

FRAMING INFORMATION



PREPARE YOUR FRAME

Remove staples that secure protective paper or plastic. You can use a screwdriver or needle nose pliers or a special device designed for this work.

OFFSET CLIPS

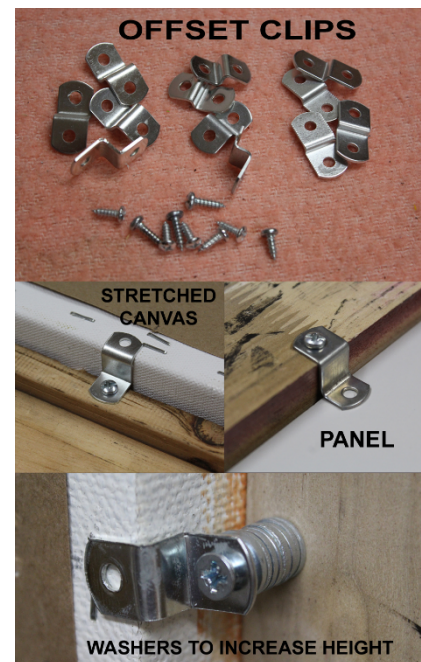
Offset clips are metal brackets with offsets of 1/8", 1/4", or 1/2" that screw into the back of the frame and reach up (or down) to overlap the painting. They are deep enough to hold stretched canvas in most frames. Offset clips are the most common way to secure paintings in a frame.

Available on Amazon:

- Pack of 10 in a particular size (e.g., 1/4") for \$10
- Pack of assorted sizes (10 pieces 0/0", 1/8", 1/4", 3/8", 1/2") for \$10

If you have a particularly deep canvas, you can stack washers (Ace Hardware, Sutherlands) to provide extra depth on the clip.

Offset clips are attached using screws. It is helpful to have an electric screwdriver.



POINT DRIVER

This device is available for about \$45 - \$70. Check out art suppliers like Blick or Jerry's Artarama or Cheap Joe's as well as Amazon. You might find a great deal.

It looks like a staple gun. A framer point is inserted smoothly into the rabbet joint of wood frames to prevent art from moving in the frame.

Be very careful in packaging art secured in this way if you are shipping it.



SPRING TENSION CLIPS



Spring tension clips are used to keep the picture frame components secured tightly within the frame. They are often supplied with the frame upon purchase. Some frames have a channel that secures one end of the clip to the frame by inserting the free end of the clip into the channel.

WIRE AND D RINGS AND TAPE!

Wire is attached to the frame with D-Rings (they look like belt buckles). D rings are attached to the frame with small screws (typically supplied with the rings). These are attached one third of the distance from the top of the frame. Check to be sure your screw will not go all the way through the frame. Wire can be purchased by the spool.



Determining the length of the wire...

Thread the loose end of the wire through both D rings. Wrap the end of the wire around one D ring loop twice and then twist it around the long end of the wire. Wrap the wire with tape to protect people from cutting themselves on the cut edges of the wire. Masking tape or artists' tape will do the job. Now pull the wire up to estimate how much slack you need to hang the picture. You want the hanger to be concealed behind the painting, so allow a few inches to accommodate the hanger. Bend the wire and cut the wire to allow several inches for wrapping. Secure the wire to the D ring as before. Tape the ends.

Availability: You can purchase rings on Amazon. They can be \$6 - \$14, depending on whether the set includes wire. Picture hanging wire can be purchased for \$3 – \$12 online. It can be braided wire, plastic coated wire, heavy duty for heavy paintings, etc. Also available at any store like Ace, Walmart, Sutherlands, etc.

PAPER

You can cover the back of your painting with craft paper, attaching it with a staple gun or with double sided tape.