

Some Do's and Don'ts on Art Presentation

Keep in mind you want to honor your artwork. It deserves it!
You deserve to be honored with your artwork!

Make the best possible presentation of your art that you can.

Do keep it clean:

Clean glass

Clean frames

Clean mats

Do paint or finish all edges of canvases

Do have a nice frame to finish your artwork. A distressed look
may be appropriate for your work.

Don't have warped paintings or mats

Don't have chipped or broken frames

Don't have yellowed mats.

Presentation is everything!

A judges' first glance can get you knocked out of an award
if your presentation is lacking.

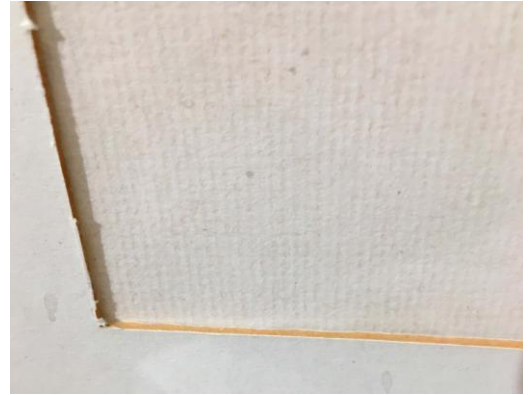
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Have warped mats or paintings

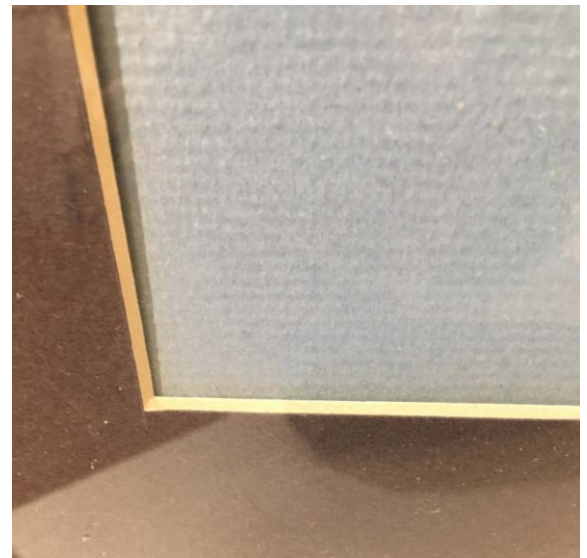
Mats are the finishing touch to your paintings. They are a wonderful accent to add to your artwork. They can also draw attention to the bad very quickly. Discolored or dirty mats should be discarded.

Don't



Use mats that are cut improperly

Don't



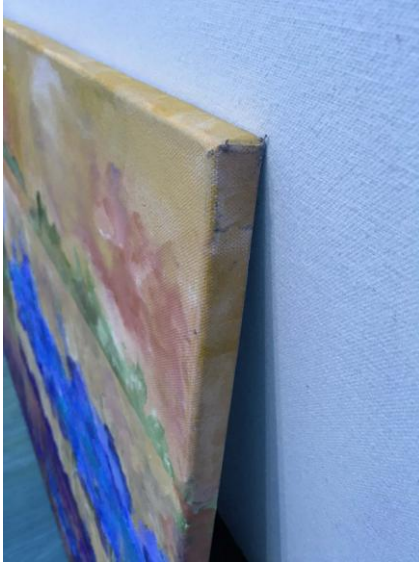
Use yellowed mats

Do



Use mats that are neat and clean

Do



Paint the edges of your canvas

A canvas edge should not detract from your painting. The edges need to be finished. You can paint it, frame it with wood, or tape it.

Some shows will not accept work with unfinished canvas edges.

Don't



Leave canvas edge unpainted

Do



Paint or tape the edges of your canvas. This is a gallery wrapped canvas

You can only make a good first impression once.

Don't



Partially paint the edges of your canvas

Do



Frame your canvas

Don't



Use chipped or scratched frames

Your frame is the icing on your cake. It should be clean with no imperfections in its surface such as scratches or gouges. It is the final piece of your artwork and its presentation. Although a distressed look may be appropriate for your work.

DO



Make sure frame and glass are clean

Don't



Have dirty glass or frames

Do



Use a frame with no dents or scratches