TIPS FOR HANGING: Simple Methods for Keeping Pictures Straight

Before   After

Gallery System customers sometimes ask about artwork tilting forward from the wall after hanging. This can happen occasionally, particularly with small pieces (less than 15 inches high) or pieces with deep frames. Fortunately, there are simple solutions for the vast majority of cases.

The most basic requirement is that the hanging attachment points be well above the center of the picture.
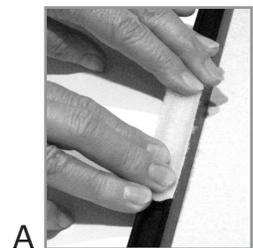
Start by checking the location of the attachment points (where the picture wire or "D" rings attach to the frame). They should be as high as possible, without allowing the Gallery Hook to show over the top of the frame. It's best to have the picture wire or "D" rings attach at least three-quarters of the way up the frame, and to have little or no slack in the picture wire.

If the attachment points can't easily be adjusted, the best option is to hold the Gallery Hanging Wire close to the back of the piece.
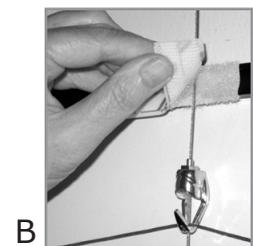
Hook-and-loop (e.g. Velcro) fastener strips work very well for this: you attach one side of the fastener to the picture frame, and then "sandwich" the hanging wire(s) or tape(s) between the two sides of the fastener.

Hook-and-loop fastener strips with sticky backing can be purchased at hardware and home improvement stores. They come in pairs - one side with rough "hooks" and the other with soft 'loops".

Start by peeling the backing off a soft strip and sticking it to the center back top of the frame (A). (If you're using two hanging wires, you'll need two strips in the appropriate locations.)

A

Next, take a rough strip, but do not peel off the paper backing (we want to keep the adhesive on this side covered). Lay the rough strip onto the smooth strip from the previous step, sandwiching the hanging wire or tape between the two (B). This holds the hanging wire or tape snug against the frame, effectively pulling your art back against the wall while allowing easy release when the piece needs adjustment.

B

Our customers have also provided some effective suggestions:

For or a quick fix on metal frames, attach a binder clip to the back of the top of the frame. Feed the hanging wire through the clip and then attach the push-button hook to the wire. The clip will hold the wire close to the frame and prevent the picture from tipping forward.

For wood frames, drive a staple part-way into the back of the frame's top piece. A staple gun works well, but before stapling, insert something between the gun and the frame to prevent the staple from being driven completely into the frame. A small screwdriver or a large nail are good options.

Our customer support team has extensive experience in addressing hanging issues, and is always available for consultations – so do call us at 1-800-460-8703 or e-mail inquiries@gallerysystem.com if you have questions or comments

And if you've come up with a solution of your own, let us know – we'd love to share it with our art-hanging community!