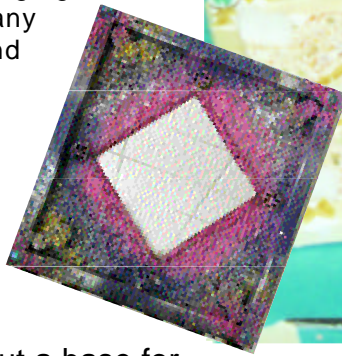


# Mirror Frame

## You will need:

Hardboard, plywood or corrugated cardboard  
Small mirror  
Glue - Copydex/PVA  
Masking tape  
Decorative items such as pasta shells, peas, lentils, barley, scrap materials - bottle tops, buttons, packaging foam, filters, cardboard; any material to add texture and interest to the frame  
Casting plaster  
Acrylic paint/spray paint  
Acrylic varnish

**Most of the above items are available from the Play Resource Shop.**



Cut out a base for your mirror frame from plywood, hardboard or corrugated cardboard.

Centre the mirror and stick it down with a generous amount of glue - Copydex for fast drying, or PVA if you have time to let it set overnight.



Frame the base with strips of packaging foam fixed to the edges with masking tape or decorate the outside edges by glueing on pasta shells, bottle tops, buttons - whatever you feel looks good.



Protect the surface of the mirror with strips of masking tape before decorating the rest of the frame.

Apply glue and cover with lentils, barley, rice, sand, or any other materials you feel will provide an interesting texture.



Seal the whole surface with acrylic varnish which will dry in approximately half an hour. Create a unified appearance by giving the mirror frame a coat of acrylic paint or spray paint in a well ventilated area, supervised by an adult. Once the paint is dry peel the masking tape off the mirror.



**Tip:** use a large cardboard box as a spray booth to prevent inhaling spray paint.