

A Photo Shadowbox Tells a Personal Story

Frame a selection of pictures with special mementos.

What you'll need

- 12 or more 4"x 6" and 5"x 7" photos (portrait and landscape orientation)
- 16"x 20" shadow box or curio cabinet
- Mat board
- Tape
- Rubber cement
- Balsa wood

Optional: Assorted miniatures



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What to do

- 1 Choose images and photos. Select one portrait that's up-close-and personal for the center, and at least 12 photos that convey something about the subject of the portrait. At your local Fujifilm photo kiosk, scan prints or print digital images. Have them printed to provide a 5"x 7" for the center, and 4"x 6" photos in a variety of portrait and landscape orientations.
- 2 Choose a 16" x 20" shadow box, or, for even greater depth, a curio cabinet.
- 3 Have a framer cut two picture mats from the same color and type of mat board. For the inner mat (A), center a 4 3/4" x 6 3/4" window opening 5" from the top. For the outer mat (B), top and side edges should be 4" wide, and bottom edge should be 6" wide. With remaining mat board, cut 2 strips 11 1/2" long and wide enough to cover the inside walls of the shadow box. Fold each strip 4 3/4" from one end.
- 4 Position the 5"x 7" photo in the window opening of mat A, tape to secure, and glue mat A to the back of the shadow box. Arrange 4"x 6" photos on mat B, trimming as needed and allowing narrow areas of the mat board to show between photos. Use rubber cement to adhere photos in place.
- 5 For support, glue pieces of balsa wood on mat A filling the inside area of the shadow box that will be covered with mat B. Glue mat B on top, then glue the 2 mat board strips around the window opening of mat B, concealing the balsa wood.
- 6 Glue appropriate miniatures onto the strip below the center photo. The example shows a bit of sphagnum moss that spills out of and around 3 miniature clay flower pots. For the mini-spade, thin aluminum sheeting was cut into a small, rounded triangle and glued to the blade of a cheese spreader.

A very personalized gift, a photo shadowbox will be cherished always.