

Frame Work

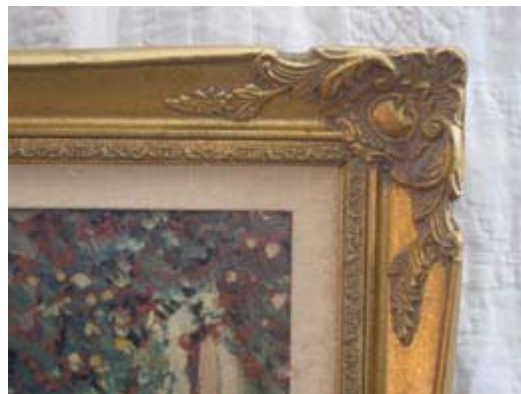
Nothing reflects your personality in your home more than the artwork you own. It doesn't matter if you have original works of art or posters. What you hang says a lot about your style.

A simple way to update the paintings or pictures on your walls is to reframe them. Custom framing, however, can get very expensive. So do your own for as little as \$2.99!

Goodwill is a great source for frames. Look for something solid (firmly nailed and glued together). If you choose one with glass, make sure the glass isn't broken or cracked. If you hate the color, a can of spray paint can change it in an instant.

This picture is lovely, but the colors are dated and it's a cheap print. The frame, on the other hand, has great detail.

Remove the backing, wire hanger and picture. Attach a new picture hook to the back.



Choose a picture with a coordinating frame. This old botanical print on white has a navy mat and narrow gold frame. They both look great together. The picture also looks fine against the toile wallpaper, but add the oversize gilt frame and it becomes a focal point.



You can hang anything inside an empty frame. Pair an ornate, over-the-top frame with contemporary art. The contrast makes both pieces more interesting. This close-up of a woman's face was framed very nicely by the artist. Layering the big frame adds some tension and draws attention to the small picture.



Move the painting around until you get a look you like. Instead of centering the woman, I hung it a little high. The wall becomes the mat. You could move it to a corner, hang it lower or even add a couple of paintings. For very little time and money, your walls get an instant face lift!