MAT CUTTING / PRINT MOUNTING & SLIDE CROPPING

INFORMATION SHEET

Mail Order Sources for Mat Cutters:
LEICHTUNG WORK SHOPS 4944 Commerce Parkway Cleveland, OH 44128-5985
customer service 1-800-654-7817 product info. 1-800-542-4467 orders 1-800-321-6840 fax 1-216-464-6764
Mat-Cutting System w/ Cutter & 5 Blades Item # 84608 reg. price $50 (as of !995)
Best value for the money, gives complete control to customize mats to any size you want, cutter supplied is not the best suggest buying Logan Cutter Model 2000 price $20 at Art Supply Warehouse (ASW).
Also available are products for making oval / circle cut mats and wood picture frames.
LIGHT IMPRESSIONS 439 Monroe Avenue P.O. Box 940 Rochester, NY 14603-0940
customer service & orders 1-800-828-6216 fax 1-800-828-5539
Logan Compact Mat Cutter Model#301 price $113 a bit more than Leichtung Work Shops with Logan 2000.
Also available products and supplies for mounting, framing, archiving and light boxes.

Logan Compact Mat Cutter Model #301 available locally at:
SBI SALES 10 Davol Square Providence, R.I. 02903 (401)751-5190 has everything you need for photography.
ART SUPPLY WAREHOUSE (ASW) 14 Imperial Place Providence, R.I. 02903 (401)331-4530
Logan #301 $80. Lowest prices on mat board (example 32"x40" will cut into four 16"x20" for $3.75). Also available frame sectional kits by Nielson.
UTRECHT 200 Wickenden Street Providence, R.I. 02903 (401)331-3780
Little more expensive (example 32"x40" $5- $10) but a bigger selection of colors and products.

Popular Makers of Mat Board: Bainbridge, Cresent, Hurlock & Savage. should be acid free and archival pH. graphic tapes for accent striping can be found at ASW & Charrette brand names, Letraset or Chartpak, or use auto pin striping tape for single or double offsets from Benny's Home and Auto or any auto parts store (Pet Boys).
Other Items Needed for Matting & Mounting: 3M #415 Double Sided Tape 1" wide, single edge razor blade holder or a heavy duty X-Acto knife, 3' metal straight edge with graduations in 1/16's of and inch, carpenter's square or "T" square (optional), Lineco or Filmoplast P90 print mounting tape or Scotch magic tape. Backing board can be another piece of mat board, foam core board or regular brown cardboard. Mounting corners are not recommended because they do not hold prints securely so prints tend to slip out of mat. Protect your print in transit to and from competition with a red fiber portfolio 17"x22" about $5, all available at ASW.
If dry mounting is needed or wanted go to a frame shop and pay, it is not worth the effort & investment.
Items for framing prints once matted: metal sectional frame kits work well and look best for photographs. Get a pair of 16" & 20" lengths and with included corner brackets makes a complete frame. Popular brand names: Nielsen and American. Choose regular hardware store glass (cheapest), non-glare glass from frame shop (expensive) or "non-glas" precut acrylic panels 1/3 the weight of glass in clear or non-glare (price in the middle).

Products for Slide Cropping: By far the best custom mounts for slides are GEPE Slide Mounts. Order direct from the distributor: RMF PRODUCTS, INC. P.O. Box 520 1275 Paramount Pkwy. Batavia, IL 60510-0520 (630)879-0020 www.rmfproducts.com. They offer a "trial pack" which contains 8 mounts of 8 popular salon croppings for $26 You also get a cardboard mask with all 8 mount croppings for previewing. Other slide mount makers are Clark, Kalt, Pakron, Pegco, Rokunar and Wess. Unknown if they offer different croppings. You can also crop with Scotch #850 silver Polyester tape, but problems like: non-perpendicular sides, square corners vs. round corners and you may ruin a slide if applied to the emulsion side of the film. Other Items for remounting slides: A good light box is GAGNE INC. Porta-Trace model 1012-2 with dual 5000° K bulbs $50. Falcon "Dust-Off" (canned air) $7-$10, Kinetronics or Static Wisk Anti-Static brush $15-$60 or go to Radio Shack and get a carbon fiber dust brush for $5-$10. White cotton gloves to prevent finger prints.
Storage pages for slides or print negative: popular makers are Printfile, Vue-All, Clear-File, Besfile and Savage. They must be PVC free. Also archival ring binder boxes made for perfect dust free storage.