



| ACTIVITY NAME | <p style="text-align: center;">FRAME MY OLD MIRROR</p>  |
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| LEARNING OBJECTIVES | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Using your creative ● Learn how to recycle an old mirror ● To become an artist ● To link with your cultural essence |
| TRAINING METHOD(S) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Artist methods/sensitivity ● Interactive Training ● Video-Based Training |
| TIME/ DURATION | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 hours |
| GROUP SIZE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6-12 participants |
| SETUP (ENVIRONMENT) & NECESSARY TOOLS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Old mirror ● Glue/Silicone ● Paper ● Leather gloves or Protective Gloves (Gardening type) ● Reclaimed wood door or window frame ● Decorative items ● Old shirt ● One or two old towels ● Hammer |
| DESCRIPTION | <p>A broken mirror... Besides 7 years of “bad luck”, what really can you do with it? Once broken, mirrors are only a mere relic of their former reflecting selves. That is until now.</p> |



A broken mirror can't show your reflection in full, but it can be repurposed into an assortment of useful items. Here is the crafty way to answer your question of what to do with broken mirror.

This activity offers a comprehensive introduction to the art of recycling old mirror to covert in a frame. By the end of this 2-hour session, you'll have garnered a new skill set and have your very own new frame to treasure.

In this workshop, you'll have access to a frame that accommodates pieces up to 40 x 40cm. Feel free to choose any design you'd like to transform into a frame, though we recommend opting for simpler designs for the best outcomes. Don't worry if you're new to this - no previous skills are required for this workshop, and we'll provide all the materials you need.

Follow the next steps; some artist ideas;

Step 1: Find a mirror and frame that match in size

The mirror needs to be the same size as the glass that goes in the picture frame (if it has any). This is easiest to do with square or rectangular mirrors.

Tip: This is a great way to repurpose antique frames or give new life to old, boring mirrors.

Step 2: Clean the glass to remove any debris or dust.

Step 3: Create an Indoor Garden With an Old Mirror

- Use glass paints to paint different kinds of flowers in each of the mirrorpanes. Take your time and practice first on paper if you need to.
- When the paints are dry, add some hanging hardware to the top of the window frame so you can display it on your wall.

CONCERNS AND IMPLEMENTATION SUGGESTIONS

Whether you have an old mirror that's seen better days or need to dispose of a recently broken mirror, you may have found yourself wondering: can I recycle this? The answer isn't as straightforward as you may think. As far as traditional recycling goes, the answer is unfortunately no.





Unlike glass bottles or jars, which can be recycled in most areas, the type of glass used to make mirrors, coupled with the reflective coating on the back, makes it unable to be recycled.

In fact, even if the reflective coating could be removed, mirror glass still can't be recycled. The reason lies in the actual recycling process. With glass, this means crushing it into small pieces and melting it down. Since mirror glass and bottle glass have different melting points, recycling centers can't accommodate mirror glass.

So, while you may have had great environmental intentions to send your broken mirror to a recycling center, we regret to tell you that isn't possible.

But wait! That doesn't mean your only other option is throwing away the pieces. In addition to all of the crafty repurposing ideas we shared in this activity, we have a few more ideas for how to recycle an old or broken mirror.

- **Call your local art store.** Since art stores often sell broken glass by the pound to makers of mosaics and stained glass, they might be interested in purchasing your broken glass or accepting it as a donation.
- **Check with a local antique store.** If your mirror is just old and not broken, you may be able to sell it to a local antique store or donate it to a reclaimed furniture store.
- **Put it on Craigslist or Facebook Marketplace.** Whether it's an old mirror that's seen better days or pieces of broken mirror glass, you never know what someone else might need.

Regardless of what you end up doing with your old and broken mirror, make sure you **USE CAUTION** when handling potentially sharp pieces. While the seven years of bad luck might be a myth, the dangers of jagged glass are not!

TIPS for further reading & watching

Piet Mondrian quote: "The purer the artist's mirror is, the more true reality reflects in it."

More ideas

Video Watching: **How to Update Old Mirrors | DIY Mirror Painting | 5 Furniture Flips**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cu20qsvahXQ>





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| | <p>How To Antique A Mirror & Frame Step by Step Tutorial</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjj2GY4hqec</p> |
| <p>LEVELS & VARIATION</p> | <p>Our mission is to create a comfortable place for you to gain a new skill and in the meanwhile, to have quality time with your friends/families. We believe everyone has a sense of creativity, with our unique teaching method and guidance, you can turn all your ideas into something meaningful no matter you are the most confident artist or someone who never thought they could make anything.</p> |