

PHOTO FINISH

Change your frame of mind with these customized displays.

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STRING THEORY Add geometric borders to plain wooden picture frames by attaching finishing nails strung with embroidery floss. Begin by tapping a nail at the inside and outside of each corner of the frame, then add nails along the inner and outer edges of the frame in two staggered rows. Tie a piece of embroidery floss onto a corner nail, then begin looping the floss around the nails (the floss does not need to wrap completely around the nail) as you work your way around the frame. Create a pattern of short and long intersecting lines using different floss colors with each pass around the frame. Secure the floss ends with a knot on the first nail.

PICTURE THIS Dress up decorative metal grilles, plexiglass, and vellum with creative photo displays. Customize 12×24-inch pieces of metal grilles with spray paint, and tack up photos with magnets. For a floating peephole frame, cut a circle in vellum and create a sandwich with the vellum and an 8×10-inch photo between two pieces of 8×10-inch plexiglass. Drill holes through a piece of tape at each corner of the sandwich, using progressively larger drill bits to prevent cracking. Secure the plexiglass, vellum, and photo with No. 8 2-inch machine screws, using nuts between the vellum and photo to create a 1½-inch space for dimension. Wrap wire around the screws on the back to hang.



THE HANG OF IT
ATTACH MAGNETS TO
GAME PIECES TO HOLD
PHOTOS ON GRILLE
(A). PLEXIGLASS AT
LEAST ¼ INCH THICK IS
LESS LIKELY TO CRACK
WHEN DRILLING HOLES
FOR THE FLOATING
FRAMES (B).



IT'S A FRAME UP Turn an old ladder into a gallery-style display by mounting picture frames between the rungs. For perfect-size frames, make your own from wood molding (see how-to, *opposite*). Measure the opening and subtract 2 inches from each dimension to allow for space around the frame when hung. If desired, add a mat around photos. To mount, screw hooks to the top of the frames and eyes to the inside of the ladder.



how to make a frame

MATERIALS

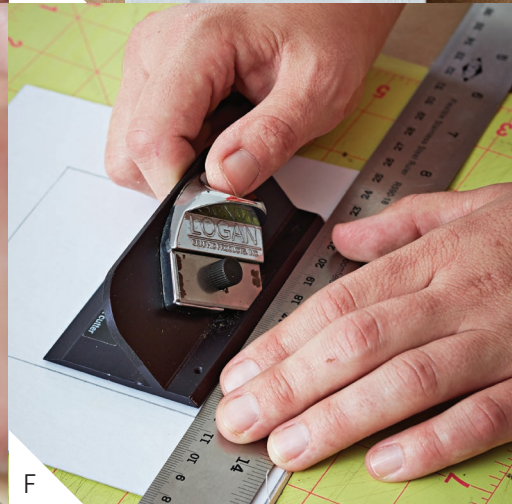
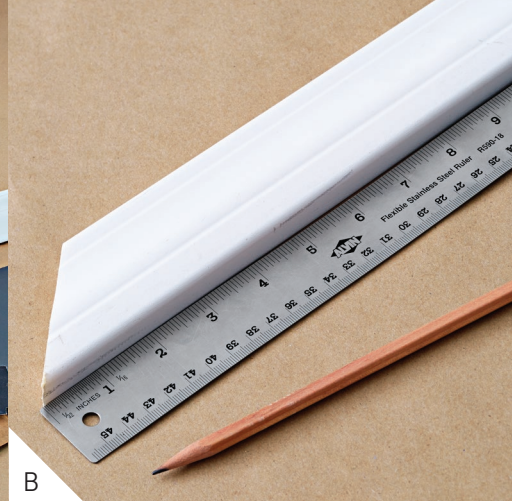
- Miter saw
- 8-foot length of 3-inch wood molding
- Metal ruler
- Wood glue
- Clamp
- Drill
- Corner braces with screws
- Wood filler
- Sandpaper
- Spray paint
- Mat board (optional)
- Bevel mat cutter (optional)
- Cutting mat (optional)
- Cardboard
- Staple gun and staples
- Tape
- Picture hanger

Step 1 Gather materials (A). Determine size of finished frame. Cut one end of wood molding at a 45-degree angle using a miter saw. Measure from cut end along the long edge and mark at desired length (B). Cut at mark at a 45-degree angle, taking care that the angle points in the opposite direction from first cut end. Repeat to cut four frame sides.

Step 2 Glue frame sides together; clamp and let dry (C). Screw corner braces to each corner on back of frame (D). On front of frame, fill gaps with wood filler; let dry and sand (E). In a well-ventilated area, spray-paint frame; let dry.

Step 3 If desired, cut a mat to fit frame opening using a mat cutter available at crafts stores (F). Cut an opening in center of mat. Cut cardboard to fit area inside corner braces; cut a flap in the center. Insert mat and photo. Staple cardboard to back of frame (G). Tape flap closed and add a picture hanger (H).

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A GOOD CLIP Need a versatile display that allows for easy photo changes? Hang your photos from clipboards. Cut sturdy rectangles from hardboard panels, and wrap in your favorite fabrics, securing with staples on the back. A clear acrylic clipboard hung on the board allows the fabric to show and securely holds a photo under the clip.



GOT YOUR BACK
 ATTACH THE CLIPBOARD
 TO THE FABRIC-COVERED
 BOARDS WITH HOOK-
 AND-LOOP TAPE (A).
 BECAUSE THE BOARDS
 ARE HEAVY, A PICTURE
 HANGER ON EACH BACK
 CORNER DISTRIBUTES
 THE WEIGHT (B).



DIY IDEAS TO STEAL

Print your best digital images and give your memories the attention they deserve with this selection of innovative photo display products.

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1. OFF THE WALL Hang your favorite photos from the arms of this chrome-plated steel mobile for a movable 3-D display. The mobile accommodates 10 photos in its pinch-style clips. \$10; kikkerland.com



2. BANDED TOGETHER Strategic stitching on this felt banner gives your 4×6-inch photos a woven look. Tuck up to 20 photos between the strips and easily change them whenever you choose. \$40; umbra.com



3. MAGNETIC ATTRACTION Turn any surface into a magnet board. Apply a MagnaSticker to the desired surface, place photo or artwork on top, and secure with one of the included magnets. \$15 for eight; goodhangups.com



4. GET WIRED When nails and screws won't do, Command Picture Hanging Strips make mounting this photo display as easy as peel and stick. Five adjustable wires hold photos, small artwork, or cards up to 1 pound. \$23; 3m.com



5. MAKE IT STICK Mount photos inside mats with Removable Glue Squares that dispense smoothly from a handy Dot 'n Go dispenser. Sized at $\frac{3}{16}$ inch, the squares fit neatly into corners or along straight edges so you can position them end to end or near the end of an item. \$6; gluedots.com



6. TAKE A STAND Make a statement on your desk with this weighted, solid brass photo display. The slot is the perfect size to hold Artifact Uprising's Square or Signature prints (sold separately); simply upload your own photos. \$38; artifactuprising.com