

Resource Guide to Framing, Mounting, Matting

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Picture Frame Mounting Techniques:

Lots of good info with explanations, illustrated examples and supplies for sale:

[http://www.framedestination.com/frame.aspx?id=picture_frame_info&
http://www.framedestination.com/picture_frame_mounting.html](http://www.framedestination.com/frame.aspx?id=picture_frame_info&http://www.framedestination.com/picture_frame_mounting.html)

Mounting Technique explained:

<http://www.photoart.bigstep.com/generic36.html>

Hinging Technique explained:

<http://www.americanframe.com/ideas/hinging.html>

Another illustrated T-Hinge mounting method (pdf):

http://www.diyframing.com/articles_servearticle.cfm?ArticleID=16

Matting tutorial:

<http://luminous-landscape.com/tutorials/matting.shtml>

Guide to tapes and adhesives:

<http://www.framing4yourself.com/tips/tips-04.htm>

Frame Destination Inc.

(Vendor: Source for frame kits, framing/mounting supplies, and good info guides)

(Provides mat and frame kit sizes to serve ink jet printers and non-standard print sizes)

<http://www.framedestination.com/>

Tapes and Tissues:

[http://www.framedestination.com/productsearchgrid.aspx?sort=pop&categoryid=f
atape](http://www.framedestination.com/productsearchgrid.aspx?sort=pop&categoryid=fatape)

American Frame

(Vendor: custom framing and supplies including full frame kits)

<http://www.americanframe.com/index.html>

Clear storage bags:

<http://www.clearbags.com/>

(Same bags from Clearbags.com but available in smaller quantities instead of bulk qty)

<http://www.framedestination.com/productsearchgrid.aspx?sort=pop&categoryid=bg>

Shipping your photographs (tutorial)

<http://luminous-landscape.com/tutorials/shipping.shtml>

Local discount art supply stores:

Jerry's Artarama of Providence, RI

<http://www.jerrysartarama.com/>

<http://www.jerrysartarama.com/jerrysprovidence>

Jerry's Artarama

14 Imperial Place

Providence, RI 02903

(401) 331-4530

iliberatore@jerrysartarama.com

Utrecht Art Supply (Providence, RI)

http://www.utrechtart.com/stores/dsp_viewstore.cfm?storeID=105#hours

200 Wickenden Street

Providence, RI 02903

Phone: 401-331-3780

Fax: 401-521-6581

Dick Blick (retail store located in Boston or go online)

<http://www.dickblick.com/>

Additional Resources worth a look...

The best printing software I've ever used

Qimage: Pro Edition – **strongly recommended** – the best \$50 you will ever spend! Free updates for life – SW updated often, vendor responsive to support questions

<http://www.ddisoftware.com/qimage/>

<http://www.inkjetart.com/index.php>

<http://www.matcutter.com/home.php>

<http://www.framing4yourself.com/>

<http://www.documounts.com/html/5/Documounts%20@%20Frame%20Central>

Helpful tips:

<http://www.documounts.com/html/8/Helpful%20Tips>

<http://www.lightimpressionsdirect.com/servlet/OnlineShopping>

Framing supplies:

<http://www.unitedmfrs.com/>

<http://www.framing4yourself.com/>

Interesting example of one artist's printing/packaging workflow:

http://www.jpcgpx.com/eimages/printing_and_shipping_guide.htm

Product I have not tried but thought you might find interesting

<http://www.posterhanger.com/index.html>

Question: How did I find all of this information?

Answer: Repeat after me..."Google is your friend"

If you don't like Google for some reason, try another internet search engine such as <http://www.ask.com/>. Chances are very good that the information you are seeking is available on the web, you just have to look for it. Search engines like Google and Ask.com make this easy.

There are also numerous forums on the web in which folks just like us share information. Many of the resources listed above were cited in forum posts by folks willing to share their experience and knowledge and helping others by answering questions. You can find a lot of good info and resources by browsing/searching these forums. Here are just a few online forums:

My favorite forums are found on dpreview.com:

<http://www.dpreview.com/forums/>

Printers and Printing forum:

<http://forums.dpreview.com/forums/forum.asp?forum=1003>

<http://photo.net/>

<http://photo.net/community/>

<http://www.fredmiranda.com/forum/>

<http://www.naturescapes.net/phpBB2/index.php>

A few more links:

<http://www.naturephotographers.net/farchives.html>

<http://www.dpreview.com/misc/links.asp>

Online photography vendors that sell just about anything you need:

<http://www.bhphotovideo.com/>

<http://www.adorama.com/>