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JUVENILE NONFICTION

Making Picture Frames
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A lot of children's craft books look good but contain ideas that are too difficult and too time consuming for a child to execute. Here is a book that is packed with clever and attractive ideas that will be accessible and fun for the intended audience of readers age eight and older. The book starts with general tips and hints on making a successful frame, from cutting out an opening to fit your chosen picture to creating ways to display the frame. Once the basic ideas are learned, they are then applied to a variety of innovative frames. Many of the frames simply require white glue and corrugated cardboard that can then be decorated. Others are more elaborate and require a Mason jar or a small cardboard box.

All of the materials that are listed as needed for a particular frame are easy to come by and are usually already in stock in any craft oriented home. Another plus to this book is the coupling of the numbered step-by-step easy to follow instructions with clear, precise drawings. A visually oriented child will be helped along by the illustrations and will be inspired by each photographed example of a finished frame. None of the twenty-five frames require more than ten steps to complete, others have only two quick steps. The only thing that will be difficult about using this book will be waiting for the glue to dry.