jess FY (2012-09-14 16:20:03)
Very Jelous of the A5 mulberry there, I'm still (and think forever will be) saving for my Mulberry Bag :). x

Jess FY (2012-09-14 16:22:34)
I got a bargain on E-bay, The business day on a page A5 for 4.99, I think I am going to use these, and then also try the month on two page. What is the difference, sorry to ask, between tabbed and un tabbed (this may be a silly question). I love your TM daily inserts :). Jess xx

Hannah C. (2012-09-14 21:39:34)
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Tizzme (2012-09-15 19:35:19)
I treated myself to the Mulberry Agenda last year only to find that from next year they are not doing any timed diary inserts, unless I can find another manufacturer that makes timed inserts to fit my Mulberry is now useless to me. Does anybody know of a replacement insert?

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-09-16 09:24:45)
I emailed Mulberry about the planner size (they are discontinuing the binders in that size - A5) and the lady said that they would do the paper and diaries for probably 10 years. As far as I can see they are still selling the agenda size binders (at least in the UK) so I can't imagine they would stop making the inserts. Or is it one specific insert they are stopping?
Even if they do, you could always (as I do) use the excellent range of diaries available here, print them 4 to a page (or pre-cut the paper to get the back to back printing working properly) for agenda-size (A6) or 2 to a page/booklet print for the planner size (A5). A Rapesco punch will punch holes easily for either size. It's why I have pretty much moved lock, stock and barrel over to the Mulberry!

Rebelde (2012-09-21 13:43:27)
Can someone help me figure out how to switch the layout on the persinal TM week on 2pgs layout by Ray and Steve? Ive found one other blogger that figured it out but I never got a response when I contacted her?Any advice?

Steve Morton (2012-09-21 13:53:10)
I might be able to help.... What exactly is it you are trying to do?

Free For All Friday No. 200!!!! (2012-09-14 00:05) - Laurie

It's our 200th FFAF!! Woo hoo!! *party horns and confetti*
As a science-type myself, I was wondering recently if anyone uses a Filofax for science purposes? It would be useful as a lab notebook (although probably the non-leather ones would be best for this in case of spills). Smaller binders would be great as field books for bird watching, environmental studies or geological surveys.
I know people often use bound books for these purposes because they are less bulky and easier to archive. But when I worked in a biochemistry lab I used a binder (although nothing as exciting as a Filofax, just a boring 3-ring) for my lab notes because I worked on several projects at once and it was easier for me to separate them with tabbed dividers. I think a Filofax would be handy for science because you'd always have your pen and reference info accessible in it.
Does anyone use a Filofax for science?
And as always on Fridays, the Filofax discussion is open!
**Edited to add: I realized this morning that a better theme for today's 200th FFAF would have been:
What's the best advice you've gotten from Philofaxy?
So, today we'll have a double theme!
Happy Friday everyone! :)

WiniC (2012-09-14 00:17:39)
After speaking with Angela @paperlovestory, I thought I'd leave an open offer to visit Kikki.K for international Filofans who don't want to pay the extortionate shipping. Just cost + postage via PayPal (or direct deposit to my bank account). Their medium planner inserts fit Personal size Filofaxes (not sure about the large or small sizes, maybe check the specs?), plus their sticky notes are often pretty cute. I will be visiting the Canberra store on the weekend of 22 Sept. Feel free to email me (winicooke[at]gmail.com) or Tweet me (@winic _pgm).

Crystal Charles (2012-09-14 00:35:20)
I am using my pocket Malden for clinical notes. I have a weekly calender and just notes pages. So far, I only have the acronyms for certain assessments. I plan to try to minimize a few charts and power points to fit into it. If I print 6 power point slides to a regular printer page, they cut to size very well.

Crystal Charles (2012-09-14 00:38:02)
Also using an A5 for classroom/lab notes. Again basic calender and dividers for subjects.

Chris Pearson (2012-09-14 04:00:05)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Chris Pearson (2012-09-14 04:07:50)
Just wanted to say Hi,I've just found your site and have been reading it just about non stop for 3 days.
As a result I've now dug out a Tanners of London Agenda which was a present to my wife (from me) and is about 20 years old,cleaned it up and polished it and its now like brand new but nicely patena'd
(if that is a word).
It's almost identical to the brown croc Mulberry Agenda but with the added advantage that it takes Filofax Pocket inserts,my wife has been despatched to WH Smith to stock me up on inserts.

For normal work use I am still using a 20 year old leather Time Business System which I think was called "Chairman" again is such high quality it is still in perfect condition.
I've long since given up on their Yearly Update pack because of the price and now use an A5 Day per Page and To Do Filofax system.
Love the site,keep up the great work.
Best regards,
Chris P (Mr.)

David Popely (2012-09-14 04:32:23)
Great to meet you Chris, and welcome to the site. I'm on-and-off still using my old Time Manager International system, and it still works perfectly - I've re-engineered it slightly for the GTD-based structure I'm more recently adopted. recall Time/System and TMI were among the 'big players' of the 1980s personal productivity 'movement'. still get the annual update pack (or at least the dated refills), and it's no more expensive than, say, buying the Filofax 'Professional' A5 inserts.
I hope you find stimulating discussion and food for thought here....

Butanben (2012-09-14 05:09:56)
Hi Philofaxers,
Not exactly science based, but medical.. I use my Filofax to keep track of my sugar counts for diabetes. Somehow, writing it down keeps me on the straight and narrow diet wise too. My best Philofaxy advice has been to try different diary formats... never thought of it before visiting this site, always went with the ones in the planner and was never quite at ease with the layout.... although it seems all so obvious now. Other best advice has been to get creative, personalise and accessorize your Filofax... have fun in being creative. Hence I made my own mini labels, following on from the magnificent Gail Wheatley's post... and I am just adoring them.

David Popely (2012-09-14 06:09:40)
I'm contemplating a post for my own blog to be called "In praise of 'plugging away'" (or maybe 'chipping away' I don't know). I can and will publish this myself, but it might be fun to trade it for a reciprocal guest post under the All Stars banner.....anyone interested? Stick a comment on here (to stop others coming after you) and then drop me an email davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com

Anita (2012-09-14 07:43:28)
Hi David, I will be joining in the All Stars tour but haven't done anything yet. I'd be honoured if you'd like to have it on my blog? I'll email shortly as well :)

David Popely (2012-09-14 07:54:12)
hi Anita
By all means email and we'll sort something out.....

David Popely (2012-09-14 07:59:02)
I've just finished re-reading the interview with the execrable Ms Bloomer of Slam PR which you can find, if you haven't already, at http://www.featuresexec.com/bulletin/interview _article.php?id=16422
I *could* (easily) write a line by line critique and rebuttal of her half-baked ideas about where Filofax should be going, but honestly, what would be the point? So instead I wanted to place on record here how proud and pleased I am to be associated with such a great bunch of people who take their use of Filofax (and organisation generally) seriously, who aren't afraid to 'talk fashion' when it's justified, but who never fail to inspire, amuse and inform me, every time I visit.
Thanks everyone.....it's because of you lot that I'm still a Filofax user at all.....don't ever change!

Jotje (2012-09-14 08:28:27)
Based on my recent critics on the Facebook Filofax page (Cheryl and myself complained about the abundance of fashion posts by Filofax) they invited us to elaborate on our wishes by direct message. I couldn't resist the temptation (as has Cheryl btw) to point out that it might be wise if they'd read Philofaxy every once in a while.

Nothing I said can have been new to them. I believe we have been complaining about paper quality and lack of diary choice for 2 or 3 years now? Doesn't seem to make much difference, does it ...?

David Popely (2012-09-14 08:49:41)
No difference at all.....do you have any evidence that they actually either read or understood your criticisms?
One thing that *did* occur to me (in my own indecision) is that this is a *really* good reason for going over to A5 - when (not if) Filofax disappear, those of us who have the facility to print and punch our own refills willbe able to get continuity. Call it Filofax Survivalism....

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-14 08:50:13)
I'm considering writing about that post, have been since I read it. I've waffled about it...
Tracy

Deborah- Jane (2012-09-14 09:24:33)
Go for it Tracey and don't spare the horses...

Josh (2012-09-14 09:58:24)
Celebrity seeding... Oh dear. I see now that the problems at filofax are entirely the fault of these Slam PRICE airhead. Sell the product on function AND style, not as a fashion accessory.

Paul B (2012-09-14 10:05:27)
After weighing my A5 Filofax a while back, and finding it clocked it at a pretty obese 2.2Kg, I moved back to personal. And while I have loved the lightness, I am close to admitting I am spending too much time trimming A $ printouts to fit, and will probably reluctantly go back to A5 for work. I have never ran two filos at the same time, but I mat try, using the personal for.....personal, and the A5 for work. I miss the ease with which I could download templates from Philofaxy Files, and type in my own info and print, and with one simple slice of the guillotine.....voila. In recognition of this impending switch, I obviously needed an A5, as I sold my last one, after giving my A5 Cuban Zip to my sister. As I am adamant that I won:t buy another new Filofax due to my perpetual disappointment with quality, I picked up just what I wanted on Ebay. A vintage A5 Bridle in Tan. Beautiful leather and a quality that their new binders just cannot match. Its the one featured on Crazy Suburban Mom:s last list. I swapped a few emails with the lady selling it and strangely, felt really bad. It was a present, bought for her after she really wanted it, but decided to sell it as she needed the money. Odd how we can feel bad about something like that, but I did and I still do. While she knows it has gone to a loving and filofax-friendly home, I still feel sad that she is without something she still liked. Has anybody else been in a similar position?

Poorva (2012-09-14 10:54:31)
Hi everyone, I'm looking for a bit of advice re: the two page per day layout in the Personal size. Do Saturday and Sunday have as much space as weekdays, or are they smaller, like in a lot of the other layouts? I tend to be busier on weekends, so I'm wondering whether to just print my own pages rather than squish everything in on one of the official sheets.
Thanks!

Jen (2012-09-14 11:02:48)
Here's a random question. Why is Filofax referred to in the plural form? I read "Filofax do" instead of "Filofax does" and "when Filofax disappear" instead of "when Filofax disappears". Is this a UK thing? Is this how the company refers to itself? Themselves? Do you also refer to companies like Nike as plural? When Nike disappear sounds even weirder.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-14 11:45:53)
Jen, you are right, a business should always be referred to as a single entity. However sometimes people are talking about their actual filofax or filofaxes in which case it can vary. I also suspect that because this is a very relaxed forum we don't worry too much about each others grammar :-)

Paul B (2012-09-14 12:12:13)
Jen, when referring to the plural of the binders, not the company, I prefer Filofaxii. It's more elegant, even though I made it up.

David Popely (2012-09-14 12:21:52)
Maybe we should write an open letter to her, and post it on all our individual blogs?.....

David Popely (2012-09-14 12:23:14)
Well according to whatever 'focus group' they've employed, I'm a Filofax user because I 'like to make notes'. I think that says it all...

NeonLicht (2012-09-14 12:33:03)
I think there are a few good reasons not to use a Filofax (or any other binder) but notebooks as lab books. Some of them you already stated, i.e. portability and long term storability (that's not an English word, is it? :-)
A lab book needs to be an accurate log (diary?) of what happens in the lab each day, what experiments you performed, under what exact conditions, using what samples, and, of course, an accurate record of the results you got (often with pictures, printouts of results given by a machine, etc.)
The books normally stays in the lab and needs to be clear and accessible to other people as well. In fact, if a researcher stopped working on the experiments and another one would take over, they should be able to fully understand what the previous person did exactly as to replicate it and get the exact same result.
Normally they don't belong to the person who uses them, but to the lab they work for, and therefore, often everybody in the lab uses the same kind of book, which kind of make sense, doesn't it?
Kind regards,
Ángel (aka NeonLicht.myopenid.com, who's spent a fair amount of hours working on Genetics labs.)

NeonLicht (2012-09-14 12:37:29)
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kanalt (2012-09-14 12:41:29)
The 2ppd weekend layout is actually the same as the dpp. So Saturday and Sunday have a full page but only one page. They face each other and have the same layout as the regular dpp. I hope that helps but if not, I have 2ppd insets from last year I can photograph for you.

NeonLicht (2012-09-14 12:41:30)
staples.co.uk has an incredible deal on the Filofax London 2012 binders. I've contacted them and asked them if they would sell internationally, and they said they wouldn't.
Does anybody know of any other way to get them for a similar price, please? Or does anybody know of a service in the UK where I could get the filofax posted to so that they would then post it to me that doesn't cost an arm and a leg?
Thank you!

LJ (2012-09-14 12:54:06)
No query or answer to any queries from me - but happy 200th FFAF everyone :o)

LJ (2012-09-14 12:59:27)
Euw yuck - I have just re-read now and realised which article this was. I can´t think of a worse representative to try to market Filofax or get it into a state to satisfy its customers properly. Clearly it is nothing to do with customer loyalty...

Poorva (2012-09-14 12:59:59)
Ugh, just realised I misspoke. I meant the 2 days per page, not the other way around. Teach me to post without proofreading...

afh163 (2012-09-14 13:21:11)
Any suggestions for how to use a Filofax as a wedding planner?

Deborah- Jane (2012-09-14 13:33:17)
That is indeed a plan...

mary jane ong (2012-09-14 13:37:27)
well in addition to that you in theory wouldnt want removable pages — again because you want a detailed record of what went on in the lab exp etc. so the filo idea may not work so well – having rings and all...

Shortie (2012-09-14 13:45:36)
Chiming in as I am a science type. I used a three ring binder for alot of my data when I was in grad school, coupled with bound notebook. Nowadays, I work for a big biotech company and it is all bound and numbered notebooks, signed and countersigned all in the name of patent protection. So never did used one for science.
But recently upsized to an A5 Domino in red from a Classic Personal. Love the space. Toss up about which I prefer, the unstructured but tons of real estate week per two pages or Steve and Ray's TM with 5 lines. Love the larger size as I deal with deliverables for 4 projects, preschool/after care scheduleing for the little one, and the many domestic to-dos/projects tasked by the (domestic) Program Manager.

Shortie (2012-09-14 13:50:11)
Yup. Notebooks and all that data belong to the lab and anyone in the lab had open access to them.
The three binders I used in grad school was to contain the many thousand pieces of film that resulted from western blotting. I kept all of the details in a separate notebook. But yeah, had to keep on top of thing to avoid any cross referencing challenges.

LJ (2012-09-14 13:59:31)
It's not quite the same thing but I was with my DF in a music shop in his old home town and he saw a Fender Jaguar that belonged to someone he knew for sale. The person had to sell it as he was getting divorced from his wife who was really taking him to the cleaners. So DF has bought it, and left a message with the shop owner (who he has known for years), that if the guy wants it back that he can have it back for what we paid for it. It is so sad when someone has to sell something that they really love because of things that are beyond their control :o(

Shortie (2012-09-14 14:06:55)
To me, I read it as this: Filofax needs to survive in a world more reliant on the electronic medium for organizational needs. SLAM is a company whose task is to help increase the value of their clients, and by extension the shareholders of their clients. What I think both are missing (in my biased opinion), either by ignorance or neglect, is the vast wealth of VOC (voice of customers) that reside in this blog.
Often times, I wished that I had access to a similar group of diverse customer wishes, hates, hacks and views for the stuff that I help make and sell.

David Popely (2012-09-14 14:22:31)
I'll knock something out over the weekend

Laurie (2012-09-14 14:27:33)
Hi Jen, it is a UK thing. I hear that often with company names, sports teams etc.

David Popely (2012-09-14 15:09:48)
Open letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR is ready in draft. If you would like to see this, drop me an email davidpopely (at) googlemail (dot) com and I'll send it to you. After we refine the draft based on any comments back, I would suggest that we all post to our blogs on the same day next week.

Laurie (2012-09-14 15:26:25)
Excellent letter David. If that doesn't get through to them, then truly nothing will.

David Popely (2012-09-14 15:30:45)
I suspect nothing will, but at least we will have made our point together.

Paul B (2012-09-14 15:56:40)
Thats a really nice gesture, and I hope the person gets it back, once they get sorted. This lady used it for her Masters degree, which probably means it has more sentimental value too.

Paul B (2012-09-14 15:59:19)
A 50/50 Filofax-related question. Where do you fountain pen aficionados buy blotting paper? Just started using a fountain pen again, and nobody even seems to know what blotting paper is in every shop I ask. Eventually found some in a Mont Blanc shop. Its about the height of Filo personal size, and less than half as wide. Punched it and it now sits in my Filofax, looking regal, grand and expensive. Its all of those things. I could have bought a new binder for what I paid for a pack of ten sheets. Anyone know any UK suppliers? or suppliers elsewhere that post international? Thanks

Paul B (2012-09-14 16:02:00)
And if we all post, maybe it will get picked up by an enterprising Journo looking for inspiration. Its tragic, how the fashion angle has taken over the entire strategic direction of the company. Grace would be turning in her grave if she saw what her beloved company had become. I'll email you for a copy. Thanks.

David Popely (2012-09-14 16:02:23)
I buy mine from Websters Pen Shop in Cardiff (but they have a nationwide chain of shops). Excellent, knowledgeable, obliging staff who are enthusiastic about all things pen- and stationery-related. Recommended. I buy very large sheets.....

Paul B (2012-09-14 16:06:29)
David, I was curious to see what the annual update looked like. The only link I can find is IPPS)http://www.ipps.co.uk/update/index.html). Is this the same product that you are talking about? How do you find it compared to the FIlofax TM pack?

Paul B (2012-09-14 16:25:56)
Thanks David. My memories of blotting paper are of big sheets of pink stuff in primary school. I remember it looked like Chinese handmade paper, you could see fibres in it. The Mont Blanc stuff is nothing like that, is much thicker, a beautiful cream colour, and requires a second mortgage. Look forward to checking out your recommendation.

David Popely (2012-09-14 17:01:54)
I think mine's probably more akin to your childhood memory, maybe I should check yours out!

David Popely (2012-09-14 17:03:35)
No, that's not it. You can find all the TMI refills at http://www.timemanager.com/timemanager/u-k/webmenu.nsf/framesets/Shop ping - enjoy!

Amy (2012-09-14 17:09:51)
I agree with what Shortie has said. Filofax may not be listening to the requests and suggestions of its current customers as much as we would like, but the truth of the matter is that if they do not market themselves in a way that will SELL, there will be no Filofax.
While I am not crazy about the designs or the prices, I think it was smart for them to work with Temperley. It may not have been the right thing to do to its current clientele, but it was smart. Before I am beheaded, let me

explain…..everything written about FF since this collaboration began has and continues to be the most positive advertising and attention FF has received in the last 5 to 10 years. Prior to Temperley, nearly everything written or reported was negative….the end of the paper planner is near, why anyone would still use a Filofax since the creation of the iPhone, etc….you get the point. Whether we like it or not, the fashion industry has a HUGE influence on everything we use, even down to what we use to organize our lives such as a FF or an iPhone cover. And while they are pushing the new designs as fashion accessories, at least the name is out there is a positive light and people are buying them once again. This is vital if anyone wants FF to survive and in the end, I think that is what we all want. Hope I did not offend anyone…just my opinion! :-)

Amy (2012-09-14 17:34:59)
Me again...I also wanted to add that there could be a plus side to those who buy a FF as a fashion accessory. There may be a good chance that when these buyers actually see "fashionable" people such as Temperley or Anna Wintour actually USING their FF's, they will begin to wonder how they could use their own.
And while I absolutely do not like saying this....there have always been people who buy FF's simply because someone else had one or they like the look it, and they never used it. So, in a matter of speaking, FF has always been an accessory to many buyers.....ohhhh, I did not enjoy typing that!!! LOL

Alison Reeves (2012-09-14 17:50:59)
Paul - I'm pretty sure I got some from an online store www.thewritingdesk.co.uk Also I'm sure I got some from either ebay or staples or some similar online store - mine were A4, so once cut down into smaller sizes go a long way. I don;t remember paying a great deal for it!

Cloudberry (2012-09-14 18:44:01)
Hi NeonLicht - I checked their website and although the London Olympic 2012 FF are listed at £3.99, when I clicked on them to order, a message popped up that they were out of stock.

Butanben (2012-09-14 18:52:15)
I buy my blotting paper from WH Smiths in Bournemouth!!

mstraat (2012-09-14 20:06:03)
The two day per page have the same amount of space for weekends as weekdays, one-half page. At the end of the week is a half page for notes. If you use the links here to visit Imysworld and read her post for 11 September, the third picture shows this.

EmmaNoey (2012-09-14 20:52:13)
Yes, exactly. The idea that other calendar layouts were available- it didn't click when I first used filofax. It was a heavy little dickens with week on two pages in pocket size, and I tried alternatives like Moleskines after a few years to get a lighter weight. Earlier this year, when I moved to week per page in the pocket Malden, it all came together. A ray of light may have split the clouds. It just feels so RIGHT. Now I can't imagine what I did without it.

Jenna (2012-09-14 21:13:50)
I just noticed the chameleons went up in price on the US site! They were on 50 % sale last week & are 30 % now. hmmm. ;P

EmmaNoey (2012-09-14 21:24:17)
This is an example of the differences between UK and US grammar. In the US, collective nouns generally take a singular verb, but in the UK they will often take a plural verb. US: The team is on a winning streak. UK: The team are on a winning streak. Both make sense, it's just a usage difference. On a side note, I enjoy seeing the language choices of the various users on this blog. I've learned a few new things.

EmmaNoey (2012-09-14 21:36:39)
The Crazy Life of J has a post from May about using her filofax as a wedding planner. There's a link to her blog in the Links section. Her setup looks pretty comprehensive.

NeonLicht (2012-09-15 02:07:55)
Those differences, on top of all other difficulties help make the live of perpetual English students, as myself, quite hard. I have to admit that it's also a lot of fun (if you enjoy learning languages, that's it), though. You can never say you already speak the language and can stop studying. Oh, well, the fun goes on... :-)

Tim (2012-09-15 02:46:49)
Although I agree with you all, I can 't help but feel that Slam PR is not the guilty party here! They are merely the agency selected by Letts Filofax to re-invigorate an ailing brand. They are being paid handsomely to be radical! Letts Filofax are so convinced by the Slam PR fashion route that it now totally dominates Filofax thinking. It's the MD/ CEO of Letts Filofax who needs to realise how misguided this approach has become and why it threatens to alienate its' previously loyal customer base.

David Popely (2012-09-15 04:24:34)
Tim, I fully agree. That's why I intend to send a copy of the letter to Filofax (who will ignore it in the usual way), to Slam PR (who will probably dismiss me/us as nutters) and to the website which published the original interview.
Of *course* Letts Filofax are to blame - and in the end the demise of their business will be their own fault, not anyone else's, Slam PR included. However, it *s* Slam PR and Ms Bloomer who have concluded that we are a people who 'like to write notes' and are (effectively) fashion-obsessed. I object to both of those accusations, and I don't intend to stand by and do nothing about it.
I see there's a pro-Slam lobby starting up on here as well, and don't intend to engage in the debate (this is a nice community and I'm not here to argue with people). However, I know what I personally think about Ms Bloomer and her PR cohorts, and it ain't pretty.....

David Popely (2012-09-15 04:26:37)
Sorry Tim, should have added that I've got my TMI system back into circulation, because they show less signs of immediate demise than do Filofax now. Also, and as I said somewhere else on here, when Filofax finally fall victim to their own managerial incompetence and the uninformed idiocy that comprises Slam PR, I think A5 will offer a much better chance of continuity than will Personal, so I'm also thinking about that one!

NeonLicht (2012-09-15 04:36:52)
Oh, really? Too bad. Well, not that I could have it anyway... Thanks for looking and letting me know.

Tim (2012-09-15 05:50:40)
TMI with GTD - an excellent partnership!

David Popely (2012-09-15 06:33:46)
I'm finding them to be rreally well suited to oen another...the Key Areas section of the TMI binder lends itself really well to the various GTD lists (with a few left over) and the fact that it has separate areas for Info and Don't Forget (which I can use to pull out a daily list from the Next Actions if i want to) makes it really well suited. Also, I *really* like the fact that I can get daily, weekly and monthly diaries side by side.....at the moment its a result!

janet (2012-09-15 10:08:49)
I always tell my students that if you want to emphasise the entity then use a singular verb (Sweden plays France tonight) but if you want to emphasize the members of the entity then use a plural verb (my family are coming for drinks this evening). 'Parliament are voting against this motion next week' and 'Parliament is voting against the motion next week' can be used (in the hands of an articulate politician) to denote unity or dissension among the ranks.
I generally write about English and English grammar on my blog at (thisbugslife.com) so a search will find if I have written about it, or just email me a question at any time and I will be happy to help!

Paul B (2012-09-15 15:56:52)
Thanks All. Next trip back to UK, I:ll try the perennial WH Smith. Lovely as the Mont Blanc paper is, I don:t think I could afford to use my fountain pen if I have to use Mont Blanc paper exclusively> If they don:t have it, I can order online before I fly back.

Web Lost and Founds - 15 September 2012 (2012-09-15 00:00) - Steve Morton

So the end of another wonderful week, time to take stock and enjoy some great Filofax blog posts we have found.... and if you missed [1]Tuesdays they are here.

1. [2]Perfect storage solution for your growing Filofax collection - Ebay DE
2. [3]Leserreview: Pennybridge A5 - Filomaniac
3. [4]All Stars Guest Post: Helen about Fasting - Deligted
4. [5]Osterley - Filofax
5. [6]My last week of Filofax Diary - Imysworld
6. [7]Pocket Malden arrival - Filofax Fantasies
7. [8]Today's Productivity Tip: Hit Restart - Day Timer blog
8. [9]A delicious, creamy and organized nirvana - The Crazy Suburban Mom
9. [10]Filofax Price Book DIY Insert - The Crazy Suburban Mom
10. [11]Question of the Week - Which Calendar Insert Do You Use? - Bryan Sherwood
11. [12]Download a Meals Planner for your A5 Filofax - My Life All in One Place
12. [13]Welcome to my family - My life in words
13. [14]Arguments in favour of the Filofax #1: Reference Materials - Productive Living
14. [15]My Holiday Filo Set-up - Mish Mash Muddle
15. [16]New year... new diary - Pen to Paper
16. [17]First week of my new Filofax :D - Nothings Original Anymore
17. [18]Wer kennt diesen Filofax? - Filomaniac
18. [19]Keeping Organised-My First Filofax: Current Set Up - Ms Beaujoli
19. [20]Register [Filofax] - Janas Book Look
20. [21]All Stars Guest post by Imy: what's in her make up bag - Girl in Maths
21. [22]All Stars Guest Post from Zoe: What's In my Bag - Well Planned Life
22. [23]My Evolving Filofax Set Up - Athannon
23. [24]My Filofax/Writing Space!! - Filo Obsessed
24. [25]Dodo Acad-Pad Week Two - Lady Tamlynn
25. [26]Q & A with Imy - Imysworld

26. [27]ALL STARS GUEST POST - GIRL IN MATHS - What's in her Make-Up Bag - Imysworld
27. [28]One Life One Filofax? My A5 Setup - Lady Tamlynn
28. [29]Filofax A5 To-Do Inserts - Glossette
29. [30]Belated Birthday Present - The Beginnings of a Filo-Fanatic
30. [31]Use Your Calendar and JUST SAY NO! - Homemakers Daily
31. [32]Am I the Only 17 Year Old that Uses a FiloFax!? - Chain X Stationery
32. [33]Why You Should Sync Outlook Tasks with Your Paper Planner - Day Timer Blog
33. [34]Filofax sans schmutz - The Crazy Suburban Mom
34. [35]Meet up in München - Filomaniac
35. [36]WIN THIS FILOFAX!!!! - Imysworld
36. [37]Time for some different inserts - JarFM
37. [38]Project Filo-Pal Update - My Once Upon the Moon
38. [39]Filofax Norway - The Paper Blog
39. [40]Register [Filofax] - Janas Book Look
40. [41]Direction change from Filofaxes to Fitness - Sense of Gravity
41. [42]Tabs! Tabs! Tabs! - The Beginnings of a Filo-Fanatic
42. [43]Filofax Blog of the Week: Imysworld - My Life All in One Place
43. [44]How I use my Filofax: goal tracking - The PostGrad Mama
44. [45]Filofax notepaper - Twenty5seven
45. [46]Filofax Travel Pack { Review } - Wandrrlust
46. [47]All Stars Guest post by David: Digital envy, the myth of progress and staying clear in focus - Girl in Maths
47. [48]Organising Your Free Time – Guest Post by Paulien - Dave's blog
48. [49]review: paperchase diary refill - Paper Lovestory
49. [50]What's in your filofax Friday #3 - Hand Made By Rianna
50. [51]Planner pages and economy of space... - The Crazy Suburban Mom
51. [52]Filofax Vs Wallet & Electronica - The Musings of Max
52. [53]New Time Management diary layout (Personal) - Cloudberry Musings

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can not guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Do not forget to give your posts a title...

And this weeks Video Finds

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Enjoy

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laura jane (2012-09-15 08:40:18)
Hi everyone :) been reading Philofaxy for 2 weeks now and love it. It has inspired me to do my own blog post on my Filofax :) http://jaggedlittlethoughts.blogspot.co.uk/2012/09/inside-my-filofax -finsbury.html
x

Steve Morton (2012-09-15 09:32:01)
Thanks Laura Jane, I've added your blog to our monitoring system know to me as Gromit and that will pick up any future Filofax posts on your blog.

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-15 13:00:47)
My favorite reading day of the week!
Thanks Philofaxy :)
Tracy

Deborah- Jane (2012-09-15 17:41:08)
I do like the new name

LJ (2012-09-16 03:10:14)
Thanks for another week of fabulous reads Steve. I'm sat here wishing that the first one wasn't there though. I am trying really hard to resist the Filofax display stands - they are so cool and I would love to have them, but I don't think my other half would be overly keen for me to send him on a 3 hour drive to pick them up and another 3 hours to get them back home, and they would take up quite a lot of space... I think I need to go spend the rest of the day playing with my filos or doing something else to distract me from the perils of eBay... :o)

LJ (2012-09-16 10:08:32)
Resistance was futile!!! :o)

Laura @ Twenty5seven (2012-09-17 03:50:10)
Thanks so much for including my post :o)
I've been following this blog for a while now and it's an honour to be included :o)

Philofaxy and Filofax in other places (2012-09-16 00:00) - Steve Morton

I hope to be able to share with you all the various places on the web where you can discuss and share your love of Filofax personal organisers. Some of them you might already know about others might have been hidden.
Facebook: Love it or hate it there is a lot of Filofax/Philofaxy activity on Facebook

- [1]Philofaxy - the main 'page' please 'like' it contains news updates and some discussion.
- [2]Filofax for Philofaxy Fans - Long standing group with lots of discussions and question and answers by a growing number of Philofaxy fans.
- [3]Filofax College - A group set up to get the best out of your Filofax and share creative ideas.
- [4]Flylady and the Filofax - For fans of Philofaxy and Filofax, who implement the Fly Lady control journal, using a Filofax organiser.
- [5]365/30 Lists: Philofaxers - For people that have taken up the 365/30 Lists challenge, you are requested to not use this group for general Filofax discussion, please use the [6]Filofax for Philofaxy Fans group for that.
- [7]Philofaxy Meet Up Group
- [8]Vintage Filofax Users - For users, collectors of the 'Golden Age' of Filofax organisers
- [9]Philofaxy Handbags - A small group
- [10]Happiness Project Philofaxy Fans

Note: Posts from a Facebook page will appear in your time-line, were as a Facebook Group you will either get notifications of new posts or you will have to check the group for updates.
Before leaving Facebook here are some other notable pages you should consider 'liking'

- [11]Filofax - This is the UK page. They had a phase of filtering the content so it was only viewable by people in UK, but it seems that it has been restored at last!
- [12]City Organiser - Most probably the best Filofax supplier..... in the world.
- [13]Pens and Leather - And these guys in the US are the equivalent of City Organiser in the US!
- [14]Chimwemwe - See the work your donations are contributing to. They deserve more of your likes....

Google Plus - We have a page there too...

- [15]Philofaxy

Yahoo Groups: For those of you that prefer discussion via email or email digest there is:

- [16]Filofax - A group I took over many moons ago, it is very dormant these days though.
- [17]Time and Life Management Solutions - This group started out of various interpersonal dialogues on the Philofaxy website and beyond, and exists to provide an easy exchange forum for tips, tricks and ideas on time management generally.

Twitter:

- [18]Philofaxy - The main Twitter feed for Philofaxy
- [19]PhilofaxyNews - This also contains news on Philofaxy and some experimental Filofax blog news feeds from a variety of sources as well.
- [20]SteveMorton - Me... obviously! Filofax mutterings and other tech stuff.
- [21]Filofax UK - 'The official Filofax' twitter stream
- [22]City Organiser - Look out for their giveaways... and other hot news....

Flickr - There appears to be quite a lot of duplication of Filofax groups on Flickr, here are some of the main ones I know of, but a search on the site will unearth dozens of others...

- [23]Philofaxy
- [24]Filofax Malden - Needs no explanation!
- [25]Filofax Joy

Podcast - Great to listen to on the way to work

- [26]My Life in One Pod - Ray's fledgling podcast take a listen

You Tube for your video delights.

- [27]Philofaxy - Instructional videos and video reviews
- [28]Imysworld - the one and only Imy....many have tried to copy her style but none have equalled her fun and flair for delivering great videos

Note all Filofax tagged videos are included in Webfinds if their content actually contains Filofax personal organisers... not all do!

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Alison Reeves (2012-09-16 05:24:56)
Excellent thanks Steve - I had no idea some of these existed! I just need more hours in the day to read it all!!

Steve Morton (2012-09-16 05:34:44)
That will be 'new for 2013' 30 hour days and 10 day weeks It will mean you can have 4 day weekends and still have time to work in the week!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-16 07:00:11)
Sounds like a great plan!

Ling (2012-09-16 08:19:47)
I've opened a Facebook and Twitter account for Filofax related info (without all my Dutch personal talk) and created a blog too (file-of-facts.blogspot.com). Inspired by yesterday's webfinds I've been deleting mail, Facebook contacts and have emptied my bookmarks folders. I put all my recipes-to-try on Pinterest. I feel so social media-savvy. And now everything is clean, empty and in place, I can focus on my paper based organising again.

Steph (2012-09-16 13:36:45)
Not complaining but I tagged my recent Holborn video and it didn't make it to the list this Saturday. I am just wondering if I did something incorrectly?

Ro (2012-09-16 15:01:18)
There is also a Philofaxy handbags group (dormant, last I looked) and a Happiness Project Philofaxy group, which is also dormant but might revitalize now that her new book is out...

Imy (2012-09-17 09:24:50)
Thank you for the mention Steve :) I loved it!!! I only just saw it!!!! :D
I feel all smiley :D

Reader Under the Spotlight - Cat (2012-09-17 00:00) - Steve Morton

This week I have the pleasure of introducing Cat.

[1]

Hi, I'm Cat, I live in Berkshire, am married & have a gorgeous Jack Russell called Mabel who keeps us on our toes. I am a designer by trade & met my husband at Uni where we studied Spatial Design. I have a luxury bathroom showroom with my parents called [2]Soak In Style where I am the Creative Director - so I get to design all day long! We have a [3]blog too, but I personally blog over at [4]Decision Inspired. I love anything and everything design related, as well as organisation & an obsession with crafts & memory keeping. I also have a new appreciation for Photography & am currently trying to learn everything I can about it.

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

I remember having the 'FunFax' when I was a kid, specifically I remember the Spy File, Art Attack, and an 'Organiser System' – had to google to get the specific names J

But my more 'grown up' one was a gift as I left primary school from a girl younger than me who I had 'mentored' and it was a suede multi coloured personal one. I can't for the life of me remember the name, nor can I find it anywhere so I presume it must have been thrown out L.

The first one I bought myself was a pocket denim which I used for about 9 months but it just didn't work for me. I didn't know at the time there was a whole community awaiting me, or other options when it came to inserts for my planner, so I gave up.

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

I have bought inserts from a number of different companies to fit inside my Filofax, but other than conventional 'diaries' none really. I do toy with having some of my life organized digitally but nothing beats writing it down with a nice pen, and the lovely multi coloured dots for different types of appointments on my month to view, or physically crossing things out when they're done.

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

Definitely the Osterley in Plum. I have it in A5 and in compact. To be honest I am struggling to choose a size as I use them for different things. Currently I am off work due to illness so the A5 had become redundant, and I am in the compact, but once I am back at work full time I will be back in the A5.

4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?

More than I care to admit…. I had/am having a big clear out as I had become somewhat of a hoarder of Filofaxes, having some I had never used at all. Now I am down to 5, plus one or two more I am still trying to sell.

5. What do you use your Filofax for?

My life. I like to organize every aspect; I have two jobs and a sometimes busy social life so I need to have everything planned. My family always joke about how much I love to plan and how I freak out a little if things aren't planned. I am married to the most laid back person in the world, so it can become quite interesting in our house.

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

The customization ability. I love that I can do whatever I want in a Filofax, have a diary/planner that suits my needs, not a generalized one that will hopefully suit a wide proportion of people.

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

I would like them all to be able to have an integrated flex notebook, or any similar style notebook you may want to include in every filofax. But to be honest it's the inserts that I would love to design myself, or have a customisation ability to design & then they print for you, or you print yourself.
8. How do you carry your Filofax?
Either in my hand or in my handbag/laptop bag.
9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?
The new Temperley Violet is lush, I definitely would love to add that to my collection. Of course I am a little worried about the price tag.
10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?
My A5 Osterley in Plum, though I did get 20 % off at the Meet-Up at City Organiser.
11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?
The new friends I have made, I really have met and made friends with some wonderful people who I feel I could turn to for anything.
12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?
It took me a long time to think of something, because Philofaxy has given me so much. But if I did have to say something, then I'm not a massive fan of the yellow colour of the website – sorry!!
13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?
Ben Howard – Every Kingdom

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Ro (2012-09-17 07:41:44)
So wonderful, interesting, and fascinating! Nice to meet you, Cat!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-17 08:33:03)
Nice to meet you Cat - enjoyed reading your blog too!

Anita (2012-09-17 10:22:52)
Lovely to meet you, Cat :)

Free For All Tuesday No. 85 (2012-09-18 00:00) - Steve Morton

Tuesdays are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.
Advert:
From Tuesday 18th to 8am BST Saturday 22nd September, there's 25 % off absolutely any printed product on MOO.COM - including Luxe and brand new Gloss Business Cards and Gloss MiniCards. I bought some of their cards and I'm very pleased with them.
Click on the graphic link below.

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Steve Morton (2012-09-18 04:00:48)
Apparently it's national Cheeseburger day!
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Deborah- Jane (2012-09-18 04:27:09)
Is it?

gdigesu (2012-09-18 04:33:43)
Just read two very incisive post by two of our fellow philofaxy members regarding our preferred manufacturer and their PR agency.
You can find both here.
http://www.plannerisms.com/2012/09/open-letter-to-slampr.html
What do you think it will happen next?
(a) Manufacturer will ignore the posts
(b) PR firm will ignore the posts
(c) Either Manufacturer or PR firm will issue a statement
(d) They will do what is suggested in the posts
(e) Something else

LJ (2012-09-18 04:46:34)
Judging by prior form I going for a :o)

Alison Reeves (2012-09-18 05:01:31)
Excellent material - my only question would be - who is briefing whom here - have Filofax briefed SLAM to do the more fashion focused PR, or are SLAM advising Filofax on the way forward? It is normal practice for a company to decide on strategy and advise the PR agency.
Also is anyone referring to this on twitter and facebook? Hopefully each blogger will so that both SLAM and Filofax can see how widespread the opinions are. A wave of publicity about this initiative is probably the only chance of a response we will get!

LJ (2012-09-18 05:03:13)
Hi Alison, I have posted this letter on my blog and linked it on my Facebook. I don´t do Twitter so haven´t put anything on there. :o)

gdigesu (2012-09-18 05:05:58)
Alison, will do so.

David Popely (2012-09-18 06:10:37)
I've linked on Twitter to my own posting of the letter. My betting is on a) for FF themselves (they don't care about their customers so why should they bother?), c) for Slam (standard PR practice. Something bland, followed by the usual silence.

Helen Conway (2012-09-18 06:15:40)
when is national Filofax day?

Alison Reeves (2012-09-18 07:41:22)
He he, looking at twitter feeds, it looks like they are trying to take it out of the public domain asking people to DM them and get into an email discussion!

gdigesu (2012-09-18 08:30:18)
The PR firm is indeed doing that.
Apparently, they are going for (e) above ...

gdigesu (2012-09-18 08:31:20)
The Manufacturer is, at the moment, doing (a) above ...

Steve Morton (2012-09-18 08:41:04)
I do wonder if due to some contractual arrangement that Filofax UK do not talk at all to the 'great unwashed public' ie us... the people that pay their salaries through sales of their products.
From previous episodes with Filofax UK, it seems that Slam PR try to keep the peace and Filofax UK don't get involved at all... those of you who will remember the Filofax CEO's daughters outburst on Twitter earlier in the year. It was Slam PR that sorted out the mess/distaste that that left behind. We never got a direct apology from her at all. Although I hope she was told to keep quiet in future. Her Twitter output with regards to 'Daddies' business has been below the noise floor to use a radio term!
Both Laurie and I have had recent dealings with Letts Group, and I had an attempt to get some form of discussion going with them over some of the topics raised in David's letter.
The response.... We will pass it on to Filofax... result nothing heard. Is it that hard to talk to people? To people that are passionate and enthusiastic about your products.
If David's Open Letter doesn't get any response then we are going to have to take a different approach and start contacting the media ourselves I think...
I'm watching with interest.
Regards
Steve

Josh (2012-09-18 08:45:03)
The last filofax customer flare up on Twitter ended up with people's telephone numbers being solicited to receive calls from a SLAM PR representative, who was able to deftly quiet the troubled waters... I'm sure they want to get this out of the public domain.

just another mummy (2012-09-18 08:51:40)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Laurie (2012-09-18 08:51:59)
To be completely honest I haven't bought a new Filofax ever since that rudeness from the CEO's daughter to those of us who blog about Filofax, and I don't plan to. I can't stand the thought of any of my hard-earned money ending up in her pockets. I enjoy this community too much to quit Philofaxy, but I have already quit Filofax.
It should NOT be this difficult to get a brand to listen to its customers!

LJ (2012-09-18 08:54:02)
Sounds like I missed out on the issue re the CEO's daughter. I guess that's because I don't do Twitter... does

anyone have a link to what was said?

Steve Morton (2012-09-18 08:55:19)
'BTW who pays £400 for a handwritten note from Alice Temperly ?! '
Very few people it seems.... rumour has it it was a commercial disaster from a sales point of view...

Alice x (2012-09-18 08:55:38)
A while back there was a Pocket Domino Baroque for sale on ebay and i lost the sale, i was gutted!
And i really want one? Does anyone have one? Did anyone here get said pocket on ebay? When did they bring them out? Why does no-one ever mention them?
Thanks everyone!

David Popely (2012-09-18 08:56:28)
I'm currently on a promise of a meeting with Slam and that meeting *will* both take place *and* be followed through on. Slam passing my/our comments on to FF to ignore will not be allowed to stand.
Good suggestion Steve, I'll start compiling a list of likely media contacts, although I would rather have the meeting first in the interests of fairness, which won't happen for 2-3 weeks, and I'll have to come to London for it. But I *will* see this through to a conclusion.
For now, it's important that I have a list of those who are 'on board' with the letter (it's interesting to see the people who haven't published the letter themselves but still want t be on board....what are you about, folks?!). Could people please email me if you want to stay informed and to have an input into the meeting (even if you've already been heavily involved another email would help), and yes, let's please keep this in the public domain via Twitter for as long as it takes. Slam are trying to play PR games....let's not let them, for now...

Ro (2012-09-18 08:57:44)
Is there supposed to be a Moo.com advert in the middle of my Philofaxy page?

Steve Morton (2012-09-18 08:58:41)
At the bottom of the page yes... they have a 25 % sale on.
Steve

Gillian Smellie (2012-09-18 09:03:55)
Sorry deleted and reposted as I used an old account that I don't usually use!
I've been following this with interest since I saw Laurie's post on Plannerisms. I've still got my first filofax soft black leather, bought in 1986. I'd just left university and earned £5K per annum - it was a big chunk out of my weekly income! Despite some "attention" by a teething puppy it is has never broken. But poor fillers and discontinuation of some of my favourite lines lead me away. Now I can use the ones here or create my own I may come back to the loose leaf system. But would I come back to Filofax other than for project planners? Hmm that remains to be seen. Good luck. Will watch with interest. BTW who pays £400 for a handwritten note from Alice Temperly ?!

Ro (2012-09-18 09:07:07)
Thanks, Steve. Didn't realize they were one of "our" suppliers.
And not sure why my post doubled up. Apologies.

gdigesu (2012-09-18 09:07:27)
About a month ago, I "rumbled" ...
"Rebranding, when successful, results in higher sales, profits, and cash flow. You compare before and after figures and verify, easily, whether the rebranding move is correct. If the business results have improved, it is nearly impossible to convince management that 'quality' is better than 'fashion'.
If the business results have not improved, it may be easier to 'open the discussion with management', depending on quality of management. If quality of management is average (low), even when results suggest strategy is not correct, change in strategy takes long ..."

I wonder if business results have improved, perhaps?
What do you think?

Alison Reeves (2012-09-18 09:23:05)
Yes - I missed that one too. I gather she was rude to us?

LJ (2012-09-18 09:23:42)
Not me - I was almost tempted by the guinea because it is really nice to the touch, but after hearing all kinds of bad things regarding quality (and not really being quite crazy enough to spend that much on it) it just wasn't going to happen. And to be honest, I don't think too much of the latest Temperley offerings either...

Alison Reeves (2012-09-18 09:24:07)
Alice - have you thought about putting a wanted notice on the adspot? There may be someone out there who wants to part with one.

Steve Morton (2012-09-18 09:31:28)
Here is the front of the cards I got made:
http://philofaxy.com/Moocard.jpeg

Alison Reeves (2012-09-18 09:43:06)
I am sorry David, but I don't have a suitable blog to place this on - however I am willing to provide whatever support I can. The point hopefully is that they will listen because they have no choice (now it is in the public domain), but whether they do anything about it is another matter. It may just be that Filofax are the sort of business that just doesn't listen, or perhaps they need to be more imaginative about the service they provide. They could easily have provided a similar service to Ray and Steve (printing on demand diaries) if printing inserts on better quality paper themselves is not cost efficient, but they chose not to.
At the end of the day this is about them treating their customers with respect. None of their products are particularly cheap for what they are - buying a leather binder and/or some time manager inserts can represent a good chunk of someone's disposable income in these difficult times.
It was interesting to note this week that John Lewis and Waitrose (co-owned by it's employees) although top of the range have bucked the trend and posted genuinely raised profits this quarter. Now, I wonder why this is? Would it be anything to do with selling good quality products and having exceptional customer services? I believe it is. When I am treated as a valued customer - regardless of the amount of the order or item - then I want to go back and repeat the experience.
I think that rather than flirting with new markets all the time, Filofax would do well to attend to it's core customers and treat them with respect and intelligence (i.e. tell us why if things can't be done) and also to their quality control so we don't have to send binder back because of poor workmanship. They could even try asking us what we want. I'd love to be able to order a binder and have it customised a bit - for example a choice of ring colour, one or two pens loops etc. They could even have provided a pack where you buy the filofax paper (in different colours) and download and print your own calendar. If I was advising them I would also set up focus groups and invite people from here and other blogs to represent users and get customer feedback.
I'm looking forward to hearing how this pans out. My advise would also be to not let this drop off the radar until after the meeting - so keep the pressure on for more than a morning. I'm happy to support this on twitter and facebook in the mean time.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-18 09:46:41)
Oh and one more thing - they would do well to get and keep their website up-to-date. For example there are no compacts listed from the menu so unless you do a search you can't find them. Also TM inserts are not showing. There are probably lost of other website issues, but I can't be bothered to list them all for them! They should be doing this themselves!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-18 09:47:30)
The rate things are going it could be today!

Debbie (2012-09-18 10:19:23)
Can anyone tell me what I might do to organize a meet-up for Filofax planner users in Chicago at the end of this month? I will be traveling there with my husband and son and would love to get together to share. I have posted it on Flickr and here but have had no response.
I would love to schedule it for Saturday September 29 at say 10 or 11 in the morning.
Any ideas?
Thank you.
Debbie

LJ (2012-09-18 11:18:14)
Oh my word!!! Clearly I wasn´t paying enough attention when I read her interview the previous two times...
"What is special about the agency's approach to PR?
The most successful brands no longer think only in terms of 'customers' – the relationship goes much deeper. In this ever changing environment, it's important for consumers to feel like a brand belongs to them, so our approach is to develop PR campaigns which bind people to our client's brands – we always want them to feel like they're part of a movement."
Seriously!!! Well they seem to have failed remarkably well on all counts so far then...

Paul B (2012-09-18 11:31:59)
http://musingsofmax.wordpress.com/2012/09/18/filofax-woes-an-open-le tter-to-slam-pr-agency-regarding-their-perceptions-of-the-filofax- brand-and-its-customer-base/
Also posted, as agreed with David, but just missed Grommet's deadline.

Paul B (2012-09-18 11:34:03)
David, just working my way down the page, so FYI, also posted on http://musingsofmax.wordpress.com/2012/09/18/filofax-woes-an-open-le tter-to-slam-pr-agency-regarding-their-perceptions-of-the-filofax- brand-and-its-customer-base/
I was in their Focus Group, and was on my way to my first meeting, having travelled back from Afghanistan via Dubai to London, and missed it because of a "person under the train" while on the tube. Never heard from them again and never invited back. It seems like I didn't miss much

Paul B (2012-09-18 11:36:21)
I only buy vintage ones now, upto the late 80s. I'd never buy another new one, until they visibly sort out the quality control issues. A 30 year old Winchester has les problems than a 1 week old Temperley. Ridiculous, when they cost just south of £400. I come back to the same conclusion again and again. they don't deserve our business.

Yu (2012-09-18 13:12:00)
I also missed this about the CEO's daughter. What did she say?

Tim (2012-09-18 13:21:58)
David - as you know, I share your views but, like Alison (and others) I don't have a blog that covers Filofax issues. I'm happy to send a letter/ email to anyone you suggest.
Like Laurie, I'm voting with my wallet and not purchasing Filofax products.

Gerard (2012-09-18 15:00:04)
David - I'm in the same boat as Tim. Please keep us up to date on developments.

JJ Hitt (2012-09-18 15:14:42)
Wow... just learned about all this. I belong on the cat walk! Fancy that. And all this time it's been the other way around: cats walking on me.

Deborah- Jane (2012-09-18 18:02:30)
David you're an accountant you deal with Hmrc on a daily basis and we both know they don't know what their doing so your used to dealing with numpties..I have faith, good luck in the meeting...Yes I would love to blog and yes I do have one ..fledging stages at zero followers..a bit like talking to oneself....yeah, ok talking to filofax is like talking to yourself, but I have shared on fb book and tweeted...I also appreciate you feel a bit on your own and yes it easy to say a lot of things. I understand now is the time for the rest of us to put our money where our mouth is and take the window of opportunity because this maybe the only window we get...

Anthony Hill (2012-09-18 18:02:58)
David,
Please count me in I'm in full support. I'll send an email to you

Deborah- Jane (2012-09-18 18:29:28)
I think they tell themselves that so they can justify their wages and dividends dear..call me synical perhaps...

Savannah (2012-09-18 21:54:08)
I would suspect this to be true short term but will not be the case long term. Brands typically retain longevity by their quality. Despite the sensory appeal of their planners I believe that in the long term customers will bow out because of seriously declining quality, ever rising prices, and the realization that the product did not stand the test of time.

austinlinda (2012-09-18 22:11:09)
Me too, David. I am trying to set up a second blog to devote to organizers. I will write you email; that way we can also put it on mine, that already has followers.
I am also getting some support from a few suppliers that are licensed distributors - that might be some thing that the big boys might listen to–it means $ $ $ to them.
I'm 100 % behind y'all!
By the way,I just received a new Franklin Covey catalog–and they are now selling quality, leather binders. Their compact is exactly the size of Filofaxes personal size. Plus some of their fillers aren't all bad. So I think it's worth a look.
I think a little competition would be a good thing!

austinlinda (2012-09-18 22:14:59)
I wish we weren't do spread out—well I'm not close, but I am in the same Chicago time zone!

Laurie (2012-09-19 03:21:28)
It didn't even occur to me until later yesterday, but this is London Fashion Week so I'm guessing Filofax and SlamPR are busy promoting their products like crazy to the fashion bloggers right now.

David Popely (2012-09-19 04:05:32)
OK one more time..... have now emailed everyone I *think* needs to be in on the Slam R/Flofax meeting preparation dialogue. If you *haven't* got that email, please can you *email* me (not Twitter, not responses here, not Facebook - I just don't have time to trawl all the channels and my BlackBerry is chirruping like a cricket in a hedge at midnight with all the DMs!), and I'll put you on the list when I get your *email* (geddit?!) :) Thank you.....

Deborah- Jane (2012-09-19 04:27:02)
David don't forget to breathe....peace...

teddy edwards (2012-09-19 04:54:43)
Paul B - I agree with you that the vintage ones are much better in quality. I use a personal Hampshire and although I like some of the newer designs, I have no plans to discontinue with the Hampshire. It has stood the test of time - the leather and stitching are still A1 and I have never had a problem with the ring mechanism. It is

beautifully made, and it and I have bonded!
I read the open letter and then went on to read Bloomer's interview. What a jaw dropping read. I think that Filofax have forgotten that what they are producing is a functional product, not a designer accessory.

Butanben (2012-09-19 18:26:16)
Darn!!! And I missed that on the Each Shining Hour dates!!! Actually... call me weird, but I am only really keen on the gherkins, salad and relish bits!!!

gdigesu (2012-09-20 07:07:41)
Hi,
In the beginning, it seemed Filofax was taking the 'Apple approach' ("We don't ask people what they want. They don't know what they want, we do ...").
On the contrary ... Filofax posted on David's blog, asking him to meet the PR firm ...
An intermediate approach, perhaps?
So, it is apparently letter (e) above, for the moment.

Alice x (2012-09-20 09:55:08)
I did actually put one up for a few months for that and a baroque in any colour...but seen as my pink pocket baroque floated along it has been removed!
I may ask Steve to pop one back up for me :)

Web Finds - 18 September 2012 (2012-09-18 12:00) - Steve Morton

Here are the start of the week Filofax web finds for your enjoyment.

1. [1]The future of Filofax – an open letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR - Daves Blog
2. [2]Open Letter To SlamPR - Plannerisms
3. [3]The Future of Filofax - an open letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR - LJ's Blog of Stuff
4. [4]An open letter to Slam PR, Filofax and Ms. Helena Bloomer, MD of Slam PR. - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
5. [5]Open Letter to Filofax, SlamPR and Helena Bloomer - Write Where I Stand
6. [6]Share your filofax memories- Unchecked Other - Caribbean Princess
7. [7]my "new" filofax amethyst slimline deco - Paper Lovestory
8. [8]Organised Mum - Finances - Cloudberry Musings
9. [9]All Stars Guest Post by Judith: Today, I touched all these Filofaxes - My Life All in One Place
10. [10]All Stars Guest Post - Deborah: "There was once a Velveteen Rabbit…" – A Review - Fennell Books
11. [11]Inside My Filofax Finsbury - Jagged Little Thoughts
12. [12]Sneaky Naughty Purchase! - Within Dreams We Live
13. [13]My Domino Ultra Violet Mini Filofax - I'm a Filo Freak
14. [14]Jack is here (finally) - Circus Life with Disturbed Mamacita
15. [15]In Defense of the Power of Paper - GTD Times

16. [16]Yet Another Filofax… It's a Cuban! - Glossette
17. [17]Filofax Update - Just Stefanie
18. [18]Temperley London for Filofax- die Herbst-Kollektion - Filomaniac
19. [19]your filofax week: jessi's #22 - Paper Lovestory
20. [20]Filofail - File of Facts
21. [21]Anatomy of my Filofax: Diary/Calendar - The Storage Studio
22. [22]Journalling School Session 9: Frequently asked questions - My Life All in One Place
23. [23]Journalling School (9) - Filomaniac
24. [24]Glamour Shopping Week - wieder mit Filofax - Filomaniac
25. [25]my own custom made inserts - Paper Lovestory
26. [26]Another Filo makeover! - The Wonderful Life of Alice
27. [27]2013 inserts FAIL! - The Wonderful Life of Alice
28. [28]My filofax weeks! - The Wonderful Life of Alice
29. [29]Announcements - Imysworld
30. [30]Note to self.... Get off the couch - The Crazy Suburban Mom
31. [31]Wow, wow, wow!!! eBay Heaven!!! - LJ's Blog of Stuff
32. [32]Move Complete... - LJ's Blog of Stuff *Every Philofaxer should have one of these!!!*
33. [33]The Future of Filofax - an open letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR - LJ's Blog of Stuff
34. [34]What's in My Filofax .... - The Beginnings of a Filo - Fanatic
35. [35]Childhood link to obsession - Filofax Fantasies
36. [36]Dodo Acad-Pad Week Three - Lady Tamlynn
37. [37]Franklin Covey binder cover - Sense of Gravity
38. [38]All Stars Guest Post - Femke - Recipe Filofax - Rapunzel's World
39. [39]Philofaxy meet up Saturday 22nd September 2012 - Rapunzel's World

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can not guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Do not forget to give your posts a title...
- Please note the close off time for next Saturdays Web Finds will be Friday morning (my time) because I'm travelling. But any posts published that afternoon/evening will be included in the next Web Finds this time next week.

And this weeks Video Finds

IFRAME: [40]http://www.youtube.com/embed/CCis59zkFJc?rel=0

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IFRAME: [42]http://www.youtube.com/embed/E8I7E _7vB _Q?rel=0

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IFRAME: [44]http://www.youtube.com/embed/WwXU7A0RWpI?rel=0

IFRAME: [45]http://www.youtube.com/embed/Wc7W4rq7vRo?rel=0

IFRAME: [46]http://www.youtube.com/embed/F3bcy2efNeg?rel=0

Enjoy

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18. http://filomaniac.blogspot.fr/2012/09/temperley-london-for-filofax-die-herbst.html
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20. http://file-of-facts.blogspot.fr/2012/08/filofail.html
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David Popely (2012-09-20 05:03:51)
Here's the link to the full article in the New York Times by David Allen of GTD....the GTD Times link given only leads to an extract (I've left them a comment asking them to post up the full link).
For those who can't wait for GTD Times to publish it, here's the link...
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/09/jobs/pen-and-paper-still-practical -in-the-office-workstation.html? _r=0

kanalt (2012-09-20 06:05:56)
I love how excited Josh is over his new dodo pad inserts! Looking forward to the full review (assuming there will indeed be one).

kanalt (2012-09-20 06:16:02)
I am not all that familiar with YouTube in that I don't know what (if any) options there are for embedding them into a post, but is it possible to add who is doing the videos? I see so many wonderful videos but for most, I don't know who is speaking. Just a thought, I can always dig up that information elsewhere.

Steve Morton (2012-09-20 06:18:24)
I will start adding the names of the people, if I know them. It's not always obvious with the ones I find on You Tube using my magic search.

kanalt (2012-09-20 06:30:44)
Please don't go crazy just for me. I don't want to give you more work than you already do Steve. One of my goals for January and 2013 is to make a list of everybody's name and corresponding blogs/twitter/YouTube accounts. I don't know how far I'll get though, seeing as how many of us there are!

David Popely (2012-09-20 06:31:46)
You can add mine to your list
www.davepopely.wordpress.com
@davidpopely
No YouTube.....I think.....

Philofaxy London Meet Up - 24 November 2012 (2012-09-19 00:00) - Steve Morton

I'm pleased to be able to announce the date of the next Philofaxy London Meet Up.

Saturday 24 November 2012

The format of the day is going to be similar to previous London meet ups:

- Meet up at Vapiano in Southwalk Street at 12:00 noon
- Lunch at [1]Vapiano
- A short walk to [2]City Organiser - who are opening just for our party

Now before you all get excited about booking tickets etc.... Places for this meet up will have to be confirmed. But I will not be accepting requests to join the meet up until **12 October,** this is to avoid the situation where people reserve a place and then pull out at the last minute which then doesn't allow someone else the chance of a place at the meet up.
Hopefully by introducing this delay, you will be able to get the date cleared in your diary/planner and then when you request your place on or after the 12 October, you will know that you have a confirmed place and hopefully you will definitely be attending. Of course there might still be some form of family emergency or other on the day that might prevent your attendance I know.
I will send out a reminder closer to the 12 October for people to get their requests in after that date and which email address to send your requests to.
Once places have been assigned then I will send out full details about the arrangements for the day. If you have never attended a meet up before and you would like more information please email us and I will try to answer your questions philofaxy [at] gmail [dot] com
Looking forward to yet another great meet up in November, it's going to be a busy few days for me with the Edinburgh meet up a week before this one!

1. `http://www.vapiano.de/frame.php?lang=uk`
2. `http://www.cityorganiser.co.uk/`

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-24 12:16:33)
Oh! Has this changed? Not meeting at the Tate any more?

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-24 12:17:00)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Steve Morton (2012-09-24 12:18:15)
Well spotted!!! Yes we went to Vapiano on Saturday... and Sunday..
And you will see why I've changed the location when I present my report on the latest meet up.. but please be patient I've got a ton of stuff todo having only arrived back less than 3 hours ago!
Steve

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-24 15:06:43)
OK! I noticed you guys were split over 2 tables in the Tate, not ideal!! Hope you had a great time in Londres, and have better website back in France than here!! J'espere que je vais vous recontre a Londres bientot!!

Guest Post - Deborah - Franklin Covey "Simplicity" Planner Pages (2012-09-20 00:00) - Steve Morton

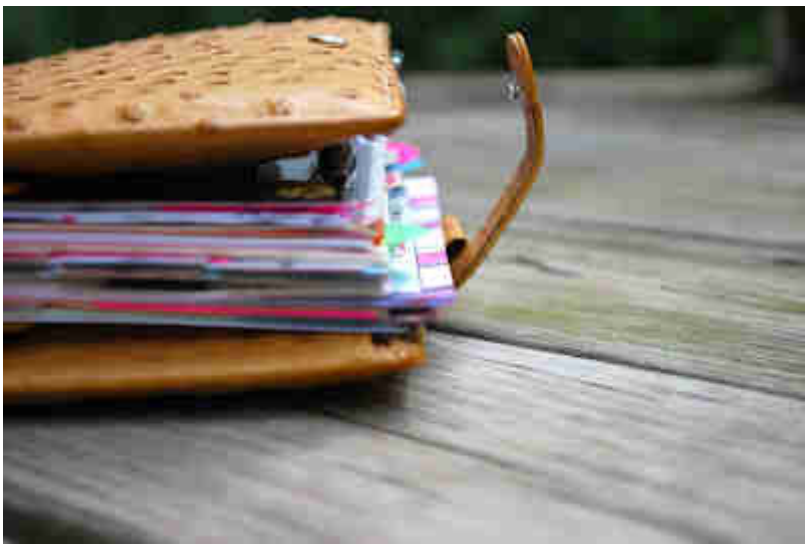
I'm very excited to have another guest post on Philofaxy. My first was a review of my binder, an Ostrich Filofax. You can see that [1]review here. Thanks a bunch, Steve! I feel like I'm in the "Big Leagues" now!

I thought I would do a quick review of the new planner pages that I'm using in my Filofax.

Franklin Covey "Simplicity" Planner Pages
About a week ago I began searching for 2013 planner pages. I wrote a little bit about it here [hyperlink to: http://www.thoughtsandexploration.com/2012/09/new-planner-pages-for- my-filofax.html]. I've decided to move away from my Filofax week-on-two-pages format in cotton cream to Franklin Covey (FC) week-on-two pages. I use a personal size Ostrich Filofax binder so I chose the Compact size refills from FC. Here are the Simplicity Series planner pages that I chose:

[2]

I read about using FC refills in a Filofax on J's blog – [3]The Crazy Life of J
I moved into the new pages as soon as I got them in the mail. Here is what I found.
As many have said, the FC pages are a bit wider than the Filofax pages. The ring hole spacing is exactly the same between FF Personal and FC Compact. Knowing that the pages were going to be wider, I immediately moved my Diary section to the back. I also moved my pen from the pen loop (on the right) and put it into a Flex pen loop on the left side of my binder. I have a second smaller pen clipped to the credit card slots. I crossed my fingers hoping that the page overhang was going to be minimal, took a deep breath and closed my binder…no such luck.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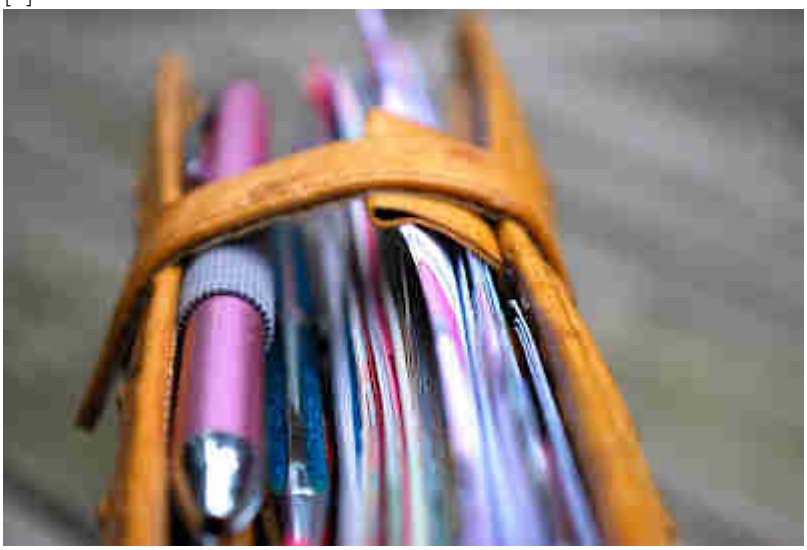

Yup…not going to work! Hmmmm, what to do now?

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Okay, these pages aren't going to defeat me! I was determined to make them work so out came my scissors and snip, snip – off went the right-most margin (only the colorful piece). This worked wonderfully and didn't take away any precious writing real estate!

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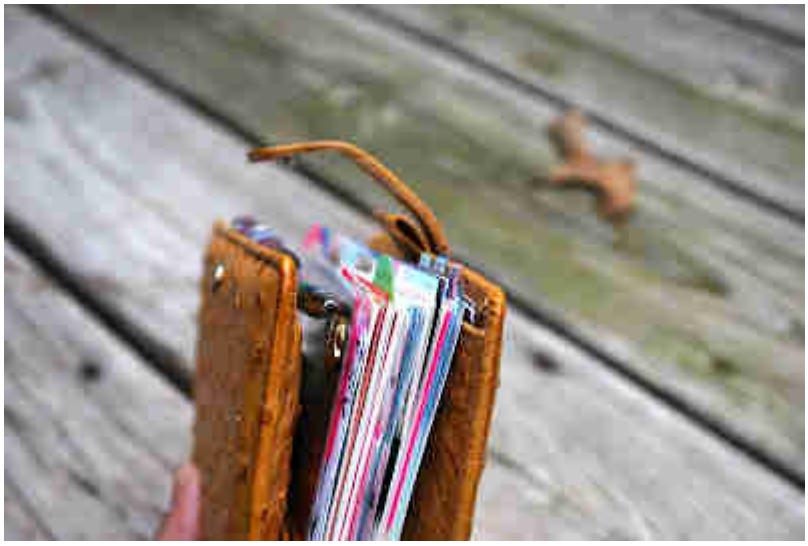
Now the pages fit just fine. They do go right up to the edge of the FF when closed but I feel like they are still protected. Very happy!

[8] 

[9]

So now that they fit, lets compare the actual pages: FF vs FC.
The most obvious differences, FC has:

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- A larger top margin with larger (and prettier) font showing the date
- A Monday start instead of FF's Sunday start
- The "Notes" box is at the end of the week instead of at the beginning
- The day and date on the right page is printed on the left of the page and not the right like FF's pages
- Color, color, color!

Two other major format differences:

[11]

The months in the FC refill are separated by a lined page on each side. So, for example at the end of September you'll find a lined page (on the backside) and another lined page at the beginning of the

following month. Picture each month “sandwiched” between lined pages. Nice!

[12]

The “day boxes”, for lack of a better term, are taller on the Filofax pages than on the Franklin Covey ones. So, yes, those with need for the FF sized day boxes may feel the FC ones to be a little tight. Width-wise, though, they are both about the same in this format.

I bet you’re wondering about the paper quality. Both seem to be comparable, well...kind of. I use ballpoint, rollerball, pencil and fountain on my diary pages. I did a test page of both. The left shows the Filofax paper and the right shows the Franklin Covey paper.

The one huge difference on the front is the increased feathering of the fountain pen ink on the Filofax paper. Actually, all the lines of the different pens/inks on the Franklin Covey paper are sharper than on the FF paper. The feathering of the fountain pen looks really bad on the FF paper! My camera is failing to clearly show this but trust me the writing looks better on the FC page.

[13]

And now the back.

[14]

There is minimal ghosting on the FC paper as well as the FF paper EXCEPT for the fountain pen on the FF paper. There is horrible bleed-through there. The Filofax paper falls short with fountain pens. Franklin Covey wins on that point with a sharper line and minimal ghosting. I have no reservations with using my fountain pens on the FC paper.
I think I'm a convert. I'm really going to like using these Franklin Covey pages in my Filofax. After cutting them down a teeny bit they're perfect. Now I get my daily fill of color and design in my diary pages. And here's a surprise, I'm discovering that I like having the diary pages at the back of my planner. I think it's just because it's a change. It's nice to change every once in a while, isn't it??
Thanks again, Steve, for letting me review my new planner pages for this site!
Thank you Deborah for a great review, it is always interesting to see alternative diary formats in a Filofax

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David Popely (2012-09-20 03:23:45)
Hi Deborah
Thank you for such an interesting (and timely) post. Like many others here, I'm right in the middle of my 2013 planner pages decision, and I've also been considering using FC, mainly because I'm interested in it because of the philosophy which lies behind their system. The late Dr Covey's writing helped me a lot when I was in management and struggling with work/non-work balance, and I haven't forgotten. Meanwhile, someone has kindly agreed to send me over a set of FF 2013 Personal diary inserts in a format which can't be purchased in the U (and which can't be ordered online, due to the Wonderful Filofax Website Problem about which we all know too much already) I can see now that the FC inserts aren't going to work in my Personal Malden, so I shall have to bring that into the decision process.....there's a possible answer on the horizon should I want to *really* trial it out. I'm not one for cutting, trimming and punching, very much.....:)
The other option I'm considering (at Alison Reeves' suggestion) is to try Daytimer inserts. Although not so much of a 'system', the daytimer seem quite interesting, and both the FC and Daytimer beat Filofax on paper quality hands down. (Actually I could print straight onto toilet paper and hat would also beat FF paper quality, but let's

not go there again!). Suffice to say, your helpful photos of the bleed-through, or lack of, were most enlightening. I use fountain pen, pencil (for my diary), and my favourite Bic Medium Biro (yes, really) for everyday.
Incidentally, I saw one of the ostrich binders in the flesh for the first time on Tuesday - what a great binder it is. Such a shame they have to be shipped from the US. I don't think I would use one myself, but they certainly look impressive.
Thanks again - I'm sure many people here will find this helpful, and I look forward to the continuing dialogue about 2013, and especially alternative-to-Filofax, diary inserts.

Imy (2012-09-20 04:36:55)
You keep showing me that BEAUTIFUL ostrich and it makes me want it more and more

Alison Reeves (2012-09-20 04:42:52)
Really interesting thanks Deborah - I've ordered some FC pages to try, (reduced April 2012 to Mar 2013 which are reduced). I ordered them over a week ago and am still waiting so I'm not that impressed with their delivery which isn't a great start!
I'm looking forward to trying them out - I have a Domino which I will try them in - hoping they may fit better in there.
David - I'm not convinced the paper quality is as good in the day timer - I'll send you some old sheets along with some sample FC ones when they turn up - just for comparison. Also the line spacing is very narrow - not good for me as I write quite large, but probably not such a problem if your writing is small.

David Popely (2012-09-20 04:47:18)
Thanks Alison I appreciate it.....my writing *is* quite small (especially when using the Bic biro!), so that might suit me. Paper quality seems to be a big issue right now, for everyone....I hope some manufacturers, somewhere, are listening! i *do* like the FF Cotton Cream - although not perfect, it's a lot better than the FF standard paper, and if you can bear to use the severely restricted choice of diary formats to get Cotton Cream throughout the binder, really looks good....

David Popely (2012-09-20 04:48:19)
Aaaaaargh!!! Who turned the verification module back on? I HATE this thing.....

Steve Morton (2012-09-20 04:54:34)
Had a string of Spam messages on this post and another one from the same bot.

acclair (2012-09-20 06:01:00)
Awww damn. I've already bought my 2013 calandars :(I love these!

Cloudberry (2012-09-20 06:29:40)
Awww, what a shame you had to lose some of the colourful edging. I used to use FC until they discontinued it. I found some of their designs althogh pretty, took up too much of the writing area. I'm thinking of using their notepaper as it would be nice to get some colour into my FF.
BTW - it was 'Red' that David saw in the flesh on Tuesday as we met up for a coffee.
Your pictures are lovely - what camera do you use?

Cloudberry (2012-09-20 08:23:20)
Hi David,
It was lovely to meet you and introduce my red Ostrich to you! Just to let you know - Time Systems have a reasonbly priced Ostrich style binder in dark brown. Sizes are Compact (about FF Personal size) and A5 - I'm sorely tempted!
Does anyone know how Time System ring size compares to FF?
Thanks also for showing me your TM planner - it was like a trip down memory lane. I loved the clean 'simplicity' of your set up in your FF - deceptively simple as underneath lies a solid time management philosophy. I revisited the Covey's 7-habits last night and am going to integrate that philosophy into my system.

Thanks again for your template. I'm going to print my 2013 TM custom design calendar on plain Paperchase paper (the one with a coloured stripe down the edge. That way, I'll have the perfect diary for my needs - TM layout with an elegant business-like touch of colour.
I'll be showcasing this new design in my blog-swap with you, that I have on my agenda to write tonight. I'll send you the template.

Jotje (2012-09-20 08:53:05)
Time System A5 is a perfect size. Their compact is way off ...

Jotje (2012-09-20 08:54:12)
Just puzzled by your comment that FF weeks start on Sundays. I've never ever had an FF week start on Sunday, it's always Monday? Makes me wonder if the US sells different weekly inserts??

Erin (2012-09-20 09:04:01)
I was thinking the same thing, Jotje. I'm in the US, and my cotton cream weeks always start on Mondays. Even in the pictures here, it looks like the week is starting with Monday and ending with Sunday....

K (2012-09-20 10:44:57)
Great post! I used to use Franklin Covey before Filofax and wasn't happy with the binders. A few months back I tried the FC day per page Monticello inserts with my Malden. They fit pretty well, and even though the paper quality held up to various inks, the pages still ripped out easily. I gave it another try last week and ordered different FC inserts. After 6 days of use one of the pages ripped out. I must be extremely tough on my Filofax! None of the Filofax inserts every came out of my binder before. Anyways, I know other Franklin Covey users have not had this problem. Seems to be only me. Either way- love their inserts. Dislike the Filofax layout- not enough space. Please excuse any typos. I just tried to edit the text and it wouldn't work!

Josh (2012-09-20 11:36:44)
David; just FYI, the DayTimer paper (at least the classic green on white formats) is absolutely horrible quality. It's very absorbent and thin, so everything shows through and fountain pens bleed though terribly, quite a lot worse than what you see on white filofax paper.
DayTimer is quite systematic and gives you a lot of structure with space for actions, appointments, and work tracking. No one else seems to handle the tracking of actual work through the day as well as DT. In their "desk" size 2PPD, the notes page is structured to note the client name, matter worked on, and time (in 1/10 hour increments). A lot of people in law offices used this format until the recent, almost universal, switch over to online billing/tracking software.
I suppose that the major philosophical difference between FC and DT formats is that DT is more focused on record keeping and FC is somewhat more focused on planning. I find in my work that the record keeping aspects of DT are very useful, and it works fine for the planning I need to do.

David Popely (2012-09-20 11:56:29)
Thanks Josh, that's really interesting, and as I'm an accountant - not that far removed from the legal profession in terms of time recording - I'm let to think there might be something in it worth investigating further. Do DT publish some kind of set-up book/booklet that comes with their stuff? I know they have a few basic setup guides on their website, but they do seem *very* basic, and from what you say it seems there probably is some kind of user guide which would be worth getting hold of - if you know how/where and could advise.
Thanks for the heads up about paper quality as well - much appreciated.
What size do you use, the desk size? Or the one that equates to the Personal FF?

Alice Dial (2012-09-20 14:44:44)
I have been using the Franklin Covey Compact pages in my personal Malden with only one problem–the June and July monthly tabs are a little bent when the snap is fastened (but they snap back when my planner is opened). With the extra writing room, choices of beautiful & colorful inserts, plus the heavenly paper quality, this isn't that big of a deal. I would recommend the Franklin Covey line of inserts to anyone with a Malden–other Filos, I don't

know if the paper would be too big. If you are a little leary of ordering them, cut out comparable sized paper and tabs, punch and see if the size would work for you.

DEM (2012-09-20 20:28:51)
David,
Good luck on your search! I used the FC system with the 2ppd format for a few years and it worked at the beginning of the year but then as the year went on, the system was just a lot of work to keep up with so it never failed...I would slowly stop using it. I love the idea but I just can't seem to put that extra effort.
I also thought about using Daytimer but I couldn't find the 2ppweek format that didn't have unlined boxes. The lines were too confining for me. I've also thought about the Dodo Pad but the grid is just too small. I think I made the right choice for me.
So you were able to see Cloudberry's Red! I almost hope that I never see one in red because something tells me that I'd then "need" that one as well!
I'm glad that you enjoyed my post! Would love to hear the outcome of your 2013 page search.

DEM (2012-09-20 20:32:15)
Why don't you come and visit it?? :-)

DEM (2012-09-20 20:35:25)
Thank you, Alison. Yes, the shipping time is a bit crazy. I was told it could take 8-14 days to arrive. I've had things from overseas arrive faster than that!
Good luck with your trial of the pages.
Mine were discounted as well since it was a July 2012 start.

DEM (2012-09-20 20:38:35)
Cloudberry, I did hem and haw over cutting that little margin of color but in the end the sacrifice was worth it. My eye still wanders to a Red. I love my Buttercup binder so much, I can only imagine how infatuated I'd be with a red!

DEM (2012-09-20 20:40:36)
Oops...Thanks for the compliment on my pictures. I finally pulled out my "good" camera instead of using my phone's camera! Those pictures were taken with a Nikon DX 90.

DEM (2012-09-20 20:47:13)
Sorry guys! You are completely right. My brain was a bit slow I guess. Having the Notes block at the end of the week on the FC pages vs at the beginning on the FF pages had me all loopy.
I had gotten used to Monday being my first block of the week (FC) so when I wrote my review and quickly scanned the pages to list the differences I saw Monday as the second block on the FF pages and my mind automatically assumed that the first block on the FF page was Sunday.
Sorry for the confusion.

DEM (2012-09-20 20:50:11)
Thanks K! The ripping FC pages is peculiar. I haven't experienced that problem before with either FC or FF. Are you against using reinforcements? It would be a pain but might be worth it. Just a thought.

DEM (2012-09-20 20:55:12)
Great suggestion, Alice. I don't use the FC tabs so I don't foresee this as a problem for me. I use post-it tabs cut in half lengthwise and then use my label maker to print out the month. Not having the tabbed month pages saves me a little bit of room. My binder is pretty full as it is.

mstraat (2012-09-20 22:56:10)
David, the original Time Power system that was taught with DayTimer is in the book Time Power by Charles R. Hobbs. I peeked and it is available on amazon.co.uk. This is an old book (1987) and recently has been republished,

not sure with any changes. There was a dispute on this side of the pond whether Hyram Smith, founder of Franklin Quest, stole his ideas from Hobbs. Time Power is a bit less cult-like than Franklin Covey, which emerged when Stephen Covey joined Franklin Quest. Recently FC sold off their planner unit and it is now Franklin Planner and sold with "Five Questions" as their system rather than "Seven Habits."

Lime Tree (2012-09-21 02:08:39)
Wow! Wonderful comparison review! Thank you Deborah for this!

David Popely (2012-09-21 03:56:30)
Mstraat thanks so much for that info...I've looked up the title in question, and there is a book of identical title by self help guru Brian Tracy which is in print. The Hobbs book seems to be only available through second hand dealers at a regrettable £57 new or a remarkable £0.01 second hand! Quite a difference.....
I'm on holiday for the next fortnight so I won't be doing anything work- or time management- related (other than my usual 'thinking time' and some note-making), but I might pick up on this when I'm back. Thanks again!

David Popely (2012-09-21 03:58:07)
Gah! Found the new edition further down the page

Jotje (2012-09-21 14:27:32)
Just wanted to add for the A5 Filofax users: on the Franklin Covey website you'll find a PDF with 31 undated sample planner pages. You can print them on A4 paper then cut it in half and punch it for your Filofax. Which would also give you the option of nice quality paper! The numbers are a bit off, after printing, but you could correct them by hand I suppose.

DEM (2012-09-21 19:25:07)
Thanks, Lime Tree! I'm glad that you enjoyed it.

Amanda (2012-09-24 07:30:09)
It's fun to see someone else who keeps their calendar in the back! I have always kept mine there and feel a bit like the "odd (wo)man out" whenever I read these posts about how others set up their Filos. I like mine in the back because when I open to the current date, that ends up to about the middle of the book therefore making the surface even.

Free for All Friday No. 201 (2012-09-21 00:01) - Nan

Our 201st FFAF! Somehow, the number 201 reminds me of the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey.
Do you use your Filofax for anything movie-related? I like to keep a list of movies that I want to see. Or do you write reviews of movies after you've seen them?
I suppose you could also carry pictures of your favorite movie stars in your Filofax, but if you do that, I won't tell anyone...I promise!

Jenna (2012-09-21 00:04:10)
I have a picture of James Franco as the background on my dashboard. Don't tell! :)

Josh (2012-09-21 00:46:00)
I cannot ever remember movie titles after the movie is over, so I've begun noting movie titles with a very brief note on the plot to jog my memory later.
Related, I listen to a classical music radio station all day, and when music plays with which I'm not familiar I jot it into my filofax when the radio announcer says what it was and who the composer was.
These habits are some of the reason why the filofax is so massively stuffed!

Jenna (2012-09-21 01:05:26)
My chameleon has a real fading problem. Ive had it for a week and the clasp is fading white in some places. Is this a common problem? :(

Mony (2012-09-21 01:52:37)
io ho Mark Hamill giovane età (star wars) :) non dirlo ^^

Lily (2012-09-21 01:54:44)
I also keep a list of film and TV to watch

Printed Portal (2012-09-21 03:01:52)
I don't keep a list of the movies I watch (I used to do this in a moleskine notebook, but got bored as I watch like a movie a day) and I can always remember if I have seen a movie.
What I do keep a record of is movies /DVDs I own. I seem to move house every 6 months (for the last 8 years) Every time I move I seem to end up with someone else's movie or realise when I next want to watch a particular movie that someone has nicked my copy.
I am packing up yet again this weekend. So this list will come in handy.

Butanben (2012-09-21 03:29:59)
I don't keep a list of movies, but do have a weekly what I'd like to see on tv and hear on radio.Helps me to plan my time constructively. Also means I restrict my tv use, to just what I truly enjoy, otherwise it is all too easy to tv graze and watch a load of aimless tat!!!

David Popely (2012-09-21 03:50:51)
Sounds like yet another example of shoddy FF product workmanship to me....return and get a replacement?

David Popely (2012-09-21 03:51:55)
Jotting down 'future purchase' titles while in the DVD store is also a good use - and an excellent reason for using pen and paper rather than a smartphone. Try dong that on a phone and you'll stil be there at closing time...

Alison (2012-09-21 04:06:41)
I have a whole A5 Filofax dedicated to my book and movie collection, I also have a section for future purchases, release dates, book to movie details and when released at cinema and to buy etc etc

Angharad (2012-09-21 04:16:09)
I don't yet but it was only yesterday I was thinking (while cleaning the TV unit) that I needed to make a list of DVDs/Videos we own in my Filofax for reference when shopping.

David Popely (2012-09-21 04:52:48)
I have bought duplicates of books in particular on more than one occasion (I have a lot of books). Does anyone have a Personal sized template for a book catalogue, possibly Excel-compatible?
Oh dear...yet another argument for A5 format < head in sand >.....

Helen Conway (2012-09-21 05:08:40)
I do have an app for iphone/pad that alows me to scan the barcode of books in a shop and add them automatically to a book wish list. Quick. If not exactly discrete if used with ipad. I am not sure if there is one for films.
It is of course pointless since I love my Plum Osterley with beautiful Jill Bliss paper to bits and have set it up as a reading filo. So then I copy the ipad notes in there anyway!!
Or maybe not pointless since I always have the app with my and not the Osterley. But then I now have a chameleon wallet as well so i could write in there and then copy..... urrgh! Time to stop this comment before it gets silly :)

Helen Conway (2012-09-21 05:11:11)
I have a single sheet in my personal of the films I should watch on Love Film Instant to make the most of the free membership I wangled until Christmas. The ones on disc go straight to the rental list on the site.

Yvonne Chiang (2012-09-21 05:31:56)
My new A5 Grey Osterley just arrived!!!
(I just needed to tell someone who might appreciate my joy.)

Tilly (2012-09-21 06:07:33)
My home made set ups are still in progress at the moment but I plan to have lists for films recommended to me, for films so obscure I can't find them yet, for future release dates and notes on films to review or recommend to people. I also watch a lot of zombie films and I like to keep track of the quality and quantity of zombies and humans vs zombies scores so I'm sure I can work this in somewhere!

David Popely (2012-09-21 06:12:07)
Mmmmmmmm Zombies.....you should contact Mrs P here at Popely Towers, whos a Big Time Zombie Lover (although not sadly a Big Time Filofax Lover). She can be found at @exploitica, runs the blog at www.exploitica.com, or DM me @davidpopely and I'll send you her email....

Tilly (2012-09-21 06:21:28)
I'd be happy to make one if you could give me more details about what you'd want on it. I'm not clear what excel compatible would entail though?

David Popely (2012-09-21 06:22:22)
Thanks for the offer, but I can easily make one myself.....that was sheer laziness talking!

Tilly (2012-09-21 06:25:25)
Ooh I am loving that site already! I'll check it out in more detail later. Perhaps Mrs P can be persuaded otherwise once my zombie survival and research filofax style binder is in order!

Tilly (2012-09-21 06:26:54)
Aww, shame. Weirdly I love making templates. I've whipped up more than I can physically use this last week. I will literally end up with a template for everything - at least that's the plan :p

David Popely (2012-09-21 06:30:32)
You're welcome to try! Mrs P advises that she has a blog post about Piranha (the film and the remake, not the fish!) stuck in the pipeline for ages....she's not just lost interest!

David Popely (2012-09-21 06:32:25)
I try to keep everything to plain or lined paper - that way I can stick to Cotton Cream which is the characteristic of my current setup....I'll certainly be making something to list the books though, as it's not unknown to come back from the shops with duplicates of stuff I already own. Bizarrely, I once bought two copies of the same book, on the same day, from separate bookshops.....

Tilly (2012-09-21 06:49:04)
I can't handle too much plain paper, even my notepapers are decorated with patterns and characters. I like knowing I can make anything to match.
I do currently like having plainer templates tailored to what I use them for though. It acts as a reminder of the many things I'm supposed to be recording.
And that is quite bizarre! I've not had many duplicate book problems, but I've laid off obtaining them quite a bit the last couple years... since I got banned from bringing home any more stray books and ran out of sofa cushions to hide new ones under.

Tilly (2012-09-21 06:58:30)
Squee! I love Pirahna! It was actually one of the first monster B movies I remember seeing (after Jaws) and I'll always remember it fondly. I wasn't so fond of the remake but it did give me a good giggle. Rest assured I'll be back to read the site through when I'm supposed to be doing less other things!

David Popely (2012-09-21 07:06:21)
Happily one of the house rules at Popely Towers clearly states that books are not a luxury and may be purchased at any time, regardless of whether money is available or not.....

David Popely (2012-09-21 07:08:50)
You should definitely be talking to Mrs P. I'll be tripping off to the pub :)

Terri Carroll (2012-09-21 07:10:49)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Terri Carroll (2012-09-21 07:12:13)
As soon as my A5 arrives, my picture of me and eddie vedder (pearl jam) is takiong pride of place!
i've just found this blog - funnily enough as the result of extreme procrastination - and i love it!
www.andthensheread.com (sorry, hit publish by accident on the last one!)

Anita (2012-09-21 07:16:02)
Congratulations on your new purchase!
And yes, your joy is very much appreciated here :)

David Popely (2012-09-21 07:17:35)
I always suspected could justify extreme procrastination *somehow*....now I have it, thank you :)
How about a new model called the Filofax Procrastinator. In the GTD setup, I could replace my Someday/Maybe section with a Probably Never divider, next actions will all move into Someday/Maybe-But-Unlikely....

Anita (2012-09-21 07:21:19)
Oh, I love zombie & monster B movies too! Spooky timing as I was thinking about making a list of the ones I want to watch in my Malden :)

Ray Blake (2012-09-21 07:29:17)
I use the media wish list to track films, books and other media:
[1]http://mylifeallinoneplace.blogspot.co.uk/2011/12/print-your- own-filofax-media-wishlist.html

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Clareio (2012-09-21 07:51:32)
90 % of my books are purchased on amazon for 1p + the £2.80ish postage... i don't know why i bother with book shops! I need to stop buying books my mum already has and just 'borrow' them when i go down to visit her though!

Tilly (2012-09-21 07:51:41)
I sent Mrs P an email to her site admin address, not terribly exciting I'm afraid but at least she has mine if she wants to talk zombies! :)
And hello Anita! I can't think of a better way to spend a Friday (except listing them *and then* watching them all. With popcorn. And ice cream.)

cgarsnrealest8 (2012-09-21 08:00:05)
I keep a list of all time favorite movies. Do I hear a propensity to move from personal to A5 brewing?

Helen Conway (2012-09-21 08:03:42)
Oooh! I feel the love too. I crave one of those.

Helen Conway (2012-09-21 08:05:38)
Some people advocate making Not to Do Lists. They could go in a When Hell Freezes Over divider.

Tilly (2012-09-21 08:16:02)
I feel this divider tab should have a cute flying pig graphic.

Paul B (2012-09-21 08:24:08)
I like the sound of the Constitution of Popely House! I'm going through the same A5/Personal dilemma, David. I even bought a beautiful A5 in tan bridle leather from ebay, ready for the move, and it is sitting there, expectantly, waiting to be filled, but I keep thinking of the day I weighed my A5 Cuban Zip and found it was 2.3 Kg. Its becoming a bigger and bigger overhead of my time, printing things for work, and having to cut and punch to personal size. It was so much easier and quicker when I used the A5, and I really miss that ease and speed. But I still prefer the portability of the personal.

David Popely (2012-09-21 08:28:50)
Nooooo! I've invested so much effort in making my system work in Personal size, that every time the temptation to A5 come along (which is quite often) I just remind myself of that until it goes away...

Tilly (2012-09-21 08:47:15)
It's not obtaining books that's the real problem... its where to put them afterwards. Does anyone have ingenious book storage solutions?

David Popely (2012-09-21 08:51:27)
I'm liking this. We can produce a whole range of non-planner divider sets. Maybe we can also provide those pens where the ink fades out for people to use for their not-to-do lists. Write it and forget it - literally....

David Popely (2012-09-21 08:54:30)
Paul, it's a serious and ongoin dilemma. When I'm using my A5 Kendal I *love* the space, but when I have to take it out (which is often, because I don't subscribe to 'satellite' binder theory, i *hate* the fact that I've got it under my arm. The messenger bag (see previous posts) has helped me a fair bit in this respect, but it's still so great to have the Personal in my hand, with all my lists, diary, credit cards, business cards etc ready to go. I guess I'm always going to be vacillating between the two....

David Popely (2012-09-21 08:55:02)
Tilly, we've got round it by removing mostly all the other furniture except for book storage. Works for us....

Tilly (2012-09-21 09:17:33)
But then I'd have no where to put the ridiculous amount of art and craft supplies... hmm, maybe I could build more storage out of books...

Natalie Pluck (2012-09-21 09:26:29)
Does anyone here use a mini as a wallet? BF has taken a shine to the idea of having a Filo but wants it purely as a diary and money/card carrying device. I'm a bit worried that his massive and messy scrawl will render it useless fairly quick. Do they work as wallets or are they a gimmick? x

David Popely (2012-09-21 09:27:43)
Maybe there's a slimline Personal which would do the trick....

Natalie Pluck (2012-09-21 09:27:57)
Oh, and I forgot to say - I got a pocket Domino in a charity shop yesterday (for a bargainous £2!) but the elastic is a bit loose. Is there anyway to tighten it? x

Natalie Pluck (2012-09-21 09:28:57)
David, I tried to get him to look at my new pocket Domino which is in my eyes tiny but he started moaning about how big it was and how it wouldn't be practical. Plus he quite likes that all the minis have a note pocket running across the back! Maybe just getting him day on a page diary inserts is the answer? x

austinlinda (2012-09-21 09:38:17)
David–this is exactly what I've been thinking about! I already have a divider labeled as "yeah right" and one saying, " when pigs fly". I find an amazing amout of to do items end up here. I am busier looking at new binders and refills than actually doing anything memorialized there!
I can see a future where we can fill an entire organizer with these "never gonna happen" entries .....

David Popely (2012-09-21 09:47:50)
Surely if he goes Day per page he'll never be able to use anything wallet-thin unless he only carries a week at a time?....

David Popely (2012-09-21 09:48:19)
I quite like this idea for a 'hell freezes over' divider.....

Tilly (2012-09-21 10:19:40)
Could you put a tight fitting bead on the elastic so it could be tightened and loosened as you fill it?
I'm not sure about the domino but other similar covers I've seen have metal tabs on the end that keep the elastic in place, it works a bit like a clothing tag. If it's fixed that way you might be able to wriggle it out the holes to adjust but I imagine it'll be tricky.

Wannabe Mummy (2012-09-21 10:21:48)
Yep, my raspberry compact has faded on the clasp, bottom of the spine and corners..Read on someone's blog last week that their aqua a5 had a big white streak and they had to bleach the rest of it as Filofax said they couldn't do anything.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-21 10:24:53)
Erh, actually I have at least three binders like this - full of 'stuff' I never look at and will never get done...

Alondra Karwowski (2012-09-21 10:49:28)
I keep ticket stubs in my open pocket envelope. That's about it.

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-09-21 10:55:47)
I'm struggling between the Franklin Covey Classic (similar to A5) and the FC Compact (similar to Personal). I made a pros and cons list and finished off with what I love most and least about each. For each I wrote: Love: size. Hate: Size. Now how do I resolve that???

Morag (2012-09-21 11:04:58)
Now that you mention it - my aqua pocket chameleon is also fading on the clasp. I use it as a purse so it's in my bag all the time so I just assumed that's why. Suppose I've got to allow for wear and tear?

Amy (2012-09-21 12:35:54)
Congrats! I have a personal brown Osterley and I love it!

Valerie (2012-09-21 12:43:33)
Yes indeed, congrats on your new pride and joy! I'm still waiting patiently for my "on order" purple Malden Personal from Pens and Leather. ETA went from early June to mid July and now it's late Sept. At this point I'm just hoping it arrives someday!

Terri Carroll (2012-09-21 13:08:05)
Oh god... I'll get to work right now on all the things i'll never be working on. Oh look, pancakes... :)

Amy (2012-09-21 13:33:43)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Amy (2012-09-21 13:36:42)
Valerie - I ordered a wine Holborn Personal from Pens and Leather and I received notice that it had shipped yesterday...I am just curious...did they not have yours in stock?

LJ (2012-09-21 14:15:01)
My A5 aqua is also fading on the clasp. It seems to be normal.

Cloudberry (2012-09-21 15:07:56)
Natalie, I use a Mini Portland as a diary and wallet. I don't know if they still make the model - it's quite a few years old now.
I have just 3 cards, so 3 credit card slots is fine for me. There are also two full length pockets inside the front and back that I use for stamps etc and my emergency Amex card out of view. There is a full length section for bank notes, but not for coin-change - I have a separate tiny Enny purse for that.
Inside I have a plastic pocket for photos, a vertical year planner, week on one page diary, a couple of to-do sheets and the rest is lined note paper in various colours. It has one pen loop in which I've used a small M-Blanc fountain pen, or a FF pencil or FF pen.
It's been all over the world in my travels on business has been my constant companion as a journal/diary/wallet. The whole lot, Mini FF, purse, mirror, lipstick and passport fit into a small Tula cross-over-body-strap bag - about the size of a Personal FF!

findinghope (2012-09-21 15:25:52)
I also keep track of what I would like to see on TV. Once a week on sundays I also put a reminder to download new podcast episodes. I love podcasts but if it wasn't for my filofax I would definitely forget to get the latest episodes regularly.
My media wishlists are online for convenience. They are simply too long and consist of too many subcategories :D (my amazon wishlist is divided into 23 categories...)

DEM (2012-09-21 21:25:29)
Congratulations! How exciting! I was in a meeting yesterday, I pulled out my Aston and the woman next to me pulled out her brown Osterley! I just wanted to grab it and flip through it!

DEM (2012-09-21 21:33:46)
It's so convenient to keep a list of movies, books, music in my personal FF. I use it a lot! The FF is just so darn convenient!

Anthony Hill (2012-09-22 17:24:08)
Hi Tilly
I have the whole of my CD collection on Excel and would love to have the contents on my Personal Malden, is it possible to convert Excel to Personal?

David Popely (2012-09-24 04:56:32)
Hi Anthony
There *must* be a way of doing this....I shall give it some thought on my return from holiday.....I know there is a difference between Excel 2003 and Excel 2010, which is that Excel 2003 had a facility to create a custom page size, whereas Excel 2010 takes its paper sizes directly from the installed printer (that's progress for you, eh?). Let me know which version you're running....

Web Finds - 22 September 2012 (2012-09-22 00:00) - Steve Morton

So I'm in London this weekend for the Philofaxy meet up today, so watch out on Twitter for some photos of our meet up.
But in the mean time here are some Filofax blog posts for you to read:

1. [1]NYC Meet Up Canceled - Well Planned Life
2. [2]An open letter to MD of Slam PR. - Rapunzel's World
3. [3]Attention Filofax - Deligted
4. [4]Filofax woes – an open letter to SLAM PR agency regarding their perceptions of the Filofax brand and its customer base. - The Musings of Max
5. [5]The future of Filofax – an open letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR - The Life of a Perpetual Student
6. [6]The future of Filofax – an open letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR - Belzira's corner
7. [7]An open letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR - Bluebonnet Reads
8. [8]the future of Filofax - an open letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR - Paper Lovestory
9. [9]The Future of Filofax – An open letter to Helena Bloomer, MD of Slam PR - Jar FM
10. [10]the future of Filofax - an open letter to Helena Bloomwood of Slam PR - Kiwi Paper Addict
11. [11]Filofaxes - an open letter to Helena Bloomer of SlamPR - Imysworld
12. [12]The Future of Filofax – An Open Letter to Helena Bloomer of Slam PR - Well Planned Life
13. [13]Aston-Special - Filomaniac
14. [14]In Honor of J and Holy Matrimony - Well Planned Life
15. [15]Question of the Week - Strangest Place You've Taken Your Filofax? - Bryan Sherwood
16. [16]Filofax - '80s Actual
17. [17]365/30 Lists: Perfect Filofax - Filomaniac
18. [18]Test the best in Agendas and Planners... - Austin Linda Rides Again!
19. [19]Filofax and iPad - How I Organise My Life. - Lady Tamlynn
20. [20]Woohoo - Look What I've Got!!!! - Sunshine Stamping
21. [21]My Filofax Collection - Within Dreams We Live
22. [22]All Stars Guest Post - Steve - Mistaken Identity - Thoughts and Exploration

23. [23]Travelling Handmade - Thought and Found
24. [24]Franklin Covey “Giada” Binder Review - The Zeitgeist of Zoe
25. [25]Roll out the carpet for the new set up (as of August 2012) - Sense of Gravity
26. [26]Planner companies who listen to their customers - Plannerisms
27. [27]Blog Challenge Day 30.....FINALLY! - Nothing Is Original Anymore
28. [28]From Filofax to Franklin Covey & Back Again - It’s My Life
29. [29]Finding The Right Journal - It’s My Life
30. [30]3rd .. 2 .. 1 .. mine! - Filomaniac
31. [31]Filofax Update – Making it Prettier - Grakky
32. [32]Boycotting Filofax: What are your options?- Jagged Little Thoughts
33. [33]Filofax List - It’s My Life
34. [34]Regency im neuen Herbstkleid - Filo-Manie
35. [35]A new addition! - Practically Pretty
36. [36]Update on my A5 Malden daily and weekly inserts (Video) - We really didn’t need another Filofax
37. [37]Mariage réussi ! - Le Temps Maîtrisé
38. [38]My Compact Portobello Filofax - Curiousity Killed a Cat
39. [39]WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT - Imysworld
40. [40]Filofax Blog of the Week: Thoughts & Exploration - My Life All in One Place
41. [41]365/30 Lists: Things to buy... - Filomaniac
42. [42]New Set Up - picture 3 - Sense of Gravity
43. [43]New Filo ..yeah, it’s a good day! - Circus Life with Disturbed Mamacita

- Your blog post could appear here next week if we missed you this time around. Email us the details and we will include it if we can.
- We can not guarantee people will read your posts, but we know there is a higher chance of people reading your posts and returning to read other posts if you make them interesting with pictures and good hints and tips. Do not forget to give your posts a title...

And here are the latest Filofax video finds

IFRAME: [44]http://www.youtube.com/embed/HVOvdHT3oss?rel=0

IFRAME: [45]http://www.youtube.com/embed/X8GwqVvsftk?rel=0

Enjoy

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LJ (2012-09-22 00:27:21)
Pleased to see so many publishing the open letter from David :o)

Tina (2012-09-22 01:03:52)
Think you got my post wrong Steve ;) Or blogspot when mental? I posted a DIY for Filofax but you have my blog challenge up here instead?
Either way here's the post for the DIY http://nothingsoriginalanymore.blogspot.com/2012/09/filofax-inserts-using-cute-notebook.html
Cheers!

Steve Morton (2012-09-22 01:53:30)
I will put it in to the next one, possibly my mistake trying to do too many things at the same time!

Lily (2012-09-22 03:02:51)
Hi Steve, you missed two from lilyactually.blogspot.com - I would link but iPad is being individual today.

Mony (2012-09-22 03:23:13)
http://mammastressataxd.blogspot.it :) spero che si vede blog

Tina (2012-09-22 11:42:29)
Haha no worries!! Have fun in London!

DanishGTD (2012-09-22 17:46:51)
Am I the only one NOT getting upset about Helena Bloomers comment about Filofax-user. Saying that we like to write notes cannot be all that wrong! I mean we write in our Filofaxes all the time... Saying that Filofax-users are very interested in "fashion/stylish accessories" cannot be all that wrong either... We talk, take pictures, think about, dream about what Filofax we should buy next, how they smell and feel....
I mean, aren't we getting a little ahead of our selves by stating that this is all so wrong and "we are just concerned with organizing"... I know I'm not just concerned with organizing. I wanna be organized while being stylish and classy and I truly feel that the Filofax-brand provide me with exactly that!
I thought it was interesting to read about what kind of marketing Filofax is involved in and the brand needs to reinvent itself (every brand needs to) in order to stay current and relevant! And a paper planner in the digital age??? Gotta be something about it, right fellow Filosophers!!??!!

Tim (2012-09-23 03:07:34)
Dear Danish - everything you say is very valid. What is upsetting many of us though, is the way Filofax is almost ONLY being promoted as a fashion accessory. Just about every new model description, photo or press release is about how good a Filo will look on the cat walk, at a party, or co-ordinating perfectly with you're latest outfit. It's almost unheard of to see an image of a man or indeed anyone older than about 20! It's fine to attract a new market. Just don't ignore the needs of your long-standing and loyal customers.

DanishGTD (2012-09-23 09:47:26)
Thanks, Tim... Excellent point! I absolutely agree!

It Takes a Village...to Build a Filofax (2012-09-23 00:00) - Steve Morton

Thank you to Erin T. for this guest post about her Holborn.
I started my Filofax journey with a pocket sized Finchley in mustard in 2010. It worked wonderfully as a datebook, but over this past summer I decided I needed to get more out of my planner; I was looking for a one-stop spot not just to store appointments, but also to keep necessary information and notes from all facets of my life.
Overshooting the mark a bit, I went straight to A5, ordering a raspberry Finsbury. Very nice, but we just never bonded. Next was an A5 Imperial Purple Finchley, a breathtaking binder made even more special by the fact that I purchased it from Filofax celebrity [1]Imy! I happily set it up and carried it around much of the summer only to discover, as many have before me, that A5 was just too large and heavy to be

my go-everywhere organizer. Just in the nick of time, the famous [2]Zoe was selling a personal Finchley in teal. The size was perfect, and I'd been lusting after a teal Finchley ever since I was forced to order my very first binder in mustard when teal was discontinued, but something was still missing. It didn't look professional on my desk, and try as I might I couldn't get it to work as a wallet/purse. Enter the Holborn. It may not be as immediately pretty as the Finchley, but it is distinguished, smooth as butter, and has enough pockets to make me drool. Here's my setup, which owes so much to so many Philofaxers! First, the binder, in gorgeous wine. I was intrigued by [3]Laurie's review and video, and [4]Zoe's high praises for the Holborn sealed the deal.

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Inside, I store my business cards and some of the Staples Martha Stewart Avery sticky notes, which fit perfectly into one of Holborn's credit card slots and where I usually write a short list of not-too-time-specific monthly to-do's. I also keep a few slips of scrap paper in case I need to jot something down to give to someone.

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As you can see, I carry three Uni Style Fit Meister 3 multi-pens, for a total of 8 colors of .5 mm gel ink and one .5 mm pencil. These are inexplicably called "Mystar" at [7]Jetpens, which is where I got mine, but I couldn't love these pens more. I created one extra pen loop by covering a trimmed-to-fit A5 Flex pen loop with scrapbook paper and sliding it in the outward facing pocket.
I was really feeling OCD about being able to see the grey elastic from the front of the binder, since it's wider than Holborn's closure strap, but luckily, with my silver pen in that loop, it is camouflaged nicely.

I'm also able to keep other little things I need in that pocket along with the pen loop. The inward facing pocket holds my stickers.

[8]

I made my tabs out of scrapbook paper, and based on Ray's [9]tutorial on printing Post-It Tabs, I used icons from [10]The Noun Project with assistance from [11]The PNG Project to print clear labels to affix to each tab. The circus tent is for home and family–and, yes, my choice of icon is most certainly meant as commentary–where I keep information about my daughter's school, plan family finances, and the like. The yoga figure is for me (books I want to read, stuff I want to buy, and quilting projects in progress or that I'm dreaming about). The tree is for my Quaker meeting, the apple is for work (I teach), and the calendar is for, well, my calendar!

[12]

One of the most difficult things for me to give up about A5 was the ability to print on regular paper, make one cut, punch, and then insert into my binder. In particular, I learned that I like to keep copies of my course syllabi in my Filo so that I can refer back to them when needed and I despaired that I would ever find a way to print them on personal sized paper. As soon as I figured out that a little trimming and folding would do the trick–an idea I got from [13]Steve's folding experiments I knew that I could make personal size work.

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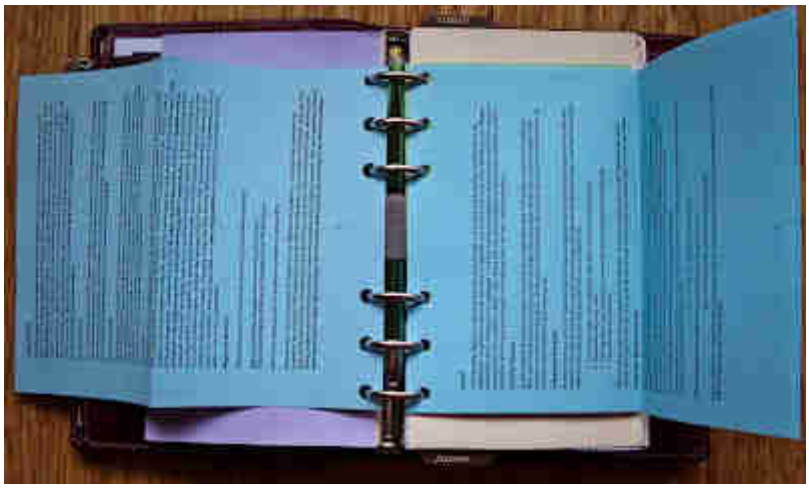
Voila! It's as simple as turning my binder one click to the right.

[15] 

Inspired by tutorials from [16]The Perpetual Student and [17]Whispering Rabbit, I made my second extra pen loop by cutting, covering, and punching another A5 Flex loop. As long as I make sure I slide my pen into the loop with the clip facing to the right (which has now become second nature) the pages turn wonderfully, even with the pen inside the rings. As you can see, this pen loop does double duty as a place to store sticky notes, flags, and tabs.

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My calendar is the last section of my binder, which helps keeps the rings from getting in the way of writing. I use week-on-two-pages cotton cream inserts, which, as you can see, I divide with a line down the center. (I use a [19]Uni Style Fit gel ink cartridge in brown black for this, as I find it matches the color of ink used to print the pages nicely enough.) On the side closer to the rings, I write my daily to-do's. On the side further from the rings, I write my appointments (purple for work, aqua for me, orange for my daughter, blue for my husband, and green for travel) and I use my Martha Stewart removable color-coding stickers for birthdays.
Using a clear today ruler helps to ensure that not too much is blocked from view. I love looking at [20]Angela's colorful pages, so each evening, I decorate the day based on its events and my mood. This is one of my favorite things to do, and it makes me squeal just a little teeny tiny bit every time I look at a completed week spread.

[21]

After my calendar is the business card holder that comes with the Holborn, which I have filled with cards that have non-sensitive information on them. The only failing of my beloved Style Fit pens is that that the particular model I like doesn't come with an eraser.The [22]Seed Slendy + Super Slim eraser, which I keep clipped to the business card holder, solves this problem very well. I use washi tape that I purchased from one of the Etsy sellers recommended by [23]Tracy throughout my Filo, but you see it here being used to keep the release lever for the eraser closed.

[24]

I was very attracted to the idea of being able to use my Filofax as a wallet/purse since it would reduce the number of things I would need to carry with me. My one reservation was that I often leave my binder laying open on my desk in my office, where many random students and others come wandering by, and I was fearful that if it was too obviously a wallet, I might come back one day from the water cooler to find it missing. For that reason, I do not store my credit and debit cards in the card slots at the front of the binder, where they would be ultra-visible. Instead, I use the back pockets of the Holborn as my wallet, with cash and coupons in the inward facing pocket and cards in the outward facing pocket. Without careful examination, it's almost impossible to see that I've got cash and cards in my organizer at all, especially because the pen shields them from view. Notice that I don't have any actual cash in this picture...certainly it's clear from this post where all my money went! I also keep some stickies here in the back for jotting quick notes that I may later want to stick in my calendar.

[25]

And here's the device I hacked to keep my cards organized in the back pocket of my Holborn. I took two inexpensive Day Runner business card holders that I purchased at Staples, cut off the strips with the holes punched on them, and used clear packing tape to fasten the two together. There's plenty of room for all my cards, and the holder stays pretty firmly wedged in the pocket once inserted.

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And a few more, just because it's so beautiful.

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Thank you all so much for reading. It's truly an honor to have this post published on Philofaxy. I'm so grateful for all of the inspiration I've gotten from all of the specific people I've mentioned, as well as many other individuals from this community who have sparked my ideas in ways I can't even pinpoint. You're all the best!
Erin T.

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Paul B (2012-09-23 00:18:20)
Thanks for such a detailed post, Erin. It's great to see how other people use their organisers. I can't believe you pack so many pens into one Personal. I carry a Frixion in my pen loop as my daily calendar changes so much and very quickly, otherwise I would have several crossings out each workday. Apart from being ugly to look at, it would also mean not being able to re-use the time slots in my page per day. I'd like to carry my
Fountain pen also, but I don't want to use the thing that sits across the front of the binder (is it the Quiver?). Does anyone know of something that clips into the rings, so the own is held at the opposite end if it, like an insert if some kind? I have an old Lefax with the wraparound flap, so I don't have the problem of modern Filofaxii that the pen loop would be too tight. Failing that, has anyone made their own? Thanks.

Paul B (2012-09-23 00:20:43)
That Should say "so the PEN is held at the opposite end". Blame the iPhone.

Josh (2012-09-23 00:24:25)
Erin, great setup and lovely binder! I'm a Quaker too.
I too used my planner as a wallet but am experimenting with keeping the two separate. I like having the two combined but it gets somewhat annoying to have my filofax in my hand ALL the time. So I'm trying a pocket wallet for a few weeks to see how it works.

Lime Tree (2012-09-23 01:06:08)
I love this Erin, thanks for posting!
I saw/touched Holborn just once and I couldnt believe how many pockets and how wonderful the leather felt! Your post made me itch again to get one! :D

Ling (2012-09-23 03:45:51)
I love your post and the Holborn. I have the same one, same color and it's indeed buttery soft and smells great. I recognize your A5 to personal journey and have just gone back to the Holborn myself yesterday after giving a Malden A5 a try.
Your post makes me happy, it's nice to see all the links to different ideas of Philofaxy members and the ideas themselves are useful too. But most of all your set-up is just colorful and fun to look at. And I am glad to find your folding tip, because folding A4 sized papers and sticking them in the outward facing pocket was a little cumbersome.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-23 03:46:08)
Nice setup Erin. I enjoyed reading this. Loads of great ideas.

industrious housewife (2012-09-23 04:07:07)
Great post Erin, love the links to all the ideas and your set up is lovely.
The Holborn really looks a great binder. All the pockets remind me of the Flex concept and it seems to allow for that flexibility, with the way you've added a penloop and credit card holders.
I love to see the creativity with which everyone customises their Filofaxes.

Elke K (2012-09-23 04:42:52)
Great setup - thanks for sharing! :)
I have the exact same Holborn in wine and I have to say that it seems that it seems to be 'my' perfect Filofax - I just love it; the color, the feel of the leather, the pockets.. Perfect (for now, you never know...) ;)
Anyway, enjoy your beautiful Holborn! :)

findinghope (2012-09-23 05:37:08)
Great Post, Erin. Thanks for all the inspirational details and links. I'm taking away many new ideas. Will definitely try putting the calendar part at the back and dividing the daily boxes in two sides.
And you definitely made me think here. I guess there really are binders that are less "in your face" beautiful. I wouldn't have given the Holborn a chance before but the longer I look at it the more I admire its simplicity and elegance.

DEM (2012-09-23 12:03:04)
Erin, I really enjoyed reading your post! Thanks so much for letting us tour you gorgeous Holborn. I have a Holborn in black and love it! I was using that one until I bought my ostrich binder. Reading about your binder and seeing how beautifully you have it set-up makes me want to pull mine out to find a use for it. It won't replace my ostrich but I want to put it back in use. Now, my only problem is that I wish I had it in wine too!

Anita (2012-09-23 13:33:49)
Thanks for a great post, Erin. I saw some Holborns at the meet up yesterday & they're a close second after the Maldens for me. I love how many pens you've managed to fit in there :)

Tina (2012-09-23 13:35:38)
Lovely detailed post. Erin your idea for another pen loop is brilliant!!! Love it!

Doris (2012-09-23 21:27:59)
I loved this post, so detailed and inspiring. I'm a Uni gel pen lover too and have one of those 3-barrel ones in pink for my wallet/purse. For my stay-at-home filo, I put them into the Coleto barrels cause I find the Coleto barrels better to write with.
Lemming the Holborn now! (:

Leah Greentree (2012-09-23 22:03:07)
Thanks for sharing. Love your setup!

austinlinda (2012-09-24 07:06:13)
I absolutely loved your post—and you were very helpful by showing pictures to show us exactly how it turned out. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words!!
The Holborn is a great binder, and I have found the one with the zip to be especially helpful, as well. I have the zip in personal, which has a few hidden pockets, making that one really good to use as a wallet, even in Personal. I wish I had both versions; the wine color is really a beautiful full bodied wine color-not purple, not orchid.
Thanks so much for sharing all of your great ideas!!

Alice Dial (2012-09-24 09:12:31)
I'm going to show my "nerdness" now–I have a personal Malden and I've found that a clear pocket protector fits exactly in the back pocket. It can hold 3 to 4 thick pens and 4-5 thin pens with no leakage to worry about. I don't like to use the loops. I usually use high-end pens and don't like them being held in only by the clip.

Erin (2012-09-24 11:42:13)
Thanks so much, everyone! I had almost as good a time writing this post as I did perfecting my setup–I'm so glad that there's this community who is able to enjoy it along with me. Unlike my husband, who is very supportive, but whose glazed-over eyes wordlessly say "If I never have to hear the word 'Filofax' again, it will still be way too soon.'"

Amanda (2012-09-24 19:47:01)
I am in love with this post and your Filo. I thought that I had found my one and only Filofax in my Malden...but now...this Holborn...it's just gorgeous. I never thought they were so gorgeous before seeing how you have yours all set up. I love how many pockets it has!!

mppaul2 (2012-12-20 19:17:47)
Thank you for this post and references to others for the Holborn! I am on the edge of a second FF for 2013 dedicated to a certification program I am pursuing as part of my job. I already carry a personal finchley and I am nervous about breaking out to a second planner, but this program is so rigorous I do not think my personal can handle the additional needs. I will go back a review the other post you refer.

Reader Under The Spotlight - Tracy R (2012-09-24 00:00) - Steve Morton

Today I would like to introduce you to Tracy, her blog you will know I'm sure as we have linked to it many times. '[1]The Crazy Suburban Mom' but I don't think she is crazy at all, I would rename the blog the Creative Suburban Mom!!

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1. When did you buy your first Filofax and what was it?
My very, very first planner wasn't a Filofax. It was a cheap no-name purple, plastic hot mess bought sometime in the early 80's. I wrote about it not that long ago in a post called - A disorganized, cluttered, and imperfect joy - (Link is here) The purple monstrosity was little bigger then a personal Filofax but smaller then an A5 and as awful as it was, the promise it made of an organized life was the spark for all

further planner purchases.
My first official Filofax was a Personal Portland bought new at Bloomingdale's sometime around 1990. I still have it. It's my car Filofax and contains car related documents plus street addresses/phone numbers of places I want to go or go to frequently, and vacation ideas.
2. What other brands have you used or considered using?
I use/used a few brands; Franklin Covey (a brief flirtation), Daytimers (I used them on and off in the 90's), success choice (love the leather and paper but it would work best for people who use that ring configuration unless you love re-punching holes), a Moleskine here and there, and a Midori Traveler's notebook (love)
I always check out binders put out by high end leather companies, too. I've never bought one of those because while many can use personal size inserts, almost none of them use Filofaxes A5 size.
3. Out of the organisers you own which is your current favourite (Style and Size)?
That's like asking which of your children you love more.... I love the Malden's slots and pockets but prefer the Emerald Finsbury's color and the Portland's leather.
4. How many Filofax organisers do you own?
I have an A5 Grey Malden, an A5 Emerald Green Finsbury, the Portland personal, a Pink Pocket Rio (my wallet), and a little, baby yellow Piazza (not currently using).
5. What do you use your Filofax for?
The yellow mini piazza's job is to look pretty, the pink pocket Rio is my wallet, the personal Portland lives in my car and the two A5's are my brain away from, and at, home. I switch back and forth between the Malden and Finsbury but they hold everything from calendars,to business cards, to letters I'm writing, interactions with various customer service departments, to postage stamps and sticker overflow.
6. What was the feature about Filofax you like most?
Well, obviously the rings allow for total customization but the slots, pockets and compartments add so much usable space in a small (relatively) footprint. I love that I can just get a pen and write something down, I don't like on-screen keyboard writing.
7. If you could design your own Filofax what would it feature?
I've thought a lot about that and considered writing a post many, many times. I've never done it because what is perfect for me might not be for anyone else. For me it would have to be A5 sized because that's what works for me. Other wishes are kind of general; I'd like to see a binder in minimally processed leather (or maybe patent leather) because it will last forever. If I scratch my Filofax I want to see more Filofax, not a plastic backing.
Also it would have what ever rings the early Filofaxes had. That Filofax doesn't have the same quality rings is the main reason I'm afraid to make the investment in a new one .
It's a shame because I'd love to support Filofax, the company, not just Filofax, the brand.
8. How do you carry your Filofax?
Well, I have a very large purse that if full, would hurt me. So carrying any size is feasible.
9. Which Filofax in the current range do you like the most? Are you going to buy it?
I wish there was a new Filofax I loved but the one's I like don't have 30 mm rings which is a deal breaker. I do look on eBay all the time for old ones.
10. What is the most you have ever spent on a Filofax? Which model?
I bought the A5 Gray Malden new and it was a little over a hundred dollars but at the same time I bought an A5 purple Finchley for $9 during the Swedish sale. I rationalized the price of the Malden by telling myself I only paid $55 for each - Which made me feel a lot better.
11. Turning to Philofaxy, what do you like the most?
I love that if I don't know the answer to a question„ someone there does. And like everyone has said before me, the sense of community. My family is bewildered by Filophila so it's a relief to have a place where people get me.
12. And what do you not like about Philofaxy?
Forgive me, Philofaxy but... The background color of the Philofaxy site is my least favorite thing. It doesn't do a thing for you...
13. What was the last music album CD you bought or downloaded?
I'm pretty neutral about music, even in my car. I love listening to audible books and subscribe to lots of

podcasts. I've downloaded tons of apps also, but music isn't really my thing.
Thank you Tracy for going under our Spotlight.

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EmmaNoey (2012-09-24 20:44:20)
Your blog is so much fun to look through- neat ideas for filofax, plus interesting vintage/retro links. And your dogs are so cute! Makes me want a greyhound, although I'm not in a position to right now. Ventura sure looks happy!

Lime Tree (2012-09-25 00:36:48)
Hi Tracy!
I agree that your blog should be called the creative suburban mom not crazy! I love all the costumization you do on your Filofaxes. Still can't believe I missed the cute pouches you were selling a while back. By the way where is the 80's hot mess link? The one that started it all :)

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-25 02:56:19)
EmmaNoey - Thank you so much for the comment! I appreciate it so much!
Tracy

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-25 02:58:49)
Lime Tree, It was a post I wrote in august. Don't know if I can add links here but if I can —> http://www.crazysuburbanmom.com/2012/08/ a-disorganized-cluttered-and-imperfect.html
There's no picture of the purple planner, it's long since disintegrated!
I wish I could more of those pouches, like the red riding hood one, but I can't find them anymore!
Tracy

Ling (2012-09-25 03:49:11)
I loved reading your post. With all of the FC enabling lately, I wonder why you didn't like it?
I enjoy looking at your setup, I use mostly grid paper too and like to doodle on them. And I'd love it if you'd create more templates. Love them!

mstraat (2012-09-25 09:24:09)
Tracy, I love your blog. (And Ventura and Ginger.) Your writing is really engaging. Thanks for stepping under the spotlight!

Ms. C (2012-09-25 09:43:55)
Hi Tracy! Great to see you featured here-you have been such an inspiration to me!

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-25 10:16:16)
It's not that I didn't like Franklin covey really... And now their line is so much bigger there's something for everyone I think.
I bought one because I'd gotten the personal portland and it was small for me. But the leather is so beautiful and it was really well made. Filofaxes weren't really being widely sold here anymore so I bought the FC to size up. Loved the size but it didn't have the same quality (at that time anyway). The inserts now are really varied but at the time all I could find was standard business type inserts and they didn't work for me.
I will work on some more templates, glad too! I wasn't sure anyone was really interested so I put it on a the back burner. Is there anything you'd like to see??
Tracy

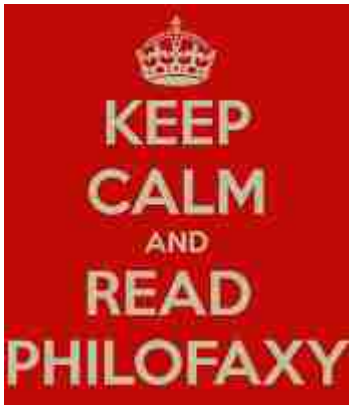
Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-25 10:16:57)
Thank you so much for letting me know - I can't tell you how much all these comments mean to me.
Tracy

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-25 10:18:17)
Ms. C - I'm so glad you let me know! Bloggings kind of an odd thing - sometimes I think I put stuff out there and no one hears me! It makes me feel so much better to know people are reading and enjoying!
Tracy

Tracy Reinhardt (2012-09-25 10:20:45)
Just want to ask.. If I tried making some personal inserts would people be interested?
Tracy

Deborah- Jane (2012-09-25 15:40:22)
Now that is a silly question would we be interested...is the sky blue...of course we would...

Free For All Tuesday No. 86 (2012-09-25 00:00) - Steve Morton



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Tuesdays are your chance to ask any Filofax related questions you might have.
So fire away and we will collectively try to answer your questions or offer opinions.

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Morag (2012-09-25 01:38:47)
Not really a question but I have discovered (mixed up with diary pages) my Filofax Slimming Magazine Calorie Counter!! I forgot I even had one. It's full of useful information and fits perfectly in my personal size health filo. It seems to date from 1987 (I've been an organiser from a very young age lol)

T-na (2012-09-25 01:39:53)
Is 19mm the largest pocket size rings available from Filofax? Including the discontinued models, not just the current ones. Thanks!

Jenna (2012-09-25 02:09:26)
Not a question either, but I realized this week that I pretty much only use the diary section & financial section of my filo on a day-to-day basis! If somethings not in my diary I don't think about it. I had this idea last week to insert a flyleaf in between my week on 2 pages to stick stickies for lists, to-dos, homework, ect and its working great for me! :D I took out the to-do section as well, it was just bugging me because it wasn't getting used at all. Anyone want a BNIP pack of cotton cream to-do sheets? I have no use for them now.

The Real Drama Mama (2012-09-25 02:49:55)
I always wondered about the rings on the pocket size binders. I have had pocket size Chamelon, Finsbury, and Malden. The Malden holds more than the Finsbury and of course the Chamelon is beautiful but very small rings. I could live without my personal if the pocket had bigger rings. I am having to still use both a personal and pocket

binder because i just can't see lugging my personal every.

Steve Morton (2012-09-25 03:03:28)
I think 19mm is the largest they have ever sold in Pocket size... but I am happy to bow to someone who knows different!

Hamish MacBear (2012-09-25 03:49:06)
It would appear that the Time Management diary inserts are no more - you can still order by phone but they are being discontinued. Sadly, this appears to be yet another nail in the coffin for Filofax as a serious time management tool - according to Filofax, there is no demand for the time management insers, which comes as no surprise as the inserts were always hidden away in some secretive corner of the website.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-25 04:12:11)
And of course they sell out every year - makes you wonder if they would sell more if they made more!

Steve Morton (2012-09-25 04:16:07)
Alison.... you should be in marketing, but with a grander title than that..
So are they going to be available for 2013?
There are alternatives available of course (cough) Ray and Steve Enhanced TM inserts...

Helen Conway (2012-09-25 04:26:58)
Is there a current discount code for City Organiser?
Helen
Who accidentally met and fell in love with a Holborn yesterday!

Lostwithoutyou (2012-09-25 04:42:52)
I've seen some 2013 TM Inserts on ebay.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-25 05:31:46)
Steve - I do a lot of marketing for my customers!!! FF don't deserve to sell any of them the way they tuck them away and don't promote them.
However I won't be buying the FF TM inserts this year. Firstly I am trying to go down to a personal size (possibly FC for that extra half an inch!), secondly I'd rather print out yours and Rays even if I have to edit slightly. These FF inserts are expensive (especially if you want the weekly and daily set) and I sort of resent the fact that they are hard to get hold of - they should be a mainstream item. Also the paper is pretty poor - I am a fountain pen fan and like decent paper.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-25 05:32:56)
Oh, did he make your heart race - is he handsome and charismatic in the flesh?
I've never had the pleasure of stroking one I'm afraid, but I do like the layout as described by other users.

Steve Morton (2012-09-25 05:36:50)
I don't think there's one at the moment, what size/type of Holborn are you interested in. I saw one there on Saturday in their sale area...
Give them a call
Steve

Helen Conway (2012-09-25 05:43:34)
A5,wine.... Like Richard Gere in his prime.

Steve Morton (2012-09-25 05:49:51)
They had an A5 Holborn Zip on the sales shelf, but I forget what colour it was, priced at £50 something....
Your Richard Gere would be my equivalent... Felicity Kendal in her younger days!

Tim (2012-09-25 06:04:54)
It's not a Philofaxy exclusive discount, but City Organiser are promoting a 10 % code for September of "1111". I keep looking at that new tan A5 Flex, but am loathed to spend more on Filofax products, with their current attitudes!

Steve Morton (2012-09-25 06:11:04)
Thanks for that Tim, I must have missed that. I've added that to the graphic link in the side bar.
Steve

Yu (2012-09-25 06:27:04)
Argh! *ordered something before she knew about the code*

Tim (2012-09-25 06:30:22)
You can almost imagine this Filofax memo.. "Secret. We don't want anyone to know that Time Management inserts have been made for 2013. If you really must know, they are product code TM701351. But don't tell anyone and certainly don't put them on our website, because folk might want to buy them. We need to sell as few as possible so that we can discontinue them next year, by claiming that there is no longer any demand."

Steve Morton (2012-09-25 06:37:06)
And it would be very bad if someone posted links on the interwebs and the twitters as to where you might be able to buy them from...
http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Filofax-Professional-A5-2013-Week-Two-Page s-Dated-Diary-Pack-TM701351-/280963807728
http://www.amazon.co.uk/Filofax-Professional-Dated-Pages-Diary/dp/ B008KM952O ■ Currently Unavailable :(
and elsewhere:
https://www.google.co.uk/search?hl=en &btnG=Google+Search &meta= &q=TM701351

Hamish MacBear (2012-09-25 06:52:14)
Thanks for those links, Steve - I've just purchased the 2 pages per day insert for 2013 from eBay.

Butanben (2012-09-25 07:04:06)
Personally, I fall for any chap who has a crinkle factor of 10!!! Let me explain.... The crinkle factor is that moment when a chap's smile is just for you, his eyes sparkle with happiness and crinkle up around the edges whenever he laughs or smiles.A chap with a high crinkle factor and sparkling eyes has me utterly smitten!!! I am not smitten by crinkle factor in a Filofax though!!! LOL!!

Maus (2012-09-25 07:20:55)
Has anyone ever seen the new Osterley colour "orange", which is now available on the CO site?

industrious housewife (2012-09-25 07:38:02)
It looks gorgeous doesn't it!

industrious housewife (2012-09-25 07:39:42)
Everyone see Filofax latest post on Facebook????
Think they might be listening!

industrious housewife (2012-09-25 07:40:12)
https://www.facebook.com/filofax

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-25 07:44:21)
I've just replied, pointing them here for all of our many, many requests!!!!

Paul Taylor (2012-09-25 08:24:20)
Would anyone mind reposting the text of said Facebook entry from Filofax? I don't 'do' Facebook (walled garden / invasion of privacy concerns) but something like this might be of general interest even among the Facebook refuseniks like myself.

Paul B (2012-09-25 09:07:16)
I think their Marketing department must be staffed by ex-Army guys from the Stores section. The same guys who would tell you, when you needed to exchange an item: "Can't you see? These are the Stores. Stores are for storing. If we were meant to issue you anything, we'd be called Issues". Sigh.....

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-25 09:08:15)
"Check out our range of useful inserts at http://tiny.cc/3jhzkw– we have everything from road maps of France to handy Finance Sheets. Quick question for you - what kind of insert would you like to see to make sure you stay super organised?"

Paul B (2012-09-25 09:11:37)
Ye Gods!!! Is Filofax's facebook page sponsored by London Fashion Week? Sad to see that "fashion" is the pre-eminent theme coming out of their website. Maybe we are in a minority, as they have 4,927 likes, and even Filofax can't have THAT many employees. Oh well. I'll stick with my vintage products, my printer and Philofaxy "Files". Steve, shouldn't you rename them "Philes" ??

Kerry (2012-09-25 09:37:03)
Hello, I'm a first time poster but keen philofaxy reader!
I just got my first personal, it's a vintage with Made in England and real calf stamped in gold and has gold rings which I love, but they don't have filofax stamped on them. Is it me, or is that odd?
Thanks!

Alondra Karwowski (2012-09-25 09:59:02)
I wouldn't mind having some extra to do sheets :) are they for sell or will they be a nice donation?

Cecilia Tudo (2012-09-25 10:00:55)
yes? What size?

T-na (2012-09-25 10:19:26)
Thanks, Steve. I was browsing some of the Filofax sites (.it, .de, etc...) and noticed a 23 mm rings description on a pocket Butterfly. Couldn't tell if that was a typo or not.

crofter (2012-09-25 12:08:56)
I was so pleased to see in the first post of the Finds that Letts is in talks with Excompta to be bought out. That would certainly take care of the paper problem. I would doubt they would take much interest in the binders, they are in the paper business. That is really not a concern for me, I have to big a collection of binders any way, but with them and their planning products, you would see a lot more options.
The other major point, they are very, very interested is satisfying their customers. For those of you that follow the Quo Vadis blog, that is very evident. I think it would be a great win/win situation for both companies.

Laura (2012-09-25 12:22:05)
Hello all, wondered if anyone could help me out. I'm looking to buy a pocket size diary insert like this one: http://www.filofax.de/store/diaryrefillsdetails.asp?productId=2514
Needs to be ruled, and equal sized boxes for each day.
Does anyone know of anywhere in the UK I could get this from before I pay for the international shipping costs? I want them for the rest of 2012 and 2013.
Thanks!

Jen (2012-09-25 12:39:41)
Post-It Labels - Do they have these in the UK? If not, I apologize. I love them. They are full sheet adhesive so they stick wonderfully well on the front of my binder for reminders or lists.
I have these on my dashboard:
http://www.post-it.com/wps/portal/3M/en _US/Post _It/Global/Products/Product-Catalog/?N=42-94424795+5893916 &rt=r3
These on my desk:
http://www.post-it.com/wps/portal/3M/en _US/Post _It/Global/Products/Product-Catalog/ /Post-it-Super-Sticky-Patterne d-Label-Pads-2-in-x-3-in-Neon-Colors-50-Pack?N=6253269 &rt=rud &x=0 &y=0
I'm coveting these:
http://www.post-it.com/wps/portal/3M/en _US/Post _It/Global/Products/Product-Catalog/ /Post-it-Designer-I-D-Labels-R ed-Apple-Diecut-2-1-in-x-2-3-in-60-Pk?N=6244224 &rt=rud &x=0 &y=0
My Staples only carries a few, but I'm thinking a search is in order.

Helen Conway (2012-09-25 14:26:17)
There is a sales shelf??? I am excited. I have just reorganised my day trip to London from Bath tomorrow to take in a detour to CO and Have also just spotted on Google maps that there is a Daunts bookshop at the top of Bow Lane... Yipee!

po (2012-09-25 15:16:21)
Hi everybody, being a Philofaxy reader for a long time I have never asked anything but read "free for all..." with pleasure. However, now I have encountered a sad thing with my Pocket Hampshire. I hadn't used it for a while (in favour of Personal Hamilton) and when I opened it I found that a credit card holder had glued itself to the binder. I removed it carefully but now the leather is all sticky and full of stains. Has anyone experienced something like this and know what to do to get the binder back in good condition again? Grateful for your suggestions.

Tim (2012-09-25 15:38:56)
You may be right and indeed I hope so. Sadly, based on my own senior management experience of venture capitalist exits strategies, mergers and takeovers, I suspect the opposite could happen. Excompta will be seeking big synergy savings to justify their purchase. Looking at the current product ranges, there is a lot of overlap and duplication, which would suggest "opportunities" for consolidation and product rationalisation. Quo Vadis binders and Flex, for example.
Sadly, the paper-based organiser and diary market is currently in sharp decline. Now is unlikely to be the time to see expanded product options from any large operator, although I'm sure that excellent products like Quo Vadis would become far more available in the UK. I'm not suggesting that Filofax would disappear, but maybe nothing like the current range.
I agree that the French company certainly won't tolerate current paper quality or poor customer service!
(I also commented on today's webfinds).

Jenna (2012-09-25 16:16:31)
Just a donation! I have a personal sized pack, shoot me an email @ Jedi-jenna@hotmail.com if you'd like them. :)

Alondra Karwowski (2012-09-25 23:42:46)
Emailed you :)

David Popely (2012-09-26 12:34:47)
i think this really, genuinely is the last nail in the coffin for FF as a genuine Time Management tool for me. Yes, of course, the print-on-demand versions are available (and are great), but the very fact that we have to dig out (or design) these inserts in the first place jut shows that FF aren't at all interested - which is to be expected now that the Presly Gang and Phoenix are selling up. Presly has a further 30 company directorships to fall back on, so he'll be OK, along with his daughter (no comment). The brand may or may not be capable of rescue by Exaclair (if they get the chance). Exaclair's existing diary portfolio includes the excellent Quo Vadis layouts, but to all intents and purposes, FF at present are nowhere near being on the map as a serious time and task planning and

management tool.
Looks like it'll have to be TMI for me in 2013 - I want to deal with a company that's still in some way interested.....

David Popely (2012-09-26 12:38:22)
Good thinking - start listening to your customers after the story has broken that you're selling the brand and company. Why am I unimpressed?
Also unimpressed with the half-hearted attempt by Slam PR to have some of their PR cronies post positive things about the Temperley range and their fashion focus generally. check out the Twitter profiles of the posters - some of them have less than 5 followers.
'I've got a little list', as Gilbert and Sullivan once said....

David Popely (2012-09-26 12:39:32)
So...Tim...how would you turn a Quo Vadis diary into a decent TM tool? ;)

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-09-26 15:03:45)
@butanben
Mmm. Tom Hardy
Sorry. Somewhat off topic, but he has the crinkle factor for me!
:-)

crofter (2012-09-27 00:25:55)
Hi David and Tim,
I have no earthly idea about how you would turn Quo Vadis into a great tool, but I am sure of one thing; they would listen to suggestions, and respond to them, and if it is feasible they will produce the product you want. That is a lot more than we have now!

Web Finds - Mardi 25 Septembre 2012 (2012-09-25 10:00) - Steve Morton

Gosh I leave the system running over the weekend in my absence and I was amazed at how many posts and articles had appeared when I got back from my weekend à Londres...
So here they are:

1. [1]French firm in the frame as diary maker Letts/Filofax goes up for sale again - Scotsman
2. [2]21 Signs That You Are Failing At Time Management - Time Management Ninja
3. [3]Meet up in Köln - Filomaniac
4. [4]Journalling School (10) - Filomaniac
5. [5]Journalling School Session 10: Past, Present and Future - My Life All in One Place
6. [6]Filofax as objet d'amour - The Crazy Suburban Mom
7. [7]Comparing the Midori Traveler's Notebook to an A5 Filofax - The Crazy Suburban Mom
8. [8]Lessons Never Learned - Well Planned Life
9. [9]Temperley for Filofax - Violet Review - Imysworld
10. [10]Guest Post from Kiddy Qualia - How she uses her Filofax - Imysworld
11. [11]I'm back!! And an update :) - The Life of The Perpetual Student
12. [12]filofax heavyweight champion! - Paper Lovestory

13. [13]my filofax week #23 - Paper Lovestory
14. [14]more homemade inserts - Paper Lovestory
15. [15]Philofaxy meet up. 22/9/12 - Rapunzel's World
16. [16]My thoughts on the new Temperley for Filofax range - Rapunzel's World
17. An Open Letter..... - Austin Linda Rides Again [Link Removed as the post was deleted]
18. [17]Could it be that Letts, the owner/partner of Filofax is getting ready to sell? - Austin Linda Rides Again
19. [18]There is something rotten in the state of Filo - Productive Living
20. [19]Filofax Fortnight #6 - Pride, It leaves you hollow
21. [20]Philofaxy September 2012 Meet Up - JarFM
22. [21]Filofax App? - Lady Tamlynn
23. [22]New Set Up - picture 4 - Sense of Gravity
24. [23]My Filofax Collection Part 2 - Within Dreams We Live
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29. [28]When Life Gets Crazy… - Wandrrlust
30. [29]Making Filofax Dividers - Femme Musings
31. [30]Hot List Sheets - Cloudberry Musings
32. [31]New Filofax Personal Inserts - Glossette
33. [32]My new weight loss Filofax - Filofax Fantasies
34. [33]Question of the Week - Strangest Place You've Taken Your Filofax? - Bryan Sherwood
35. [34]The Most Important Part of My Filofax Planner - Bryan Sherwood
36. [35]Uni Filofax Set Up - In Hope of an Organised Life
37. [36]Do you know where your addresses are?? - Plannerisms
38. [37]Creating time out of nothing - Mother's Always Right
39. [38]Moving on up...- Imysworld
40. [39]Maudiemade - Jagged Little Thoughts

And you have been busy doing Filofax videos too... Click watch in You Tube if you want to see the full details of the video and comments etc.

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Tim (2012-09-25 10:25:07)
At first glance you may skip over it, but everyone here should read the top story (no. 1 above) from today's Scotsman ("French firm in the frame as diary maker Letts goes up for sale again"). This could have enormous consequences for the future of Filofax.
1) Letts (Letts Filofax Group) is the company that owns Filofax. 2) The CEO of LFG is to announce the trading figures for 2011 shortly. He is already hinting that they will be bad. We all know that!
3) The venture capitalists that own the bulk of LFG are rumoured to want out. VC's don't usually hang around in declining markets.
4) Groupe Exacompta Clairefontaine. Who are they? They are a huge firm involved in all sorts of paper/ stationery/ office things. Most interestingly, they own Quo Vadis, the nearest French product to Filofax. If they succeed in purchasing Letts Filofax, what will happen. Range consolidation for sure!
We shouldn't speculate too much, but turbulent times may lie ahead...

Alondra Karwowski (2012-09-25 10:31:17)
Thank you for featuring my Metropol video's :)

Natalie (2012-09-25 12:07:08)
Thank you for the great links to the wonderful blogs. I enjoy it again and again to browse on your blog.
Greetings
Natalie

Jenna (2012-09-25 16:17:09)
2 posts on one day? Its like christmas time! :)

Josh (2012-09-25 20:16:26)
I had similar thoughts, Tim. At least from the American viewpoint, the Filofax brand is much better established than QuoVadis, which would help keep Filofax viable. But one must wonder what we will see in the future.

John (2012-09-25 21:16:04)
One obvious benefit would have to be a paper upgrade. Clairefontaine paper is of peerless quality. I might do a somersault the day I see Personal cut-and-punched Rhodia quadrille or Dot Grid refills. . .

Mony (2012-09-27 03:23:55)
ho messo i titoli :) grazie

Hannah C. (2012-09-27 10:20:09)
I'm just now getting around to watching the videos, and I'm being told that the Temperley video (first on the list) has been removed by the user.

Steve Morton (2012-09-27 11:42:56)
Yes they have, but I think they have uploaded a new version, so I've linked to it. Try again..

Philofaxy Meet Up - September 2012 (2012-09-26 00:00) - Steve Morton

So another London meet up is complete.

'But Steve it was just another London Meet Up?'

Well yes and no... I will admit the format of the day on Saturday did use the tried and tested formula of the previous ones, but we have been tweaking and refining it with each meet up... the same as we tweak our Filofax set ups, looking for that ultimate bit of perfection.
A quick run down of the day and then I will get into the detail and some background for those of you who as yet haven't attended a meet up to see if we can demystify the magic of a Philofaxy Meet Up, what is the secret behind them...
So I flew in to London from Poitiers my local airport here in France on Friday afternoon, arriving in London in the thick of the evening rush hour, which is a bit of a shock compared to quiet and peaceful rural France. Once again I was booked in to the Holiday Inn Express in Southwark Street just behind Tate Modern, although there are a growing number of hotels now available in this area of London.
After breakfast I wandered across to Tate Modern and monitored Twitter and had my phone to hand to keep in touch with people on their way to London. Our meet up was timed for 12.00 noon with us booked in to the restaurant for 12:15. With one exception every one was there by 12:10, big thumbs up, thanks everyone, this was a great start to a great afternoon.
Because our numbers have swelled from 10 to 14 people, Tate couldn't accommodate us all on one long table as in the past. However, in the end this didn't seem to matter as we all moved around after we had finished eating and I think we all got to talk to everyone else either at the Tate, during the walk across to City Organiser or later on that evening.
As usual it was a case of 'who is going to be first'.... first to finish dinner? No.... First to get out their Filofax organisers that they had brought along! It didn't take long before they started to appear and pages where being turned and discussions and explanations where being given and ideas exchanged.

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Andy surprised Rebecca when he produced a large Dodopad folder that his wife had used in the late 1980's, Rebecca was rather taken back and Dodolighted to see a bit of her companies history still preserved and loved.

This was our sixth London meet up in less than two years, we had people that had been to a meet up before as well as new people, but some people had not been at the same meet up together, so they were also meeting for the first time. Very few introductions were needed, with people being on Twitter, Facebook and of course Philofaxy, more and more people know each other quite well these days, and it was great to watch everyone instantly be relaxed and at ease with each other.

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[8] Alison the Globe Trotting Philofaxy Meet Up Attendee London, Chicago....

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I got to chat with people about Philofaxy in general and some of these discussions triggered ideas for future posts, so I was frantically making notes so I didn't forget them.
At about 3pm we settled up our bill at the Tate and we formed up to march, sorry I mean walk to City Organiser over in Bow Lane, once again we were lucky with the weather, not a drop of rain all day thank goodness.
Then as we approached City Organiser, all the excitement and chattering started to die down as we got within a few metres. For those who had never been there before it was like entering the 'Magic Kingdom' there was silence... for a few seconds.... then people remembered to breath again.... no this wasn't a dream it was real, all those organisers in one place for them to look at and touch.
Having the whole of City Organiser to ourselves was once again an excellent part of the whole meet up experience and a big thank you to Andy for agreeing to open just for us on Saturday, normally his day off.

[10] Tracy and Imy

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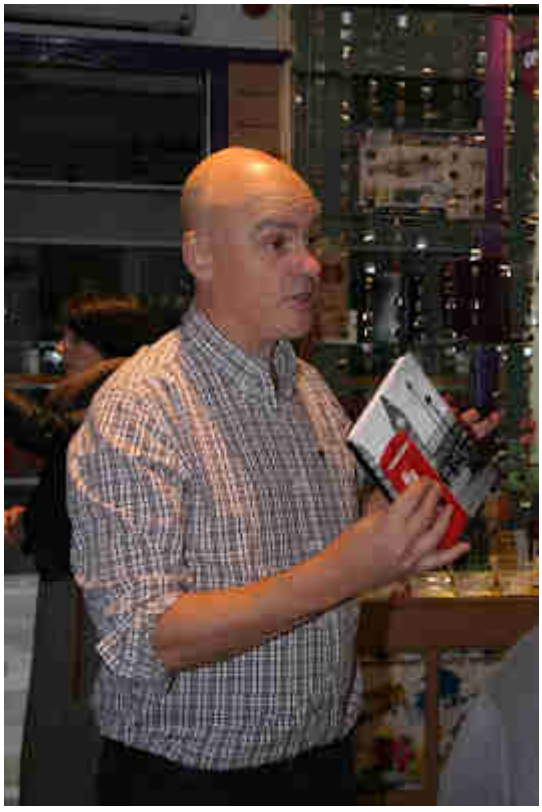
The Dynamic Duo[12] Well Imy what do

you think of the new Temperley?[13]

I think you can guess Tracy's reaction![14]  Andy introduces some of the new Letts Notebooks

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This was were the serious business of the day was going to take place, shopping lists came out, eyes started scanning the displays and items were being picked out and placed on the counter.

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[20] Purple Maldens

It wasn't all about buying though, we got to closely examine the new Temperley organisers as well as the limited edition ones. Quite a lot of discussion took place around a table at the back of the shop about these and comparing them with other organisers from the standard range.

Laurie will be doing a review of a Temperley soon so it will be interesting to see what she has to say compared to what the group thought.

I think most of us ventured down in to the 'Aladdins Cave' which is the basement office of City Organiser. As you can see there were a few familiar office staff already sat at the desks gazing around the walls of shelves of Filofax black boxes.... and Andy then told us, oh we haven't had our big Autumn delivery yet... I wonder where they will all end up being stored..!

[21] The new office staff at City Organiser try out their desks!

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I am sure most of us have been to a store to look and may be buy a Filofax before. However, the unique experience about doing the same thing at a meet up is that you are shopping with 'friends'. You can examine the whole range of organisers, or even the whole stock of one particular model/style to be able to pick out exactly the one that you like the best, best the pattern of the leather or the shade of colour.

[24] Which Purple Malden would you like?

We managed to get everyone outside for a quick group photo before the daylight disappeared and some of our party had to leave for early trains home to different parts of UK.

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L-R Yasmin, Andy, Anita, Saz, Christa, Thomas, Tracy, Imy, Alison, Jess, Keji, Rebecca, Preethi
As some of us were staying in London, and a few people only had a short train journey to get home, so we agreed to meet up for a meal in a restaurant in the evening.
I had spotted Vapiano whilst I was over last time in May, when I mentioned it to Thomas, he was very complementary about Vapiano and so we met up there in the evening.

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More discussions took place, others continued from earlier, a few drinks were consumed as well as some lovely food and deserts.

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Sadly we had to end the day there, go home or back our respective hotels. After a quick night cap we turned in for the night.
Sunday dawned with grey skies and the forecast of rain and high winds, so I implemented a hasty change of plan for lunch and we went back to Vapiano's again... this time a reduced number of us (Thomas, Imy, Tracy and myself), but we were joined by my son Philip and Maudie (of [29]Maudie Made)
We had a great meal and lots of discussion. I'm not quite sure what my son Philip made of it all, he was the only non-Filofax user there!!! But he joined in the conversation as much as everyone else, so it couldn't have been too bad!
It was lovely to meet Maudie as well for the first time. She is also another diary insert maker so it was interesting to compare notes about how we create our different diary inserts.
With it still raining outside we all said our goodbyes and headed off for trains. I had a quiet night in the hotel and flew back to France on Monday morning, but I also managed to visit The Pen Shop in Stansted Airport on the way through. The manager remembered me from last May!!! So we had a chat and I left her with some Philofaxy cards.

[30] The Pen Shop Stansted Airport

The weekend has left me full of happy memories of conversations and things we shared on the two days and now of course I can look forward to the November meet ups... one in [31]Edinburgh and the other in [32]London.

Again thank you to everyone who came to the various events over the weekend. And of course to Andy for giving us full access to [33]City Organiser

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Josh (2012-09-26 00:39:41)
Looks like a brilliant Meetup! We all wish we could have been to this star-studded event... Steve (the King), Imy and Tracy (the dynamic duo), Anita... I'd particularly have loved to have met Lord Dodo! Looks like tons of fun. Will have to try to get to London for one of these sometime!

Globetrotting Cacti (2012-09-26 01:10:05)
Loved reading the write-up, Steve. Fantastically fun day meeting old and new friends. Have to admit I felt far more relaxed this time around (last time my husband was freaking out about me meeting people off the internet and I was instructed to send him regular texts throughout the day.... this time he knew I was with friends!). Steve - thanks so much for organising, you do all the hard work so we can all enjoy the day. P.S. LOVE seeing The Pen Shop photo.... my highlight of flying from Stansted (they have some really old inserts there, and makes flying budget worth it!).

Becki Ritson (2012-09-26 02:10:43)
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Ling (2012-09-26 05:04:25)
What a nice write-up, but I keep wondering: what did everyone buy?

Patricia (2012-09-26 06:50:04)
Looks like a fab day!

michele (2012-09-26 07:34:12)
This was a fantastic write up of a great meet up! Wow the basement of the store with all those Filofax boxes - how could you stand that! My British boyfriend keeps telling me to fly to London for a meet up and I would love to go one day SOON!

Lord Dodo (2012-09-26 07:38:58)
Thanks again to you Steve - it was a brilliant day - I met friends old and mostly new but as you say knowing each other online makes actually meeting 'in the flesh' almost completing the circle. I have to say it never occurred to me to be cautious about meeting people I'd not 'met' before!
I'll be interested to see what Laurie has to say about the new 'Violet' Temperley. I did in fact buy one and I have to admit to loving it. But I am using it as a wallet to replace my old Classic. (I guess neither Imy or Tracy will ever speak to me again!)
It was wonderful to meet Andy from City Organiser too and to see a 32 year old Dodo Pad, perfectly preserved and MUCH used and loved, was indeed my highlight of the day! Thank you and I look forward to coming along to another meet up soon.

Laurie (2012-09-26 07:53:20)
Unfortunately for me it's not the Violet Temperley I've received on loan but the yellow Ikat one. Too bad because I think the Violet looks gorgeous but the Ikat is very disappointing. Not only the print (you either love it or hate it I think) but the construction seems very cheap. I have off-brand Filofax-like binders I bought 8 years ago that are better constructed. Too bad, especially considering the price!! I will post the review soon.
Looks like a wonderful meetup!!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-26 08:47:43)
Looks wonderful - you are all so lucky to get together - I must try and get there one day! I don't think you would get me out of COs basement though - I'd want to move in with all that lovely stock! Can't wait to hear what everyone has bought - I'm sure there will be blogs and reveals soon!

Alison Reeves (2012-09-26 08:54:11)
On meeting strangers from online - I remember when I met up with David Popely for the first time, my OH was a little dubious, but we arranged to meet in a FF shop and moved onto a coffee shop so I guessed there was no real problem. In the event it turned out to be the start of a very pleasant online 'friendship'. I also met up with Helen Conway at the Quilting Festival at the NEC and my only regret is that I was unable to spend more time with her as I had my elderly mother and my niece in tow!
Ordinarily I might be more cautious, but I have to say every interaction or meeting I've ever had with the Philofaxy community has been lovely - a bunch of truly nice people.

David Popely (2012-09-26 12:28:31)
I've also recently met Cloudberry, and again, it was (I am sure) the start of what will be a very pleasant friendship....obviously standard caution is on order, but I would urge people not to shy away from meeting other Philofaxy members.....we're basically a good bunch, and the breadth of our shared interest makes it easy to spend time together talking.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-26 13:03:33)
Yes - the problem is usually getting a word in edgewise as we all want to talk so much!!! There is always so. much. to. say.

Hannah C. (2012-09-26 13:24:37)
What a lovely write-up!
It is my dream to one day visit City Organiser. Preferably with Philofaxers. Since I am in the US and have no money, this is definitely a dream....but who knows what will happen someday!
Also, I had to laugh when you said you were at a Holiday Inn Express - we have those here, and I didn't know they were an international thing. :)

David Popely (2012-09-26 13:40:27)
I've stayed occasionally at the Holiday Inn Express in Croydon - it's very nice, although I usually use the Travelodge for reasons of price. The HI people are really helpful though - I recommend calling them rather than booking online, just for the pleasure of their service!

kanalt (2012-09-26 13:57:29)
Wow, this meet up puts our shopping selection in New York to shame. Where we go has a good selection for the US, but nothing like this! And you had so many people! I hope, hope, hope I get to London some day. I would love to attend a meet up there!

Steve Morton (2012-09-26 14:37:40)
Yes 14 of us this time!
Can I just say that if anyone from the US manages to travel to UK on holiday I would do everything possible to arrange a meet up around their visiting dates, assuming we had enough notice etc.
It's just the way Philofaxy works, you would do the same for us in the USA I'm sure.... and you have I know already with both Saffy and Alison D visiting different meet ups in the USA.

Steve Morton (2012-09-26 14:38:44)
Do Pens and Leather have a store you could visit? I will look it up in a moment.....

kanalt (2012-09-27 05:27:47)
I don't believe that pens and leather has a store. There are a few places in New York that sell filos, but none of them have the selection that your stores in London do.
If - no when - I make it to London, you'll be the first to know!

Anita (2012-09-27 07:30:11)
I had such a wonderful day & thanks to Steve for arranging it. Really enjoyed the meal afterwards as well & my lovely husband collected me from the station at 11:30 p.m.! Blog post to come :)

michele (2012-09-27 08:26:21)
@kanalt, I will drag you with me! John said it again, "you should go to London for a meet up!"

Steve Morton (2012-09-27 08:35:36)
I only bought a couple of packs of plain cotton cream paper so I can print off my own personal size diary insert. I also collected another item at the meet up that Tracy had bought for me off Ebay, this will appear in a post soon.... so all will be revealed!
Steve

Jennifer Bunagan Reyes (2012-09-27 18:58:59)
Jealous!!!! Could you have taken anymore pictures of those purple Maldens!!! haha. Thanks for sharing! Seems like most of us from the USA are in envy of the wide range of Filofaxes you have in the UK and those Philofaxy meet ups! Now, how to ship us over there...

kanalt (2012-09-28 08:07:53)
Drag me, drag me! I won't protest! ;-) actually, I have thought about that - rounding up as many Americans as possible and doing a group trip to London. It's probably not very feasible, but a nice idea anyway!

Robert Wasserman (2012-09-28 21:48:33)
It sounds as though your London meet up was sucessful. If I ever went into the City Organiser, my wife may never see me agsain. I really like those kind of stores.

Rapesco Diary Punch 66-P - Updated Review (2012-09-27 00:00) - Steve Morton

[1]
I reviewed this punch shortly after buying it in August 2009. So think of this as 'Long Term Review' a bit like you see in Car Magazine! I've updated the information and added some more details as well.
Do you have a Personal size and Pocket size organiser? Or just one of those two sizes? And you want to be able to punch your own pages, but the cost of a Filofax Punch seems a bit high at £27.75 each ($55 or €49)? Then this punch at a typical price of about £10 plus postage might be your answer...
The [2]Rapesco Diary Punch 66-P has two sets of sliding punch blocks which you can easily move in their slots. Each punch block has three 6mm punches spaced 19mm (3/4") apart.

With the punch blocks in the outer most position, it will punch up to 8 sheets of paper for a Personal size organiser. Slide both punch blocks fully towards the centre and it punches 6 holes perfectly spaced for a Pocket Filofax. As the Mini uses the same ring spacing as the Pocket but only 5 rings not 6 this punch works for that size as well.
The punch also has a middle setting for both punch blocks this equates to a 38mm spacing between the two sets of three holes. This is the setting to use if you have a Mulberry A6 size organiser.
It will not punch pages for an A5 as standard, although with a little bit of experimenting (remember I am an engineer!) you can punch holes the right spacing for an A5 organiser, but it involves two punches of the three holes and careful alignment in the punch. You need to punch it twice with the top or the bottom of the paper 32mm above the centre line of the highest hole. The paper will be just beyond the centre of the punch.
The punch is easy to empty, the whole base unclips... but don't do as I did... turn it upside down on my desk only to discover that because it has the slots... the chads (the bits of punched paper) manage to escape through the slots!!
I have had the punch for 3 years now, admittedly not in daily use but I would recommend it to anyone who has a Filofax or Mulberry organiser.

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Josh (2012-09-27 00:48:17)
Just a comment, I purchased one of these and found it slightly defective. I should have returned it but I don't think I realized the extent of the problem until I'd used the punch for a while. The two blocks of three punches were not aligned exactly to the same depth, thus the pages end up with the top three holes slightly closer to the edge of the page than the bottom three. I also don't like how this punch has no guide to help you get the pages slotted in correctly, I find I need to just eyeball that the center of the page is at the center of the punch, and frequently misjudge!
Still, it certainly gets the job done and is undoubtedly a much better value than the absurdly expensive filofax punch.
I did discover the Franklin Covey punch, which costs about $25 (I think) and is very precise and well made. I recommend it.

indigogarden (2012-09-27 01:12:58)
I always draw in a circle for one of the holes and use that to aline the punch. Seems to work well. I think you did get a defective punch. Mine seems to punch straight and true every time.

Paul B (2012-09-27 03:12:00)
I bought two of these, one for each location, as I work away from home. It has been absolutely invaluable. I have the massive Rexel 420 for heavy duty work, but this 66P is fantastic. I also struggled, like Josh, in getting the pages lined up. The an usual, a Philofaxy reader came to the rescue and posted a photo of an Avery tab, stuck underneath, which is the perfect line-up for Personal sheets. I have the Filofax brand punch for A5 and Personal and they are a nightmare. This is easy to use, the handle is MUCH easier than the sliver of metal Filofax provides, and it

doesn more sheets. And the bonus of being able to do pocket and mini is a great design. Cant recommend it enough.

Steve Morton (2012-09-27 03:59:10)
Josh,
It sounds like you had a faulty one. I've not seen the Franklin Covey punch over here in Europe I will look out for it to see what it costs over here.
Steve

Steve Morton (2012-09-27 04:03:19)
Another reason for doing this updated review was the discovery of the mid setting which is suitable for Mulberry A6 size organisers.
A6 is slightly shorter than Filofax Personal but wider. And being the standard ISO proportions, you can of course scale any of Ray and my inserts to fit.

Alison Reeves (2012-09-27 04:07:30)
I hadn't thought of that Steve - good point.

The Perpetual Student TPS (2012-09-27 04:49:50)
I had one of these, but it puckered the paper on one of the holes, so I gave it to the ladies who make S &L dividers on facebook. They use card so it should be ok for that. They had one but it was really faulty, making the holes really wonky!
In its place,I bought a KW Trio punch which I have had no problems with at all! It feels really sturdy and does A5 too! Highly recommended over the Rapesco!

Amanda (from Paper, Pens and Ink) (2012-09-27 05:48:34)
As a convert to Mulberry, I can whole-heartedly second Steve's comment that because the Mulberry agenda page size is A6 you can easily scale any of the Ray and Steve inserts - I set my printer to do 4 pages per A4 page, then it's just two quick guillotines and a punch and there we are!

Lynne Dove (2012-09-27 06:11:59)
Very helpful Steve. I have recently purchased a mulberry and was not aware that my rapesco would work with it. Thanks also to Amanda for the printing tips.

Paul Taylor (2012-09-27 10:40:43)
Another vote for the KW-Trio which I'm using for my A5. It's a good piece of kit and does a variety of sizes, as I understand it the same as the Rapesco but also including A5 without having to faff around to punch the other end of the page etc. I got mine from Hummelman Kantorvakhandel in the Netherlands (no affiliation).

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-09-27 12:03:41)
You can also get punches from Daytimers.com for the personal and from Franklincovey.com for the personal size filofax. I have a Franklin Covey for compact/personal and a Daytimers for Classic (similar to A5). Both are about $25, I think. I've had the FC compact punch for years and it is still going strong. The Daytimers punch is new. So far I'm impressed. It's a heavier dutier punch than the FC.
Wherever I get it, I wouldn't be without my punch!

Tim (2012-09-27 14:18:52)
If you ever come across an original 4/6 hole Time Manager (TMI) punch, buy it! I've had mine for 25+ years and it still can cut several pages at a time, as clean as ever (although I did try the aluminium foil blade sharpening tip that was on here a few months ago!). The later version (6 hole only) isn't as robust or heavy duty.

Free For All Friday No. 202 (2012-09-28 00:00) - Steve Morton

How many manufacturers are there of ring bound organisers? If you start with the obvious ones. Filofax, Franklin Covey, Day Timer, Sucess, Mulberry, but can you name the others?
To qualify they must have a ring system that allows you to remove the punched paper. Please include a website address of the ones you suggest in the comments.
But it's also a Friday so please feel free to discuss anything you like that is Filofax or ring bound planner related.

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crofter (2012-09-28 00:20:28)
First one that comes to mind is the Glen Royal, which at this point in time I consider to be the "cream of the crop"

crofter (2012-09-28 00:23:42)
Sorry it is: glenroyal.com

robynlouise (2012-09-28 00:39:22)
My favourite - Collins Debden!
www.collinsdebden.com.au

Savannah (2012-09-28 02:11:02)
Scully
Raika
Aspinal of London
Time System
Day Runner

Tim (2012-09-28 02:30:40)
Time Manager (TMI) www.timemanager.com
International Personal Planner Systems www.ipps.co.uk

Savannah (2012-09-28 03:04:06)
I forgot Mont Blanc, Planner Pads and Kate Spade.

Cloudberry (2012-09-28 03:31:49)
Time System International www.timesystem.co.uk
They have a rather nice ostrich-style in brown in A5....tempting.
Paul Smith made one too in their signature wavy line design. Sadly sold out at City Organiser.

Paul B (2012-09-28 04:01:41)
The Bridge do beautiful binders, and there are occasionally a couple on Ebay UK, usually around half price. The leather is wonderfully thick. (http://www.leather-goods-and-more.co.uk/products/the-bridge-accessories/the-bridge-filofax-organiser-019108-brown/).
I saw a posting on some Aussie products but the only one i bookmarked was Poco (http://www.pocoprofile.com.au/).
Paperchase do some cool and funky binders (but quite female focused), and great inserts. Cheaper than FF and better paper too, in my opinion.
Don't WH SMith still do their own binders these days? or did they get consigned into the rubbish bin of history? Same with Microfile. Still going?

gdigesu (2012-09-28 04:32:16)
Davinci is an alternative:
http://global.rakuten.com/en/search?k=Davinci &tl=205820

gdigesu (2012-09-28 04:36:58)
The Glenroyal, reviewed by Gerard:
http://philofaxy.blogspot.com.br/2011/12/guest-review-glenroyal-orga niser-gerard.html

gdigesu (2012-09-28 04:42:15)
Cross does also have some product lines
http://cross.com/planners-and-journals/explore-leather-collections/a utocross-leather.aspx

gdigesu (2012-09-28 04:47:17)
Regarding the state of the ring binder industry, there is an interesting and controversial analysis here:
http://www.plannerisms.com/2012/09/the-future-of-planners-industry.h tml

Elke K (2012-09-28 04:54:54)
Chronoplan;
like their clear day markers a lot...
http://www.chronoplan.com/

Tim (2012-09-28 05:13:50)
Some very interesting views - there's always thought-provoking thoughts on Laurie's Planerisms blog!
I recently acquired an iPad2 and I'm staggered at what it will do - especially when synchronised via The Cloud. I'm a very long standing paper fan but can see me ending up with just a Filofax Flex notebook with year planner and everything else digital.
My daughters came home from school last night to announce that every child there will have an iPad from January 2013. This is not some posh school but a standard Yorkshire (UK) comprehensive ("high school"). Parents are being asked to contrubute £10 ($15) per month to a Government-backed scheme. Their paper planners will go and all homework (except English) will be submitted online rather than in writing books. Maybe this is widespread elsewhere, but it still came as a shock to me. I can certainly see why Letts Filofax, Moleskine etc are panicking and up for sale.

Anita (2012-09-28 05:17:43)
I came across this one which shows the brand name as Napa, but haven't really found anything like a website when doing a search though:
[1]http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Napa-Personal-Filofax-Organiser-Bla ck-Leather-/261102594389?
pt=UK _BOI _Office _Office _Supplies _Stationery _ET &hash=item3ccaed6955 #ht _500wt _1199
Just wondered if anyone else had come across them?
And another (off topic) eBay find... vintage Filofax sunglasses :)
[2]http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Vintage-FILOFAX-sunglasses-/2211310 84356?pt=UK _Women _s _Vintage _Clothing &hash=item337c709244 #ht _500wt _1199

1. http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Napa-Personal-Filofax-Organiser-Black-Leather-/261102594389?pt=UK_BOI_Office_Office_Supplies_Stationery_ET&hash=item3ccaed6955#ht_500wt_1199
2. http://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/Vintage-FILOFAX-sunglasses-/221131084356?pt=UK_Women_s_Vintage_Clothing&hash=item337c709244#ht_500wt_1199

Paul B (2012-09-28 06:32:09)
I saw one on Ebay UK about 2 weeks ago, but the seller wanted more for it than the new price, which seemed odd. I love the Paul Smith Filofax, its very striking.

Mary (2012-09-28 06:45:40)
Hello,
on a different topic I would like to ask the teachers among the community. Do you keep different diaries for school and personal stuff or do you synch two different ones? Still struggling to juggle school commitments with family schedules...

Thank you

fluffyferret (2012-09-28 07:55:51)
Hi,
I need some advice about storage. What have you found to be the best for storing Filofax diary pages etc Filofax black storage boxes or another say cheaper Filofax?

Elke K (2012-09-28 08:02:05)
@Mary:
I am a teacher as well - I keep two different Filofaxes.
I have an A5 red Finchley which is my school planner - I have lesson plans, grades, ideas, school appointments and everything that is school-related in there.
For everything else, I have a persoal-sized Filofax (keep switching it, at the moment it's a personal Holborn in wine). I have all my personal stuff in there. I put school appointments in there as well (in the diary section), but nothing else work-related.
For me, this system works perfectly:
First, I like to have my personal stuff separated from my work stuff.
Second, I don't want to bring my personal Filo (which has all my private stuff in there, such as addresses, health info and much, much more)to work - wouldn't want to lose it there or leave it somewhere at school for a student to see.
And I wouldn't want to have and see all my school stuff with me in my free time ;)
Hope this helps :)

Alison (2012-09-28 08:35:09)
I use the Filofax black boxes!!

findinghope (2012-09-28 08:44:52)
I'm wondering has anyone ordered from a company called Atelierducuir yet? http://www.etsy.com/shop/AtelierduCuir?ref=seller _info
I'm not planning on getting a new binder/filofax soon but some of their products look quite well made and reasonably priced so they would be definitely in the run for future purchases. There are no reviews yet so I'm quite curious whether the binders can keep up with the pictures in real life.
Their main business seems to be in making personalised products that customers can use as corporate gifts
http://www.marimeks.com/

mstraat (2012-09-28 08:53:02)
Franklin Covey sold off their planner division a while back and it is now Franklin Planner at www.franklinplanner.com.

Alondra Karwowski (2012-09-28 09:58:13)
I simply stick them in an envelope and put them in my stationary box.

Tim (2012-09-28 10:22:15)
WHSmith still do own brand inserts but no longer binders (I think). Microfile was taken over (by Collins?) a few years back and the range quickly dumped by their new owners.

LFZ (2012-09-28 10:28:47)
This is my first post! I've always been obsessed with organization and have recently switched to a binder system with the purchase of an A5 Malden. So far so good although it is a little bit heavy. I just found the Filofax community on this site and the awesome blogs out there so thank you for all of the information! I am going to try to stop "lurking" and post more so here I go with my first questions :)
For those of you who use both weekly and monthly diaries:
1. Where do you keep your monthly pages? Right now, I have mine in a separate tab with a Filofax ruler to let

me know where to turn to. Ideally, I'd like to see the monthly page next to my weekly page. Should I move my month page in between the week pages and just move it back each week? Or should I just keep it separated and hope that I get used to looking in 2 places?
[Side note: this is going to pose a problem for 2013 because I bought month on 2 pages. I printed a month on one page for the rest of 2012 and I think I like that better. TBD...]
2. When do you fill in your months? At the beginning of each month and the add activities as needed? Or do you do it each time you add an activity to your weekly pages? I don't usually like to write things more than once but really feel like I need a birds eye month view for quick reference.
Thank you!
Lisa

Kels (2012-09-28 10:38:00)
Lisa I have my months and 2DPP in the same tab. I keep the months FIRST with a top tab to mark the current month. I then have the 2DPP right after the last month with the today ruler to find the current day.
i would like to have my months merged in with my days (as many wire-bound planners do), but right now, it's working for me.

Sandra (2012-09-28 10:46:34)
I keep lesson plans, work notes, and work meeting details in a separate Filo from my personal diary. However, I do write unusual meeting times/dates in my personal diary to help my sometimes sketchy memory.

Cecilia Tudo (2012-09-28 10:53:06)
I have all my work stuff in an A5 and personal things in a personal size zip up which is also my wallet/purse.

Stefanie (2012-09-28 10:57:25)
I just bought an A5 Cuban (no zip) and I've found that the two pen loops are different sizes! The front one takes a thicker pen than the back. I haven't noticed that feature mentioned anywhere, so I'm wondering: is this a flaw, or are they all the same?
I like it the way it is, since it snugly holds a skinny pen, I just thought it odd...

Steve Morton (2012-09-28 11:09:15)
Hi
Yes most A5's have this different size pen loop feature the same as yours.
Steve

findinghope (2012-09-28 11:20:44)
This comment has been removed by the author.

findinghope (2012-09-28 11:23:59)
I keep them in a pretty cardboard box and separate the different kinds of inserts by holding each group together with an elastic/rubber(?) band

janet (2012-09-28 11:25:01)
Smythson

austinlinda (2012-09-28 12:00:59)
My Cuban personal size Zip also has 2 loops. One is really stretchy and takes my Acme "Crayon" rollerball pen. The other one is not quite as big.
Also available, re: the different ring systems is one made by Coach

Butanben (2012-09-28 12:04:39)
I do exactly the same as Sandra. A4 Strata for school to take back and forth and decant this week's lessons into... huge policy folders etc kept on desk at school. Diary school and home combined in an A5. One diary, never ever two,

as so easy to miss something, or to double book oneself. I colour code... school in light blue, home in purple and social in pink. I use a Dodo pad as an at school overview for homework set, extra curricular, duties and meetings in the day.

Butanben (2012-09-28 12:12:30)
Stefanie, my Cuban A5 is exactly the same. I think that the thicker loop is for a pen and the thinner one for a pencil. My Cuban is unzipped and is in the ink colour. What colour did you go with??

Scoot (2012-09-28 12:44:06)
With most people using paper to organise their affairs I think you'll easily find reasons for Filofax's problems in the repeated complaints on this site.
Other organiser makers…
http://www.diarpell.it/index _en.asp
with organisers listed here…
http://www.intempo.it/sito/Articoli _linea.asp?flgr= &IDSettore=1 &IDMacroFamiglia=8066 &CodFamiglia= &Ricerca2=
And …
http://www.lucrin.co.uk/c-leather-diary-organizer-2012-163-2-0.htm

Paul B (2012-09-28 13:13:27)
A really interesting set of links in this FFAF. Love the power of the Philofaxy community :)

NeonLicht (2012-09-28 13:35:59)
I just started using a slim organiser. It's not a Filofax, since I wanted to try something cheaper to find out if personal size paper and 11mm rings would work for me before investing in a nicer binder. I keep everything time sensitive, both professional and personal, together (before in PocketMod booklets, A7 in size). All information related to work, either teaching or anything else, is stored in different, dedicated, A4 binders or folders depending on the amount of paper and where and when I might need to use it (office, classrooms, laboratories, computer classrooms, home).

NeonLicht (2012-09-28 13:58:29)
Collins (http://www.collinsdebden.co.uk/), Microfile, Factafile.
I'm not sure if manufacturers outside of English speaking countries might be of interest, but anyway: Finocam (http://www.cabero.es/); Regina (I don't know the manufacturer, but they are available in some online shops like http://www.cruzaltpens.com/tienda.php/2012/04/18/agenda- %E2 %80 %9Cregina- %E2 %80 %9D-2320-marron-50-45-e/).

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-09-28 15:02:52)
You can use individual rings purchased from the office supply store and make covers. If you're using personal size, you can buy storage books from Franklin Covey or Day Timers for about $7 or $8 each. I have the storage binders for all my years from 1993. It's fun to look back and see what we were doing those years.

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-09-28 15:04:43)
I didn't know that. I've been using FC products for years and I missed that change.

Homemakersdaily.com (2012-09-28 15:06:32)
Planner Pad actually sells ringed binders, too. http://plannerpad.com/covers.asp

Jotje (2012-09-28 18:15:51)
I use the Ikea cardboard boxes that are meant for DVD movies/video's. I just label the box with the year so I can find my stuff back if needed.

Arnold.DeRoy (2012-09-28 18:42:49)
Also Harvard Planner

Arnold.DeRoy (2012-09-28 18:43:51)
Oops the weblink did not store.
http://www.executive.org/planners/home _planners.asp

Jen (2012-09-28 21:28:26)
I use both. I have an A5 for school that keeps my appointments and tasks for there and a Personal for my...well, personal stuff. I do put some of my personal appointments in my school binder if they affect what time I need to leave.
Both calendars are also on my phone.

Hannah C. (2012-09-28 21:30:08)
MomAgenda has a "personal portfolio" which is ring-bound: http://www.momagenda.com/products.cfm?cID=21 &pID=69
I don't think anyone has mentioned this, but in the States one can find ring-bound planners at Target - they are typically Mead brand and come with colorful canvas covers. Barnes and Noble also has them - clear plastic covers show up every year around the time school starts, and then year-round they have their more staid-looking binders.

Brian Ronald (2012-09-28 22:03:16)
No love here for Paperchase? You can see their own brand binders and inserts mingling with their Filofax stock here:
http://www.paperchase.co.uk/stationery/organisers-+amp-filofax/icat/ sorganisersandfilofax/

Wendy Miller (2012-09-28 23:46:10)
For any other Down-Underers, Baron & Buxton Leathergoods make binders, and sell refills for them as well, although the paper seems at least as thin as filofax refills :-/
http://www.leathergoods.co.nz/
Their personal size has a full zip wallet at the back - really handy!

Cheryl (2012-09-29 03:18:05)
I used to use and love Scully...they used to be available at finer office stores and leather shops in the US but I never see them anywhere. The online selection is small compared to what they previously offered. I thought the paper and leather were very classy :)

Cheryl (2012-09-29 03:25:00)
Ha! Thats funny...thats how they started–as Franklin Planner back in the day.

Iris (2012-09-29 03:55:21)
In Germany, [1]tempus, [2]org-rat and [3]bsb-obpacher are quite popular.

1. `http://www.tempus.de/shop/`
2. `http://org-rat.de/`
3. `http://www.bsb-shop24.de/`

the Merry Lemon (2012-09-29 08:12:23)
Louis Vuitton makes binders in A5, personal and pocket size. They wear like iron. I have all 3 sizes for well over 15 years, used constantly, they have softened but hardly show any wear. (mine are all the LV monogram, but they also make them in some of their other leathers.). I also have a slim A5 from Bottega Venetta, it's over 20 years old. The leather is beautiful and only gets better with age. Louis Vuitton also has a cover that will hold an A5 notebook or planner (bound, no rings). I love the quality of these binders. For that same reason, I like to use vintage filofax. Some of the newer binders do not even feel like leather. Like the Adelphi, for example.

Cheryl (2012-09-29 13:10:58)
Apologies if this one was already mentioned as I scrolled though rather quickly. Success Canada...this is a link to their catalog:
http://succescanada.com/cat2012.pdf
They have some nice looking binders but I can't speak about the paper or the quality of the binder as I've never used them. I just bookmarked this website awhile back.

Cheryl (2012-09-29 13:17:41)
I haven't but I do have this site bookmarked for future reference from when I was doing a planner search a few months ago. If you order one, please do a review!

Stefanie (2012-09-29 16:02:50)
Thank you both for your replies!
I went with the black. Although I was a little concerned about it looking too "business" it's a nice change from my other Filo, a grey personal Malden. And since I intend for the Cuban to be my career Filo (I'm a writer), maybe it's fitting that it look professional.
The Ink colour looks lovely :)

Web Finds - 29 September 2012 (2012-09-29 00:00) - Steve Morton

Well here we are again, what a week it has been too... I hope you have had a good week. If you missed [1]Tuesdays Webfinds they are still available to enjoy.
Want to unwind? Go and grab a coffee, tea or something a little stronger and enjoy the following posts.

1. [2]The future of the planners industry? - Plannerisms
2. [3]How the Planner Industry Feels About Digital - Plannerisms
3. [4]guest post: Mai's setup! - Paper Lovestory
4. [5]Meet up in Hamburg - wer hat Zeit und Lust? - Filomaniac
5. [6]Filofax® Family Organizer Review - Simply Stacie
6. [7]Yep, still got a Filofax Rio as a wallet - The Crazy Suburban Mom
7. [8]Filofax enabling: forgive me... - The Crazy Suburban Mom
8. [9]Philofaxy Meet up - September 2012 - Imysworld
9. [10]Download your free meal planner for the Filofax Personal - My Life All in One Place
10. [11]365/30 Lists: Ideal inserts - Filomaniac
11. [12]George Costanza's Wallet?? - Thoughts and Exploration
12. [13]365/30 Challenge #26: Ideal Inserts - Wandrrlust
13. [14]September, 26/30: ideal inserts you wish were made… - Notes in a Filofax
14. [15]Travel Stickers in my Travel Filo - Mish Mash Muddle
15. [16]Review: Maudiemade inserts - Jagged Little Thoughts
16. [17]How to Design and Create Your Own Planner Pages Using Word- Homemakers Daily

17. [18]Welcome to the Family - Purple Finchley - Behind my Purpley Life
18. [19]September, 27/30: Diary formats tried… diary formats to try… - Notes in a Filofax
19. [20]Filofax update - Ruban x Rose
20. [21]Filofax Unveils Noteworthy Re-Style to its Flagship Pen and Paper Store - Arken
21. [22]City Organiser - Philofaxy Meet up HAUL!!! - Imysworld
22. [23]All Stars Guest Post: Helen from Fennel Books - Vanjilla
23. [24]How I Use my Filofax: time management for work/life balance - The Post Grad Mama
24. [25]Essex UK Mini Meet Up? - Jar FM
25. [26]365/30 Lists: Diary formats - Filomaniac
26. [27]The Mulberry agenda - one month on - Paper Pens Ink
27. [28]What did I buy? - Cloudberry Musings
28. [29]All Stars Guest Post: Notes On Notes On A Scandal - Fennell Books
29. [30]Philofaxy All Stars Guest Post: Helen, High Intensity Training - All Things Gay
30. [31]GUEST POST - Lola Karwowski - Insider her Filofax!... - Imysworld
31. [32]Stickers for your 2013 Filofax set up - The Crazy Suburban Mom
32. [33]Philofaxy All Stars: What's in Tracy's bag? - Deligted
33. [34]Cover Story Finalists - Filofax UK

And this weeks videos

IFRAME: [35]http://www.youtube.com/embed/C9NcxAZsgGI?rel=0

IFRAME: [36]http://www.youtube.com/embed/W0Wa6zxWVZY?rel=0

Enjoy

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Mony (2012-09-29 09:01:46)
http://mammastressataxd.blogspot.it/
ora credo che vanno bene post ? :) ho messo titoli ,grazie :)

Mony (2012-10-02 03:25:35)
This comment has been removed by the author.

Steve Morton (2012-10-02 04:04:24)
Grazie inizierò a controllare i tuoi messaggi da includere nel Webfinds.

Mony (2012-10-02 07:47:57)
Grazie Steve :)

Date for your Filofax - 7 October 2012 (2012-09-30 00:00) - Steve Morton

New York

Sao Paulo

London

Paris

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 7 October** from 11am (US East Coast time), 4pm London time, 5 pm Paris time 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 7 October 2012**.

1. `http://www.skype.com/`
2. `http://steve-morton.com/2011/07/30/improving-your-skype-audio/`

Jess FY (2012-09-30 12:11:28)
This sounds awesome, not something I've taken part in before, I hope it is something I will be able too :). Jess xx

Kerry Jones (2012-09-30 16:07:05)
Sorry for posting here randomly.
Some time ago I bought two (one red , one black) brand new and boxed Filofax Dundee.
They are in as new condition.
Do you have any idea of the kind of price I should get?
I am trying to raise funds to buy my disabled son some specialist speech software.
I would really appreciate an honest opinion .
Thank you ,
Kerry

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