

BUILD A FRAME FOR YOUR ARTWORK!

Now that you've completed your artwork, it's time to frame it. Some of the most famous works of art around the world are placed in extravagant frames while others are framed very simply. It's up to you to determine the style of frame that best suits your piece. The possibilities are endless!

STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS

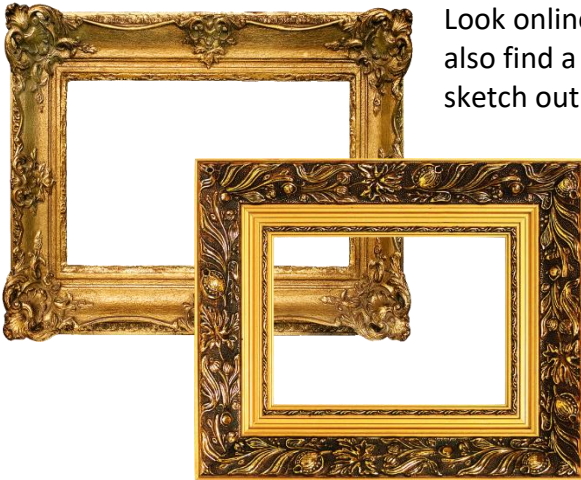
Gather the following materials:



- Finished piece of Artwork
- Cardboard, bristol board or heavy paper
- Glue (liquid glue and glue stick or hot glue gun)
- Tape
- Scissors or a utility knife
- Cutting board
- Any of the following:
 - Dry pasta
 - Loose string
 - Rice
 - Glitter
 - Paint and paint brush
 - Tissue paper
 - Fabric scraps
 - Wooden dowels or toothpicks
 - Any other materials that inspire you!

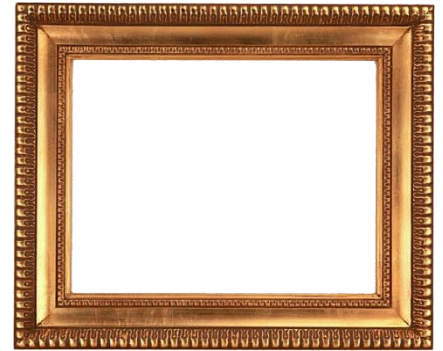
***SAFETY TIP:** Be sure to ask your parent/guardian for help when handling scissors or hot glue gun.*

STEP 2: RESEARCH STYLES OF FRAMES



Look online for different examples of frames to find a style you like. You will also find a few images of frames here for inspiration. You may want to lightly sketch out some ideas in your sketchbook or on a scrap piece of paper first.

Decide which types of material you want to use and begin to lay out a design. If you would like to create a thicker frame, consider using large sheets of cardboard or bristol board.



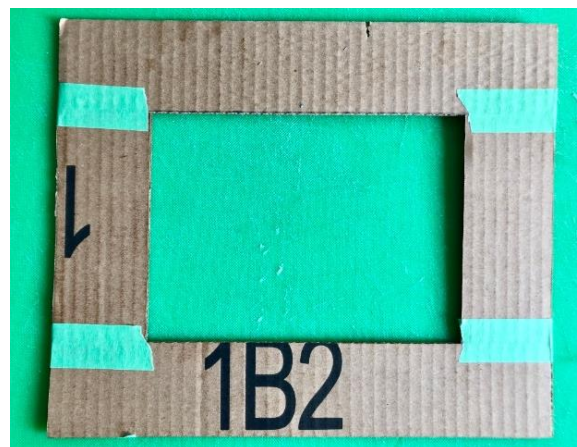
STEP 3: CREATE YOUR FRAME USING CARDBOARD



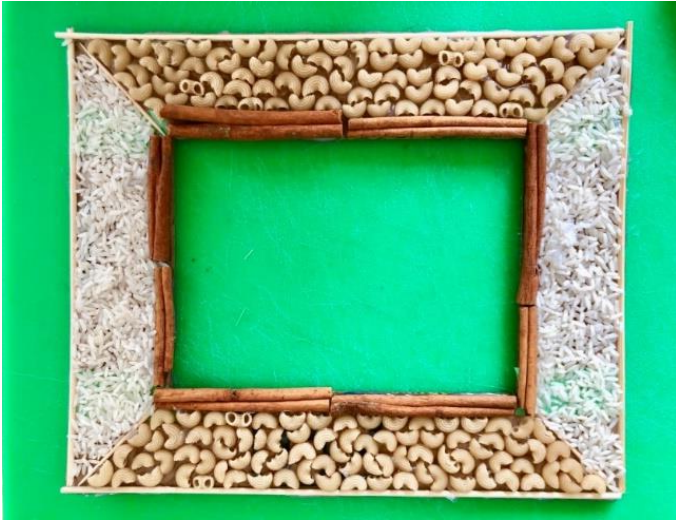
Measure the size of your artwork. Decide on a size for your frame and measure the dimensions required of your cardboard to fit around the edges of your artwork. Remember, the inside edges of your frame need to be the exact same size as your artwork. However, your frame thickness can vary. You can measure out a very thick or thin frame. Cut each side of your frame separately and then use tape to connect the four pieces together. Your artwork should fit perfectly in the frame.

*** Be creative here—the outside border of your frame does not need to be a rectangle!*

TIP: If using a utility knife, cut away from your body!



STEP 4: DECORATE YOUR FRAME



Decorate your frame, using a variety of objects such as pasta, string, etc. When you are happy with how everything looks, glue these objects down onto your frame. Leave your frame in a safe area to dry for a few hours.

When it is dry, you can paint the frame or add glitter to make it a bit more fancy!

STEP 5: FINISHING TOUCHES

Once your frame is dry and any extra materials are secured, use glue or tape to secure your painting to the inside of your frame.

Congratulations! You have just made your very own frame! Find the perfect spot to hang your piece of art for everyone to see.

