

Pictures are often the perfect present for that parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle that really doesn't need anything, but you want to give them something to show them how very special they are to you and your family.

Why not make that picture even more meaningful by creating a beautiful frame for it?

For this project, I created a neutral frame that my loved ones could enjoy throughout the year, but by simply swapping out a few papers, you could create a custom piece to perfectly match any decor or theme.



The best part? Most of the supplies came from my stash, and the frame was under \$3!

This is a beginner mixed media tutorial. The techniques used can easily be applied to other projects, such as cards or even canvasses. You'll quickly see that the beauty of mixed media is that there is no right or wrong! Jump in and see where it takes you!

If at any point you have questions, you can refer to the free video Spreecast located here: <http://www.spreecast.com/events/free-holiday-craft-class> where I walk you through the project step-by-step, or you can email me directly at Nikki@NikkiInStitches.com

Enjoy,

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Materials:

- Unfinished wooden frame (*My frame holds a 4" x 6" picture.*)
- Assorted scrapbooking papers (*I used two coordinating prints for this project!*)
- Pencil and scissors
- Acrylic craft paint and paintbrush
- Decoupage medium and paintbrush
- Stamps and ink pads
- Lightweight sandpaper
- Chalk pastels and/or alcohol inks, blending solution, and applicator pads
- Metal corner accents
- Glue

**** I also used a heat gun to speed things up a bit!*

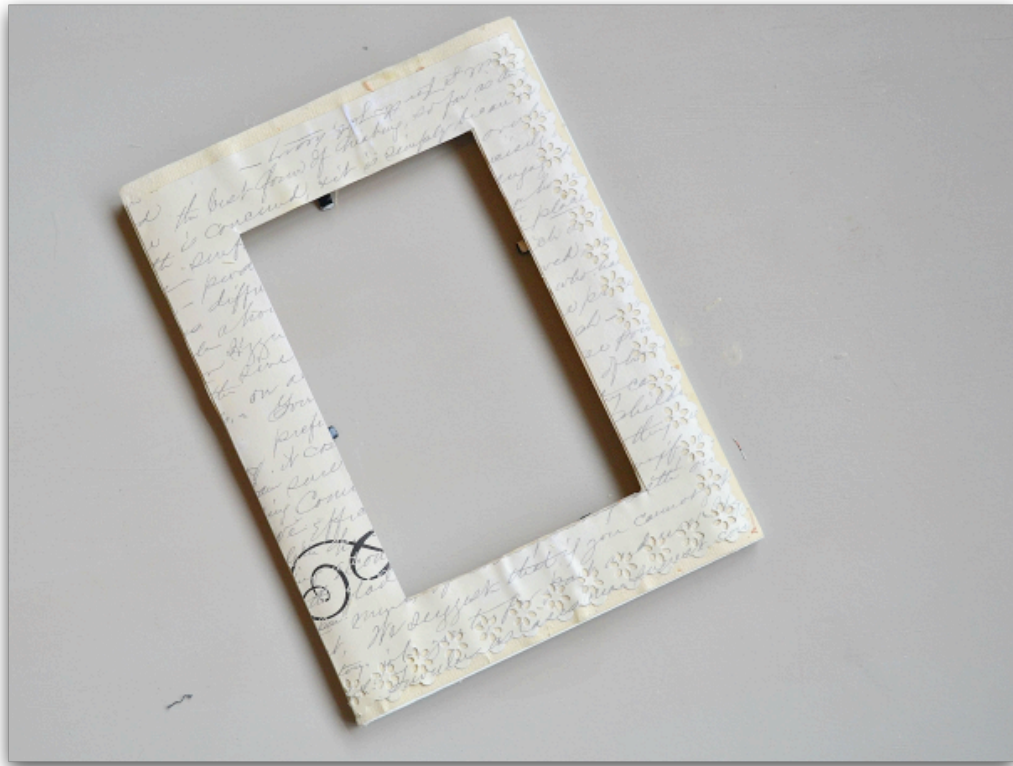
Directions:

1. Remove glass and center cardstock hanger/stand. Set aside.
2. Trace frame shape onto back of scrapbook paper. (*Be sure to trace both the outer edge and the inner edge where the center will need to be cut away.*) Cut on lines. Set aside.



3. Paint frame and let dry. *(Make sure you paint the sides, too!)*

4. Decoupage layers of paper to frame. *(Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions, but in most cases, it goes a little something like this: coat of decoupage medium, paper, another coat of decoupage, etc.)*



5. Stamp frame wherever you'd like to give the paper more dimension.



6. Sand away paper at edges and corners.



7. Chalk/ink edges where paper has been sanded away.



8. Glue metal accents to corners of frame.

