

CountrySampler

Flower Pocket Frame

Dip into your crafting supply stash to fashion a wall decoration that can be entirely customized to your home's seasonal styles or colors.

Materials and Tools

1 8" x 10" picture frame
1 8" x 10" or larger felt sheet
Scissors
Quilt basting spray
7" square piece of cotton fabric
Clothing iron
Polyester fiberfill
Skewer
Glue gun and glue sticks
Faux flowers and greenery branches
Approximately 2' of wire-edged ribbon
Paint and paintbrush (optional)

Instructions

1. Remove the cardboard backing and glass from the frame. Set the glass aside for a future project.
2. Trim the felt sheet to the same size as the backing. Spray the front of the backing with quilt basting spray and lay the felt over it, aligning the corners and pressing to adhere. Let dry, and then insert it into the frame opening.
3. Designate one side of the cotton fabric square as the top of the pocket, which will have a raw edge. On the other three sides, fold the edges of the fabric over about 1/4" and press with an iron to hold the creases in place. The small flaps should all be on the back of the pocket.
4. Apply hot glue along the fabric flap on the bottom edge of the pocket and adhere it to the felt backing, taking care to line it up with the frame. Test the placement of the sides, as the pocket should not be adhered flat against the felt. Position the sides slightly closer together to form a pouch. Dot the flaps on the sides of the pocket with glue and attach them to the felt. Let dry.



5. Push small amounts of fiberfill into the pocket with a skewer to reach the corners. Continue stuffing until the pocket has dimension.
6. Tuck greenery and flowers into the pocket, hot gluing in place if necessary. Emphasize the depth of the arrangement with branches that overlap the frame in places.
7. Create a fluffy bow with ribbon that coordinates with the fabric. Slip it into the pocket or glue it in place to conceal the top edge of the fabric and provide a finishing touch.

Helpful Hint

Consider rejuvenating an old frame by giving it a fresh paint treatment for this project.