

# Handy Hints Sheet 1

...helping you get started.

## The Components Of A Basic Frame



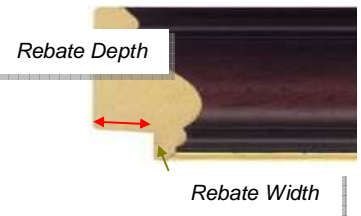
**Glass** ... a glass panel protects the picture. It is cut to fit in the rebate of the moulding. You can use a **glasscutter** and **rule** to tailor larger sheets to fit.

**Mitre joint** ...the type of joint used to fix two pieces of moulding around a 90° corner. Each side therefore has to have a 45° cut made at each end. A good quality **mitre saw** is used to make these cuts. For a perfect finish, follow up using a **mitre trimmer**.

**Mouldings** for frames are often ready shaped (and finished) in lengths for cutting. Choose from a range of decorative / plain bare **wood mouldings** or a wide range of finishes.

### Diagram 1:

When you choose a style of moulding it is important to know the rebate depth so you can be sure that all of the elements in your frame can be "packed" in to it.



**The Frame** ... made up of 4 pieces of moulding with mitred ends, having been clamped and joined. The simplest clamping system is a **strap clamp**. There is a whole range of specialised **joiners** to choose from.

**Mount**...this picture has a double mount. Two **mounts** have been cut, one slightly larger than the other. You can use simple manual mount cutters with a rule or a range of board-mounted cutters.

In these diagrams we have featured the different elements of a basic frame. We describe the function of each element and link it with a hand-tool that can be used as part of a "Basic Framing" project.

**V Nails** ... a specialised pin used to hold the mitred edges of the moulding in place to form the frame. These are pinned in place using one of the **joiner** systems.

**Back Board** ... a 2 mm board to hold mount, picture and glass securely in the frame.

**Flexipoints** ... a specialised pin used to hold the whole picture assembly in place. These are pinned in place using a **tab gun**.

**D Ring and Cord** ... fixed 1/3 of picture height down from the top of the frame for picture hanging.

**Tape** ... this provides a professional finish and helps to keep dust from entering the frame.

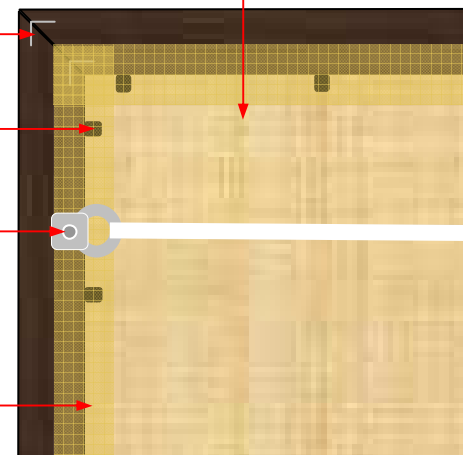
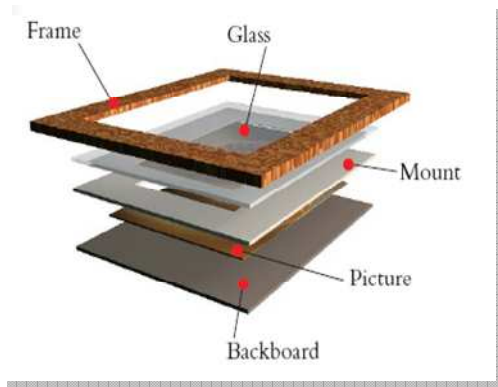


Diagram 2:  
The various elements are combined in layers to complete the framed item