

How to attach wire to your medium to large artwork

Material you will need

The following items can be bought separately or in kits from Bunnings or spotlight

- Picture hanging wire – for medium – large frames or stretched canvas
- Eye screws - for smaller works, they are also known as eye lags or screw eyes (Diagram 1)
- D-Rings for medium to larger works (Diagram 2)

You will also need

- Hammer
- Small 2mm thick nail
- Pliers (preferable long nosed)
- Screwdriver
- Pencil
- Masking or duct tape
- Measuring tape or ruler

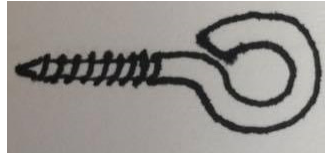


Diagram 1

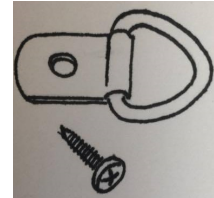


Diagram 2

1. Place the artwork face down on a flat surface and make sure that front is protected or cushioned, particularly if there is glass in the frame. Measure the width of the frame, then measure that length plus an additional 10cm of wire, and cut.

2. Measure and place a pencil mark between $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way down the back of the work on either side of the frame. The wire should be located between $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way down of the top of the artwork. If the work is heavy then it should be placed $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way down (diagram 3) and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the way down for lighter work (diagram 4).

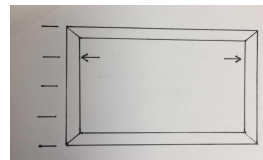


Diagram 3

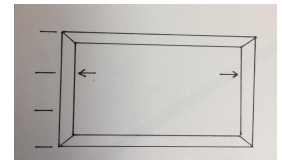


Diagram 4

3. Place the d-ring screw hole over the pencil line. Then move the 'D' part of the d-ring in toward the center of the frame and circle the inside of the screw hole with a pencil and hammer in (diagram 5). For lighter work you can use eye screws and screw them in by hand into the inside of the frame (diagram 6).

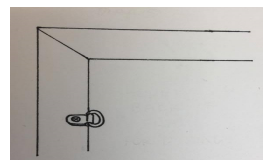


Diagram 5

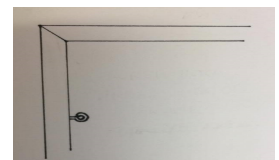


Diagram 6

4. Take the wire and pass it through both of the rings, leaving even amounts of overhang at each end. Fold one over and tie it into a simple knot, do this twice for a heavier artwork, and then twist the remaining excess wire around the main hanging wire. Do the same for the other side.

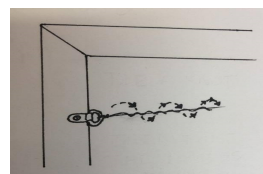


Diagram 7

5. Make sure that the middle of the wire does not peek over the top of the frame (it should be at least 8cm from the top of the frame). If it touches the top or is too close undo one side of the wire, take it in a few centimeters and retie & twist. Take the tape and wrap it around the twisted part of the wire to stop it unravelling and protect the work.

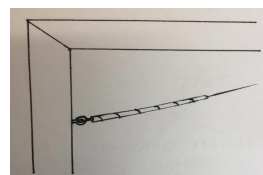
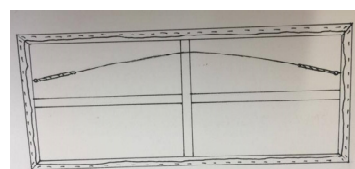
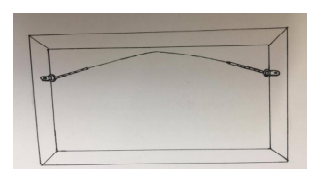


Diagram 8

6. Your finished product should look like this.



Stretched Canvas



Framed Artwork

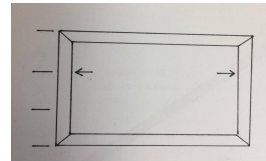
How to attach string to your small, light artwork

Material you will need

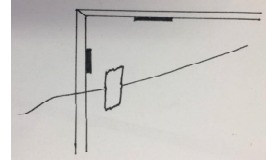
- String non elastic string
- Ruler or measuring tape
- Pencil
- Masking or duct tape

1. Place the artwork face down on a flat surface and make sure that front is protected or cushioned, particularly if there is glass in the frame. Measure the length of the frame, then measure that length plus an additional 10cm of string, and cut.

2. For artwork that is small and light the string should be set at about 1/3 of the way down of the top of the frame. Mark 1/3 of the way down on either side of the frame.

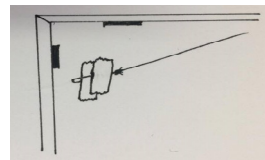


3. Place the string over the lines with an even amount of overhang at either end. Cut 5cm of tape and place it vertically over the string at one end.

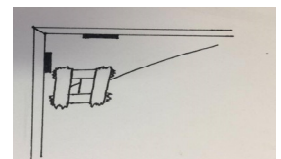
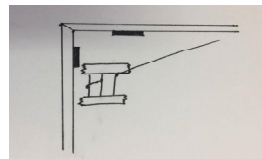


4. Hold the string against the other pencil marking on the untaped side. Pull the string upwards so that it is no more than 8cm from the top of the frame and tape vertically with another 5cm of tape.

5. Grab the overhang on either side and fold the string into the centre and tie a knot to the main piece of string then stick down with another vertical piece of tape.



6. Cut 8 more length of 5cm tape. Place on horizontally overlapping at the top and the bottom of the previously applied tape, then two more to cover the fold and the knot on the string.



7. Your finished product should look like this.

