How to Mount a Print

- Make sure the back board is the same size as the precut mount (for club use this needs to be 500mm x 400mm)
- Line up back board with precut mount and put a hinge on between the two with tape
- Crease the hinge by folding the board down carefully and accurately
- Align image within the mount window
- Put a soft weight on it to hold print in place be careful not to damage print face
- Mark where print should be if want to ensure not moved on next step
- Attach print to the back board (archival tape preferred) using 1" tape adhesive up on underside of print
- Do same for other side and use longer tape (to allow expansion)
- Then another 2 x same adhesive side down
- Check still aligned
- Could leave at this stage (this is fine if pinned behind glass but for club use and for transport to a judge it is better to secure as follows)
- Use acid free scrapbookers glue/glue dots or small double sided tape bits on inside corners of back board to secure the mount to the back board and thus "sandwich" the image between to keep it secure and in place.

To mount with T-hinges, turn the photograph front-side down on a clean surface. Cut strips of archival tape about 3-inches long. Adhere 2-inches of each strip perpendicular to the top (back) of the photograph; the remaining inch of the strip should stretch above the print. Turn the photograph over (now, the sticky side of the tape should be up) and move the print in the position you desire on the backboard. Place a strip of tape parallel to the print, over each sticky end (forming a "T"). Press these pieces of tape onto the back board.

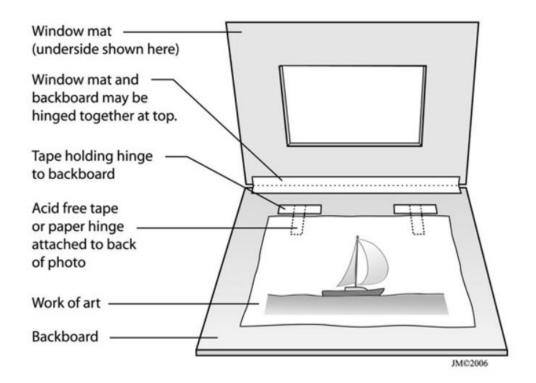


illustration: Jacqueline Mahannah. Use T-hinges to secure the photograph on the backboard.

More permanent methods:

Many people will use a smaller backing board, which is good if you want to keep this mounted image, but not good if you want to reuse the mounts.





Or you can surface mount

Just adhere your print onto your backing board – you can get a special photo spray glue for this (uses no picture mount) or you can use double sided tape.

