

FRAME IT

Purpose: To reuse cardboard, wallpaper, and a variety of leftover household items for a useful purpose.

7⁺ yrs

Materials:

- Cardboard for boxes.
- Variety of re-useable paper, tin foil, gift wrap, wallpaper, calendar pictures.
- Variety of decorating items: buttons, shells, puzzle pieces, sparkles, yarn, confetti, lace, bows, ribbon, bells, paint.
- Glue.
- Tape.
- Scissors.
- Box cutter ("Exacto Knife") for cutting cardboard (with adult supervision).

1 hr

Procedure:

1. Cut up two cardboard rectangles (13 x 15 cm).
2. In one rectangle, cut a 12 x 9 cm hole.
3. Save centre for stand.
4. Decorate frame with a variety of items.
5. Wrap the stand with wall paper, foil or paper.
6. Glue frame to back of other rectangle on three sides only.
7. Fold stand in half, glue half of stand on the bottom centre of back.
8. Add a photo.

Suggestions;

- Discuss the impact of reusing and recycling cardboard.
- For younger children, precut cardboard and decorate with puzzle pieces, paint, shells, sparkles, etc.
- Change the shape of the frame to a circle, heart, or square.
- Vary cutting with zigzag scissors.

Reinforcements:

On July 1, 2002 commercial cardboard tipping fee was tripled as a way to encourage recycling. Discuss the impact of reusing and recycling cardboard rather than disposing of it in a landfill.