



Eye for Art Program

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Guidelines for Framing Your Art Work For Shows and Galleries

Do's

Here are suggestions and requirements to display your art in a show or gallery.

1. Sign your art work (name of piece, your name and phone on the back or out of sight.)
2. Take a photo before framing (digital preferred) before you frame it.
3. If using glass (watercolor, pastel, or photo), clean and dry it. Remove any loose bits from matting, check for bits by rotating it after the picture and matting is installed and before adding foam backing or brown paper for dust proofing.
4. Install "D" ring hangers, or if canvas, small eye screws to frame or inside of canvas stretcher, one quarter to one third down from bottom edge of frame top bar.
5. Install stranded picture frame wire through D ring or eyelet about 2-3 inches, bend back and wrap all of the 2-3 inches around itself near the ring or eyelet and cover with masking tape.
6. Cut the wire 2-3 inches beyond the other D ring or eyelet and put it through the hole or eyelet and shorten it until the center of the wire it is no closer than 2 inches to the bottom of the top bar and wrap the end around itself close to the ring or eyelet as before and cover with masking tape. (This leaves room for cable display hangers so the picture doesn't tilt out too far.)
7. Use clips (offsets) with screws to secure canvas. Using two is OK, four is better.
8. Put bumpers or felt pads on the bottom corners of the frame to protect walls.
Wrap or otherwise protect the frame and its contents from scratching, wear or puncture.

Don'ts

What shouldn't you do?

1. Use nails to attach wire.
2. Use solid single strand wire, string, plastic, aluminum or anything other than steel.
3. Use plastic wedges between the frame and canvas stretchers. They fall out, followed by the canvas.
4. Use saw tooth single or multi-point hangers. Won't work with cable display hangers.
5. Allow the wire to be so loose it is less than 2 inches from the frame. No room for cable hangers.
6. Wrap the wire less than two turns around itself. It will loosen and fall.
7. Use large eyelets on frame. They stick out too far.
8. Stack unprotected frames together. They scratch each other.