

# Framed Jewelry Art

## Craft Activity for Seniors

### Materials Needed

- Glue Gun and Stick Glue
- Old Jewelry (brooches, earrings, buttons, rhinestones)
- Picture Frame (any size or style)
- Cotton Batting
- Construction Paper or Dark Fabric (velvet works great)



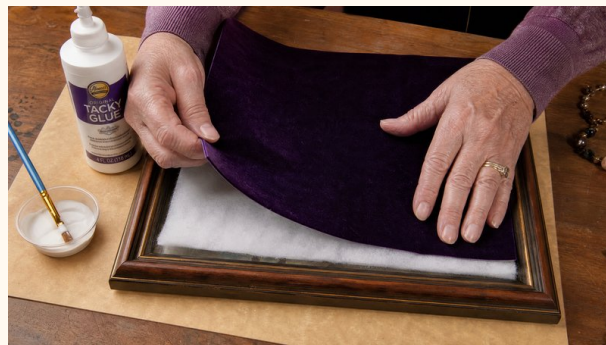
### Step-by-Step Instructions

- Step 1:** Gather all your materials — a picture frame, old jewelry, cotton batting, construction paper or fabric, and a hot glue gun with glue sticks. Any frame will work, even a cheap certificate frame.
- Step 2:** Flip the frame over and remove the back panel. Take out anything inside (glass, cardboard backing, etc.).
- Step 3:** Take the glass panel and spread a layer of cotton batting over it. This creates a soft, padded surface for your jewelry to sit on.
- Step 4:** Glue the cotton down so it stays in place on the glass.

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**Step 5:** Cut a piece of fabric or construction paper to size and glue it on top of the cotton. This becomes the background for your jewelry art — dark colours like black velvet work beautifully.



**Step 6:** Place the padded base back into the frame and secure it with hot glue around the edges.

**Step 7:** Now the fun part! Lay out your jewelry pieces on the base and arrange them into your desired design — whether it's a floral bouquet, a tree, or an abstract pattern. Play around with the layout before gluing anything down.



**Step 8:** Once you're happy with the design, carefully hot glue each piece into place.

**Step 9:** That's it — your framed jewelry art is complete! Display it on a wall, prop it on a shelf, or gift it to someone special.

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## Design Ideas to Try

- Floral Bouquet — arrange brooches and pins into a flower arrangement
- Christmas Tree — build a tree shape using green and colourful pieces
- Abstract Pattern — create a free-form swirl or cascade design
- Wreath — form a circular shape with pearls and crystals
- Heart Shape — perfect for Valentine's Day or a gift

## Tips for Activity Coordinators

- Ask residents to bring in their own old jewelry for a personal touch
- Pre-prepare the padded bases for residents with limited mobility
- Use this as a reminiscing opportunity — ask about the stories behind each piece
- Work in small groups so staff can assist with the hot glue gun safely
- Display finished pieces in a common area for everyone to admire

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