

Framing Focus

MEANINGFUL MEMORIES

Choosing the right gift can be difficult. Why not take a cue from the recipient's interests and hobbies? Many people collect unique and beautiful items, perfect for filling a shadowbox. The collectibles can be as simple as matchbooks, pens, die-cast cars and airplanes, sports cards, teapots, and thimbles or such larger items as toys, magazines, hats, shoes, baseballs, or dolls. A shadowbox can also be themed around a hobby or profession. Remember, anything and everything that can be collected can also be framed. The best thing about framing a family member's or friend's collectibles are that they can be displayed for all to enjoy. That sentimental heirloom collection or memorabilia will always be in view, not packed away. And that person will remember that you're the one who had it framed for display.

An especially clever way to display items to fit in with home decor is to have the shadowboxed collection also double as a mirror. It can become a focal point in any room and be designed to fit in with any home decor. You can choose wood or a gold or silver moulding to create a perfect fit for your home or for someone else's. Select a frame that blends in with the furniture or the wall color of a room. Depending upon what you're having framed, choose a shape for each compartment. Different size compartments in a shadowbox create an interesting design and custom look. It also allows the collectibles to be displayed by size. You can also pick the shape of a mirror to match the shadowbox.

So pack up some cherished memories and bring them into our shop. Let us know how big you want to make it. We'll help you customize a shadowbox mirror that not only displays your items but also "reflects" your taste, complementing the decor of your home or of any other place of your choosing. ■



Framera's Boxer moulding was used to create this beautiful shadowbox featuring a sentimental collection of dolls from around the world that also doubles as a mirror.



The dolls were placed in size order to be aesthetically pleasing.

Artwork and Home Decor: A Perfect Match

Have you thought about decorating or redecorating your home in today's new colors and styles? Or do you want to keep your current decorating scheme but update your artwork and accessories? When it comes to art, do you know how to find something that is the perfect fit to your new decor? We can help you choose that perfect frame and artwork for your home, no matter what color scheme you choose.

There are several ways we can complement your décor with our artwork. If there is a lot of wood furniture in one of your rooms, you can choose to frame the art in a matching frame. If you have a contemporary look, perhaps painted

or metal frames can provide you with a perfect match. Add a touch of interest and color to the frame design. Mats are available in every color of the rainbow and are an excellent way to tie in the color of a piece of art with your decor. Mats can be decorative with lines and other effects or they can be kept solid. Many mats have texture. Some are fabric, some are paper—the possibilities are endless.

Even though a piece of art doesn't have the same colors as your decor, creative framing can help it blend in with most any style. Buy art that you will enjoy. We can customize it so it complements your home decor and your taste. ■

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