

MAKE A PICTURE FRAME FOR A FAMILY PHOTO



Artist Mickalene Thomas creates paintings, collages, photography, video, and installations that often explore her personal experiences. *Mickalene Thomas: A Moment's Pleasure* transforms the BMA's lobby, exterior, and terrace into a vibrant space inspired by homes in the 1970s and 1980s. The installation features bold patterns, retro colors, and a feeling of the familiar through everyday objects and furniture that honor the artist's memories of her mother, her grandmother, and times of family togetherness.

Explore your own memories and create a picture frame for a favorite family photo with designs that inspire feelings of joy, connection, and celebration.

Are there colors or patterns that remind you of good times with family and friends? Keep these in mind as you create your picture frame.

Above: Mickalene Thomas. *A Moment's Pleasure*. 2019. © Mickalene Thomas. Photography by Mitro Hood

MATERIALS

magazines or colored paper, cardboard, scissors, glue, pencil, tape, and a family photo.

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Look through magazines and cut out patterns and designs that you like. If you don't have magazines, cut shapes out of colored paper.
- 2 Browse some family photos with an adult and together choose your favorite photo.
- 3 Place your photo face-down in the center of the cardboard and use a pencil to trace the shape of the photo.
- 4 Use a ruler and pencil to draw a rectangle about 1 inch larger than the photo tracing and cut out the rectangle.
- 5 Design your frame by gluing the cut-outs from the magazine pages or colored paper to the space between the photo tracing and the edge of the frame.



- 6 When you're done designing your frame and the glue has dried, tape your photo to the tracing you made in Step 3.

Now choose a spot in the house to display your new photo frame!



We'd love to see your work! Snap a picture of your final creation and share with us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter using the hashtag #ArtBMAFromHome for a chance to be featured.

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