

How can we incorporate family photos in our décor?

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Last month I spoke about depersonalizing your space when you are selling your house. Getting rid of clutter is one of our top priorities and family photos are usually the first to go. This is because you want buyers to imagine themselves in the house.

What if we are not moving?

Some of the typical places that many of us keep our photos are in albums, digital frames or even on our iPhones. I am sure many people have some new and exciting family photos and vacation spots that you would like to share in your home after this glorious hot summer—and why not!

Below I have listed my top tips on how to display our “proud” family and vacation photos in our homes to be enjoyed by all:

- create attractive groupings of your favourite photographs (on a table top, in a hallway, large wall)
* see example 1
- using a picture rail will keep your photos looking like they are in a gallery
- keeping a consistent space between the photographs, usually a geometric shape is the best
- shelves provide a great space for family photos, lean photos instead of hanging them
- using larger matting with smaller artwork/photos creates a bigger impression
- use the same colour frame and white mats for all of your artwork which will tie them together
* see example 2
- smaller photos hung in a uniform order can be seen as one large piece of artwork

Another idea that can be implemented if you have too many photos - frame a number of photos and then rotate them as the season changes. Display the winter family photos in the fall and winter months and the summer photos in the spring and summer months – enjoy....

Example 1



Example 2



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“A home should be a distillation of your interests, of who you really are. If you’re happy with your life, your space will reflect that.”

—Designer Rafael de Cárdenas