

# Framing Focus

## Cozy Collage

When it comes to combining several photographs in one frame, the logical answer is a multiple-opening mat. It lets you be creative with color schemes, photo orientation, and even window shapes, (circles, ovals, stars, etc.) while getting the job done. And this tried and true design is a good place to start. But with a few alternatives and twists, we can help you create a unique, custom design that accentuates your photos.

One option is to add dimension to the photo collage by floating some photos over the traditional multi-opening mat. If you have some photos that are more important than others, we can top mount those photos to make them more prominent and give them the attention they deserve. Or for a less formal look, we can overlap some of your photos to create a cozy collage.

Another option is to include small objects or tokens with your photos to add dimension while keeping the design balanced. Consider combining some seashells you found with photos taken at the beach on your last vacation. Or pair pressed flowers from a corsage with prom pictures to preserve those special memories. Let your photos collage tell your story for you.

By looking beyond the traditional layout of multiple-opening frames, we can help you create a special custom frame design that will reflect the importance of your photos and memories. ■



*Top mounted photos are combined with several seashells to create a balanced vacation collage inside this shadowbox.*



*This new approach for creating a family tree starts with a small branch. Individual photos are surrounded by a reverse-cut fillet frame. Each photo hangs from the tree, like a special ornament.*

# MAKING THE GRADE

School spirit does not end on graduation day, just ask the alumni who show their school support by painting their faces and donning brightly colored wigs at football games. Of course, there are also subtle ways to support your alma mater, like displaying your hard-earned diploma for everyone to see.

Whether the ink is still wet or there is a layer of dust on your diploma, we can create a unique design that fits your personality. For instance, your school colors can be inlaid using two colors in a single mat layer. Or we can incorporate the classic architec-

ture found on college campuses into the mat design. And unlike the mass-produced versions found in campus bookstores, we can add personal touches. We can include your degree or even your school motto. Do you have a special memento, like a car decal, embroidered patch, or other token? We can include that in a custom frame.

Whether you are looking to upgrade the frame on your own diploma or are surprising a recent graduate with a special gift, we can work with you to create a personalized design. ■



*School colors were combined with an architectural element to frame this diploma.*

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