

GALLERY SYSTEM ART DISPLAYS

TIPS FOR HANGING

Preventing Pictures From Leaning Forward

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



Before



After

STEP 1

Check Placement and Tension of the Hanging Wire

The most basic requirement is that the picture wire's attachment points be well above the center of the picture. The picture wire or "D" rings should attach to the frame as high as possible without allowing the Gallery Hook to show over the top of the frame—at least three-quarters of the way up. In many cases, adjusting the attachment points can correct problems with leaning.

When adjusting the attachment points, you may also need to adjust the length of the picture wire, but do not overtighten it. Although minimizing slack can help keep the Gallery System hook from protruding above the frame, overly tight picture wires create stresses that could damage the frame and artwork, particularly on heavier pictures. For more detail, please see <https://bit.ly/2HrswJI> for an analysis by the Fine Art Trade Guild of the UK.

Using two hangers and hooks per artwork will allow for more slack in the picture wire, while still keeping the hooks below the top of the picture.

STEP 2

Fasten Rear of Picture to Hanging Wire

If the attachment points can't easily be adjusted, or if leaning is still a problem, the best option is to use fastener strips to affix the hanging wire(s) or tape(s) to the back of the picture at the top edge. "Sandwiching" the wire(s) or tape(s) between the two sides of the fastener brings the top of the picture towards the wall (*Figure 2*).

We recommend 3M Command brand fastener strips, Large size (3-5/8 inches x 1/2 inch; product number 17206). Although any two-piece fastener (such as Velcro) will work, the Command brand grips securely, works with many frame styles, and is widely available at hardware and home stores.

Begin with a matched pair of strips, and *peel the backing off one side only* (a soft strip if you're using a Velcro-type fastener). Stick that side to the back of the frame, centered along the top edge (*Figure 1*). If you're using double hanging wires, place two strips in appropriate locations.

Next, take the other side of the fastener, but *do not peel off the paper backing*—keep the adhesive on this side covered. Lay this strip onto the strip(s) placed in the previous step, sandwiching the hanging wire or tape in between (*Figure 2*). This snugs the hanging wire or tape against the frame, effectively pulling your art back against the wall while allowing easy release when the piece needs adjustment.



Figure 1
Attaching fastener strip to frame

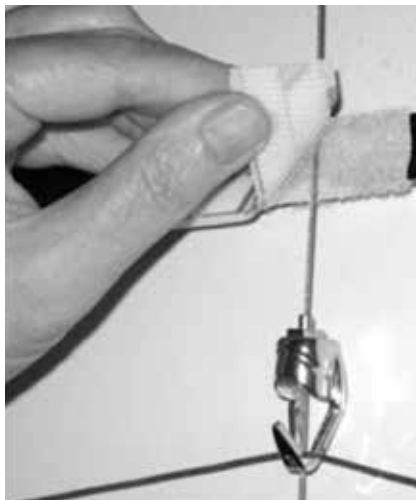


Figure 2
"Sandwiching" hanger wire
between strips

For Further Assistance

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