

# BLOG POST

## Creating Picture Frames from Recycled Materials



The benefits of recycling today are endless. Recycling is extremely important in keeping the environment clean and has become very popular. It is great to know that you will help reduce the production of ash, trash and pollution; saving the world's precious resources. After you buy a costly piece of artwork you may not want to spend a fortune on a frame. Here are some fun ways to create your own frame using recycled materials.

1. If you or someone you know are big into construction, you might have pieces of wood laying around. You can easily turn the wood pieces into a rustic frame with all shapes and sizes!
2. If you are a person who loves magazines or fashion you could simply cut pieces of the magazine and put them on an old wooden frame. This is a fun, creative, DIY idea for artwork that is neutral.
3. Using glass is a unique way to design frames while giving the artwork texture. You can use a glass jar that you have lying around, sea glass or glass bottles. Be very careful when breaking the pieces of glass. Place the bottle or glass piece inside a double-layer of plastic grocery bags. Even though the bottle is inside a protective bag, make sure you use safety glasses and protective gloves, so the shards of glass just incase the shards of glass escape. Then use a hammer to break the glass into chunks. You don't want to over do it with the hammer so start slow and check to see if the size is what you desire. Once it is broken into pieces, carefully glue them to an old frame or a current recycled one that you just worked on!
4. There a variety of arts and crafts that are great for framing. Think outside the frame (see how I did that there?) and cater to the specific artwork you are framing. For example, if you purchase a beach scene painting a perfect frame would be sea glass or seashells! If you purchase a baby rhino painting for a child's room, small pompoms or buttons can create something simple, colorful and fun! The options are endless!

It all really depends on the things that you have lying around your house and the artwork that you purchase! You should show off your own style and design while not taking away from the artwork. Follow the style of the room that you are placing the artwork in, so it relates to the theme you want. If the art is highly colorful and saturated, you want to go with a neutral frame

and vice versa. If you want to have more of an abstract feel, then just have fun with mixing colors and tones!

Image Source: ['Hell Broke Loose' Acrylic Painting by Preston M. Smith](#)