

Framing Guide

A beautifully framed print doesn't just protect the artwork—it enhances its presentation and helps it become a natural part of your living or working space. Whether you prefer a minimalist look, something classic and elegant, or a bold, modern frame, this guide will walk you through your options and considerations.

Standard Sizes for Easy Framing

To make the framing process as straightforward as possible, I've selected print sizes that correspond with **readily available, standard-size frames**. This means you'll be able to find a wide variety of in-stock frame options at most local craft stores, home décor retailers, or online shops—no custom sizing required.

- **Portrait-oriented prints** (8x10", 11x14", and 16x20") are among the most widely available and easiest to frame.
- **Square prints** (8x8", 12x12", and 17x17") are also offered in standard dimensions, though frame options may be slightly more limited depending on the size and store.

Selecting standard sizes ensures you'll have more flexibility and affordability when choosing a frame that suits your style and space.

Custom Framing Options

If you'd like something tailored or unique, **custom framing** is a wonderful option. Local frame shops and larger craft retailers (such as Michaels or Framebridge) offer professional advice and hands-on service. A knowledgeable framer can help you:

- Select the best frame style to complement the image and your décor
- Choose between single or multiple mats to enhance depth
- Pick glass or acrylic glazing for UV protection and glare reduction
- Ensure archival mounting methods to preserve your investment

Custom framing gives you full creative control and allows you to protect your artwork with materials designed to last.

Online Framing Services

There are also many reputable **online framing retailers** that offer custom frames shipped directly to your door. Some platforms even allow you to upload a digital image of your artwork and preview how it will look in various frames, mats, and room settings—a great way to experiment visually before committing.

If you're considering online framing, be sure to check the option "**Yes, please send me an uploadable sample digital image**" before adding your print to the cart. This complimentary service provides a low-resolution preview you can use on framing sites that support virtual mockups.

Framing Tips for Best Results

- **Matting:** A mat can provide breathing space around your image, add elegance, and prevent the print from touching the glass. White or neutral mats are timeless, while colored mats can add personality.

While each print is sized to fit standard, ready-made frames from most craft and home décor stores, it's best to avoid direct contact between the print surface and the glass. Adding an acid-free mat is a simple and effective solution. Most stores can cut custom mats for their in-stock frames.

- **Glass or Acrylic:** For most home displays, standard glass works well. For larger pieces or high-traffic areas, acrylic (Plexiglass) offers lightweight durability.

To help preserve your Fine Art Print, I recommend using UV-protective glass or acrylic when framing. Consider UV-filtering options to help prevent fading.

- **Placement:** Hang your artwork out of direct sunlight and away from humidity (e.g., kitchens and bathrooms) to protect its longevity. Even though archival inks are fade-resistant, prolonged exposure to direct sunlight or excessive heat can still affect the print over time. Choose display locations wisely.
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Need Help Choosing?

Still unsure about how to frame your print? Don't hesitate to reach out—I'm happy to offer suggestions to help guide your decision. My goal is to ensure your new Fine Art Print looks its best and brings joy for years to come.