

Guidelines for Framing your Artwork

City of Brighton Eye for Art

Do's - Please follow these guidelines when preparing your art for exhibition.



- Sign your artwork.
- Please include a small notecard taped to the back with the piece's **title, medium, price, your name, and good contact information (phone and/or email)**.
- Take a photo of the piece before framing, especially if you are framing with a glass pane.
- If you are framing with a glass pane, clean and dry it. Remove any loose bits from matting, which you can check for by rotating the piece after the matting is installed but before adding any backing.
- Install D ring hangers or, for canvas, small eye screws attached to the frame. These hangers ought to be spaced one quarter to one third of the way down from the bottom edge of the frame's top bar.
- Install stranded picture frame wire through D rings or eyelets, with about 2-3 inches left over on both sides. Bend back and wrap excess wire around itself near the ring or eyelet, and cover with masking tape.
 - Check that your wire is the correct length. The center of the wire should be about 2 inches to the bottom of the top bar. This leaves room for cable display hangers so the picture doesn't tilt out.
- Use 4 clips (offsets) with screws to secure canvas.
- Put bumpers or felt pads on the bottom corners of the frame to protect walls.
- Before transporting your piece, please wrap or otherwise protect the frame.

Don'ts - Please avoid these techniques to ensure that your art is safe and secure.



- Don't use nails to attach wire.
- Don't use solid single strand wire, string, plastic, aluminum, or anything other than steel.
- Don't use plastic wedges between the frame and canvas stretchers. They fall out, followed by the canvas.
- Don't use sawtooth single or multi-point hangers, as our hanging system is incompatible with them.
- Don't wrap the wire so that it is taut, as this will not leave enough room for cable hangers.
- Don't wrap the wire less than two turns around itself. This increases the risk that the wire will loosen and the frame will fall.
- Don't use eyelets that are too large, as this will cause the piece to stick out too far from the wall.
- Don't stack unprotected frames together, as they will scratch each other. Layer with fabric or cardboard.

Questions?