

# Craft Stick Frames

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Use simple craft sticks, scrap fabrics, and scrapbooking or other embellishments to create these cute frames to hold special-moment photos, notes, reminders, and appointment cards. Hang them on the fridge, or apply a ribbon and hang them anywhere.

## **For each frame you will need:**

**5 craft sticks (6" x 3/4"— available in bags at craft supply stores)**

**4-3/4-inch square of sticky back vinyl foam**

**4-3/4-inch square of cotton fabric or decorative paper**

**embellishments to create a whimsical theme**

**sticky-back magnet tape**

**glue gun and glue**

**scissors**

**a pencil**

**a ruler**

## **Basic directions:**

On a flat surface, place two sticks 3-3/4 inches apart. Glue another stick to the top corners and one more to the bottom corners, forming a 3-3/4-inch square frame.

Cut a piece of sticky-back vinyl foam 4-3/4 inches square. Then cut a piece of fabric or decorative paper to the same size, and press to the sticky side of the vinyl foam. With right side up, place this piece behind the frame, and glue only at the four corners. (Leave the other sides free to slip notes and photos in and out.) Glue one more stick diagonally to the back of the vinyl foam for stability.

Decorate the frame with bits of embellishments. Use some that are meant for scrapbooking to add a theme, or find odds and ends of things that suit your own preference. If using to hold a photo, find little things

that emphasize the subject of the photo, such as a baby picture, a cheerleader, a prom or party, a family beach outing, or gardening. Cut two small pieces of magnet tape and stick to the back of the frame to hang on the fridge. Or glue a 4- to 6-inch piece of ribbon, folded to form a loop, to the top back of the frame and hang anywhere. Display the frame on a mini plate holder, and you can stand it up by the phone or on a tabletop.

*Some other ideas*, paint the sticks first, or stencil on them; use glitter and sequins; collect dried seed pods and leaves, spray paint them metallic gold, and glue onto the frame. In the scrapbooking supplies area of your favorite craft shop, you'll also find beautiful sheets of parchment paper to use as a background.

