



Get organized by using your stuff unusually: picture frames

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From a wall collage to a serving tray, old picture frames can be reused for many purposes.
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As you clean out your closets, attic, basement, and garage, you'll find items to throw away and donate, and you'll keep some items without knowing exactly what you'll be doing with them. This series offers ideas for using some of those keepers creatively all around your home.

Picture Frames

- Select a group of old frames, remove any glass or backing material, and create a wall arrangement entirely of empty frames. Experiment with different configurations on the floor before attaching to the wall, and assure that the wall has a fresh coat of paint or wallpaper before hanging your arrangement.
- Use old picture frames to add a border to a collection you hang on the wall: antique kitchen utensils, vintage jewelry, collector spoons, and so much more.
- Frame a silk flower arrangement on bedroom or dining room wall for a creative and eye-catching display.
- Keep the glass in a frame, and add a piece of wallpaper or page from a calendar or swatch of wrapping paper or fabric, and attach a sturdy backing of fiberboard or scrap melamine to create a decorative tray to use under a lamp, vase, or candle arrangement.
- Give a collection of inexpensive old frames to your children to decorate with stickers, paint, glitter, seashells, buttons or other small objects, a great indoor activity for a time when they can't play outside.
- Frame an existing mirror, or create a decorative mirror with an old picture frame.
- Frame a piece of corkboard to create a useful and attractive bulletin board for your child's room, kitchen, office, or work room.
- Attach magnets to the back of small picture frames and use them to decorate the fridge with family and vacation photos.
- Remember the TV series "Friends"? Select an old picture frame, spray paint it a bright metallic color, and attach it to the inside of your front door to decorate the viewport.

For additional ideas for your old picture frames, link to [Xomba](#) and [Care2](#). Click on "subscribe" to be notified of future Get Organized articles.