

HINGING ART TO BACKING BOARD

Supplies needed: (1) 8"x10" conservation quality vertical white mat, 1-1/2" to and sides, weighted to 2"
Your pastel art on a 6"x8" paper, to fit in the mat window

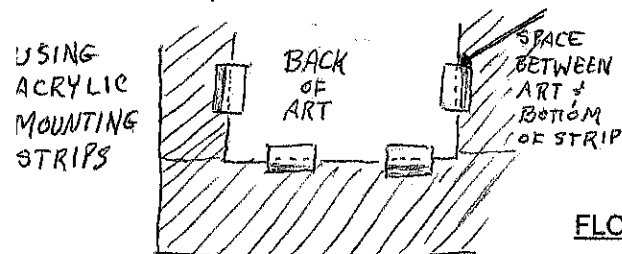
To be supplied: 8"x10" AFFC
Double-face tape
Linen tape
1/8" or 3/16" AFFC spacers, 1-3/8" and 1-5/8" wide

Apply the spacers to the back of the mat.

Butt the top edges of the mat (which is face-down) and AFFC backing together tightly. Draw together with (2) 2" pieces of linen tape, placed vertically over the join. Cut another piece of tape just under the width of the top of the mat. Press this piece across the join. Fold the two boards together and crease the top edge firmly.

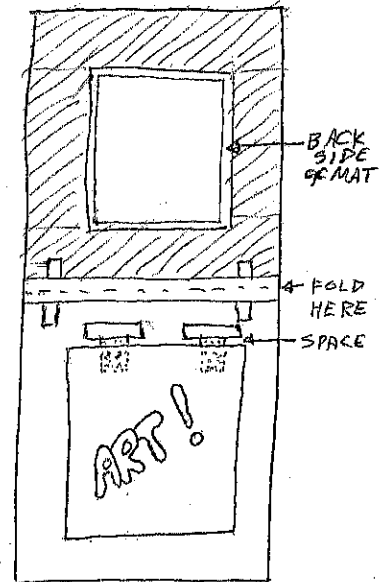
Center the art within the mat window. Weight the art carefully, then apply "T" hinges to fasten the top of the art to the mat backing. Or, use acrylic mounting strips.

Always allow a good 1/16" space between the horizontal linen tape and the art paper. Never butt the edges of the art tightly against the inner edge of the acrylic mounting strips. Paper must be able to expand and contract.



FLOATING PICTURES WITHIN A MAT

Apply spacers to the back side of the mat. Hinge the mat and backing as above. Mount the art as described in FOR FLOATING PICTURES.



USING PLEXIGLAS

Using a firm cardboard tube, roll the paper covering off one side of plexiglas. Working on a very clean surface, roll the paper off the other side of the plexiglas. Drop the plexiglas into the frame, then set it aside in a dust-free area for three days so the static will dissipate. Handle the plexiglas on the edges only, as fingerprints are very hard to remove. Plexiglas cleaners are not too satisfactory, but a soft velour cloth and liquid window cleaner or water (try a small corner area first) may be effective. Scratches cannot be removed. Never use paper products on plexiglas.

When framing, space the pastel as far from the plexiglas as possible. Don't dust off the front of the plexiglas, as static may cause any loose pastel flakes to jump loose and cling to the plexiglas, and you'll have to try to clean them up.