

Fun with bad photos that still have good stories

Mount the photo on larger paper and extend the lines with pencil or colored pencil

Mount the photo on larger paper and add collage elements

Make a frame to enhance photo

Cut out the people and mount on another background, perhaps a calendar page or a map

Cover photo with clear gesso and add pastel

Draw on photo with gel pens, acrylic marker, paint with watercolor

Photocopy photo and add colored pencil

Photocopy at copy center and use image transfer techniques like packing tape on front, then soak and rub off excess paper from the back. Matte medium can also be used for image transfer (Liquitex and Golden are two brands I use and both make excellent glues as well)

Sand away background of photo with or without a texture underneath

Bleach out backgrounds but have a pan of water ready next to you, bleach acts fast!

Print this layer of acrylic paint on top of photos using a gel plate

Stamp pad on top of photos, with or without stamps

Paint abstractions of photos

Weaving photos together can create a unique sense of place

And don't forget pop-ups, pull-outs, pockets, and puppets!

