

Make a special frame for an important woman in your life, like your mother, grandmother, or someone who has been like a mother to you! What will you put inside your frame? A treasured photo of her, a handmade drawing, or a special quote?

This project can be made out of things already in your home. If there is anything in our materials list that you don't have, find a creative alternative! Note: There are parts of this project that will require the help of someone older—15+.

Basic Materials: Cardboard, paper, scissors, glue/tape, pencil/pen

Optional Materials: Glitter, ribbon, stickers, markers, paint, etc.

Step 1: Get a piece of cardboard and trace a rectangle onto it. You can use a smaller piece of cardboard, like from a pop box, a book, a frame, a ruler —be creative! Once you have drawn the first rectangle, you will need to draw a smaller rectangle inside. If you are going to put a picture inside, use that to trace your second rectangle.

Step 2: Cut out both the outer rectangle and the inner rectangle. You might need help to do this. The easiest way to cut out a hole from the inside is to poke a hole in the middle of the area that you want to cut out, and then cut from the middle to the outside.

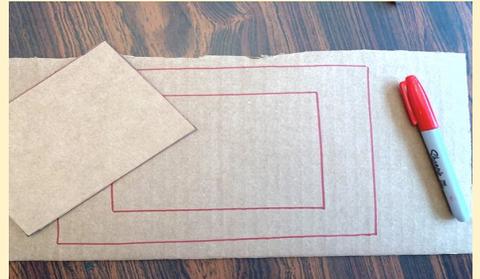
Step 3: Now make a choice: will you decorate your cardboard frame, or repeat Steps 1&2 to make a paper frame to cover the cardboard? Either way is great—the choice is up to you.

Step 4: Once you have decorated your frame, you need to put something inside of it. Will it be a picture, a hand-drawn picture, or a special message? Whatever you choose, make sure to keep it in place by gluing or taping a piece of paper to the back of your frame.

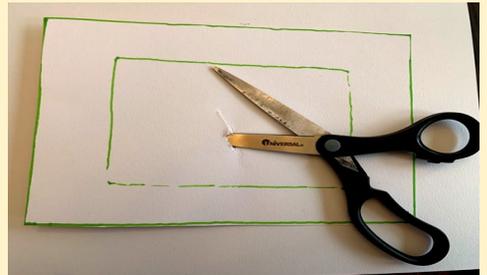
Step 5: Voila! You are done. Now think about how you will give it to your special someone. Will you wrap it, create a scavenger hunt and hide it, or give it to them with a smile and a hug? Whatever you do, they will love your special frame!



Gather your materials.



Trace your rectangles.



The easiest way to cut out a hole from the inside is to start in the center.



2 examples.

