Supplement Information

Crystal morphology-directed framework orientation in porous coordination polymer films and freestanding membranes via Langmuir–Blodgettry

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Fig. S1 Surface pressure isotherms of (a) $[Cu_3(btc)_2]_n$ (octahedral morphology) and (b) $[Cu_2(bdc)_2(bpy)]_n$.



Fig. S2 Langmuir–Blodgett assembly of PCP crystals of $[Cu_3(btc)_2]_n$ showing (a) truncated cubic morphology and (b) truncated octahedral morphology. The SEM images on the top show the assembled densely packed crystals with a preferential orientation. Below are the corresponding XRD out-of-plane diffraction patterns.



Fig. S3 Langmuir–Blodgett assembly of PCP crystals with different morphologies. (a) $[Cu_3(btc)_2]_n$ showing Octahedral morphology; (b) $[Cu_3(btc)_2]_n$ showing cubic morphology; (c) $[Al_{12}O(OH)_{18}(H_2O)_3(Al_2(OH)_4)(btc)_6]_n$ showing a hexagonal prism like morphology (d) $[Cu_2(bdc)_2(bpy)]_n$ having plate-like morphology. The SEM images on the top show the crystal morphologies and the schematic representation. Below are the corresponding diffraction patterns. Upper: powder diffraction pattern; 2nd: simulated powder diffraction pattern; 3rd: out of plane; bottom: simulated patterns have been generated using Mercury 2.4 (The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre).



Fig. S4 SEM images at different magnifications showing the freestanding assemblies of (a) $[Cu_3(btc)_2]_n$ having cubic morphology, (b) $[Al_{12}O(OH)_{18}(H_2O)_3(Al_2(OH)_4)(btc)_6]_n$ and (c) $[Cu_2(bdc)_2(bpy)]_n$ after transferring them from the water surface on top of a copper grid (shown empty in (d). Below the SEM images are the corresponding out-of-plane surface XRD pattern of the assembled freestanding crystals.