

# HOW TO Hang ART

PLUS SOME IMPROPER WAYS I HANG STUFF!



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## NOTE FROM JEANETTE

Thank you for downloading “How to Hang Art, Plus some improper ways I hang stuff!”

I loved playing house as a child...and still am playing house. Things are moved from room to room and from wall to wall.

While I’m not claiming to know all the correct ways to hang art, I do believe if it makes **you** happy it works.

Years of hanging unusual things in unusual areas is one reason I might resort to unusual tricks.

My wish is that you find a few tricks and tips to try.

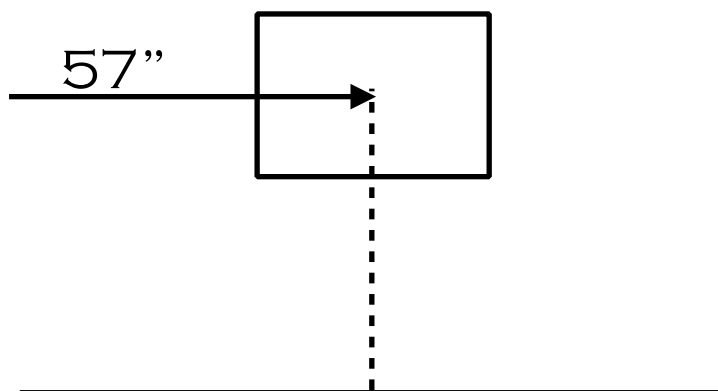


# THE ONLY RULE 57"

**All art should be hung to 57" on center!**

What does that mean??

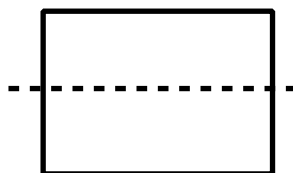
The center of your art or grouping should be a 57" up from the floor.



Here's how to do this;

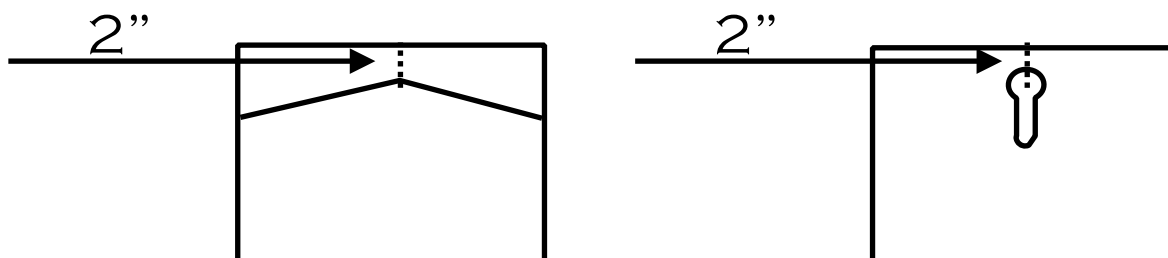
1. Measure where you want your art to hang from the floor up to 57" and mark with pencil on the wall.
2. Measure art from top to bottom and divide by two (this gives you the center of your art.)

22" HIGH  
CENTER  
IS 11"





3. Measure top of your picture to the tightened wire or hanger.



4. Subtract "tight wire" amount from 1/2 height amount for the hook height. This will tell you how far above 57" your hook should go

5. Mark wall with pencil above 57"

In my picture here's my measurements

1. Picture is 22" tall
2. Middle is 11" and where the 57" mark will be
3. Wire comes to 2" below the top
4.  $11" - 2" = 9"$
5. Lightly mark 9" above your first mark where your hook should be or 66" up from the floor.

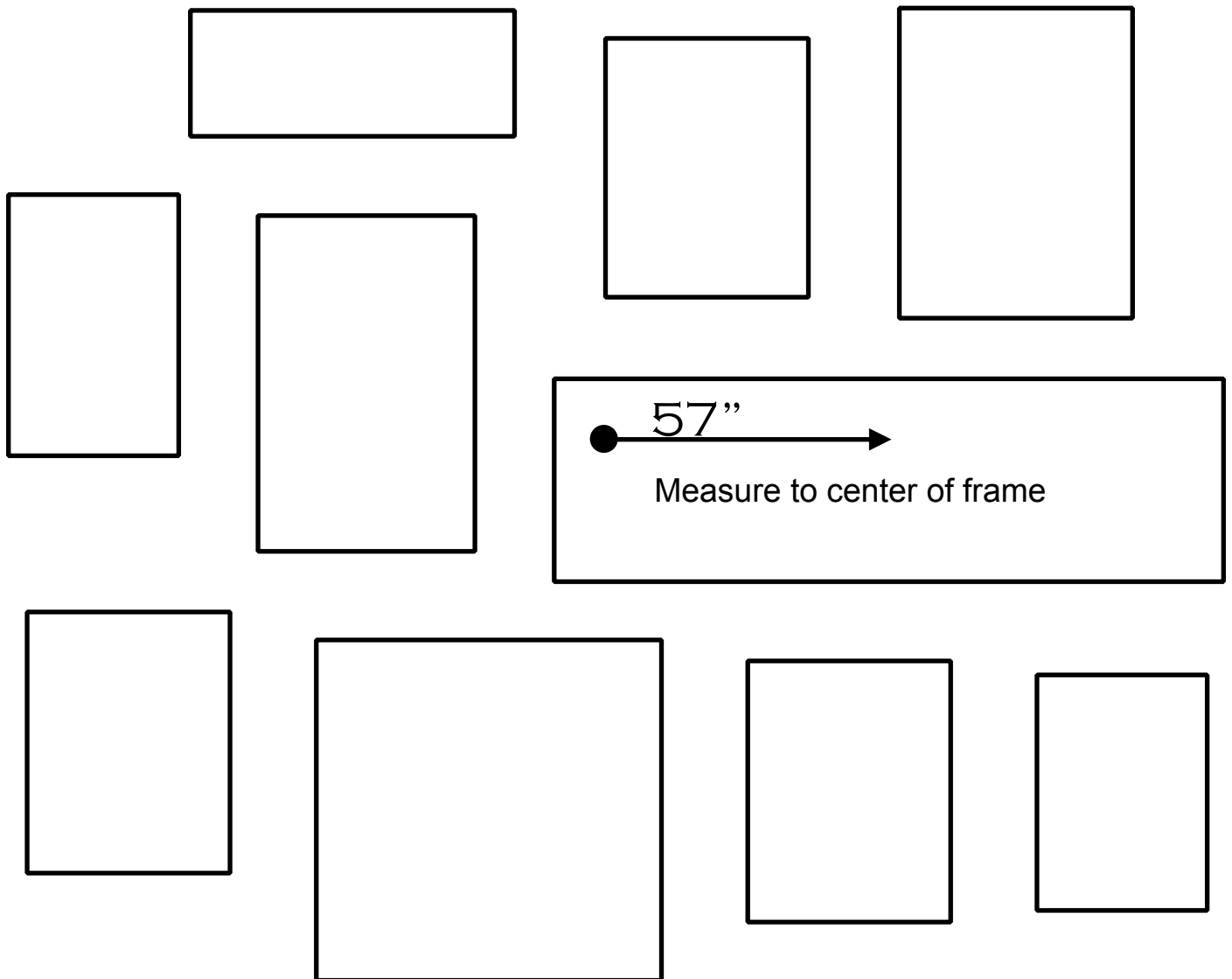
The only exception is in a dining room. Hanging art from 48" to 54" is my recommendation in a dining room where guests are seated most of the time. If the dining table is in a great room I would recommend hanging only the art behind the table lower.



What if you're hanging a gallery wall?

The same rule applies.

Lay out your collection on a table or floor. Find the center and hang the frame that will lay over the 57" mark. Then build out your gallery from the center.





# THE PROPER HANGERS

## ON THE WALL



There is nothing wrong with a nail



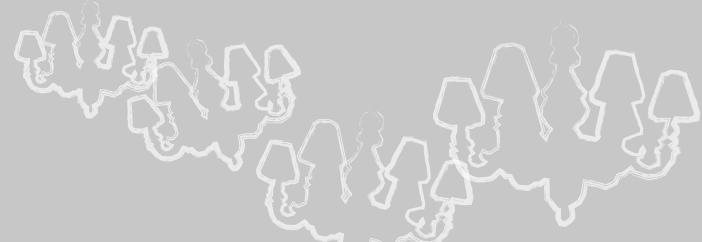
These hooks called “monkey hooks” require no tools. Just push into drywall to the hook. Super easy and leave a small hole. These seem to be the newest way.



View through the wall

Picture hanger hooks. The angle of the nail helps hold weight. These seem to be the most proper way to me.





Toggle bolts. Metal and plastic. When tightening down on the toggle bolts make sure to pull towards you to keep up the slack otherwise the bolt might fall through the hole and lay inside the wall. I know of 3 bolts laying inside our walls. :/



Strips that pull off the wall or use hook and loop to stick. These work well *just check the weight*. Also when pulling off keep strip *very close* to the wall. I removed paint from the walls of our Humane Society walls using these strips. :/

These are also listed in the improper collection too! I have unique tips.



# THE PROPER HANGERS

## ON THE ART



"D" hooks



Wire and two hooks



Sawtooth hangers



Keyholes

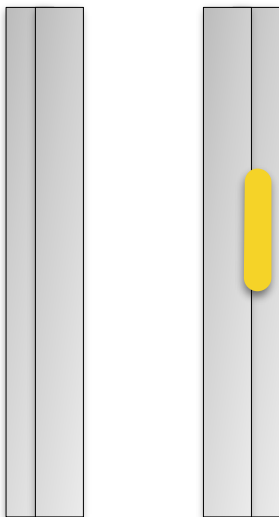


# THE PROPER HANGERS

## THAT GO TOGETHER



Some sawtooth hangers have two sides to hang. One for nails and one for flat hook of picture hangers.



Metal hanging systems that hook together.

Mount one piece using a built in level on the wall. Then add the other to your artwork. Then simply hook together. Great for heavy frames.



# IMPROPER HANGERS I USE



Straight Pin. Yep, with care a straight pin can be tapped into drywall. Tap in the pin leaving about 1/4 inch. Just enough to hold lightweight art. Bet I have half a dozen straight pins in our walls right now.

Drywall screw. Can I just say, I like using drywall screws! Not only for hanging art, but for DIY projects. They screw in so easy and remove easy.



Using those sticky strips that pull off if you pull close to the wall. {Also in proper hangers}

These are great for holiday decorations and have been known to cut them in half for lightweight things. I use them to hold decor that sits on the tabletops too. I made a centerpiece with pine branches and candleholders. The candleholders wouldn't sit in the spot I wanted them to so I used the sticky strips right on the table.

These are helpful if you're hanging art that isn't balanced, like the layered frames below. A small "half" piece and perfectly straight.





# MORE TRICKS AND TIPS

## DOOR KNOB OR DRAWER PULLS



Use a double headed screw to add a decorative knob.



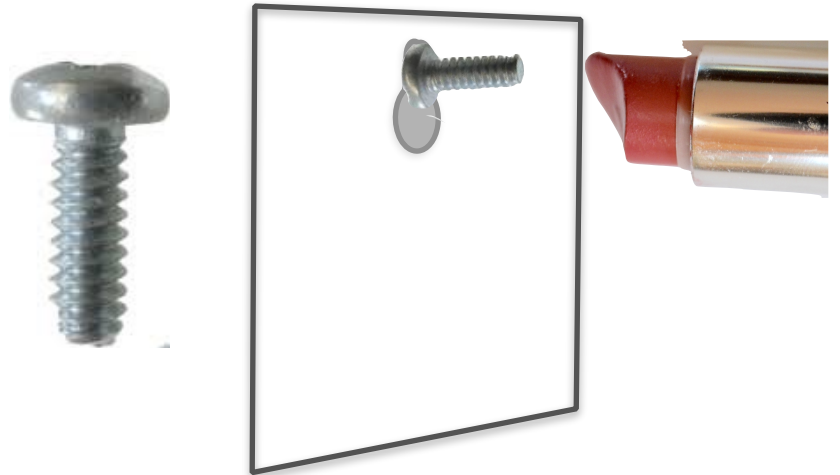
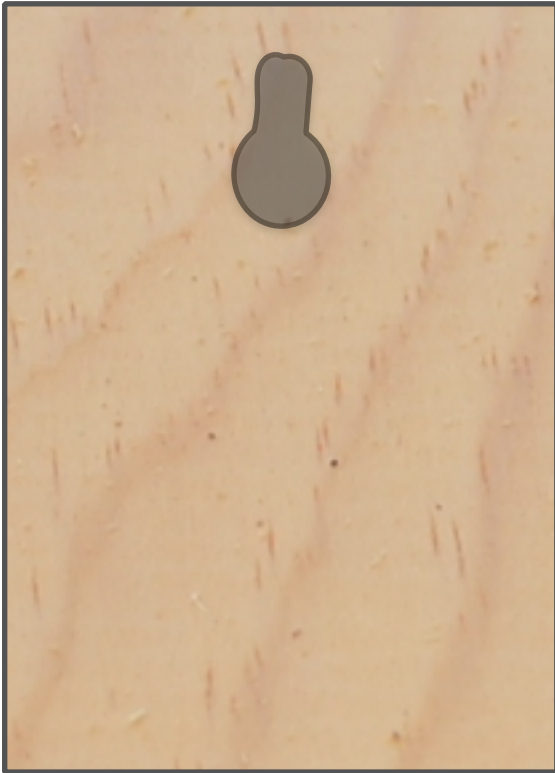
Fancy tacks are fun!





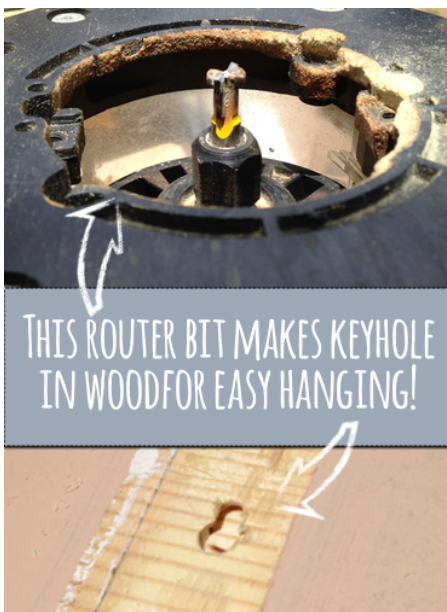


# KEYHOLE TIPS



My simple tip to easily hang art with a keyhole in the back.

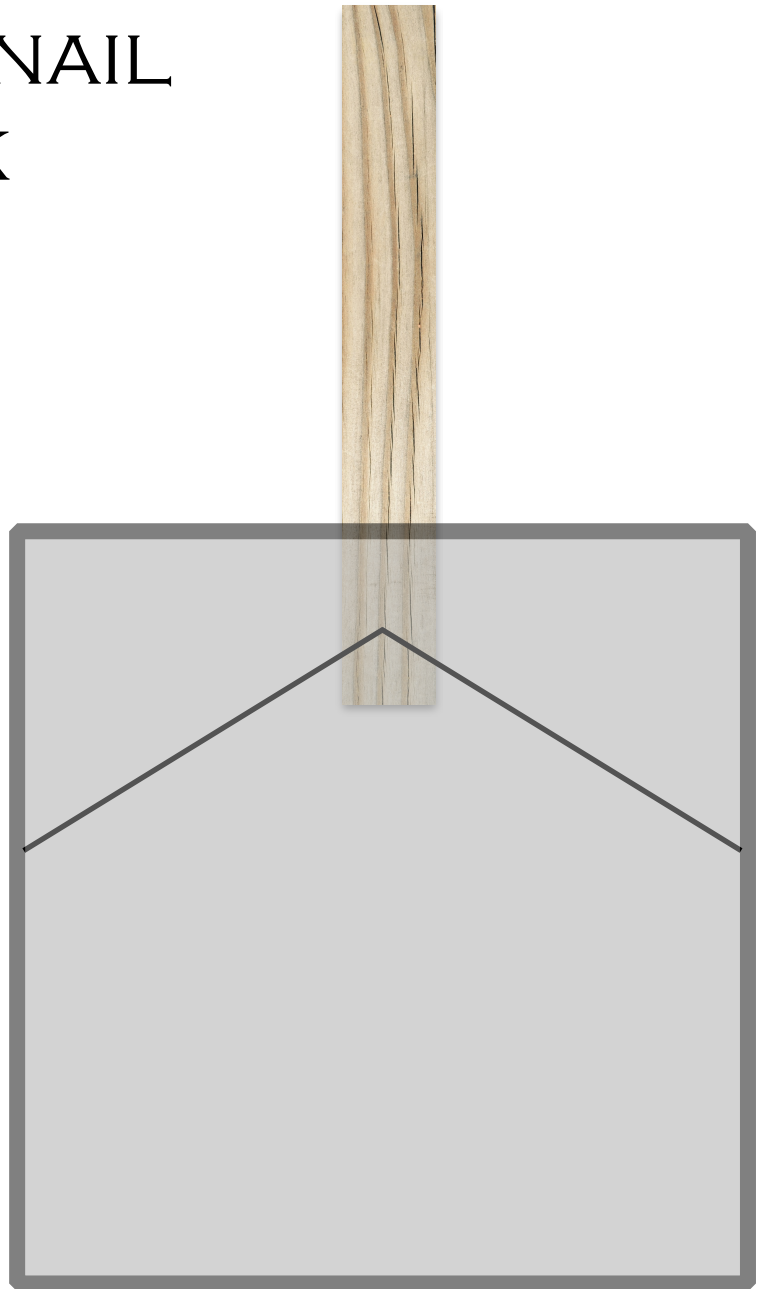
1. Use a screw with a fat head that fits snug into the keyhole.
2. Touch a very small amount of lipstick to the end of the screw.
3. With screw holding snug into the top of the keyhole, place art on the wall where want it to hang.
4. Press lightly to leave lipstick mark.



This router bit makes keyholes in DIY projects easy!



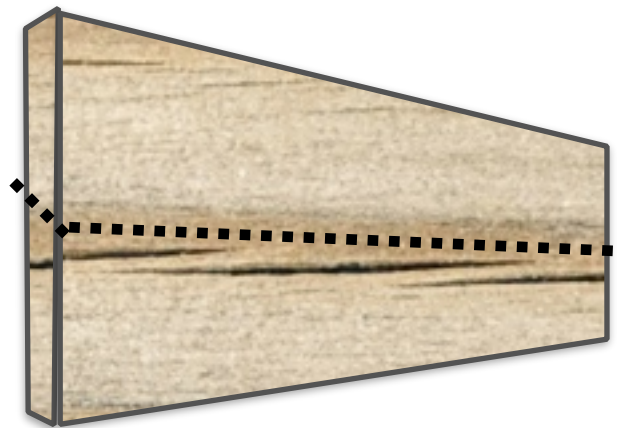
# WOOD WITH NAIL AND LIPSTICK



When you have wire on the back of art and quick and simple way to hang is hammer a nail through a piece of thin wood just until the nail peeks through the back. Hang the art on the nail. Then holding the wood place the art in the correct location and press the wood letting the nail leave a mark. A small amount of lipstick on the tip of the nail helps find the mark.



## HEAVY FRAME OR HEADBOARD

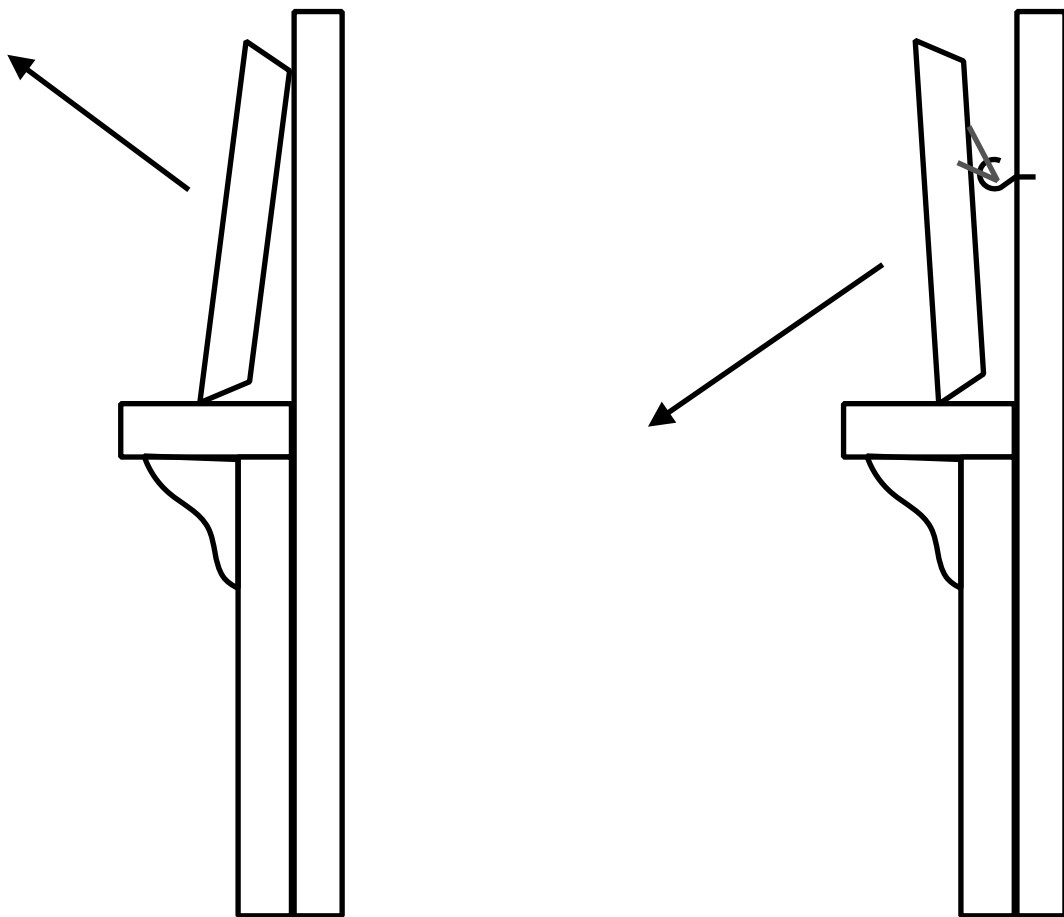


To hang a **HEAVY** object like a headboard, cut a piece of lumber in the middle lengthwise at a 45 degree angle. Then use long screws into studs or toggle bolts to hang one piece of wood on the wall. Make sure the 45 degree makes a “V” groove and points up. Then screw the other piece of wood to the headboard with a “V” groove that points down. Then fit the grooves together.



# LEANING MIRRORS

This is another pet peeve of mine. A mirror leaning on a mantel or shelf and the reflection is the ceiling, air vents, can lighting...and spider webs!



By adding a small hook in the wall and leaning the mirror slightly forward the mirror will reflect your lovely room.



# FILLING IN THE HOLES

My best tip to fill in all those holes.....

**spackle!**

It's very inexpensive. A tub is *almost* a lifetime supply!



1. Over fill the hole feathering out the edges
2. Let dry completely
3. Sand smooth
4. Paint two coats feathering out the edges





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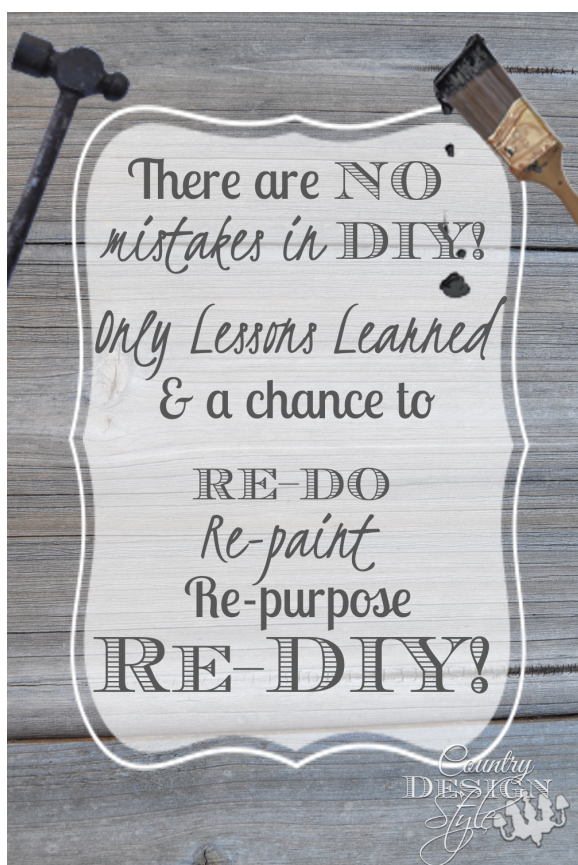


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