

## Ideas for your ever-growing collection of children's art

courtesy of fellow preschool teacher Barb Zaborowski.

**Hang** black pieces of tag board from a curtain rod or a piece of clothesline hanging on the wall. Hang an ever-changing display using the black tag board borders as frames.

**Make** a border around your child's bedroom at ceiling height. Cut big pieces down to size, whatever size you choose.

Send pieces to out-of-town relatives and friends. Your kids will never know that Uncle Waldo enjoyed it for a while and then tossed it out.

**Use** pieces of art as wrapping paper. Make cards, gift tags, book marks, or book covers from it. If they are giving away the book marks to friends, they can be laminated. If your kids are keeping them for themselves, don't laminate them; you want them to be worn out or torn so more need to be made.

**Take** digital photos of their art and make a display on the fridge. They can change the photos at will since it's all on the hard drive.

**Give** over an entire wall (basement, family room, hallway, child's room, etc.) to their art.

**Get** an artist's portfolio for each child's art.

**Put** the art in pizza boxes. They're easy to stack and hold bigger pieces of art.

**Insert** it in an acrylic box frame and change it when the artist wants. Other pieces can be stored behind the displayed piece.

**Use** pieces of art for scissor practice or collage material.

**Decoupage** it onto furniture, vases, trays, almost anything. Small pieces can be made into jewelry, Christmas ornaments, and origami.

**Laminate** pieces and use them for placemats.

**Glue** the art to tag board and cut it into pieces to make a puzzle for your child. When pieces get lost, toss the puzzle and make more.

**Donate** their art to assisted living facilities or senior housing units.

**Make** a video of your child showing and talking about their art.

Send their art to soldiers serving overseas. Check out [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com).

**Create** a family website to display their art or check out [www.artsonia.com](http://www.artsonia.com).

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