

Framing Focus

FRAMING YOUR CHILDREN'S ART

Do you have a budding Picasso in your family? Does your third-grader come home proud as can be of a painting he or she made? Surely, you'll want to treasure this art and let everyone who visits you enjoy it as well. Why not have it custom framed for your den or living room to show just how special it is? Your child's artwork provides endless possibilities for home décor.

Custom framing your children's artwork shows you love how they express themselves and encourages creativity and self esteem. At the same time, you are proud to hang their art for all to see and enjoy. And, what grandparent wouldn't be more than happy to receive a grandchild's masterpiece for their home? Custom framing this art adds to its appeal and reflects how you value it.

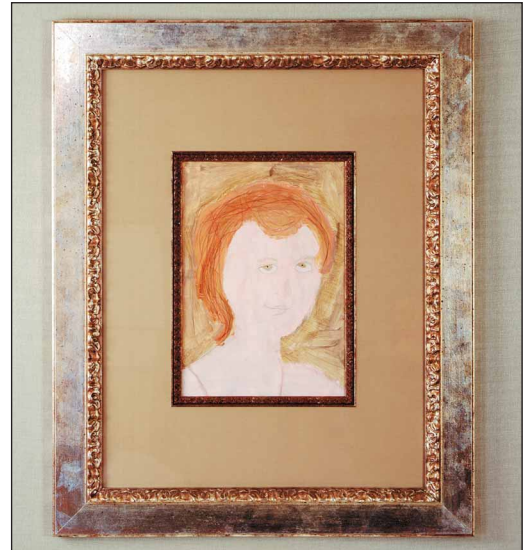
There are many creative and fun ways to frame children's artwork. It can be framed to hang in a child's room or in any room in the house. Choosing where to hang the painting depends upon the art and its final presentation.

Framing can enhance your child's art in a number of ways depending on the design you choose. The results can be amazing. A brightly colored frame with a complementary mat will turn a simple painting of apples and oranges into a fun piece for the kitchen. An elaborate, gold leaf frame with a fillet and double mat can make the art look like a museum piece, perfect for your living room.

Framing also works for arts and crafts projects. Pottery projects, masks, papier mâché and other creative items can be framed with a wide, thick moulding that makes a great conversation piece and a focal point for a room or hallway.

Children also enjoy having art in their rooms. Posters and art provide visual stimulation and evoke a happy atmosphere, but their pride is multiplied when the art is of their own creation.

Hanging posters and other artwork on your walls is a great way to enhance your home, but try taking your décor to another level by proudly displaying your own child's art. From classic to contemporary approaches, you'll find that working with us will help you find the right colors and textures for frames and matting that will create just the right home for your very own Picasso. ■



This piece painted by a third grader, is framed in a Medici frame and can hang in a living room, dining room, den or entry way.



Bright colors are always a popular choice when framing children's art.



3D objects creatively framed create a focal point for a room.

Preservation Tip

Chances are, what you want to frame would benefit from preservation framing. After all, if you're framing it, you want to protect it and make it last for as long as possible. Items can be preserved for years to come with preservation framing techniques, such as glass or acrylic that filters out ultraviolet light, reversible mounting methods, and sealing the frame package to minimize the effects of humidity or extreme



changes in temperature.

Another important aspect of preserving your art is to use the right matboard. Ask us about preservation-grade matboards that are acid-free and safely surround the art. These matboards prevent the yellowing and degradation of paper. Preservation matboards are available in all colors and textures and enhance any framing project. Creative matting adds to the beauty and enriches the artwork while keeping it safe for the future. ■

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