

Art itv Bailey-All art levels. How to make a hinged mat to display your art —

Objective: To cut a mat and frame a piece of your art work for display.

Supplies: heavy paper 6 inches larger and wider than your piece of art work, scissors, tape and a ruler.

Procedure: for the front of the mat. (this matt has a front piece and a back piece.

1. Decide if you want your work to be displayed vertically (Portrait) or horizontally (Landscape).
2. Measure your art work.
3. Subtract one inch from the height and the length of the art work. This gives you the “hole” measurement.
4. For a 2 inch border, add 4 ½ inches to the height and four inches to the length measurements.

The math:

Height of picture _____

Length of picture _____

Subtract 1 inch _____

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Add 4 ½ inches _____

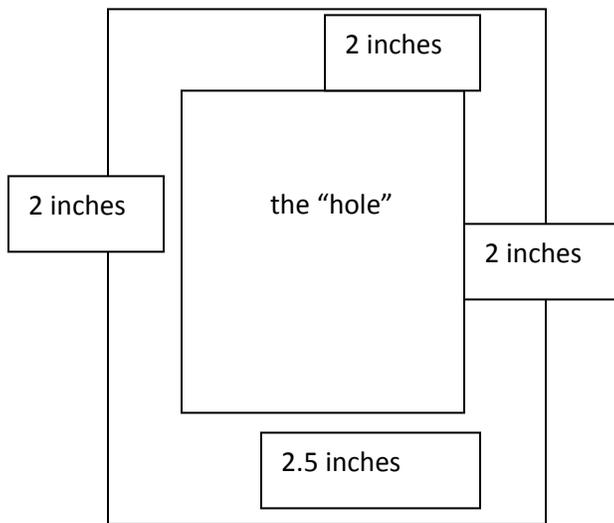
Add 4 inches _____

Total Height in inches _____

Total length in inches _____

5. Cut a rectangle from the tag board with the above measurements.

The reason that the ½ inch is added to the height is so that the bottom border will be larger. This will give the picture a feeling of stability. This is called “weighting the bottom”.



Working on the back of the rectangle that is the mat:

- A. Cut the piece of paper to the correct dimensions.
- B. Measure and draw the two inch boarder for the top and the sides of the mat.
- C. Measure and draw the 2 ½ inch boarder for the bottom part of the mat.
- D. Cut the “hole” out with a blade or scissor. (Make sure you have something under the paper so that you don’t cut the desk. Be careful so that you don’t cut yourself.

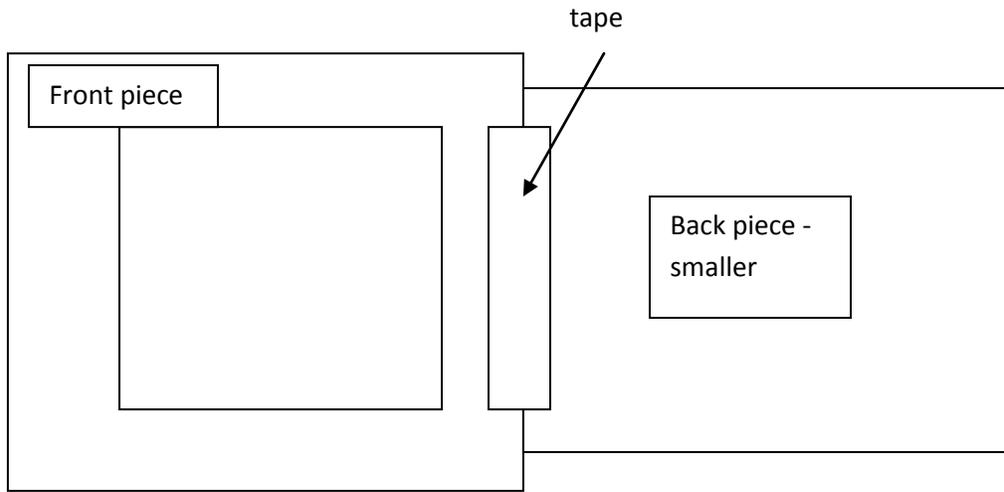
That completes the front of the hinge mat.

The back – Smaller than the front.

The piece of heavy paper that must be cut for the back is an inch smaller for the height and the width than the front piece. (Cut the back piece an inch smaller both ways – Height and length.)

Lay the two pieces of hinged mat top to top. (Remember that the bottom is larger)

Tape the pieces together as shown.



Sandwich your art work between the front and back of the mat. (If your paper is not heavy enough, you might have to tape your art work to the mat.) Tape the back of the closed mat on the other three sides so that the art work doesn't fall out. You are done.



Re: Tape on the art work:

The purpose of this mat is to hold the art work without using lots of tape on the work itself. If you have to tape the art work follow these rules:

1. Do not tape it to the "hole".
2. Do not tape the corners as they tear.
3. Put a small piece of tape in the center top of the art work. Very little tape should be on the art work itself.