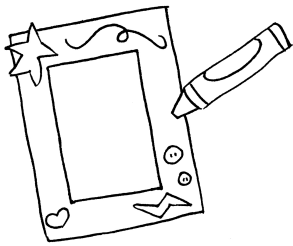


# Picture Frames

Age: Preschool-age (3-4 years)

This activity helps your child's development in this domain: Social-Emotional

## What You Need:



- Photo of your child or your family
- Cardboard or a thick piece of paper that is larger than the photo
- Jumbo crayons or washable markers
- Scissors (for adult use only)
- White glue (such as Elmer's Glue®)\*\*)
- Small decorative items such as shells, seeds, buttons, stickers, colored tissue paper, and scraps of fabric

## What To Do:

1. Find a photo of your child (or use one of his drawings).
2. Talk with your child about what's special about him and why you chose this photo.
3. Center the photo on the cardboard or paper and trace a line around its edge.
4. Take the photo away and draw a second line about two inches out from the first line to form a border.
5. Cut away the extra paper around the outside line
6. Have your child decorate the border area between the two lines with crayons or markers or by gluing on buttons, bits of colored tissue paper, or scraps of fabric.
7. Help your child identify the different shapes and textures of decorative items and count them.



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8. Glue the photo onto the cardboard or paper.
9. Help your child find a place such as the refrigerator to put the photo at his eye level.
10. Create another frame for a picture of family members. Talk about what makes each person in the family special.

VARIATIONS:

1. Heart Frame:

Help your child to draw a heart around his picture. Have him put a continuous strip of white glue along the outside edge of the heart; help as needed. Find a variety of small decorative items to attach to his heart. After the glue dries, cut away the extra paper around the heart frame.

2. CD Case Frame:

Place your child's picture inside a clear plastic CD case. Have him glue decorative objects around his picture on the outside of the CD case.

! Safety Alert: Adult-size scissors are not safe for young preschoolers. Keep them out of children's reach.

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