

# VACATION FLIP-FLOP FRAME

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## Materials:

Cardboard for front and back...or one ready to finish frame.  
A lighter weight cardboard for the flip-flops  
DFN Craft Thread in a variety of colors  
White acrylic paint  
Alphabet beads to spell out "VACATION"  
Large seed beads in comp. colors (used as spacers between the alphabet beads.)  
Tacky Glue • Hot Glue • Tape • Magnet  
Large Needle (#16 Tapestry Needle)

## Instructions:

1. Referring to the diagram, draw a pair of flip-flops in the desired size (two top pieces and two bottom pieces). Using your pattern as a guide, cut the flip-flops from the chipboard.
2. Using a needle, **carefully** make holes in

the fronts where indicated. Paint the pieces white and set aside to dry.

3. Choose two colors for your flip-flop straps. Make a twist cord\*.

4. Using a flip-flop with a puncture hole and starting at the back, tape the end of the twist cord 1/2 of the way down. Bring the cord up and over the front, going down through the puncture hole. Come up on the opposite side and once again go down through the hole.

Keep the twist cord somewhat loose, to replicate the straps of a flip-flop. Tape in place on the bottom. Repeat with the second punctured flip-flop.

5. Carefully hot glue the bottoms onto the flip-flops, covering the cords. Make another twist cord\*\*. Starting on the inside of each flip-flop, glue the twist cord around the edge, covering the seam of the two pieces of chipboard. Set aside to dry completely.

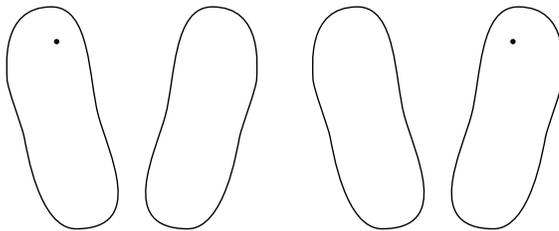
6. Cut two pieces of cardboard in the same rectangular dimensions. Curving the corners makes it easier to wrap the craft thread neatly. Cut the center out of the front piece. Do not cut the back piece.

7. Tape the end of your first color to the back of the frame's front piece and begin wrapping. Keep tension light and even. Try to be sure the craft thread lays as flat as possible. Cover the cardboard completely. To change colors, simply tape the ends and the beginning of the next color onto the back.

8. When the floss wrapping is complete, string your alphabet and large seed beads ( V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N ). Start and end with the seed beads. Tie this onto the bottom center of your frame, being careful to hide the ends of the craft thread.

9. Using the frame's back piece, apply glue as close to the side and bottom edges as possible. The top is not glued to allow picture insertion. Glue the back piece to the back of the frame's front.

10. Glue the flip-flops into place and you are done!



**\*Twist Cord - Two Colors:** Use two colors of craft thread each 6" in length. Tie together at one end. Tape one end to a work surface. Twist the free end in one direction. When the thread is fully twisted (it will begin to kink), fold it in half. Untape the end, hold the ends together, give a quick shake (the cord will twist back on itself) and you're done!

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## \*\*Twist Cord - Single Color:

Use a 20" length of craft thread.  
Tape one end to a work surface. Twist the free end in one direction. When the thread is fully twisted (it will begin to kink), fold it in half. Untape the end, hold the ends together, give a quick shake (the cord will twist back on itself) and you're done! This should give you more than enough length for finishing both flip-flops.