

Mounting Your Print or Drawing

A Guide from Paul Wakefield

Thank you so much for your purchase! Whether you've received an original hand drawing or a fine art print, we want to make sure it looks absolutely brilliant on your wall — and stays that way for years to come.

This short guide will walk you through mounting your artwork in a frame using a **mat** (also called a mount board). A mat is a cardboard frame that sits between your artwork and the glass, which is essential for protecting the piece and giving it that lovely, gallery-quality finish.

What's in Your Package?

Along with your drawing or print, you'll find **four strips of mounting tape**. These aren't just any tape — they've been specifically selected to be **acid-free**, which is important for the long-term archival quality of your artwork. Acid-free materials prevent yellowing and deterioration over time, so your piece stays looking its best for generations.

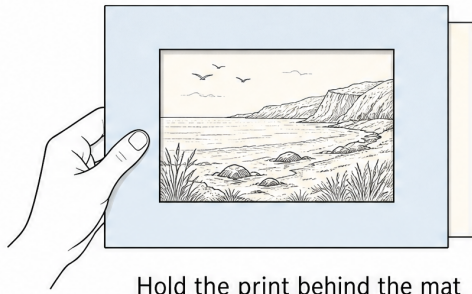
What You'll Need

- Your print or drawing
- Your mat (mount board)
- The four strips of acid-free mounting tape (included)
- A pencil
- A clean, flat surface

Step-by-Step Mounting Instructions

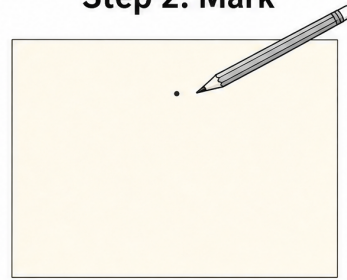
How to Mount Your Print or Drawing

Step 1: Position



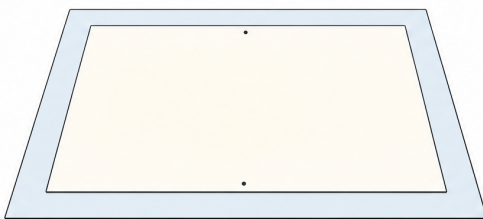
Hold the print behind the mat and position it where you want it.

Step 2: Mark



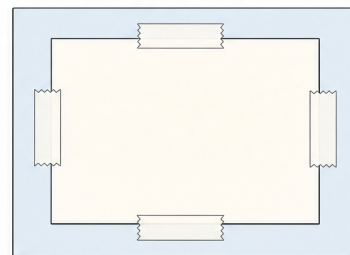
Make a small pencil mark on the back to record the position.

Step 3: Align Face Down



Turn both the mat and print face down. Align to your marks.

Step 4: Tape



Apply one strip of acid-free tape to each side to secure the print.

Follow the four steps illustrated above to mount your artwork to the mat.

Step 1 — Position

Hold your artwork behind the mat from the front, shifting it around until it sits exactly where you'd like it within the mat's window. Take your time here — there's no rush, and getting the position right is the most important step.

Step 2 — Mark

Once you're happy with the position, make a small, light pencil mark on the **back** of the artwork to record where it aligns with the mat. This will be your guide when you flip everything over.

Step 3 — Align Face Down

Turn your mat over so it is **face down** on your clean, flat surface. Then place your print **face down** on top of the mat, carefully aligning it with the pencil marks you just made.

Step 4 — Tape

Take your four strips of acid-free mounting tape and apply **one strip to each side** of the artwork — top, bottom, left, and right — securing it firmly to the back of the mat. Press each strip down gently but firmly.

Into the Frame

Your artwork is now perfectly mounted and ready to go straight into your frame. The mat will ensure the artwork sits away from the glass, which is exactly where it should be. Hang it up, step back, and enjoy!

If you have any questions or need any further advice, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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