

## WIRING ARTWORK FOR HANGING



Mark the location for the screw eyes. The screw eyes should be installed about one-fourth of the way down from the top of the painting in order to ensure that it will hang flat against the wall.

In the illustration, the painting is 46 inches tall so the screw eyes will be installed at 11-1/2 inches.

Avoid having the screw eyes protrude beyond the back surface of the frame if possible.



Drill a small pilot hole for installing the screw eye. This will reduce the chance of splitting the wood.

Note: In the illustration the screw eye is being installed on the inside of the frame rail



Install the screw eye. I use a small Allen wrench in my variable speed drill to turn it in, but you can also use a pliers.



## CHOOSE THE RIGHT WIRE

Use only stranded (twisted or braided), steel or stainless steel picture hanging wire. For safety, be sure the wire is rated at twice the weight of your painting.

***Do not use solid wire, copper wire, cord, string, or nylon monofilament line.*** Quality wire is available at art supply stores, framing shops, and online.



Insert the wire through the screw eye allowing about four inches of wire to wrap securely.

Wrap the wire through the screw eye TWICE as shown.



Wrap the wire in tightly spaced coils as shown



Determine the correct length for the hanging wire. Allow about 4 inches to thread through the other screw eye and stretch the wire so that it allows 2 to 3 inches of space at the top of the frame. **DO NOT STRETCH THE WIRE STRAIGHT ACROSS.**

Thread and wrap the other screw eye the same as the first.



The cut ends of the hanging wire must be taped to protect the people who hang the show from cuts and scratches.

I use high quality (3M) duct tape, cut to about 1 and 1/2 inches long. My experience has been that the cheap, off-brand tapes have poor adhesive that allows the tape to fall off.

Place the tape under the cut end of the wire and fold (stick-um to stick-um) as shown. Trim neatly.



## Screw eyes, one quarter to one third placement rule.

### Examples

Art Height In inches	Screw Eyes Down from top		Art Height In inches	Screw Eyes Down from top
12	3 - 4"		28	7 - 9.25"
13	3.25 - 4.25"		30	7.5 - 10"
14	3.5 - 4.5"		32	8 - 10.5"
15	3.75 - 5"		34	8.5 - 11.25"
16	4 - 5.25"		36	9 - 12"
18	4.5 - 6"		38	9.5 - 12.5"
20	5 - 6.5"		40	10 - 13.25"
22	5.5 - 7.25"		42	10.5 - 14"
24	6 - 8"		44	11 - 14.5"
26	6.5 - 8.5"		46	11.5 - 15.25"