

## Create a Wall Photo Collage

*Give family photos a prominent space in your house.*

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**N**ow that the long days of summer are well behind us, we find ourselves spending more of our time indoors. It's a great time to take a look around and find a place for a photo or picture wall. You have all those digital photos of the family, birthday celebrations, or perhaps a summer wedding. It's a perfect opportunity to create something new and uniquely personal inside your home.

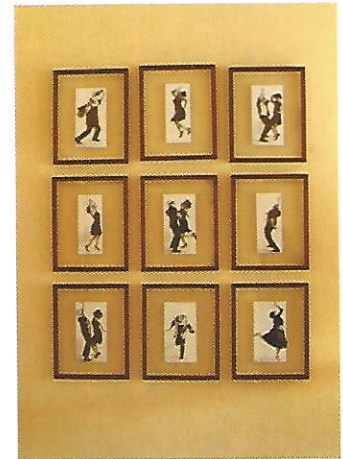
A great idea for empty wall space or a staircase wall is a photo collage.

If you're creating a photo collage for a growing family, frames can be used

that are easy to slip pictures in and out of, so the wall can change as fast as your kids grow up.

For a random effect, paper templates can be made of all your frames. Starting at the middle of the wall, arrange the paper rectangles and squares to create a pattern using uniform spacing between the templates. You work the layout up-and-down and side-to-side until achieving a balanced look. Once the layout looks visually pleasing, begin hanging the actual frames starting from the middle and working out, while keeping the spacing even.

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**A collage is a great idea for empty wall space.**  
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## Devonshire Division's Crime Reduction Update



**Devonshire Division Capt. Kris E. Pitcher**  
Photo courtesy of Devonshire Division

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**T**he Devonshire Area continues to have dramatic and significant reduction in Part I Crime in 2013. Violent crime has been reduced by 10.2 percent and property crime has been reduced 15.1 percent compared to 2012. Devonshire Area is currently ranked 3rd in the city and 1st in Operations-Valley Bureau in Part I Crime reduction. We all can take great pride in this achievement.

The Devonshire Area has been successful in reducing crime for the last three years because of the effective collaboration we have forged with Councilman Mitchell Englander's Office and our communities. The Neighborhood Watch Program has flourished. Throughout the area, we are working side by side with dedicated and committed volunteers who have taken ownership of their communities and have partnered with the police department to enhance and improve their neighborhoods.

As successful as we have been in 2013, we still have challenges and obstacles to overcome. The state fiscal budget and recent court decisions will continue to impact public safety for years to come. Together, we need to "harden the target," safeguard our neighborhoods and continue to be vigilant. Devonshire is a wonderful place to raise our children, conduct business and to entertain ourselves. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to live in our beautiful communities.

We must continue to invest our time and precious resources in the various character-building programs that will enhance our youths and rehabilitate those who have faced their own shortcomings in life. I look forward to the challenges that we will face together and the opportunity of working with all of you.