

Fixing Objects

All our frames are generic frames for the display of different types of objects and as such do not come with specific fixings. We do supply self adhesive pads with all our frames. These pads are high tack pads and are extremely sticky. When using them it is best to cut these into smaller pads using scissors or a craft knife prior to removing the backings. Once affixed they are not removable and should not be used if the objects are valuable or need to be removed.

A few different methods of fixing are shown on our YouTube channel "Frame And Display".

The fixing of objects can sometimes be challenging even for professionals and there are many different methods of fixing.

When mounting objects care should be taken to consider whether the objects need to be removed occasionally, regularly or not at all and appropriate fixing methods adopted. High value items should only be fixed with the minimum of non-permanent fixing necessary.

Materials that can be used include, double sided tape, glue, stick pads, clips, rivets, stitching, magnets, velcro, clear mylar strips, a hot melt glue gun can be very useful, and on...

Simple method for a medals, Using a sharp craft knife cut a small slot in the mount board through which the brooch clasp can pass. To fix, slide the cut out behind the clasp to trap it from the back of the card.

Stitching objects to the backing can be a very effective method. small holes can be made with a needle or bradawl, ideally to be obscured when the object is in place, then use of cotton or fine wire to secure, tie or tape to the back to fix. Fishing nylon is extremely good for this also and is virtually invisible.

For ribbons or flat items. The mount board can be cut fully across the width giving two pieces. With a break in the back it is now possible to drape the items over the edge of one of the pieces and secure them onto the rear. Replace the two mount board pieces and tape back together. Done carefully this is very effective.

For badges or brooch type items the mount card can be covered with a thin fabric through which the clasps can be fixed. The fabric can be stretched and fixed on the reverse of the mount card.

If you get really stuck then the services of a professional picture framer can be sought, however, be warned, mounting of objects is very time consuming and picture framers are very expensive.

Removal of the Mount

The card mount (card frame adjacent to the glass) can be removed and the whole area of the frame can be utilised to display your object.

Place the frame face down on a soft surface, an old towel is ideal, and remove the two backs by bending the flexi tabs holding the back in place. Carefully, using a thin flat tool such as a table knife ease the two vertical spacers away from the frame towards the centre of the frame one at a time, be careful not to damage the back of the spacer. Once the two verticals are removed the two horizontals will fall out.

Remove the card mount. This can be either discarded, used as a rear mount, or as packing between the inner back and the outer back.

The spacers were originally inserted reversed. It is now necessary to use the decorative edge of the spacers as the display side. Remove the green protective film on the display side of each spacer (can be tricky, try using adhesive tape to get hold of the film).

The spacers can now be replaced with the decorative edge facing away from the frame. If the spacers are not a tight fit then a dab of glue or double sided tape on the back of the spacer will ensure they remain in place. On larger frames double sided tape will already be fixed to the frame, in which case just peel away the release tape.

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