# Travels

Scrapbooks and photo albums are great traditional ways to commemorate your travels, but so often they end up sitting on a shelf and forgotten. Instead, display your memories in plain sight! Here are some easy ways to fill your home with little reminders of all the things you've done and seen.

#### **Monthly Memories**

At the end of the year, compile your favorite photos and create a custom wall calendar to hang in your home or office. Each month will showcase new memories to reflect on. Custom wall calendars also make wonderful gifts to loved ones during the holidays.

# **Bottle it Up**

Take the beach home with you! Bottle up sand from your travels in a mason jar or a glass ornament, and add in some seashells and a photograph of your time spent by the waves. Place it on your mantle or somewhere you'll see it often.

#### Out of the Shadows

Shadow boxes are basically scrapbook pages in plain sight. Feature photos, postcards, maps, trinkets, plane tickets and special coins on your wall for a perfect conversation starter. Don't forget to put the location and date of your trip.

## **Table Talk**

Buy a coffee table with a glass tabletop to prominently display photos of your travels for all to see. Or, place a map under the glass with postcards of all the places you've been.

### From Coast to Coast

Using photographs, postcards or

maps, create your own unique coasters. Order these at your local photo store, or create them yourself. Coat a plain white tile with a thin layer of Mod Podge, center a photo on top of it, and brush more Mod Podge on top. Hot glue felt on the back and you're done!

#### Quite a Collection

keychains and instead opt to collect something more unique, like artistic masks or colorful vases. Every time you venture to a new city, seek out a specialty store that sells that one item. Soon, you'll have a unique collection that matches your travels.

#### Skip the basic gift shop

# A Stone's Throw Away

Everywhere you go, find a smooth stone to take home. Write the location, trip dates and a favorite quote or memory on it. Watch your collection grow in a glass jar, or place them in your garden.

#### **Sensible Cents**

Make magnets with the coins you collect from around the world. Simply hot glue magnets on the back of spare change you collect from around the world.