

COASTERDIYPROJECT

Matting and Framing Like a Pro



PROJECT TYPE

Framing

DIFFICULTY

Moderate

THINGS NEEDED

Photo or art

Matboard

Artboard

Acid-free tape

Adhesive spray

Frame

Hanging materials

Do you have a piece of art or a photo that you'd love to mat and frame to display in your home? The process may be easier than you think. With a few simple materials, you can mat and frame your own artwork like a pro.

1

Measure your piece of art. Use a ruler to get an accurate measurement--do not estimate.

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Choose what color mat you would like to purchase. You can opt for a color that complements the shades in your piece of art, or you can choose a neutral shade, such as beige, black or white.

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If your artwork is a standard size, for example 4 by 6, 5 by 7, 8 by 10, it is easiest to purchase a ready-made mat. If your artwork is not a standard size, you can have a mat cut to fit your artwork at a craft or framing store.

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Place the mat upside-down on a flat surface. Center your artwork over the mat's hole. Secure your artwork to the mat using acid-free artist's tape. Tape down just the top edges of the artwork.

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Obtain a piece of artboard. If your artwork is a standard size, you should be able to purchase a piece of artboard that is the same size as your matted artwork. If not, purchase a large piece of artboard and use an X-acto knife or straight edge razor to cut the artboard to size.

6

If you have self-adhesive artboard, remove the backing and place it on the back of your matted artwork. If your artboard is not self-adhesive, spray one side with adhesive spray and follow the instructions above.

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Place a heavy object, such as a book, on top of the adhered artboard. This will help secure the artboard to your matted artwork. Leave the pieces alone for a few hours to ensure the artboard adheres securely to your matted artwork.

8

Place your artwork into a frame. You can purchase standard-sized frames at most big-box stores, craft stores, or framing stores. Another option is to have a custom frame built by a framing shop.

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Add a piece of cardboard behind your artwork to ensure a tight fit when you secure the frame (for example, by the use of hinges) to your artwork.

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Attach any hanging materials, such as wire and screws, to the frame, if necessary. Afterward, hang your artwork on your wall.

SOURCE

eHow

http://www.ehow.com/how_4965042_frame-picture-matting.html