



Museum Textile Services

Framing a Mounted Object

- Apply frame tape to the inside lip of the frame as a barrier against VOCs from the wood. Begin by cutting tape one inch longer than the side it will be applied to. Crease the tape into the corner and cut vertically until you hit the frame. Fold the tape over the edges. Repeat on all four sides, overlapping each time.
- Put snap-on spacers to the edges of the glass. Make sure the glass is facing the correct direction. Put the glass in the frame. If you are using stick-on spacers, install the glass first and then adhere the spacers to either the side of the frame or the inside of the glass.
- Clean the glass with Windex (clean acrylic with Sparkle) and vacuum the inside of the frame. Vacuum the object to be framed. Place the frame on a flat surface and install your object into the frame face down. Holding the mounting board with your hand, check the front of the frame for smudges or debris.
- Brad the object into the frame. Begin by putting one brad at the center of each side. Check to see if the object has shifted and adjust if necessary. Put additional brads an inch away from each corner. Then put brads half way between the corner and center brads.
- Optional: put an additional two-ply board behind mounted piece to cover errors or fill space. Apply double-stick tape in the shape of an x on the back of the mount in the area without fabric. Adhere board.
- Place a line of ¼-inch double stick tape approximately 1/16" in from the back, outer edge of the frame. Remove the double stick backing on one edge and place the factory edge of Marvelseal on it. The dull side should face up. Peel the three remaining sides and carefully lay out the Marvelseal.
- Fold the Marvelseal to the edge of the tape to establish your cut line. Trim the Marvelseal using a box cutter and a cork-backed ruler to help guide your blade. Don't push too hard or you will cut into wood of the frame.
- Choose your hanging hardware, such as D-rings or screw-eyes. The hardware should fall about ¼ of the way down the side of the frame. Using an awl, start your holes. Install the hardware, double checking the two sides are level.
- Larger frames must hang from D-rings using bolts or other wall anchors. Smaller frames can hang from plastic-coated wire. Cut a piece of wire about four inches longer than the distance between the rings. Insert the wire through the rings. Twist the wire around itself and go through the O-ring again. Then twist the free end of the wire around the rest of the wire. Make sure your coils are tight and close together. Repeat at the other side. The wire should be taught.