

Simple Picture Frame

Technique used:

Square section wood and card triangles.

Equipment needed:

scissors

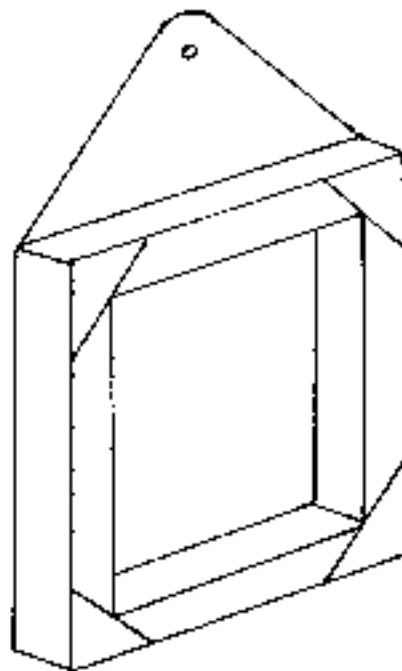
reclaimed card

1 cm square section wood

glue

hack saw

bench hook



How to make the example:

Step 1. Photocopy the sheet opposite, one per child.

Step 2. Cut out one rectangle and paste to square section wood. Using the rectangle as a template, cut the wood to 9cm long.

Step 3. Repeat step 2 three times to give you four 9cm strips of wood. Tidy the ends of the sawn wood with sandpaper if necessary.

Step 4. Cut out "picture frame shape" and paste to reclaimed card. (Old greetings cards are ideal for this.)

Step 5. Use P.V.A. to glue square section wood in the dotted shapes shown on the "picture frame shape". Allow at least five minutes to become firm.

Step 6. Cut out triangles and paste to reclaimed card.

Step 7. Glue card triangles over each corner joint (as shown in the diagram) using P.V.A. glue.

Step 8. Decorate the picture frame with paints or felt tipped pens.

Step 9. Finally, cut a picture from a glossy magazine or an old photograph and glue inside the frame.

How the idea may be developed:

This simple design can be developed in a number of different ways. The dimensions may be changed to make larger or smaller frames, the frames may be decorated with printing or marbling techniques and the chosen picture could be varnished to give a "glass like" effect. The hanging bracket at the top may be removed and pupils asked to experiment with different ways of hanging the frame from behind. Alternatively, simple supporting brackets can be invented to enable the frame to become free standing.

