

PHOTOFRAME NOTICEBOARD



Photo frames can be used for more than just displaying pictures.

They can be turned into very useful upcycle projects.

We took an unused frame to make a handy little noticeboard to use in the kitchen, or hang it by the front door to put those all-important reminders on.

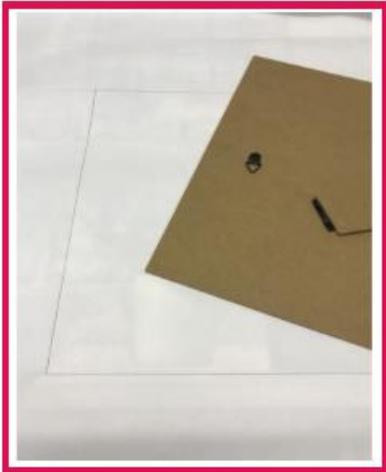
WHAT YOU WILL NEED

MATERIALS : WE USED	EQUIPMENT
33cm x 28cm photo frame	Hacksaw
Piece of wallpaper	Craft knife
15mm diameter wooden dowel	Paintbrush
8mm diameter wooden dowel	Small piece of sandpaper
Garden string	Ruler or tape measure
Mini glass bottle	Sponge or cloth
PVA	Bradawl or hand drill
Strong adhesive	
Small pegs & hook	

Notes:

You don't have to use wallpaper—you can use gift wrap or get your kids to draw a picture and use that as your background!

If you can't get dowel, look for something that will give you the same effect like a wooden spoon handle! Or you can use string to attach your pegs to instead.



1) Start by removing the back board of the frame and using this as a template, mark the size on your backing paper (in this case we used wallpaper). NB: make sure you draw around the correct pattern area you want to see on your background.



If the inside of your back board is smooth, run a piece of sandpaper over it as this helps the glue to adhere to the surface.

2) Apply a coating of adhesive, we used PVA, onto the inside of the back board, making sure the whole surface is covered.



Lay the back onto the paper, lining up your marked edges. Turn over, and gently smooth the paper down with a sponge to remove any wrinkles or bubbles. If you don't have a sponge, a cloth will do the same job.

Once dry, trim off the excess paper from the edges.



3) Now you can decide exactly where you want your dowel to sit. Our background was divided into two pictures so we had a natural line to follow. We chose to have a vertical and two shorter horizontal bars.

Once you have decided where to place your bars, you will need to measure to make sure they are level, then cut to fit.

NB: don't forget to add some extra length if you are doing as we did and securing them into the actual frame.



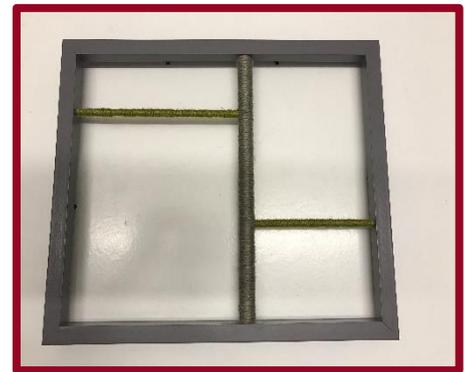
4) Once you have all your pieces ready, measure and mark where they will all need to sit in/on the frame. We decided to sit the larger dowel on the inside edge of the frame and then secure the thinner dowel into the frame and larger dowel. The thinner dowel is slightly flexible which enabled us to manipulate it into the frame without snapping it.

Ensuring your marks correspond, make a small hole that will fit your dowel snugly. We would suggest taking your time with this to ensure the hole doesn't end up too big.

5) Before we glued the dowels into the frame, we decided to cover them to add a little more interest. You can choose to paint or varnish them but we had some garden string that matched our background perfectly so used that.

It is easy to do, secure the end with a strong adhesive and simply wind the string along the dowel, securing at the end with a bit more adhesive. NB: you do need to make sure you do not cover the ends that sit inside the frame.

Apply a little strong adhesive to the ends of the dowel and gently fit them into the frame. Once dry, pop on the back board and add your finishing touches!!



Finishing touches

To make our notice board a bit more interesting, we covered the front of our pegs with some of the wallpaper. We also added a key hook and glued a small bottle we had onto the frame to act as a handy pen holder. The cork stopper then acted as an additional place to pin notes!



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