

Framing Focus

Two of a Kind

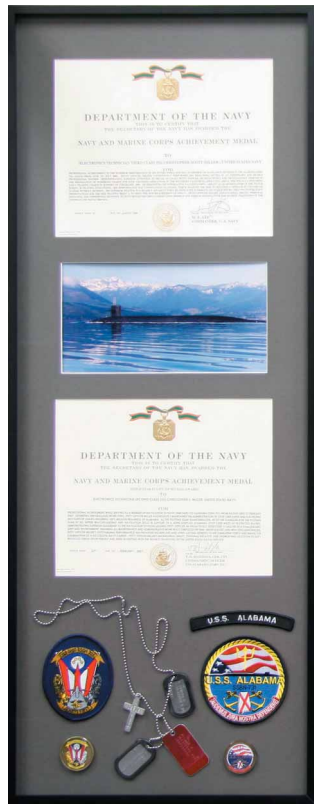
Do you have a few shoeboxes filled with memorabilia that are tucked in the back of a closet or under a bed because you can't find the best way to display the contents? Shadowboxes let you display a number of items together to tell a story or create a theme.

Of course, we all know the saying, "less is more" and trying to fit too many items into one frame can look

crowded and overwhelming. It can also be expensive. A good solution is to divide your mementos into two matching frames instead of one large one. This option not only provides design flexibility, it can also be cost effective.

Oversized frames can be complicated to construct, harder to handle, and harder to hang. They also require the use of expensive oversized materials. Matching frames provide a number of display options; they can be hung side by side on the same wall or on different walls of the same room. The two shadowboxes can feature matching or even color coordinated frames.

So dust off your shoeboxes and bring them in; we'll help you find the design solution that is right for you and your memories.



Attempting to place all of these articles in one frame would result in an overcrowded design. Two matching shadowboxes resulted in a lower price and allowed all of the items to be displayed without becoming overwhelming.

Adding a Golden Touch

When it comes to displaying a piece of art, the frame is just as important as the painting, print, or photo. A well-designed frame should not draw focus away from the art but should complement the piece. One way to achieve this goal is to start with a simple oak frame and then add a finishing touch, like gilding.

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ferent angles. This subtle embellishment creates an eye-catching effect when light reflects off of the gold leaf.

A subtle enhancement may be just the finishing touch you need to draw attention to a favorite photograph or an important document, like an advanced degree or even an award certificate. We'll help you find a moulding and finish that suits your taste and your budget.