

# USE A VACU-BAG

**PROJECT: #25252**

Difficulty Rating:



What you will need:

- 1 x Artwork
- 1 x Mat Board with precut window
- 1 x Backing Board
- 1 x Vacu-Bag
- 1 x All purpose glue
- 1 x Sponge Roller
- 1 x Domestic Vacuum Cleaner



#13003 FrameCo Vacu-Bag



#13301 General Purpose Glue x 500ml  
 #13311 Canvas/Photo Glue x 500ml

For mounting down prints, posters, photographs and wood veneers. The Vacu-Bag is regarded as the ideal method for trouble free mounting as it achieves wrinkle and bubble free glue mounting without touching or rubbing the surface of the artwork or veneer.

The FrameCo Vacu-Bag is a reliable and economical alternative to the more expensive professional mounting presses. The flexible nature of the Vacu-Bag enables pressure to be applied to curved or uneven surfaces, such as when mounting medals, fabric liners or shaped veneered objects. The FrameCo Vacu-Bag can be rolled up and stored away when not in use, saving on valuable workshop space. The FrameCo Vacu-Bag comes complete with internal pyramid mat, all air fittings and it can be operated using a standard household vacuum cleaner or a separate vacuum pump.

## Instructions

1. Place artwork onto the backing board and with a pencil place a registration mark at the corners. Remove the artwork and evenly apply glue to the backing board within the registration marks, with a sponge roller - work quickly to avoid dry spots.
2. Place a Cover Sheet over the artwork to prevent any excess glue sticking to the inside of the Vacu-Bag. Cover Sheets can be Brown Paper or Butchers paper, but DO NOT use Newspaper, as the ink may rub off onto your artwork.
3. Place the backing board, now carrying the glued artwork and cover sheet, into the vacuum bag.
4. Fold under the open edge of the bag to seal it. Switch on the vacuum cleaner. Trapped air is rapidly drawn out by the vacuum, creating a high, even pressure across the whole surface of the board, pressing the artwork down firmly and flattening out any bubbles and creases.
5. Once full vacuum has been reached the item can be removed from the bag. This may take 30 - 60 seconds.

**Note:** Space saving vacuum bags available from Hardware stores are not suitable as they 'crush' the contents.

## Suggestions:

1. Thin papers, dark coloured artwork, and glossy paper tends to be more difficult to glue down.
2. Do Not Glue items over 40 x 50cm (20 x 16") onto Fome Core as bubbles, due to delamination, might occur - original artwork should not be glued down, but should be hinged with acid free tape.

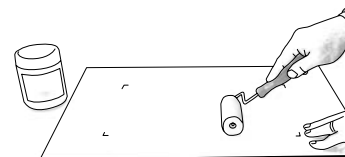


fig.1  
 Apply the glue to the back of the artwork with the sponge roller

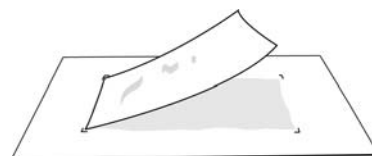


fig.2  
 Place artwork onto the backing board between the registration marks.

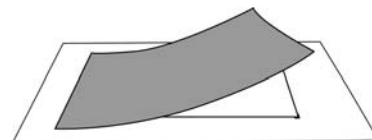


fig.3  
 Place cover sheet over artwork to protect the Vacu-Bag from excess glue.

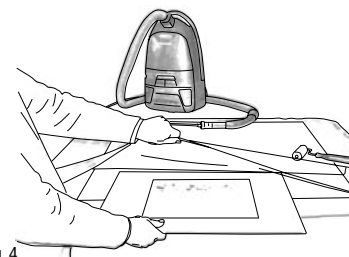


fig.4  
 Place the artwork onto a firm backing board then insert into the Vacu-Bag.

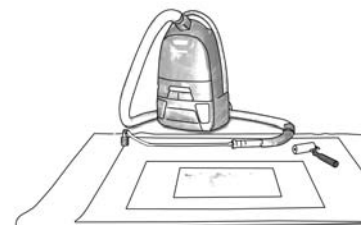


fig.5  
 Remove the air from the bag with the Vacuum Cleaner, the vacuum pressure flattens out all bubbles and creases.

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