

Framing Your Artwork

❖ Originals & Prints ❖

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SO YOU'VE BOUGHT A PIECE OF ARTOWRK

CONGRATULATIONS!

I hope your recent purchase fills you with satisfaction and joy.

Are you now wondering how to frame it?

How do you display your recent purchase in your home? How do you keep it safe? How do you get the most visual impact?

Here are my tips and recommendations for displaying an original painting and/or prints.

General Do's and Don'ts

Do use acid free, archival materials.

Please do not place your artwork in direct sunlight.

Do not use a frame you do not love. I think it's important to choose a frame you love as much as the artwork. It will make it shine!

FRAMING A PRINT

Prints on Paper

My prints are offered in these sizes...

9" X 12" and 8" X 8". You will be able to find "ready made" frames at several retailers ... Michael's, Ikea and Omer Deserres to name a few.

Matting your print will make it look SO much more elegant. You can put the image behind the mat or you can float the image. The visual impact is greater with a mat around the piece as will take up more space on your wall, which will bring more attention to the beautiful artwork that you have just invested in. Also, visually white space (aka the mat) brings a moment of calm and allows the artwork to really shine on it's own.

P.S. adding a mat is a personal preference. Do what suits you!

“MOUNTING or FLOATING” means the artwork is on top of mat vs. displayed under it.

Right now I am using natural wood tones and various shades of grey to frame my artwork. I have also used black, pewter and white frames.

Choose a frame that fits with your design aesthetic. It is an important way of making artwork a natural part of your room.

CUSTOM FRAMING

CUSTOM FRAMING. If you would like a custom frame created for your piece I recommend that you check out a local frame shop (they will probably have the best selection of quality frames.)

READY-MADE FRAMES

Looking for a particular style? What design aesthetic are you looking for... modern, minimalist, elegant, ornate, classic, trendy...

Vintage and Resale Shops – Check out your local thrift shops or flea markets for old frames that you love. Pop out the old painting and ask you local frame shop to cut a custom mat for your frame and artwork.

FRAMING AN ORIGINAL

Paintings or drawings on paper.

ON PAPER; Use the same rules as applies to prints (always use a mat and always archival, acid free materials) If you buy a ready made frame or vintage frame, remember you can always order the archival mat from your local frame shop. They will also do the assembly for you.

I hope this overview has been helpful.

Check out your frame options with confidence.

Check-list

Go to the framers with confidence.

Let the artwork shine.

Choose a frame you love.

Know your budget.

Enjoy making the artwork your own & perfect for your home.