

The Artist Palette Challenge

It is now a quest for the unusual that has captured our attention in displaying artwork. Picture framers must too change their approach as trends change. Creative and unusual looks that fit in our homes and offices are a must!

What can be more dynamic than a paint palette that has been used by an almost famous family member, framed and displayed on the most important wall in a much-loved family cottage. This was a challenge that I accomplished recently for a client that wanted the perfect frame design for this very important piece. The palette was to be presented in a comfortable, country style to allow for viewing and reconfiguring of the two sides of this unique piece of memorabilia. The artist had enthusiastically used both sides of the palette and therefore my client wanted to protect the integrity of this unique piece by having it removable and transformable so that it could be enjoyed and changed accordingly.



This dynamic display required a larger frame not only for structural reasons but more importantly for balance and proportion, to set the mood or tone of the item and blend into the surroundings of the informal cottage. The high contrast of the neutral mat and frame against the bright paint colours of the palette allowed this artwork to “pop.”

To create an effective design I needed to study the art and review the room decor, as I am then more confident and more effective in creating a great frame design. Natural wood was the answer to showcase this item and allow it to fit into its environment and appear as though it belonged. I wanted it to receive attention without overtaking, allowing for perfect balance and harmony.

The customer was thrilled with the outcome. I was inspired by their enthusiasm!

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