



## Tip Sheet

### For Immediate Use

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### TIPS FOR PRESERVING PHOTOGRAPHS

Since digital cameras and other photograph-capable technologies like cell phones have become popular, more pictures are taken and in need of protection. People who want to display pictures and keep them preserved for future generations have many choices at Hobby Lobby.

- All products used in a picture frame should be acid free. Products include matting, tape, glues, and boards to hold everything in the back of the frame. Products that are not acid free yellow and fade photographs, and mats will discolor and not match the image. Hobby Lobby offers hundreds of acid-free color choices for matting. All of the material used in Hobby Lobby's framing department can be acid free.
- Pictures should never be hung in direct sunlight or near other light sources like fluorescent lights. Ultraviolet (UV) rays fade images. Requesting preservation glass for frames, which keeps out up to 98% of UV rays, is another way to avoid fading.
- Household moisture or the humidity of summer can cause photographs to wrinkle and bunch up in a frame. Drymounting is a process that permanently adheres photographs to a heat-activated foam. This keeps pictures from wrinkling or moving in frames.
- Pictures can be preserved in a shadowbox with other mementos. Hobby Lobby picture framers can create a shadowbox with various items to keep them preserved. Examples of items include sports jerseys or military badges.

Hobby Lobby, which opened in 1972, began as a small picture framing company in Oklahoma. They have grown to over 350 stores in 30 states. Their picture framing department offers while-you-wait framing and custom framing with prices for all budgets. Prices depend of the size of the picture or artwork and the frame style.

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