

DIY Rustic Picture Frame Tutorial

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What You'll Need

- 1 x 3's cut to size (Lowe's/Home Depot will do this for free). My frames are 22 inches long and 7 boards wide (just over 17 inches). I purchased 1 x 3 x 8's and had them cut down. So I got 4 boards from each 8 foot piece at round \$4.50 for the entire 8 ft board.
- Smaller boards to brace the backs (whatever you can find that's low profile. Get these cut to about 1.5 ft pieces)
- Wood Stain - I used [Minwax Dark Walnut](#) & [Classic Gray](#) (the small 8oz pots are under 5 bucks each)
- [Foam Brushes](#)
- Rags
- [Wood Glue](#)
- [Elmer's Glue](#)
- 11 x 14 [Picture Mat](#) (black)
- 8 x 11 Cardstock (burlap color)
- Smaller mat for 5 x 7 photo (cream)
- 5 x 7 photo

DIY Picture Frame Directions

1. Stain your wood. Start by putting a coat of Dark Walnut on all the boards except for a few. Immediately wipe it off 3/4 of them. Let it sit for 20 minutes on the remainder before wiping off. Next, apply a coat of the Classic Gray stain to all boards, including the ones that didn't get Dark Walnut. Again, wipe it off a few, and leave it sit longer on others.

2. At this point, it's all a matter of preference whether you want to add more gray stain or darken up some of the boards. It's all about getting different colors on the wood. Play around with them!
3. If you want a really old look, you can also add some watered down white paint. I did not do this but it does look good, too!
4. By the way, you'll notice the ends of my pieces of wood are not stained. I decided to cut my pieces shorter so I stained them at the very end.
5. Arrange your boards so that the colors vary. Flip 7 of them all over, laying them tightly together.
6. Using wood glue, place two braces on the backs. Weigh them down with something heavy so that the glue bonds correctly.
7. Once dry, attach the black mat using Mod Podge or Elmer's Glue. Again, place something down on it and let it dry.
8. Glue down the piece of cardstock (you may need to cut it to fit correctly). Glue down your photo on top of this and then finally your last mat.
9. Lightly sand all the edges to give a slightly distressed look.
10. Finally, attach a sawtooth picture hanger to the back and hang it up!