

Repurposing Sentimental Items

Letters Cards and Notes

- Make and hang a collage of cards
- Put them in a scrapbook
- Frame them and create an art space
- Use them in a shadow box
- Place them under glass of your coffee table or breakfast table to see them daily - rotate the pictures

Jewelry

- Ask a jeweler to turn a single earrings or a brooch into a bracelet or necklace.
- Use costume pieces to make art such as flower topiaries or Christmas trees
- Decorate a frame, serving spoon handles, or napkin rings
- Create a beautiful bookmark using a dangle earring and some ribbon
- Make a shadow box with the person's picture surrounded by her favorite pieces of jewelry
- Incorporate Grandma's or Auntie's costume jewelry into a bouquet for your wedding or a table centerpiece.
- Remake into hair jewelry clips

Trophies and award ribbons

- Remove the nameplates and frame all together along with a narrative. Use the ribbons as a background
- Create a decorative banner using the ribbons
- Spraypaint the trophies and use as book ends
- Remove the tops and screw into a board to create a coat/hat rack
- Collect the trophies into one area to make a statement display

T-shirts, clothes, baby clothes

- Make a t-shirt quilt or blanket
- Frame cool t-shirt designs and hang it up
- Sew a stuffed animal from a child's favorite outfit
- Convert parts of a wedding or bridesmaid dress into a christening gown or fancy girl's dress
- Stretch the clothing over a frame to create wall art
- Redo Mom's mink into pillows

Mementos

- Convert saved corks into coasters
- Dress material can be made into pendants, pins, flowers and a whole host of other items
- Etsy has many many clever crafters who specialize in converting sentimental items
- Pinterest has boards and boards of ideas on how to display, repurpose and store mementos