

## *Faux Leather Picture Frame*

Masking tape and liquid shoe polish combine to create the look and feel of real leather! Cover anything you like with this inexpensive and impressive technique. We embellished our frame with metallic beads, you can use whatever you have on hand...We used a plain frame from the dollar store.



### *For each frame you will need*

1 unfinished wooden craft frame  
sandpaper, *if necessary*  
masking tape  
black liquid shoe polish, *or color of your choice*  
acrylic clear-coat spray  
metallic beads, *if desired*  
tacky-type craft glue  
E-6000 craft glue\*\*, *or other glue suitable for beads*

If necessary, lightly sand wooden frame so that it is smooth and is free of bumps and burrs. In order for the masking tape to adhere correctly, the wood must be free of dust and debris. Wipe wood with a damp cloth and allow to dry.

Tear off a small length of masking tape; tear into smaller bits that measure about 1/2-inch by 1/2-inch. Avoid having any pieces with the straight edge of the tape. Stick torn pieces, overlapping slightly, onto frame. Make sure that the frame is covered and that no raw wood can be seen. Wrap pieces around all edges; allow at least 1/2-inch lap to the back in any area. If any bit of tape lifts up, or does not completely adhere, use tacky glue to stick down. Allow to dry.

Cover entire piece in liquid shoe polish. Allow to dry thoroughly. Repeat until you have the desired color and all masking tape is painted; the torn edges will create darker areas. When dry, coat the frame with two coats of acrylic spray, drying thoroughly between coats.

Using masking tape as a guide, we glued a row of metallic beads around our frame. Allow to dry completely. Frame desired picture.

\*\**We strongly recommend E-6000 glue for attaching the beads; it dries permanent and clear.*