

Decorate Your Own Locker Mirror!

Whether or not your child is an old pro with lockers, the start of the year is always a great time for a fresh start. After all, there's been no time for mystery meats to settle in back corners, or for lost essay Black Holes to develop. You've got a clean, blank space—and a great chance to start the year off right!

For the most part, parents aren't going to be invited to look inside their kid's locker. But that doesn't mean you can't encourage good habits. Here's a craft that can send that supportive message and help your kid get off to a proud, stylish, and organized start. This activity is great fun for one kid, or for siblings to do together as they get ready for school, and even better for a big back-to-school get together!



What You Need:

- Frameless 6x6" mirror
- 4 flat glue-on magnets, each about 3/4" in diameter
- Craft Glue
- Flat glue-on "jewels" or sports symbols, or even artificial flowers

(Note: all supplies should be available at craft stores).

What to Do:

1. Your first step will be to "magnetize" the back of the mirror. Have your child turn it over so that the reflective front is facing down, and the dull, flat back is up. Help her glue on four magnets, one in each corner of the mirror.
2. Give the magnets at least half an hour to dry - more if the glue directions require it.
3. While you're waiting, place all decorations on a flat table, and invite your kid to mess around. The goal is to make a frame around the edge of the mirror. You child can decorate her mirror however she likes. The possibilities are endless! Have her lay out her arrangement before gluing it down, so that she can adjust as needed before securing everything to the mirror.
4. Once your child has found an arrangement she's happy with, and the glue on the back of the mirror has hardened sufficiently, have your child glue everything down with craft glue.
5. Give everything time to dry fully.
6. When you're done, your child will have a unique and practical locker decoration. It's a great way to make her feel like she has her own space at school - something that can be very comforting and is often very hard to come by in middle school and high school. Don't be surprised if friends ask where she got it...and how they can get one, too!