

CUT A SINGLE MAT WITH A MAT MASTER SYSTEM

PROJECT: #25101

Difficulty Rating:



What you will need:

- 1 x Artwork
- 1 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



#14290 Mat Master™ 90° Straight Cutter



#14418 Line Maker™

Instructions (same procedure for any mat cutter)

1. Complete the Picture Framing Worksheet Work Notes #25100.



Place the mat face down on the work bench and make sure you have a piece of card underneath the mat to protect the work bench and the face of the mat. Grey Box Board #80020 is ideal for mat cutting.

Note: Do not use resealable cutting mats as they are too dense and will break the tip off the end of the blade.

2. Cut down the Mat Board to the required size using a sharp craft knife or use the Mat Master™ 90° Straight Cutter.
3. Using the measuring scale on the rule, mark out on the back of the mat using a sharp pencil, the desired border width (6cm is ideal). Make sure you carry the lines out to the outer edges. Use a 2H pencil for light, sharp lines - see fig. 1.

4. An alternative way to mark out the mat is to use the Line Maker™.

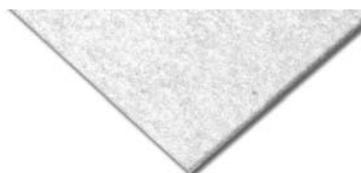


5. Align the rule on the pencil line so the line is just visible, then attach the #201 cutting head to the rule - see fig. 2. The Mat Master™ #201 head will cut accurately on the line everytime.

6. To begin cutting, align the start/stop silver line on the cutting head just behind the start (or bottom) pencil line. Press the blade into the board and push the cutter away from you up towards the finish pencil line. Before starting to cut, lower your arm, so that you are cutting along the line, rather than pushing downwards - see fig. 5. With practise you will be able to eliminate any overcuts or undercuts - see fig. 3 & 4.

7. Release the handle and the blade will retract from the mountboard. Rotate the mount clockwise by 90° and repeat for the remaining sides.

8. Turn the mat face up to reveal a bevel cut mount.



#80020 Grey Box Board

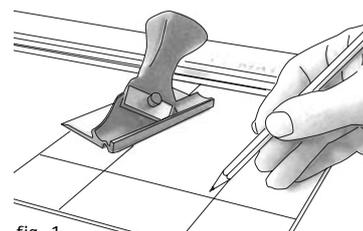
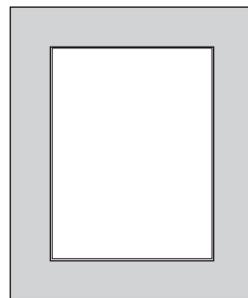


fig. 1 Using the measuring scale on the rule, mark out on the back of the mount with pencil lines, the desired border width (6cm is ideal).

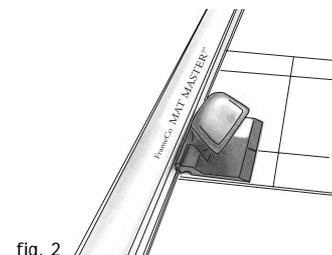


fig. 2 To begin cutting, align the start/stop silver line on the cutting head just behind the start (or bottom) pencil line.

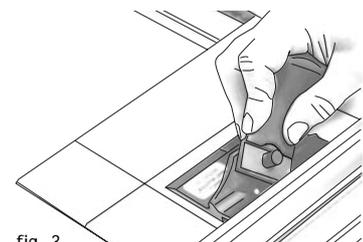


fig. 3 Press the blade into the board and push the cutter away from you up towards the finish pencil line.

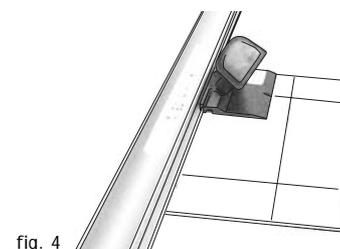


fig. 4 Move the Bevel Cutter and finish on pencil line aligning with start/stop line on the cutter.

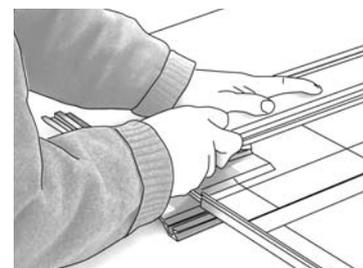


fig. 5 Before starting to cut, lower your arm, so that you are cutting along the line, rather than pushing downwards.

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