

Fingerprint Christmas Lights Photo Frame



Learn how to make fingerprint Christmas lights into a photo frame with children. This particular creation is one of my favorite Christmas activities for preschoolers because it makes the best gift for kids to make their families.

It's a simple frame with fingerprint Christmas lights and corresponding photos – what's not to love?

Oh how I love to let the kids use their fingerprints and handprints to create in the classroom! It's always fun to see what the children make.

* There's also a free printable available for you at the bottom of the post! It's a printable set of Christmas cards or gift tags to go along with the Christmas lights photo frame.

Help Kids Make a Fingerprint Christmas Frame

Children have made fingerprint Christmas lights art for many, many years. There's just something about painting their fingertips and making art that most kids seem to enjoy.

If you haven't yet, let the kids use their hands and fingers to make their own [process art](#) independently.





This particular Christmas gift takes a little bit of adult guidance, though I encourage you to let the children take the lead.

What you need to make photo frames:

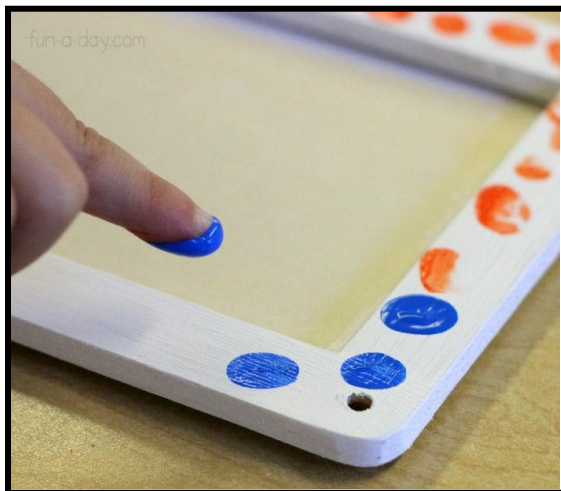
- [Wooden craft frames \(4x6\)](#)
- Acrylic paint (we used white, blue, green, orange, and red)
- Christmas lights
- Santa hat
- Camera
- Printable gift cards/gift tag

How to Make the Fingerprint Lights Frame

Have the children paint the frame white. One coat worked well for us, but that might depend on which kind of paint you use.

Obviously, since the kiddos painted the frames, they weren't "perfect". To me, those little imperfections make gifts like this even more special!

Once the white has dried (we let ours dry overnight), add the fingerprint Christmas lights.



I let the children do most of this part by themselves. Yes, I was sitting next to them in case they needed my assistance. Some needed help, but most were fine on their own.

After the fingerprint Christmas lights have dried, add the "strings". I used black permanent marker and connected the kids' fingerprints the best I could.

I added little swirls and loops while I did so. Some of the kids did this themselves, while others preferred I help out.

Next, add the kids' names and the date. Using a fine point black permanent marker, I added each child's name to the top of the frame. I wrote the year at the bottom of each frame, too.

Finally, place each child's photo inside the frame, let the kids wrap it all up, and send it home.

Directions for the “wrapped up in lights” photos

I must admit, I had SO MUCH FUN taking these pictures! The kids and I had our own “photo shoot” for a picture to add inside the fingerprint Christmas lights frame. They seemed pretty entertained as well! My only concern was that some of them would tell their parents.



Choose a background for the photo. I didn't want to have the white classroom walls in the picture, so I made my own “backdrop.”

I grabbed a length of green butcher paper and hung it on the wall with some tape. Nothing fancy, but it worked!

Get the kiddos geared up! For the photos, I wrapped the children in white Christmas lights.

Then I placed a Santa cap on each child's head, and we were ready to go!

Plug the lights in and snap away!

Add a Card to the Christmas Lights Photo Frame

After the frames are all wrapped up, consider adding a child-made card or gift tag to the presents. You can do this a few different ways.



Work with the kids to make their own homemade Christmas cards. The kids can then write or dictate a message to their families inside the card. Additionally, I made a set of printable Christmas cards and gift tags to go along with the Christmas lights theme of these photo frames.

The kids can add their fingerprints inside the Christmas lights or simply color the lights on the cards with crayons or markers.

They can write a little message to their families on the cards, or they can make simple gift tags with their names. Grab the free printable at the end of this post.

[Fingerprint Christmas Light Photo Frame Website link](#)