MY FIRST YEARS

Concept

- My First Years is a practical hands-on book and album ideal for treasuring your baby's development and interesting tit bits about the little one's personality from pregnancy up to the toddler stage.
- It is a unique book of life that can be of great value to the child at a later stage. When children grow older they realise that they are special and unique as individuals, that their parents care for their well-being and that they are interested in how their child develops. This helps create the important bonding between parents and their child.
- The expandability of the prestige My First Years is a great plus point because you can make up the album to your heart's desire with everything about your little one that is dear and special to you without running out of space. Each section can be expanded by additional album items such as extra pages, photo pocket pages and envelopes (see Additional album items).
- The album is adaptable to any family's specific circumstances and needs. It is designed so that there should not be any blank spaces left after completing the album, because of a lack of information or time to fill it in. If a specific section is not applicable (e.g. christening) it can simply be removed from the album.
- The various printed sections provide the necessary structure to the album and the photo pocket pages, frame pages and envelopes can be used as needed for keeping extra information and keepsakes safely.
- The end product should be a precious collection of notes, photos, letters and other special items representing this wonderful time in the child’s life. Parents can put their individual stamp on the album with their own handwriting and by adding keepsakes such as a lock of hair or a handprint of the baby. This will make the album irreplaceable and unique to your child, and it will be treasured.

Description of each of the sections in the album

My Family – based on the concept of a family tree. It gives background for the child about the family he/she belongs to. It acts as reassurance that he/she is part of a unique family with special traditions and future visions. The idea is to ask parents and grandparents, where possible, to sign their own names, as this adds a personal touch to this page and can be used by the child at a later stage when he/she has to design his/her own signature. Photos of the family and information about the family background can complement this section. Also see the Collage section.

Collage section – ideal for a collection of photos on a specific theme, e.g. the chronological developmental stages of the baby or a layout of the family. Extra collage pages are available to add to other sections in the album, for example to make a collage of the highlights of baby's first year and add it to a section on baby's first birthday.

I'm on my way – for events and preparations prior to the birth, such as the announcement of the pregnancy, photos of Mommy during each trimester, sonar photos, the baby shower, preparing the baby's room, etc. Times like these are very special and worth remembering, but are often forgotten. Keeping a record of all the unforgettable moments during the pregnancy provides proof to an older child that he/she has been welcomed into a close group of people who awaited his/her arrival with great excitement.

Here I am – for the birth of the baby. A baby can change the whole structure and dynamics of a family. Capture this special event with the help of notes the parents’ memories and photos of the new born.

Going home – for highlights about the homecoming and what happened during the first few days. The humour and unforgettable moments during the first few days / weeks at home are often lost in the chaos preceding it. By keeping record of it you will make sure that it will be remembered for years to come.

Christening – for highlights of the christening ceremony, e.g. how it was celebrated, the origin of the baby's name, etc. This is a very personal section that need not necessarily have the same meaning for everybody. This is where the adaptability of the prestige album is so useful, because you have the option of expanding or removing this section.
I am … weeks / months / year old – keeping track chronologically of the development of the baby and of other interesting facts from birth up to toddler stage on a weekly / monthly / yearly basis. These pages are especially designed for the parent to fill in the number. Extra sections are available if more are needed than the amount included in the album. Children are immensely susceptible to parental approval, so by keeping record of the baby’s physical development and personality growth, you give them the assurance that their parents are proud of their achievements and that they are interested in their children as individuals.

Each of the 14 sections consists of:
- A Fill-in theme
- one matching frame page for extra notes, enlargements and other keepsakes.
- Photo pocket pages for 10 jumbo photos per theme.
- Four envelopes are included in the album for all those extras that you may not necessarily want to display, such as immunisation cards and sonar photos.

Please look at Edugrafix’s extended range of Additional album items for a variety of album extras.