COMPLETE GUIDE
TO MAKING YOUR WORK “READY TO HANG”

IDENTIFY YOUR WORK

LIGHTER/SMALLER
Art that is not framed (maybe matted or mounted), relatively small, fairly thin and lightweight

LARGER/HEAVIER/FRAMED
Art that is framed (any size), a textile, fairly thick (like a stretched canvas), relatively large, and/or heavier in weight

HOW WE’LL HANG IT

HOLDER BELOW THE WORK
Your art will be sandwiched between two holders — a narrow ledge with a lip — which are attached to a suspended rod

WIRE SITS ON A HOLDER

D-RINGS/LOOPS HANG FROM HOOK(S)

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR WORK

*MAKE YOUR WORK RIGID
Please mount and/or mat your work so that it will retain a flat, rigid shape over months of vertical display

MAT
Cut a cover mat to “frame” your work

MOUNT
We also recommend mounting the matted art onto 1/4” foam core (or at least another piece of mat board)

NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT:
-wires
-brackets
-hooks
-etc.

RIGIDITY WILL HELP PREVENT:
bowing/falling
warping

ADD WIRE TO THE BACK
Please install mounting wire across the back of your frame or canvas

ATTACH 1-2 D-RINGS OR LOOPS TO THE BACK
Please mount one (centered) or two (side edges) D-rings to the back of your canvas or frame

For textiles, create fabric loops or stitch 1/2” plastic rings to the upper back corners

GENERAL REMINDERS:

PLEASE SPRAY-FIX ANY ART WITH EXPOSED CHARCOAL OR PASTEL
PLEASE LABEL THE BACK OF EACH WORK WITH:
-your name
-email or phone number
-title of work
RESOURCES
FOR MAKING YOUR WORK “READY TO HANG”

PRINTING (PHOTOGRAPHY OR DIGITAL ART)

**JAYHAWK INK**
Services: Professional quality black & white or color printing on paper up to 22” x 28”. Ask about on-campus printing pricing and free trimming options.
Location: Kansas Union, 2nd floor
Contact: 785-864-4431

**KU LIBRARIES**
Services: The public printers in the libraries can be used to print in black & white or color copies on regular paper (provided) or special paper (you provide) in sizes up to 12” x 18”. Black and white prints cost $0.08 per page and color prints cost $0.48 per page.
Locations: Anschutz, Art & Architecture, Music & Dance, Spahr, and Watson Libraries
Contact: Please ask at the service desk for assistance.

**WAL-MART PHOTO**
Services: Photo prints, mounted photos, and large-scale prints up to 20” x 30”.
Locations: 3300 Iowa Street or 550 Congressional Drive in Lawrence, KS

**NATIONS PHOTO LAB**
Services: Online photo print retailer. Offers professional quality prints up to 30” x 45” and a variety of mounting and framing options for a reasonable price.

SUPPLIES

**THE SHOP AT CHALMERS HALL**
Details: Store offering art supplies needed to prepare works for display, such as foam core, matboard, etc.
Location: Chalmers Hall, Room 314, 1467 Jayhawk Blvd.

**MICHAEL’S ARTS & CRAFTS**
Details: Store offering art supplies needed to prepare works for display, such as foam core, matboard, etc. Also sells a wide selection of picture and poster frames. Coupons are available!
Location: 3106 Iowa Street, #210

TUTORIALS

**HOW TO DRY MOUNT YOUR WORK**
Good for photos or prints. Not ideal for original art.

**HOW TO MAT YOUR WORK**
Good for all 2D works. Masking tape can be used in place of Tyvek tape.

**HOW TO MEASURE AND CUT A MAT YOURSELF**

**HOW TO CUT A MAT OUT OF FOAM CORE**

**HOW TO ADD D-RINGS AND HANGING WIRE TO A STretched CANVAS OR FRAME**
See section of video from 2:07-4:30