

Picture This

When you think of all the advances in technology that have happened over the last decade, digital photography has had a huge impact. No more film to purchase or “develop”. No more waiting to see if the photos turned out and now we have an easy delete button when they don’t. The fact that we can store our memories on a disc or the computer and can send them around the world at no cost is incredible.

Although storage takes up little room, it’s still nice to have an actual picture in your hands to share with family and friends. Traditional photo albums still work, but end up in the closet. Frames come in all shapes and sizes, but take up space on a table or shelf. I’ve come up with several inexpensive and creative ways to display your favorite pics.

Fret work

I’m not quite sure what the original use was for this vintage piece of wood fret work. It could have been a transom over a door or used outside in a garden. It still has the original paint which adds to its charm. It also makes a great display for vacation photos or even post cards.



Shutter Bug

Shutters look great on windows and help control light. A hinged pair can also stand alone and display all kinds of things. In this case, I used old fashioned clothes pins to hold children’s pictures in place. It’s so simple you can change the images as often as you like. A bulletin board would work too, but this is more unique.



Garlands Galore

No need to pack away the garland after the holidays, simply replace the ornaments and ribbon with photos and clothes pins. A perfect opportunity to show off the Christmas pictures you just took!



Home Plate

Old or new photos are ideal for place cards at a birthday or dinner party. I found white dinner plates and clear salad plates at Goodwill. I traced a circle around the photo to fit the base of the salad plate. If it's a birthday party you can use a variety of pictures of the special person. Or find old photos of your chums for a girl's night out. Think of the fun you'll have when the conversation starts out with, "remember that day?..."



I've just given you a few ideas to get you started. I'm sure you can come up with a whole lot more. Don't forget to stop by the Goodwill Store & Donation Center nearest you for some inspiration!