

Wiring Instructions

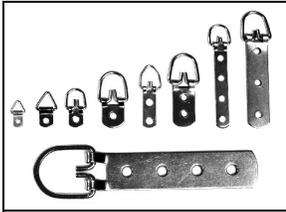
There are different methods used to make an artwork ready to hang. They for the most part are simple and will make all the difference to the final outlook of the art. (In this document we will just cover canvas works) *Works that do not have proper hanging devices or framed properly will be rejected. These pieces are not safe to hang.*

Stretched Canvas with a float frame:



This type of set up will require offset clips to anchor the canvas to the frame. Works are best hung in quality frames and must be wired with D-rings
Image Source: vancouveroncanvas.blogspot.com

Hanging rings:



D-rings (or strap hangers) come in different shapes, sizes and finishes. D-rings with more holes are for heavier works, so chose accordingly.

Image Source: govart.com

Wire:



Picture framing wire come in different strengths and qualities. Plastic coated wires will be more difficult to work with but they won't scratch or prick. *Never use wire that is not braided. You risk the wire stretching out of the D-ring and falling off the wall.* Image Source: amazon.com OOK

Light Duty Wire: for weight up to 19 lbs.

Medium Duty Wire: for weight up to 25 lbs.

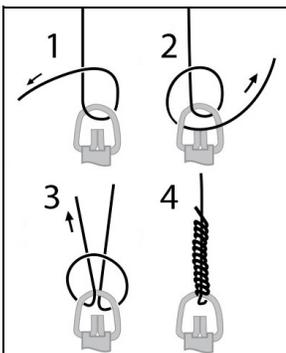
Heavy Duty Wire: for weight up to 43 lbs.

Placing the wire:

The general rule of thumb when placing D-rings: measure the height of the frame/canvas frame, measure down 1/3 from the top. Mark on the centre of the frame/canvas frame. When the wire is measured it should be approximately 1/2 the distance from the D-ring to the top of the frame/canvas frame.

Never let the wire show above the artwork.

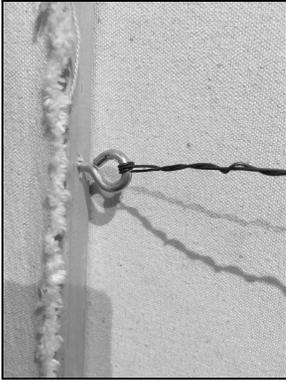
Securing the wire:



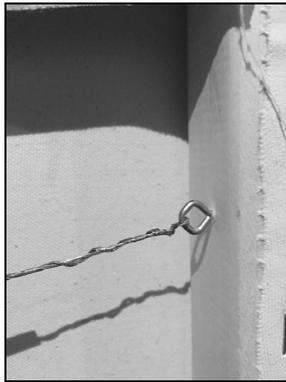
Use a secure mounting knot (see diagram). Cover wrapped areas with tape to avoid scratching and poking due to the sharp ends.

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Incorrect methods of wiring a painting



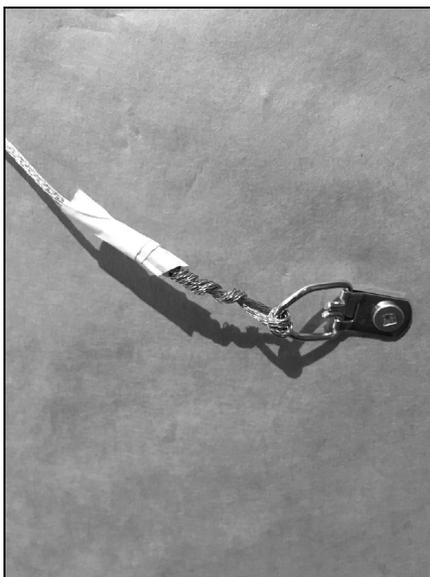
A screw eye/eyelet hook is not secure enough as it will eventually twist out of the frame. The wire used is smooth not braided. Smooth wires will start to loosen after time and eventually the piece will fall off the wall.



The correct wire was used but the screw eye/eyelet hook is incorrect. Paintings should have a D-ring suitable to the size/weight of their work. Screw eye/eyelet hooks can twist out of the frame causing the work to eventually fall off the wall. You don't have to tape your twisted wire but it is recommended to avoid scratches and being poked by the sharp ends.



The correct D-ring was used and tape was applied to cut down on scratching but the wire is not correct. A smooth wire is not suitable for hanging artwork. It will loosen under the weight of the piece and eventually lead to it falling off the wall.



CORRECT

This is the correct way to mount your artwork. A D-ring with a braided wire was used along with tape.

Remember, D rings come in different shapes and sizes. Choose the one which will work best with your size/weight.

Braided wire come in different gauges and you should choose the gauge that will be the most secure for your piece.

There are great sources online that will give you more information on how to hang your art. Here is one that I found useful: vancouveroncanvas.com