

Show Case

I get lots of questions about displaying photos. "Do I use the same frame and size?"—Depends

"Should I group them together or spread them around the house?"—Together.

I came up with a collage idea that eliminates the above questions. A photo tray!



Start with a glass topped tray. If you can't find one, a large picture frame will work. This one was only \$3.99 and in good condition so I only had to clean the wood. You can paint it to match or contrast with your décor.



Peel off the backing and pull out the staples.



I was able to reuse the back as the foundation.



Gather photos of places you've been, people in your life or events and holidays you have celebrated.



Lay out your pictures until you get a composition you like. Choose photos that have something in common. I used pictures from my trip to France. I loved the old architecture, so pulled out the places that were the most interesting. To balance the angles and iron, I filled in with ocean and sky so each photo stands out.

Play around and rearrange until your collage looks good to you.



Spray a light coat of re-positionable spray glue on the foundation board. Or use a photo tape.

After your pictures are mounted, set it in the frame and hold in place using duct tape. Finish the back by gluing a piece of felt cut to fit.

Be sure to clean both sides of the glass!



My finished tray will always remind me of a great vacation.

Think of what a great gift this would be.

Remember Mom on Mother's Day with breakfast in bed. Or you could use baby's first year photos for a new mom. Maybe you can create one for weddings, school pictures, a great party....the photo/gift ideas are endless.

