

Framing Focus

A Gift For All Occasions

Right now it may seem like you have plenty of Christmas and Hanukkah shopping days left, but before you know it you'll be racing from store to store along with a thousand other last minute shoppers trying to find that perfect gift for those friends and relatives who are particularly hard to shop for. Not to mention the graduations, Father's and Mother's Day, countless birthdays and various other gift-giving holidays throughout the rest of the year. Well, why not make your life a lot easier by giving the person who has everything a one-of-a-kind custom framed treasure?

Have no idea what to frame? Just put your mind to it! Wouldn't Mom just adore a creatively framed picture of her grandchildren? Or what about that limited edition print she's had her eye on? And don't confine yourself to something you picked up at your local mall either. Take Uncle Neil for instance. He'd be delighted if the military awards and metals he's so proud of were framed so he could easily show them off to his friends. Or, what about your great-great grandmother's cherished brooch? The one your sister has always admired. A special letter, poem or card are also perfect for framing. As are a child's finger-painting or drawing and a wedding invitation or bouquet. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination! And what's more, these personal items get to the heart of what gift giving is all about. They are personal, heartfelt and meaningful in a lot more ways than the size of their price tags.

Be creative! Even that item you don't think can be framed, probably can. Just drop by and see us. Whether



What grandparent wouldn't love a gift like this?

you have a design idea in mind or not, we can surely point you in the right direction. And if you wrack your brain and you still can't think of anything to frame for that special someone (or you just can't get your hands on it), why not give that person a custom framing gift certificate? This allows *them* to choose exactly what is framed and how.

It's a safe bet that someone (or two) in your life would love a custom framed piece for any special occasion. Whether it's a photograph or priceless treasure, there are countless framing methods and design ideas available at your local frame shop. The framing package can be gold, silver, colorful, metal, wood, ornate or simple. It's entirely up to you. So, stop by and take a look at all the possibilities. You're sure to be inspired! ■

A Unique Gift Idea

If you'd like to give a unique gift, consider framed tiles, a hot new trend in home decor. Decorative tiles come in antique, contemporary and art deco designs, and are certainly a conversation piece. Available at many gift shops, home decoration stores and galleries, they look great when framed.

And if your grandmother already has a collection of Delft tiles, what better way to surprise her than to have them matted with a gold fillet in a beautiful antique frame? Or how about your dad's office or den? An impressive ceramic tile will certainly warm up those strictly-business walls. A kitchen or bathroom can be perked up by a colorful art deco tile as well.

New and creative gifts make the occasion even more special for the giver and the receiver. Instead of the usual, the unusual will be a welcome change.



An antique tile of the original Museum of Fine Arts Boston building is a great piece for a library or den.

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