

Matting/Hanging Instructions

Submitted artwork for the GEF Student Art Show and Silent Auction does NOT have to be framed. However, all artwork needs to be matted onto something sturdy and have some mechanism by which it can be hung. Here are some suggestions for accomplishing this.

Matting

- 1) You can simply mount the artwork on a piece of heavy cardboard. You can make a frame around it or leave it plain.
- 2) Hobby Lobby carries a variety of Art and Framing boards, foam board, pre-cut mat boards, and self-stick mounting boards. These can be purchased for as little as \$2.99, depending on the size. The framing boards and foam boards can be cut to size.
- 3) Michael's Crafts also offers pre-cut matting boards and foam board in a variety of colors. The pre-cut mats range in price from \$1.89 to \$4.99.

Hanging

- 1) As with the matting, this does not have to be complicated or cost money. Stretching a piece of fishing line behind your matted artwork and attaching it with duct tape will accomplish the job. Likewise twine or heavy string will work, too.
- 2) Hobby Lobby offers self-sticking sawtooth hangers. Simply apply one or two, depending on the size/weight, to the back of the matted artwork.
- 3) A rule of thumb: The heavier the artwork, the stronger hanging mechanism you will need.
- 4) If you are submitting a framed piece please check the back to make sure there is some way it can be hung.

Finally, there are some websites that you can reference to help you.

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<http://www.framing4yourself.com/>

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