

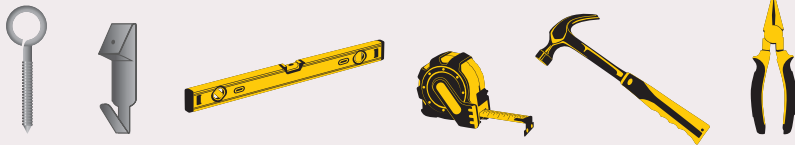
You will need the following:

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Picture hangers
Picture wire
Wire cutters

Small eye hooks (and a way to
attach eye hooks to frame – an awl
and pliers or a drill)
Hammer

Tape measure
Green painters tape
Spirit Level/Bubble Level



There are as many ways to hang art works as there are art works but here are some basic instructions that can help you in your own home.

HOW TO HANG ART

By Blair Brennan

- 1 Choose the right hanging hardware (usually a combination of picture wire for the art work and hangers for the wall). Most hardware stores sell “picture hangers” (a nail and hook combination) and they suggest a weight limit on the package. If weight is an issue you may need to put screws into studs but commercial picture hangers in drywall (not studs under drywall) are sufficient for most home applications.
- 2 Attach picture wire to the back of your art work. Small eye hooks work well. Use an awl to make a starter hole or pre drill the frame (careful of the art work while doing this and NEVER hammer the frame). Put the wire about 1/3rd of the way down from the top of the work. The wire should not be too taught nor should it be so loose that it will be visible above the art work when hanging.
- 3 Decide on the location for your art work. You’ll need to take a number of things into consideration proximity to other art works, furniture, appliances, windows etc. Preventative conservation of art is a huge subject (too big to get into here) but keep in mind that direct sunlight and rapid changes in heat and humidity are BAD for original art works. This means you might want to keep your art away from the bathroom, the space above the fireplace or the wall across from the picture window.
- 4 In art galleries, works are generally hung with a common center and that center is 56” from the ground. That said, this “suggested” center is often adjusted – larger works are often hung low of this center and whole series of works (or exhibitions) are sometimes hung with a common bottom line or common top line (flush top or bottom) rather than a common center, if this appears to make more sense visually. In your home you’ll want to adjust the hanging height to accommodate ceiling heights and those concerns mentioned above in item #3.
- 5 When grouping a number of art works. Take some time to lay them out on the floor as you think they’d look best on the wall. Take measurements and transfer these measurements to the wall. You can use green painters tape to mark locations on the wall.
- 6 Place hangers in the wall at the desired height taking into consideration the final height you’d like for the art and the tautness of your hanging wire. Two hangers should be used for each art work (the art is more likely to remain level on two hangers.)
- 7 Once the work is hanging (with wire on both hooks), level the work using the spirit level/bubble level. Even ornate or decorative frames usually have a straight edge somewhere (often the interior of the frame closest to the art work) so place the level on a straight edge and adjust until level.