

This creative craft brings out the you in you, using favorite family photos to make photo charms out of bottle caps. No two of these unique creations are alike – so raid your crafts closet, costume jewelry collection, and nearby dollar store to decorate yours with your choice of sparkly trinkets. The perfect gift for mom, grandma or a favorite auntie, this awesome accessory is certain to be a lasting family treasure.

What You'll Need

- 6 to 12 1-inch standard-sized bottle caps, pre-punched, available at crafts stores
- 6 to 12 assorted family photos, pictures, words or graphics
- 1-inch lever punch (optional)
- Permanent bond jewelry cement, available at crafts stores
- 1-inch epoxy dots/stickers, available online or at crafts stores
- 17- to 24-inch length of chain, ribbon, or cording
- Assorted buttons, charms, and trinkets
- Assorted 10 mm jump rings, available at crafts stores
- 1 closure, available at crafts stores



How To Make It

1. To make the bottle cap frames, have a grown-up punch images using the 1-inch lever punch. Alternatively, you may trace around the face of the bottle cap and have a grown-up cut the image in a 1-inch circle shape.



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2. Peel the epoxy sticker from its backing and stick it to the selected image, placing the sticky side down.



3. Attach a jump ring through the pre-punched hole in the bottle cap.



4. Place a pea-sized drop of jewelry cement inside the bottle cap and affix the image inside, epoxy dot side up. Allow to dry.



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5. For the necklace, you can use any length of chain, ribbon or cording you like. Lay out the bottle caps along its length to judge how the necklace will come together before affixing them to the chain with 10 mm jump rings. (Note: If using a ribbon, tie off each item you hang to secure it in place).



6. Decorate the in-between spaces with a selection of buttons, charms and trinkets using the same technique. (Note: Recycle buttons from old sweaters or blouses, and even use bits of old jewelry you may have lying around.)



7. Use a jump ring on either side of your creation to affix both halves of the closure. (If using a ribbon or cord, secure the closure in place with a knot).

