

Family Photos Will Make Your Home More Homey

Want to make your house homier? No, not homely, homey - you know, warm, inviting, personal. Try displaying family photos for instant environmental appeal.

This may sound like something you've considered doing but kept putting off because it's such a big job to go through all those pictures and sort them out.

Where to begin: First you need not worry about the picture itself and its compatibility with the rest of the room. If you like the picture, it will be perfect for any room. You create your sense of unity with mats and frames in the colors and styles that fit the decor. The frames do not have to be identical to each other as long as they are compatible to the decor of the room as well as to each other.

How to arrange on the wall: A single picture must be large enough for the wall on which it will be hung or you will create a desolate look instead of a warm, inviting one. Groupings are usually better, and though all your children's high school graduation pictures matted and framed and hung in a row will make you proud, a few other pictures of different sized around them will effect a more creative look.

Here's a little arranging advice: Don't hang the pictures too close to each other or you will end up with a cluttered look. Then again, don't hang them too far apart or you'll lose that unified look.

Subject matter: Related subjects usually work best in a group. Let's take the graduate theme again. Place two or three other pictures of the same person at different stages in their life and place those pictures around the graduation picture.