

## Stretching and Priming Your Canvas Materials and Tools List

- Canvas
  - Cotton
  - Linen
  - Polyester
- Stretcher strips or heavy-duty stretcher bars (w keys)
- Primer
  - Oil primer
  - Acrylic gesso
  - Paint thinner
- Size (for oil painting)
  - Rabbit skin glue
  - 4% solution of formaldehyde (1 part Formalin to 9 parts water) (optional)
  - GAC400 and GAC100 (substitute for rabbit skin glue)
- Bracer bar (for stretchers over 36" on a side)
  - Wood
  - Saw
  - Electric drill
  - Two brackets with screws (one brace)
  - Screwdriver
- Staple gun and 3/8 in. staples (tacks and hammer also acceptable)
- Rubber mallet
- Tape measurer and/or metal square
- Canvas pliers (when priming with acrylic)
- Brush—2 in. or wider
- Sandpaper
- Particle mask
- Disposable rubber gloves
- Foam core 1/4 in.
- Craftpaper or newspaper