## How to Prepare Framed or Canvas Art for Hanging

- Supplies you will need:
- Two D-rings
- 4 screws that are no bigger than $5 / 8$ of an inch in length.
- Ruler or measuring tape.
- Picture hanging wire.
- Any picture wire will work, but plastic-coated wire is safer to use. Uncoated wire is very sharp.
- Screwdriver, or a drill
- Pencil

First Step:

- Decide on the orientation of your painting. Will it hang horizontally or vertically?

1. After deciding the orientation, measure the length of the canvas.
a. Our example canvas is 20 inches long.
2. Next you divide the length of the canvas by 4 .
a. For our example 20 inches divided by 4 equals 5 inches.

- You will then use your ruler and pencil to mark that many inches down on both sides of the back of the canvas.

1. Screw or drill your two D-rings into the back of the canvas.
2. Have the rings be pointed in towards the middle of the canvas. At a 45-degree angle pointing upwards.
3. Measure the width of your canvas.
a. Our example width will be 12 inches.
4. The length of your wire should be double the width of your canvas.
a. Our example wire length would be about 24 inches.
5. Cut the wire and put 1 end through each D-ring.
6. You want your wire to be a little tight, but let it have some slack.
7. Tie a knot with the wire ends on each D-ring to secure it in place.
a. Check to make sure it's not too loose or tight.

- Twist the excess wire, to make sure that the knot will not come undone.


## Other Hanging Options

- If you are submitting art inside of a frame it still needs to have a wire attached to the back of it. Even just a simple wire loop will work.
- "Saw-teeth" or other attachments on the back of most frames are not strong enough/stable enough to support your picture.
- If you are just submitting a piece of paper artwork that is also acceptable. We will use clips to hang it on the wall.


