

# RECOMMENDED FRAMING SUPPLIES

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## Must Have Items - The Essentials

Item(s) Needed	Purpose	Where to buy	Which to buy	Approximate cost
Carpeted or Padded Workstation	Padded area for frame to rest on its face while being assembled	Lowe's	The Gray Stuff	\$5.40 Per Sq.Yard
Razor Knife	For opening boxes, cutting paper, and unwrapping frames	Office Depot or Lowe's	Little flat ones are cheap. Deluxe ones are nice. Don't use an X-Acto style for this purpose though.	5 for \$3.00 up to \$9.99 each
Point Driver	For securing prints, mats, and backing boards to the inside of frames	United Manufacturers	Fletcher Framemaster hard point driver (United # 3900)	\$61.30
Extra Framers Points	You always need extras even when they come by the 1000's	United Manufacturers	Fletcher Framers Points (United # 3901)	\$9.20 Per Box of 3,000
ATG Adhesive Gun	For gluing the paper dust cover to the back of the frame	United Manufacturers	3M Model 700 Allows use of 60 Yd. Tape Rolls.	\$44.45
Spare ATG refill rolls	You DO NOT want to run out of ATG while finishing a frame.	United Manufacturers	ATG 3M #925	36 Yd for \$4.75 = \$.1319 /Yd. 60 Yd for \$7.90 = \$.1316 /Yd.
			ATG 3M Gold Acid Free ATG	36 Yd for \$8.65 = \$.24 /Yd. 60 Yd for \$14.40 = \$.24 /Yd.
Print Handling gloves	Critical for handling metallic prints, and for handling Plexiglass and Glass	Camera Supply Store	Your Favorite	\$3 per pair
Kraft Backing Paper	Acts as both a dust cover and protector. It is also a very nice finishing touch that prevents tampering, and hides the underpinnings of the framed piece. Also allows a place to put your studio's label for everyone to see.	United Manufacturers	Choose from Black or Natural Kraft. Black has a little more elegant look. 36" width covers most frames. If necessary cut black paper from your roll of background paper for covering larger frames.	36" Wide Roll  Kraft = \$47.80 Black = \$70.60

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Paper Roll Holder/Cutter	Roll paper crushes ridges into itself if laid down flat. It must either be suspended or stored vertically	United Manufacturers	Match to the size of your paper roll. Choose from vertical or horizontal roll holder.	\$40 to \$140
Paper Back Trimmer	Once the backing paper is applied, it needs to be trimmed close to the outside edge.	United Manufacturers	Your Choice, most people find the plastic one to be the best	\$2.50 to \$5.00
Rubber Bumpers	Serves to protect the wall from the frame, keep the frame from shifting, and to allow air circulation behind the frame.	Lowe's or United Manufacturers	Black Brown or Clear. Small lots at Lowe's, or buy by the 1,000 lot at United Manufacturers.	\$25.00 to \$65.00 Per 1,000

## Highly Recommended Hand Tools

Item(s) Needed	Purpose	Where to buy	Which to buy	Approximate cost
Putty Knife or Hard Paint Scraper	For Bending Flex Points	Lowe's	1" to 2" Wide 1.5" wide is best	\$3
4 in 1 screwdriver	For Bending Flex Points	Sears	The little round one with 4 blades	\$1
Scissors	Cutting Paper and Chord	Office Depot or Lowe's	Fiskars or the like	\$9
Flat head screwdriver	Prying out Staples	Lowe's	8" Overall Length	\$6
Bent Needle Nose Pliers	Pulling out Points and Prying out Staples	Lowe's	Both Small and Large	\$15 in a set
Phillips Head Screwdriver	Backs up the power screwdriver, and allows a "touch" of torque to be placed on the screws	Lowe's	8" Overall Length	\$6
Straight Needle Nose Pliers	Prying out Staples	Lowe's	Medium/Large	\$15 in a set
Tack Puller	Prying out Staples	Lowe's	Standard Tack Puller	\$8
Tape Measure	Measuring large items	Lowe's	Retracting Metal Tape	\$12
Ruler	Measuring small items or distances	Lowe's	Plastic or Wood	\$2
3pc. Stanley Pick Set	Cleaning out V-grooves, and other cool things	Lowe's	There is only one that I know of	\$6
X-Acto Knife set	Trimming small things, cleaning up mat issues	Lowe's	Either X-Acto or Excel Brand	\$12
Wire Cutters	Cutting Frame Hanging Wire	Lowe's	Standard size Cutters	\$8
Hammer	Installing Sawtooth Hangers	Lowe's	12-16 Ounce Hammer	\$15

## Frame Hanging Hardware and Tools

Item(s) Needed	Purpose	Where to buy	Which to buy	Approximate cost
1/16th Inch Drill bit	Used for pre-drilling holes for the hanging hardware screws	Lowe's	Speedbit style that pops in and out easily	\$3.00 each
Rechargeable power screwdriver (Or Drill).	For pre-drilling screw holes, and for driving screws. Having two on hand is nice. You may use a drill if you need to, but you will need a powered screwdriver to increase the speed of assembly	Lowe's	One that is rechargeable is nice so you can avoid problems with the cord getting in the way.	\$49 Each
Wire Hanging System  (Or choose the Kevlar line hanging system below Or choose the sawtooth hangers on small frames)	Wire - to suspend the frame from hangers on the wall (Plastic coated wire reduces the danger of puncturing your fingers and wraps very nicely - it costs about twice as much per foot as the uncoated wire)	United Manufacturers	#4 Works for frames up to 20 Pounds  #6 is Heavier for frames up to 60 Pounds	#4 Braided Steel Wire \$18.85 for 910 feet  #6 Plastic coated \$20.95 for 275 ft.
	Anchors - To secure the wire to the frame	United Manufacturers	Single Screw Small Double Screw Small Single Screw Heavy Double Screw Heavy Triple Screw Heavy	716 Single \$3.50 per 100 715 DBL \$4.20 per 100 707 Single \$7.70 per 100 709 DBL \$8.75 per 100 711 Triple \$12.20 per 100
	Screws - to secure the Anchors to the frame	United Manufacturers	( United 3210-6) #6 Size screw in lengths of 3/8", 1/2", and 5/8"	3/8" \$2.30 Per 200 1/2" \$2.30 Per 200 5/8" \$2.30 Per 200
	Optional wire heatshrink sleeves and heat gun	United Manufacturers	Get Both Small and Medium Sleeves	\$40
Kevlar Chord Hanging System	Chord - to suspend the frame from hangers on the wall	United Manufacturers	Very elegant presentation that does not scratch things	\$38.65 for 1000 Feet
	Anchors - To secure the Chord to the Frame	United Manufacturers	Medium and Large	Med = 17.50 per 100 Large = 19.45 per 100
	Screws - to secure the Anchors to the frame	United Manufacturers	Screws are supplied with the anchors	\$0

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Item(s) Needed	Purpose	Where to buy	Which to buy	Approximate cost
Wire spool holder/rack	Optional but nice to have	Lowe's or United Manufacturers	Whatever works best for your workstation	\$10
Sawtooth Hangers	Great for really light frames and very narrow frames like a 5x30 Horizontal	United Manufacturers	2" Size (United 4271)	\$4.10 per 100
Z-Bar Hangers	Used for very heavy frames and commercial locations	zbarhanger.com	Available in 6 inch to 6 foot pairs	6,7,or 8" Pair \$8.50 24" Pair \$16.50 50" Pair \$30.00

## Hardware for Canvas Prints

Item(s) Needed	Purpose	Where to buy	Which to buy	Approximate cost
Offsets	To Secure the Canvas Stretcher frame to the Picture Frame	Lowe's or United Manufacturers	Buy Bulk From United and get the 1/8", 1/4", 3/8" 1/2" and 3/4" They come with Screws	1/8" \$3.10 Per 100 1/4" \$3.10 Per 100 3/8" \$4.45 Per 144 1/2" \$4.45 Per 100

## Supplies for working with Glass and Plexiglass

Item(s) Needed	Purpose	Where to buy	Which to buy	Approximate cost
Glass Cleaner (Ammonia free)	For Cleaning Glass	United Manufacturers	True Vue (United # 5464)	\$6.15 per Quart
Paper towels	For Cleaning Glass and More	Anywhere	Brawny or Bounty	Don't get cheap ones!
Old White 100% Cotton T-Shirt	For Cleaning Glass	Your Laundry Bin	You'll know it when you see it	\$0
Lint Free Cloths	Dust Removal-Final Polish	Camera Supply Store	4"x4" dust free cloths Pro-Line Pro-Pad 100 Pk	100 Pack for \$12
Drafting Dust Brush	Dust Removal	Office Depot	Staedtler	\$6
Compressed Air	Dust Removal	United Manufacturers	Canned air is expensive, Air from a compressor is appropriate for high volume production	\$10 per can
Plexiglass Cleaner	For Cleaning and Static reduction on Plexiglass	United Manufacturers	United # 3690 210 Brand	\$7
Anti Static Cloth	For removing static from Dry Plexiglass	United Manufacturers	Anti Static "Tiger Cloth"	\$6.45
Plexiglass Scratch Repair Solution	For removing imperfections in the Plexiglass	United Manufacturers	United # 3691 210 Brand	\$6.40

## Supplies for Assembling Mats

Item(s) Needed	Purpose	Where to buy	Which to buy	Approximate cost
1.5" Masking Tape	Taping Prints to Mats	Lowe's	Pro Painter's tape	\$3
2.0" Masking Tape	Taping Prints to Mats	Lowe's	Pro Painter's tape	\$3
White Eraser	Removing smudges from mats	Office Depot	Staedtler White Eraser or Magic Rub Eraser	\$2

## Nice to Have Items

Item(s) Needed	Purpose	Where to buy	Which to buy	Approximate cost
Solvent	Cleaning tools and removing ATG from tools	Lowe's	Goof Off	\$3
Paper trimmer	Trimming Prints	Camera Supply Store	30" RotaTrim	\$225
Big Trash Can	There is always shipping and paper trimming waste. Please Recycle!	Lowe's	A BIG ONE	\$15
Foam Core Board	Making supporting shelves and spacers, and mounting prints in emergencies	Locally: Asel Art or FedEx Office Online: CPPI (photopkg.com) or foamcoreheaven.com	Pressure Sensitive or Black White Have 20x24 on Hand Popular Brands are: Gator Board, Bainbridge, Elmer's and Ultra	20x24 White \$4-\$10 20x24 Black \$5-\$12  Depends on Quantity
Mount board	For supporting floated prints and making emergency fixes Up to 11x14	Small Amounts = Art Supply Large Amounts = CPPI	Single, Double, and Triple weight 11x14	11x14 Single Wt.- \$98 per 100 11x14 Dbl Wt.- \$69.50 per 50 11x14 Triple Wt.- \$73.85 per 35
Brayer/Roller	For Mounting prints	United Manufacturers	8" Roller	\$7.80
Touch Up Markers	For Repairing Scratches	Lowe's	Minwax in various colors. Use a Sharpie on black mouldings	\$3-\$4 Each
Rubber Bumper Placement Guide	For more exact placement of the rubber bumpers	Use a discontinued frame Corner	Make your own	\$0
Heavy Desktop Tape Dispenser	Really Speeds up production	United Manufacturers	Double Roll holder at a Minimum ( 3" Core )	\$57
24" Level	For leveling your sample frames, and for use as a straight edge	Lowe's	Johnson Tools or Stanley	\$18
First Aid Kit	Just in case! Framers Points and Glass Edges are Dangerous	Target	Small one to deal with minor cuts	\$4
Studio Branding Labels	For the final touch that adds your Studio Brand to the Finished Product	Century Label Company	Choose your size, shape, color, and layout	\$200 to \$250 for your first 1,000
Shop Apron	Helps protect your clothes from Frame Putty and Snags	United Manufacturers or Lowe's	Any style	\$10

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