

PHOTO BOXES

These are easy for children to make with a little adult supervision. They make great gifts.

Materials:

- shoebox
- old magazines
- scanned pictures
- calendars
- white glue
- ModPodge or a white glue mixture
- paint brush
- scissors
- lace or rickrack
- buttons
- beads (optional)
- felt

Directions:

Cut out pictures from old calendars and magazines, or use scanned pictures of your own, all different shapes, sizes and colors. Arrange and glue pictures on the shoebox. Make sure the entire shoebox is covered with pictures, including the lid. Add lace, ribbon, rickrack, buttons, and/or beads to the sides of the lid or for a “quilted” look between pictures.

When everything is glued on, use ModPodge or mixture of white glue and water to completely paint over the entire box. If you are using a mixture of white glue, add a little bit of water to the glue. The mixture should not be runny. Add enough water to dilute the glue a little so it is not too thick. This will dry to a clear finish that will protect the box and help keep the pictures on.

You can line the inside of the box with felt if desired.