

# CUT A DOUBLE MAT WITH A MAT MASTER SYSTEM

## PROJECT: #25102

### Difficulty Rating:



### What you will need:

- 1 x Artwork
- 2 x Mat Board
- 1 x Mat Master™ Rule
- 1 x Mat Master™ Bevel Cutter
- 1 x 2H Pencil



#14201L Mat Master™ #201 Bevel Cutter  
 #14201R Mat Master™ #201 Bevel Cutter



#14209 Mat Master™ Rule



#17035 Double Sided Tape 12mm x 33m



#14418 Line Maker™

A Double Mat on an image will add more interest to the design of your framing. By choosing colours that compliment the picture, the image will be enhanced and become sharper. These colours will also help lead the eye from the frame into the picture, which is the central focus. The "secret" to cutting double mats, so that the inner mat is exactly parallel to the outer, is not to cut two separate mats! You can achieve perfect double mats every time by following the method below. As a rule of thumb, place the lighter colour over the darker colour.

### Instructions (same procedure for any mat cutter)

The best way, is to cut the top mat first, adhere the two mats together, then cut the bottom mat.

(Refer to How to cut a Single Mat #25101)

Example: 20cm x 30cm double mat with 6cm border.

1. Cut the outside dimensions for the top mat 20 x 30cm. Cut the outside dimensions for the bottom mat slightly smaller - eg. 19 x 29cm (see fig. 1).

2. Cut out the window in the top mat with a 5.5cm border, keep the drop-out (see fig. 2). Work Notes #25101

Note: (i) As we are cutting a double mat the top border size needs to be 5mm smaller to reveal the colour of the bottom mat.

(ii) Remember, we cut all mats from the reverse side - so all our pencil markings are on the back of the mat.

3. Place the top mat face down on your table top. Replace the drop out back into the window (see fig. 3).

4. Apply strips of double sided tape to the back of the top mat, plus an extra piece in the centre of the drop out. Then attach the bottom mat colour face down onto the back of the top mat (see fig. 4). Ensure that you affix the bottom mat centrally to the back of the top mat.

5. Mark out on the back of the bottom mat for a 6cm border - use the outer edges of the top mat as your reference edge for measuring. Cut the mat window in the normal way (see fig. 5).

The reason for cutting the bottom mat smaller is to ensure that you use the outer edges of the top mat to measure for both border widths. That way the sides of the double mat will be parallel.

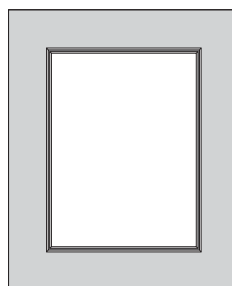


fig.1  
 Top mat (white) 20 X 30cm.  
 Bottom mat (black) - slightly smaller.

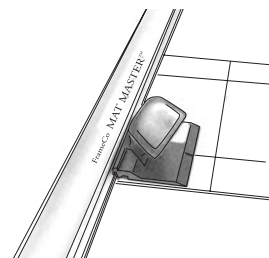


fig.2  
 Cut the top mat

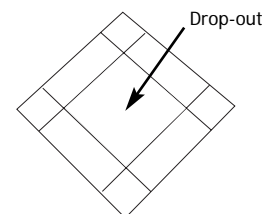


fig.3  
 Replace the drop-out back into the window

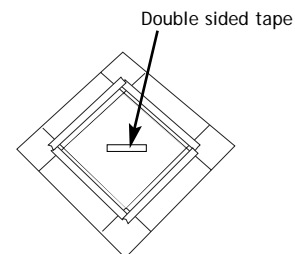


fig.4  
 Apply double sided tape to back

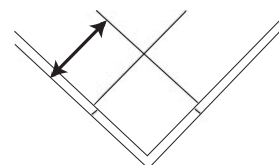


fig.5  
 Adhere the inner mount to the top mount

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