

Fresh Flowers Add Special Touch To Keepsakes

(NAPSA)—For many people, family photographs aren't just treasured reminders of people and places, they are also used as part of the decor—accentuating walls and tabletops with nostalgia. Similar sentiments (and decorative ideas) may also be associated with fresh-cut flowers. Perhaps snapdragons remind you of a special time or person, fragrant roses might take you back to childhood memories.

When combined, photos and flowers can be a delightful duet down memory lane. These simple projects let you brighten cherished photographs with fresh-cut blooms.

PHOTO VASE

Materials:

- 2 clear glass vases with straight sides (must be of the same style, in descending sizes)
- Photographs to fit in between the two vases
- Peach hybrid tea roses, peach hypericum and peach stock
- Foliage (if you'd like)
- Floral clippers
- Floral Preservative

Directions:

1. Insert smaller glass vase inside larger one.
2. Slip photos in the space between the two vases.
3. Carefully fill interior vase with water mixed with floral preservative. Make sure not to accidentally spill water between the two vases.
4. Add bouquet of fresh flowers. Cut flowers short so that blooms rest slightly over rim of the photo vase.

FRAMED FLOWERS

Materials:

- 1 wall picture frame of any size
- 1 sheet of plain background



Fresh flowers, such as these in a personalized photo vase, can be used all around the house for added color and beauty.

paper (the color depends on your taste—black, blue, white, green, etc.)

- 1 small bud vase to coordinate with the size of the wall frame
- Self-adhesive Velcro
- 1 fresh-cut flower (your choice and color)
- Floral clippers

Directions:

1. Place background paper in wall picture frame.
2. Place self-adhesive Velcro on bud vase and glass of picture frame. (Placement could be centered or off to one side.) Just make sure that the Velcro on the vase and frame meet. In order to hold the weight of a water-filled vase, two pieces of Velcro may be needed on each surface.
3. Fill bud vase with water and your favorite fresh-cut flower.
4. Attach Velcro'd vase to Velcro on picture frame and hang it.

For creative ideas on using fresh flowers in your home, visit www.flowerpossibilities.com or write P.O. Box 16, Ovid, MI 48866 for a free flower recipe brochure.