

How to Hang Artwork

Almost
Anything Else!



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I loved playing house as a child. I still play house, moving things 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 places are the reason I resort to unusual tricks.

Pardon my CAD {computer aided design or in my case, computer-aided doodles} They are easier to show in some cases than actual photos.

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

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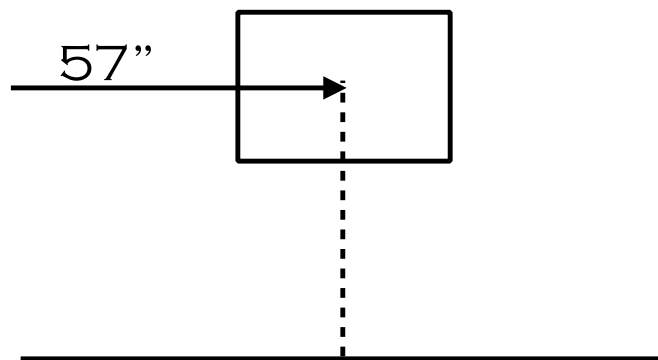


The Only Rule - 57"

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;

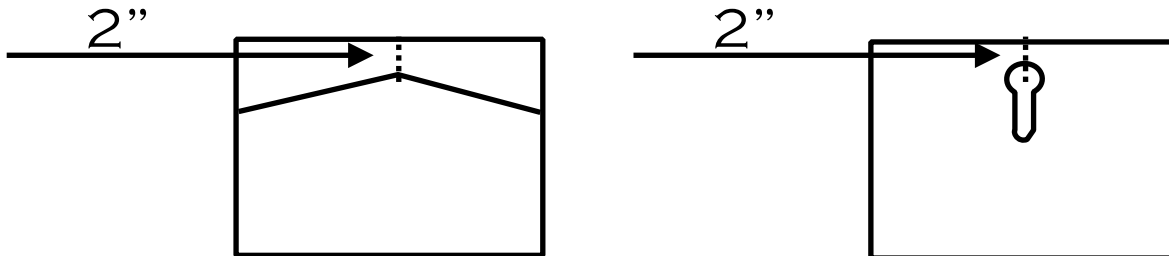
1. Measure where you want your art to hang from the floor up to 57" and mark with pencil on the wall.
2. Measure art from top to bottom and divide by two (this gives you the center of your art.)

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.

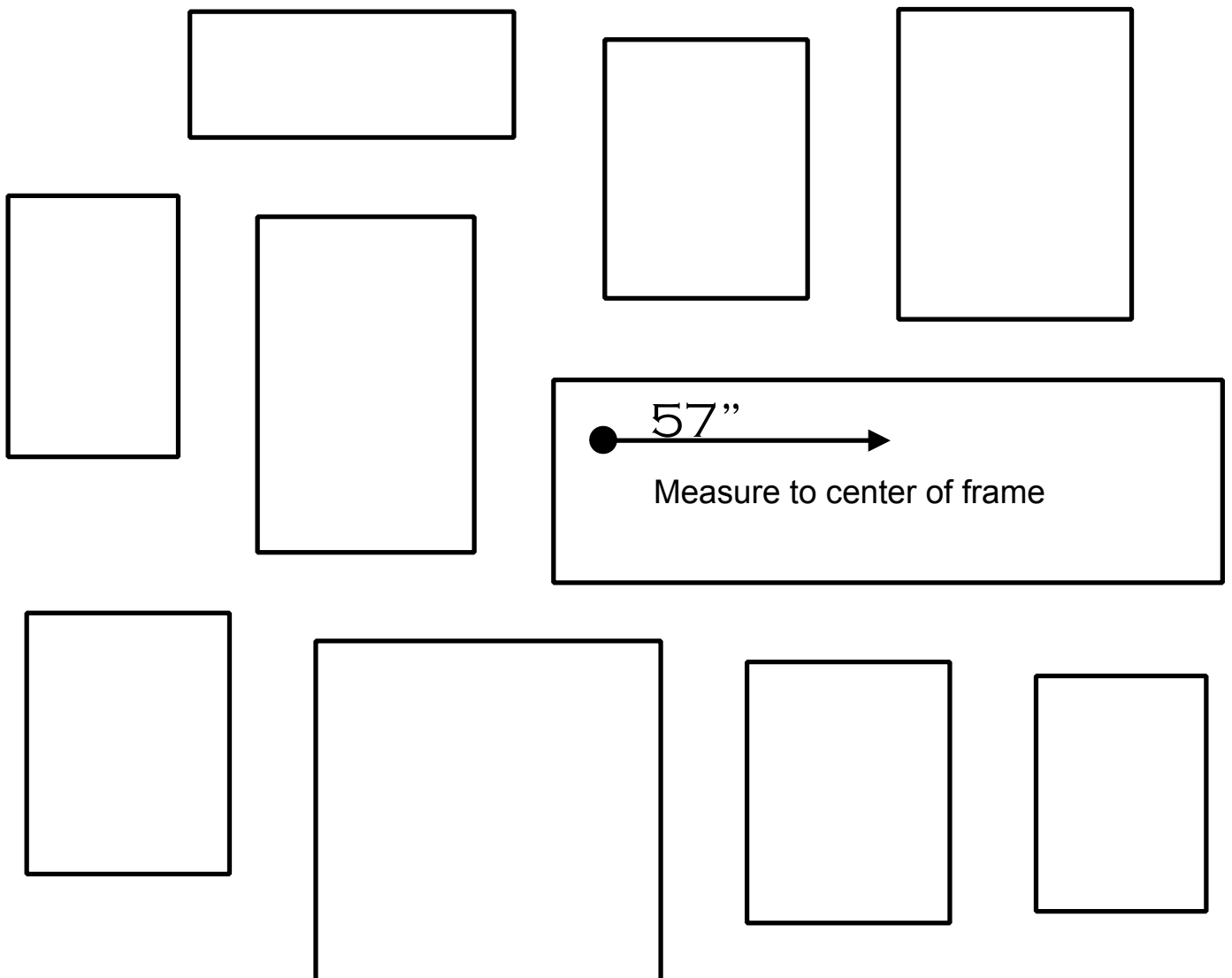
The only exception is in a dining room. Hanging art from 48" to 54" is my recommendation in a dining room where guests are seated most of the time. If the dining table is in a great room I would recommend hanging only the art behind the table lower.



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.



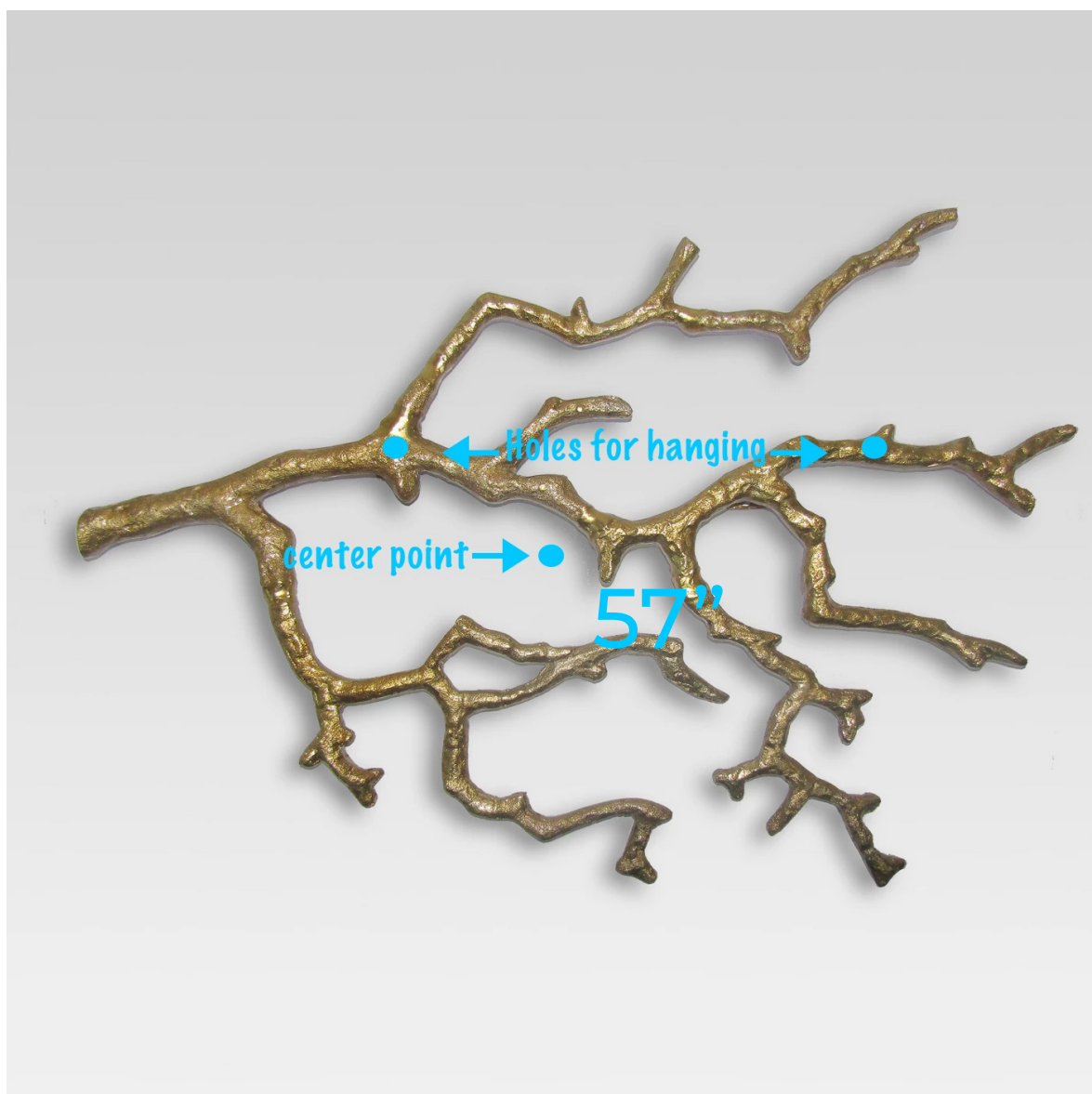


What if you're hanging a strange shaped object?

The same rule applies.

Lay the object on the floor or a table. Measure out from the farthest points making a rectangle or square.

Hang with the center point at 57 inches.



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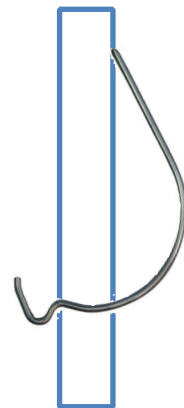
Proper Hooks on the Wall



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.



Proper Hangers on the Art



"D" hooks



Wire and two hooks



Sawtooth hangers



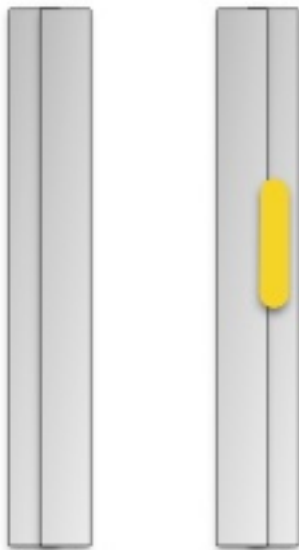
Keyholes



Proper Hooks 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 Hooks that 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 Unusual Ideas



Use a double headed screw to add a decorative knob.



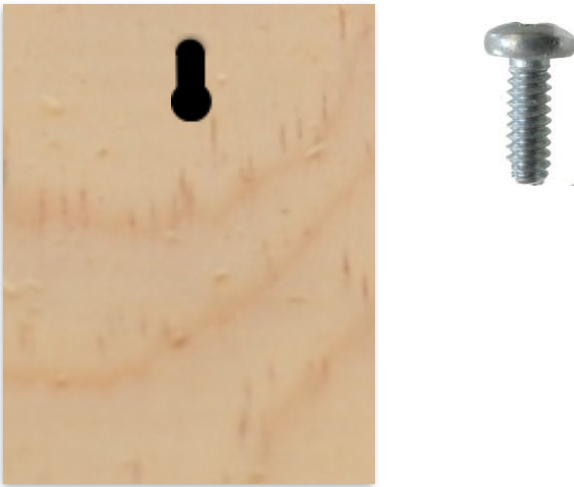
Fancy tacks are fun!



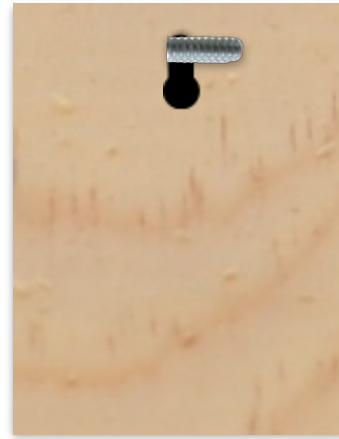


KeyHole Tip

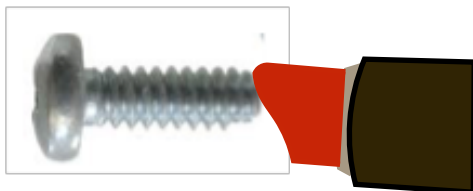
- 1** Use a screw with a fat head that fits snug into the keyhole.



- 2** This is “key”! The screw head needs to fit snug so the screw points straight out from the art.



- 3** Touch a very small amount of lipstick to the end of the screw.

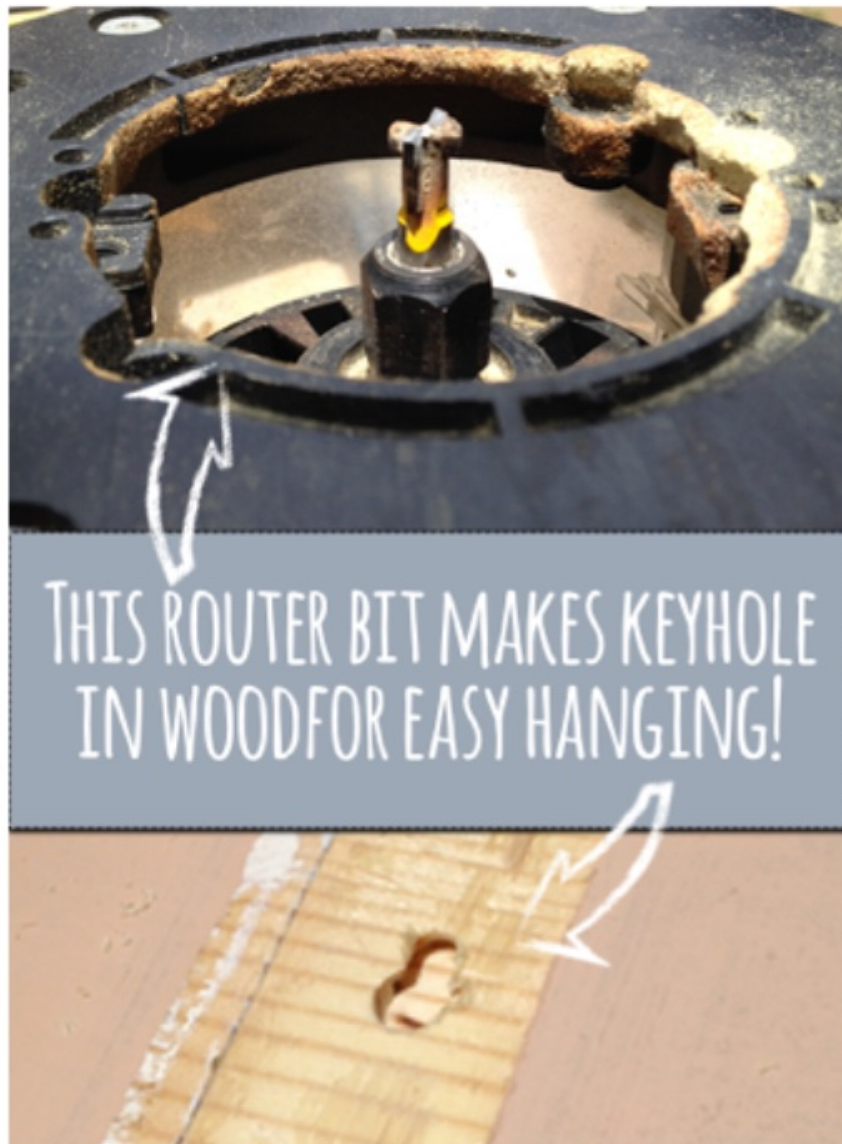


- 4** With screw holding snug into the top of the keyhole, place art on the wall where want it to hang.



57”

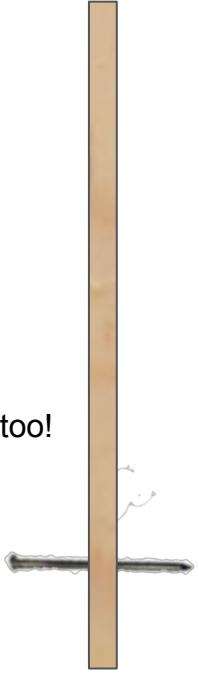
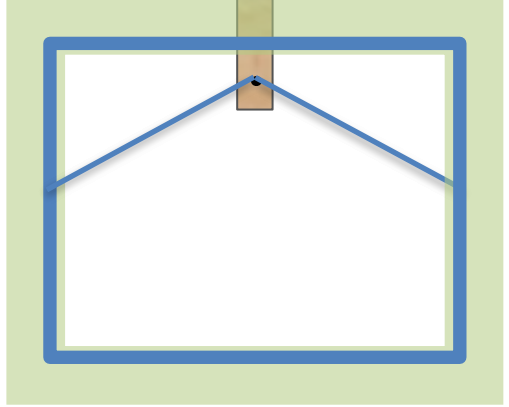
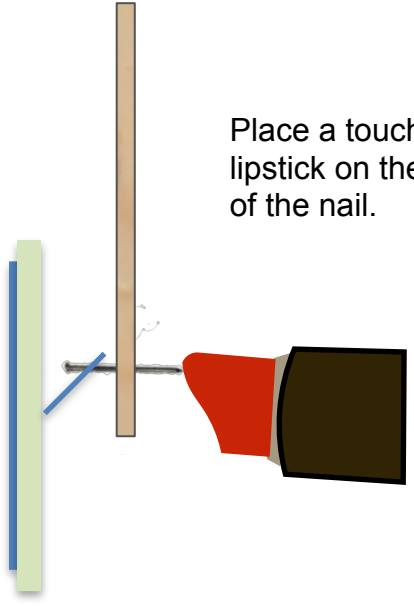
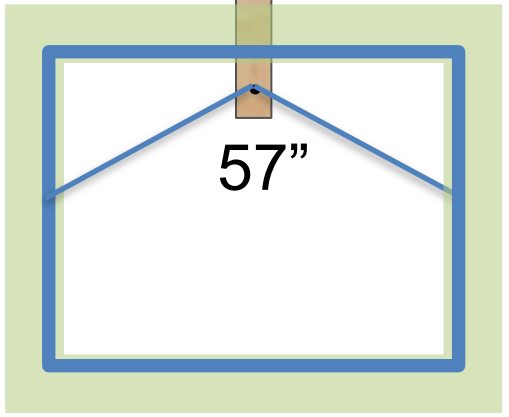
Press lightly to leave lipstick mark where the nail goes.



This router bit make keyholes
in wood easy.



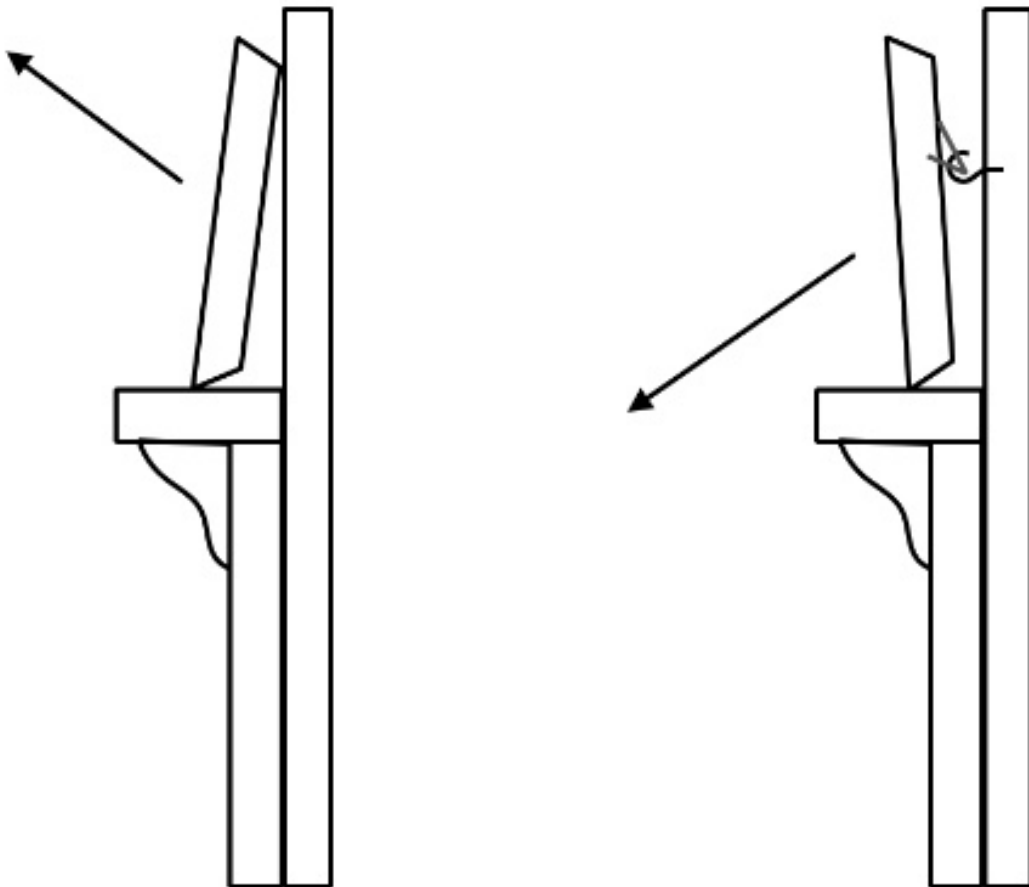
Wood Stick, Nail and Lipstick

<p>1</p> <p>Tap a nail halfway through a wood stick about an inch from the bottom. Paint stir sticks work too!</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Hang your frame from the nail.</p> 
<p>3</p> <p>Place a touch of lipstick on the end of the nail.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Place your frame where you wish to hang the artwork & press gently. The lipstick marks the nail spot.</p> 



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.



Tip for Hanging Heavy Objects

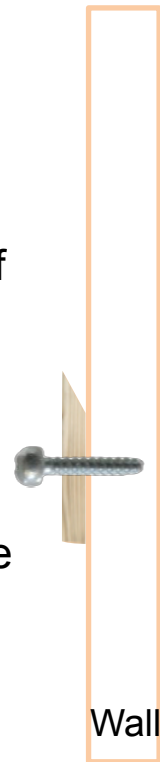
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To hang a **HEAVY** object like a plate rack, cut a piece of lumber in the middle lengthwise at a 45 degree angle.



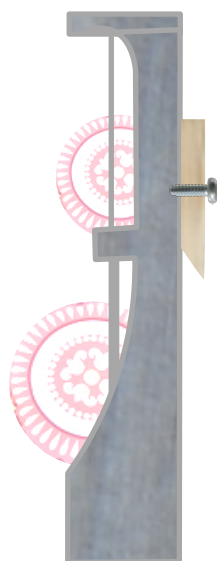
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Then use long screws into studs or toggle bolts to hang one piece of wood on the wall. Make sure the 45 degree makes a "V" groove and points up. Use a level to make sure the plate rack hangs straight.



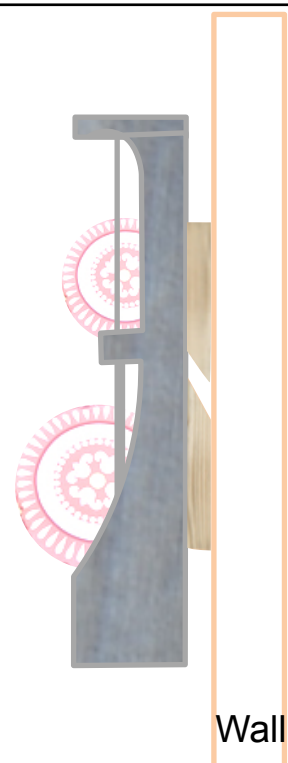
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Screw the other piece of wood to the plate rack with a "V" groove that points down.



4

Slide the plate rack down fitting the board together.





Filling in Holes

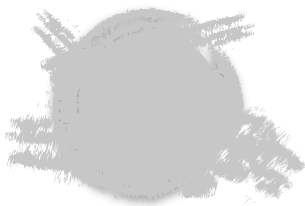
My best tip to fill in all those holes.....

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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