

# Framing Focus

## FRAMING KIDS' ART

**D**o you have a budding Picasso? Come in and see the framing possibilities for your child's beautiful artwork. We can take your child's piece of art and turn it into a museum-quality presentation piece. You will have a truly one-of-a-kind memory.

We will show you how to choose a frame that relates to the color and size of the art. Mats will be chosen that blend with the background and bring the colors out. And conservation glass will protect the artwork for years to come. Adding a fillet, stacking moulding, and layering mats can all create perspectives that will enhance the artwork. And for those three-dimensional creations, we recommend shadowboxes.

Children's art provides endless possibilities. We can help you frame the art for your child's room or for your living room or family room. Anything goes. Incorporating the design elements and colors of the art to coordinate with the room it will be displayed in is our specialty. Boost your child's self esteem and, at the same time, have a beautiful memory of a special project. Make this an educational experience as well. Bring your children with you and we will show your family how we can turn their art into a real masterpiece for all to see in your home. ■



*This artwork is made of twisted wire shaped like a human figure. The sculpture has been attached to a stretched canvas, creating a nice background for it to rest on. The framing consists of a float frame, Enhancer, and a shadowbox moulding. The float, in a similar color to the wire, is backed away from the canvas so the frame won't confine the art. A champagne-colored Enhancer surrounds the float, repeating the tone of the background canvas. The shadowbox is similar to the color of the float and wire. It has a rope pattern lip that resembles the twisted wire of the sculpture. The design can coordinate with any home decor.*



*This piece of art features a very subtle color palette not usually seen in children's art. So, in this case, a more sophisticated palette for the matting was used. Layers of foamboard were used between the second and third mats to draw the eye in and add a greater sense of depth to the art.*



*This art is a pastel drawing but was framed much as a painting on canvas would be. A stacked moulding combination gives this piece a presentation worthy of a museum—or at least a living room. It is a prime example of how amazing kids' art can look when it is framed like art made by an adult.*

# Adding New Life to Old Photos

Look around your home. Do you have pictures that have been hanging on your walls for years and need to be refreshed with new frame designs? Or perhaps the images are fading? We can still keep that antique feeling using special matting and framing techniques. Combining textured and beveled mats can help create or enhance an historic look. Add a frame that is gilded or gives a beautifully aged appearance and the picture looks like an authentic antique. We also specialize in re-inventing designs



*Note how the finish of the slip relates more to the frame than to anything in the art. Notice also how the powder color accentuates the texture of the matboard.*

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for old artwork and have all the conservation and preservation materials needed to create a unique package just for you.

We can make a photograph or piece of art look like it was framed 200, 20, or just 2 years ago. The choice is yours. By reframing your old artwork, your home will have a new, fresher appearance. We can also help you create visual vignettes and decide on wall placement. This is an economical way to redecorate, and we are the experts who can show you how. ■

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