Wine Cork Board

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TOOLS:

- Cutting mat / work surface (1)
- Hot Glue gun & hot glue (1)
- Utility knife (1)

PARTS:

- Wine cork (1)
- Photo frame (1)

SUMMARY

During a thorough clean of my shed that was formerly a storage unit, I discovered several bags of wine corks. Not wishing to return them to a dusty shelf, I put them to use. Cork boards were an obvious solution. They're practical, simple to make and look good.

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Step 1 — Wine Cork Board

- Prepare the frame by removing any glass or additional layers until it's just the backing board.
- Find a pattern you want to arrange the corks in. Most repetitive patterns will look good, whether simple or complex.
- I ran a bead of glue around the perimeter of the board on the rear side to secure it firmly in place.
Step 2

- Start gluing the corks down, using a diagonal pattern and starting away from the edge tends to make the end result look more natural.

- Pay attention to the size and shapes of the corks and pick ones which suit. It doesn't have to be perfect but it looks neatest to have the gaps and spacing as consistent as possible.

- Some like to cut the corks in half which is more economical if you don't have many.

Step 3

- Once you can no longer insert whole corks, cut corks to shape so they'll fit nicely along the edge. Obviously the neater the job, the better the finish so take your time.
Step 4

- The hot glue will leave strands and areas of spillage that need to be removed. A small pair of pliers helps with the thicker areas.

Step 5

- Although not a necessity, a few coats of clear gloss brings out the colour and texture of the corks.
- Allow to dry and your cork board is ready.
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