

16 Ways to Display Photos

(without framing them and hanging them on the wall)

1. Put photos into scrapbooks along with journaling to record vacations, holidays, family history. Your children and grandchildren will thank you.
2. Scrapbook on canvas and hang on the wall for a more interesting alternative to framed photos. It's called "scrapbooking on the wall."
3. Place recent photos in an interesting basket or bowl on your coffee table. Not only does it make it easy for family members and guests to look through them, but it also is easy to change the photos.
4. Children can make placemats by gluing photos to heavy paper, then sandwiching between two pieces of clear Contact paper. Grandma would love these!
5. A photo border can personalize a room. Two molding strips at chair rail or ceiling height are placed slightly less than five inches (for 5 X 7 photos) or eight inches (for 8 X 10 photos) apart. Moldings must have a slight lip to hold photos which can be slipped in or out to change the display.
6. Various methods can be used to transfer photos to fabric which can then be made into quilts, pillows, wall hangings or other home décor items.
7. Photos can line the bottom of a wooden tray. If you have glass cut to size, there's no need to adhere the photos as the glass will keep them in place and they can be easily changed.
8. Three-panel screens are available that hold 8 X 10 photos (or mat smaller photos to fit). You can also make screens out of folding doors that are typically used for closets and mount photos to them.
9. A window valance can be made by mounting photos between plastic and hanging with ribbons from a decorative rod. Drill holes in the plastic to accommodate the ribbon. This is particularly striking with black and white photos printed on transparencies.
10. Make your own calendar using your photos. Spiral-bound kits are available or you can develop your own design. Photo processors also offer calendar-making services. These make great personalized gifts for family members and friends.

11. Use your photos or portions of them to make greeting cards. They can be as simple as gluing a photo to the front of a piece of cardstock or can be combined with rubber stamps, charms, ribbon or other embellishments. It's a great way to share your photos with others.
12. Put photos in wallet-sized frames and use to decorate a wreath—not only at Christmas, but anytime of year.
13. Hang photos in small frames on your Christmas tree for one-of-a-kind ornaments to personalize your tree.
14. Display photos by attaching two 3/4-inch binder clips to the lower corners (or use a 1 1/4-inch one in the center) and place on the windowsill over your kitchen sink or on your desk. It's quick, easy and very inexpensive.
15. Decoupage photos on the frame of a wall mirror or on a wooden box for an unusual room accessory.
16. Small photos, parts of photos or contact strips can be laminated to make bookmarks. This is a great way to add a personal touch to the gift of a book.

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