

[All You Ever Wanted To Know About Picture Frames](#)

The picture frame has many different uses all working towards to same goal, displaying a picture. One use is to hang a picture to a wall; another is to enhance the picture itself visually. Wood and metal have been most notoriously used over the years but more extravagant frames have been made from all sorts of things including sea shells. Electronic and digital picture frames have most recently been used to enhance picture frames.

The standard use of picture frames is to protect and support a picture that a person wishes to hang on a wall. Originally paintings were the only thing available to put into picture frames. A person could take a painting and by using a picture frame hang in on a wall without being forced to put a nail or screw through the picture itself.

The picture frame can be used to protect the painting. A sheet of glass was placed between the frame's sides and over the painting. Today Plexiglas has replaced glass for most picture frames. This would prevent insects from landing and harming the painting. It also prevented dust from landing on the paintings and damaging them. Lastly the glass was used to prevent people from touching and or harming the fragile works of art.

The picture frame has another great use other than safe guarding and supporting the picture it holds. It also attributes to its beauty. The frame itself could be considered a work of art. Artists who enjoy expressing themselves through woodcarving have made magnificent picture frames by carving designs in to the wood. Metal workers can do the same by molding the metal into designs making lovely borders for the pictures they surround.

Not all pictures are used to house beautiful works of art in the modern age. Our family portraits, baby pictures, and baseball team photographs can be contained by picture frames. Most of the time simple wood or metal is used for our household pictures, as no one wants to spend the money for a professional to craft them an original picture frame.

With modern technological advancements the picture frame has greatly changed in the modern household. Electronics have been added to the frames, allowing light bulbs to be put inside. A person's favorite Christmas picture can be displayed with red and green colors around the outside.

The newest advancement in the picture frame industry is the use of digital picture frames. With these picture frames you do not even physically require a picture to be held within it. These picture frames take a digital picture taken from a person's personal digital camera and display it on the screen held inside the frame. Some of these frames can display pictures as a slideshow. This means that they can take several pictures and slowly rotate through which ones are shown on the screen at a particular time.

By using a single digital picture frame a person can do the work of dozens of normal picture frames with the printed out pictures inside. Digital picture frames can also be used to store MP3 audio files so you can listen to music while looking at your picture you have put on display. Some people may say that these qualities makes the digital picture frame superior, others say it is not comparable because you are not actually looking at the picture itself but a screen portraying its image. This is for the consumer to decide, which one meets their needs, as well as their visual preferences.

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