

Make Your Own Daguerreotype Case

Think about how many pictures you have. You probably have hundreds!

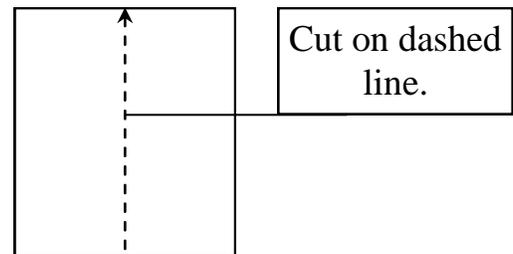
In 1846 there were no photos, there were daguerreotypes. Daguerreotypes were early photographs made on a metal plate. Because they were very expensive, people only had a photo of things very important to them.

For protection, daguerreotypes were kept in wooden hinged cases which looked like a book. The front and frame of these cases were decorated with designs and pictures, such as fancy shapes and cannon.

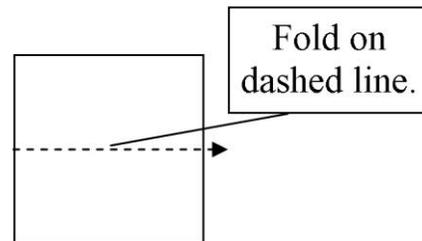
Get these materials to make your own daguerreotype case!

- ◇ Ruler
- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ Piece of construction paper
- ◇ Glue or tape
- ◇ Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

1. Cut the paper in half to make two pieces.



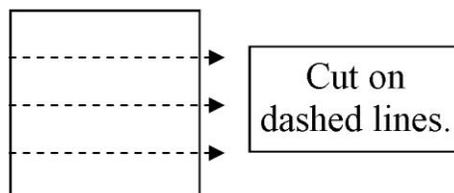
2. Fold both pieces in half with a hamburger fold.



3. Fold one piece either at the top or on the left.

Decorate the outside.

4. To make the frame, cut the other piece into four 1/2 inch strips.



5. Decorate the strips for the frame.

6. Write the following on the picture:

- Name of the person in the picture
- Date of the picture
- One sentence about why your picture is so valuable

7. When your picture is ready, put it inside the case. Put one strip around each edge of your picture. Glue or tape down the strips.

