

Accordion- Style Picture Stand



Turn your everyday 4" x 6" photos into elegant works of art with this fun and versatile Accordion- Style Picture Stand craft. The number of pictures that you use and the theme is totally up to you. Use black and white photos for a more elegant or modern look or bright, full- color photos for a fun, attention getting project.

You will need the following materials to complete this project:

- Printworks Premium or Ultra Premium 4" x 6" Photo Paper
- Inkjet photo printer
- Sharp craft/utility knife
- Cutting mat
- Foam board cut into 4" x 6" pieces
- Black acrylic craft paint (using black foam board with black interior eliminates the need for paint)
- Decoupage glue, available at all craft stores
- Paint/craft brush
- Small hinges and screws
- Small screwdriver (eyeglass repair kit screwdriver works well)
- Metal edge ruler and pencil
- Safety pin

Step-by-Step Instructions

Step 1

Using your ruler and pencil, mark the foam board into the desired amount of 4" x 6" sections. Place your foam board on a cutting mat and cut along the lines using a sharp utility/craft knife. A ruler should be used as a guide when cutting.

Note: You may make the Accordion-Style Photo Stand with as many 4" x 6" sections as you like.

Step 2 *

Use your paint brush to paint the edges and sides of the foam board with the black acrylic paint. This will give your project a finished look.

* This step may be eliminated by using black foam board.

Step 3

Using digital photo editing software, resize your images to 4" x 6" in portrait format. Convert the images to black and white, if you like. Following the recommended print setting on the photo paper instruction sheet, print the images (selecting borderless) using Printworks Premium or Ultra Premium 4" x 6" Photo Paper. If you are using Ultra Premium Photo Paper allow prints to dry over night before adhering to foam board.

Note: Most computers and printers come with digital editing software that can be used to achieve the above results.

Step 4

Using your ruler and pencil, mark the placement of the hinges. We placed our hinges one inch from the top and bottom. Use the safety pin to place a pilot hole where the screws will go. Make the pilot hole only half as deep as the screws.

Be certain to alternate the way the hinges are mounted so that the stand folds like an accordion.

Step 5

Use your paint brush to apply the decoupage glue to the foam board. Carefully place your photo on top of the foam board that you coated with glue. Starting from the center of the printed photo, gently smooth out your photos with a soft cloth to remove any bubbles.

Optional: Repeat step 5 to add photos to the back of your Accordion-Style Picture Stand to create a more dynamic two-sided work of art.

