

Hints for Handy persons

Putting A Frame On Family Treasures

(NAPSA)—Many of us have family photos, albums, hand-crafted keepsakes, heirlooms and other treasures gathering dust in the attic or basement.

Fortunately, with a little bit of planning and the right tools and materials, it's possible to rescue these items and share them with the world—or the next generation—by creating a frame that will preserve and showcase them.

The right tools and materials in this case are a router, miter saw and rosewood. Using different router bits can produce a frame with a unique shape.

- Start by cutting the rosewood in pieces large enough to produce the overall height and width. The total length of each piece needs to accommodate the card mount (the inside of the frame), plus twice the finished width of the frame.

- By selecting different router settings, it is possible to create different profiles for the frame. The profile is what determines how deeply the picture or photo is set back in the frame.

- Using a combination of router cuts can create a more complex profile for the frame.

- You can also use the router to rabbet, or groove, the inside of the frame. A two-level rabbet will allow for a recess to hold the picture and a second recess to hold the glass that covers the picture.

- After using the miter saw to cut the corners of each piece of



Routers are used for everything from adding decorative edging to smoothing out the sharp edges of a counter top.

rosewood at 45 degree angles, use the router to create routed slots to join the frame with biscuits, or small wooden discs. Make sure the slot is large enough or the disc will prevent the miter joint from joining properly.

Once the frame is prepared, glue the joints lightly, and clamp them together.

It's the versatility of a router that makes this project possible. Some of the latest developments in routers can be found in the models available from Porter-Cable, such as the Model 890 series. Routers in this series offer time-saving features for faster transitions between jobs and on bit changes to an auto-engaging spindle lock for single wrench bit changes.

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