

Framing Focus

FRAMING SPORTS MEMORABILIA

Everyone has a favorite sports team. And sometimes there's memorabilia just waiting to be framed for your home or office. Perhaps you have a baseball card collection from way back when or even the present. Or a collection of mini-football helmets. Or a sports jersey. Or medals. Anything and everything to remind you of your team or a special event is the perfect material for a sports shadowbox. We can customize your memories and match any decor.

There are many ways to frame sports memorabilia. It's always interesting to have photos, medals, patches, emblems, and other related items all together in a creative frame design. Simple collections can become a beautiful focal point of a room when the right mats and moulding are chosen. For example, we can custom frame a New York Giants football jersey with an interesting background using the blue and white colors in the uniform to create an eye-catching backdrop. There are always different frame design options. A collection of 2007 World Series Champions Red Sox baseball cards would look great using a blue mat showing a white bevel to accentuate the photo. A bright red mat as the background pops out in a simple black frame.

As with any design, mats can offer a multitude of possibilities. We can use different shapes and even cut the name or logo of the team into the mat for extra effect. Any sport from baseball to basketball, from tennis to lacrosse, and from soap-box derbies to soccer and swimming can be commemorated in a custom-made shadowbox design. Whether it's professional or pee-wee, sports items are lots of fun to frame and have bragging rights to.

So come in with those ticket stubs, programs, and banners. Or bring in your child's soccer jersey from the winning season. Perhaps you have a signed sneaker from a basketball player. We will create the perfect home for your treasured memories of exciting sporting events. ■



A 32"x40" display case provides a unique shadowbox system with a front-loading magnetic panel that allows easy access to the contents. White inlaid mats were placed in back of the jersey to customize the presentation.



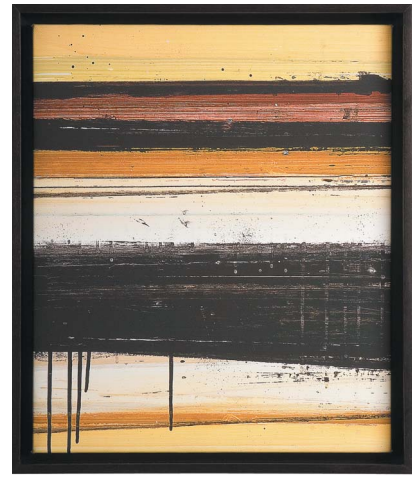
The NFL football helmet collection is framed using a white V-groove as a design element.

Float Frames: Versatile Design Options

When framing a piece of art on canvas, take a look at a float frame for a different effect. Most mouldings have a lip to hold the art in the frame, but floats have shelf-like ledges at the back to support it. A float frame is especially important when framing gallery wraps or other canvases when art is painted near the outer edges. Most float frames are minimal in design, providing a simple edge to contain the artwork. Other float frames are wider and offer interesting shapes.

Float frames can stand alone or be used in conjunction with other mouldings, liners, or mats. These frames mostly house contemporary art. However, more conventional pieces can be placed in a float frame with traditional moulding around it to create a more classic look.

Float frames can combine with other mouldings for a variety of width, texture, and color. Mixing styles and colors adds interest and creativity to any framing project, including mirrors. Float frames can also be used to create a shadowbox effect by recessing one frame behind another. Stop by and explore the design possibilities of a custom-made float frame ■



This piece of art is framed with a single float moulding. The simplicity of the art, as well as its linear quality, allows it to work well with this minimalist design.

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