

You have a picture or certificate you want framed...

YOU CAN DO IT!

Been to the Professional and been shocked by the price?

Quality Frames Glassed and matted are for sale from \$1. to \$20. if you know how and where to shop!

Shop at thrift stores, garage sales, on Craigslist, etc. You would be shocked to see the art I have purchased from \$1. to \$5. Original oils, signed & numbered prints, antique pieces. Many pieces of well framed art are given in donation daily.

Take the piece you want framed, measure it, & start shopping. Look for quality frames complete that you would rather see your art in. Be sure the glass is not chipped at the corners. (Minor scratched real wood can be corrected easily, also gold.)

If it is only the frame: buy a second "bad" frame with good glass the same size or a bit larger. Matting you may have to pay for by a pro. Cutting glass to size is \$1. per cut (or less) at Ben Franklin in Redmond.

Take your purchase home: (if complete; frame, matting, glass), Disassemble it, clean the glass and handle carefully. Attach your piece of art to the back of matting with acid free tape.

Put a second piece of mat or foam board over opening. Nail or staple (sideways) into the edge of frame side to hold it all together. Cut a piece of brown wrapping paper a bit larger than the back. Spread the edge with (Elmer's) glue with your finger all along the edge. Place the paper carefully "tight" onto the glue. Rub it down and pull so it is straight and flat.

After the glue is dried trim off the extra paper. Now measure down on both sides of frame from the top and determine where you want to place eye hooks, to then apply picture wire across.

Use an ice pick type tool to make holes in the back of the frame edge to place eye hooks. Put triple strand picture wire through one eye, stretch it across the picture and put it through the second eye and leave about a four inch tail. Wrap the "tail" through the eye a second time and then wrap the "tail" around and around the wire. Go back to the first eye with the wire through it and leave a four inch tail and cut off the wire. Put this end through the eye a second time to firm it and then wrap that end around and around the main wire.

You should be done, congratulations!!!! Ta Ta!!!

Tips:

- 1) After cleaning the glass and placing the attached matted art & second backing piece in place. BEFORE—nailing or stapling it together, CAREFULLY turn it over and be sure there is no lint or finger marks on inside of glass. Is it straight and perfect or relay it out and then attach.
- 2) If there are light scratches on real wood frames, Old English Furniture Polish is wonderful at covering marks.
- 3) If you have a gold frame buy “Rub n’Buff” (antique gold) at "Michaels" in Crossroads or elsewhere to correct chips or discoloration.