

Mirror, Mirror

The mirror has been around for centuries, but in its early days it was only available to the wealthy or royalty due to its expense. Mirrors certainly have played a big role in literature and superstition. Remember the wicked step mother in *Snow White* ("mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the loveliest of them all?") and Alice in *Through the Looking Glass* or seven years back luck if you break one? The mirror may not talk to us today, but it does come in all shapes and sizes. And they can be used for more than fixing your hair or applying make-up.

Mirror Displays

Traditionally, mirrors have had a place of honor on the wall over the fireplace or sofa. However, instead of hanging one large mirror, try grouping several on the mantel or shelf. Overlap them and lean them against the wall so you don't have to use any nails. (Great idea for apartment dwellers – no holes).



Display 1

Since a mirror reflects its surroundings, the space tends to look bigger. Mirrors double the light coming into a room and make candle light even more romantic or dramatic. While shopping at Goodwill the other day I found two octagonal candle mirrors for \$.99 each. I also found a \$.99 glass custard cup to use as an alternative to the usual votive holder. I really wanted to be creative, so I propped one mirror on an easel to create more dimension. Quick and easy.



Display 2

To make the arrangement a little more dramatic, I purchased a cute skirt in the hottest color combo of brown and turquoise and cut away the lining. I set one mirror on a stack of books on a table and then set the other mirror directly on the table. Finally, I draped the lacy, embroidered skirt over the mirrors. The reflective value of the mirror is diffused but still looks great at night.



Display 3

Or you can cut the fabric slightly larger than the mirror and glue or tape the fabric onto it. Prop it on a box to create a focal point.



Display 4

Another simple idea is painting the mirror. If you use water soluble paint and glue it can be undone. In this case, I used acrylic craft paint and with a half inch brush painted a letter on each mirror. Then, I cut the sequins from the skirt and glued them to the mirror. Use your imagination and create your own design.



Display 5

My final idea will jazz up your dresser. Use the lace as a dresser cloth, arrange the mirrors and candles and add accessories that are important to you. I really love original artwork so I added this painting is by local artist Maggie Davis. Don't forget to elevate some to the objects (books are perfect for this trick).

