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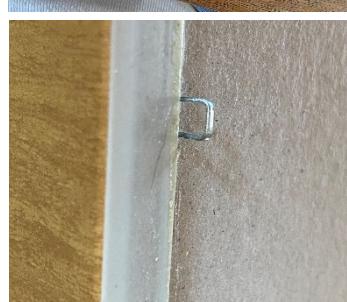
BUTTON SHADOWBOX: BE UNIQUE

Lo temp hot glue is used for button projects because it can be easily pulled off the buttons and is safer for fingertips!

This project makes use of a clearance shadowbox, using buttons to make it personal and emphasize any statement you'd like.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- A deep frame or shadowbox
 - 1-2 cups of small buttons
 - A few complementary beads
 - Lo temp hot glue sticks (1-2 short sticks)
 - Lo temp hot glue gun
 - Needle nosed pliers (to hold small buttons & beads)
 - A short awl (for loosening old threads)
1. Remove the packaging and the protective paper backing.
 2. Bend the small staples up so that you can lift the picture from the frame.
 3. If you'd like to add an image or printed thought, cut it out and use a glue stick to adhere it to the image. This project added a heart cutout.
 4. If you'd like ribbon embellishment, cut some pieces of ribbon into 2 inch lengths and fold in half. Glue the ribbon ends on the edges of your shape.
 5. Using the hot glue, place a row of small buttons around your shape, and another row of small buttons beside them, covering any paper or ribbon edges.





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6. Next use small buttons for another layer of buttons centered atop the double row of buttons.
7. Lay a few buttons randomly on the picture, and when you are happy with their placement, glue them in place.
8. Finally, add a few beads for texture .
9. Before placing your creation back in the frame, wash the glass of any dust or smears.



10. Sprinkle a few loose buttons into the bottom of the shadowbox frame.
11. Gently return the image to the frame and bend the wire staples down to hold it in place.
12. Use a glue stick to hold paper or wallpaper in place to protect the back.



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