

GUIDE ON HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR ARTWORK



In general

Purchasing your artwork is not everything. In order to keep your artwork in good condition and worth the investment, you have to take good care of it.

Each type of artwork must be handled differently due to the use of different materials. In this guide, you will learn how to properly take care of each type of artwork.



PART 1

OIL PAINTINGS

Regardless of whether you hang or frame your oil painting, your top concern should be protecting it. It doesn't matter if it's a personal artwork or a collection.



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Invest in a protective coat

Over time the color of your oil painting may fade. In order to prevent this from happening, invest in varnish to both enhance colors and protect your art. The product creates a protective layer that protects against dust and other unwanted factors that could damage your painting. Additionally, it also protects the color and prevents any paint removal when cleaning.

Note: Before purchasing the varnish, make sure you consult a professional to ensure you get the correct one. Only do this if the painting does not already have a protective layer!

Give your art room to breathe

Oil paintings are made with different materials and require breathing room. Usually, they do not require a glass frame to avoid damages. You can cause serious damage to your painting due to the glass touching the paint, along with dust particles and condensation. If you still wish to add a glass frame, make sure to leave space between the painting and the glass so that they do not come in contact with one another.

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Avoid direct sunlight

When oil paintings are placed in direct sunlight for a prolonged time, it can affect the colors. In order to keep your painting in the best condition, hang your painting away from direct sunlight and avoid placing it near indoor lights.

Clean your art

Over time your artwork will collect dust, it's inevitable. In order to remove dust from an oil painting, you can use a soft duster and dust it LIGHTLY. If possible, remove the painting from the wall and vacuum/clean it behind it.

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PART 2

ART ON YOUR WALLS



1. Avoid direct sunlight

Similar to oil paintings, prolonged exposure to sunlight will cause damages to your art. Even if you have a protective layer of varnish, it can still crack or fade due to exposure to light.

2. Keep away from objects

Keeping your artwork safe from sharp objects may seem logical, but in reality, any type of object can potentially damage your painting. Prevent any accidents by placing objects away from your art and anything that might press against it. Avoid leaning your artworks next to each other when storing. Try to separate them by using, for example, cardboard to separate the pieces and avoid damages.

3. Clean your art

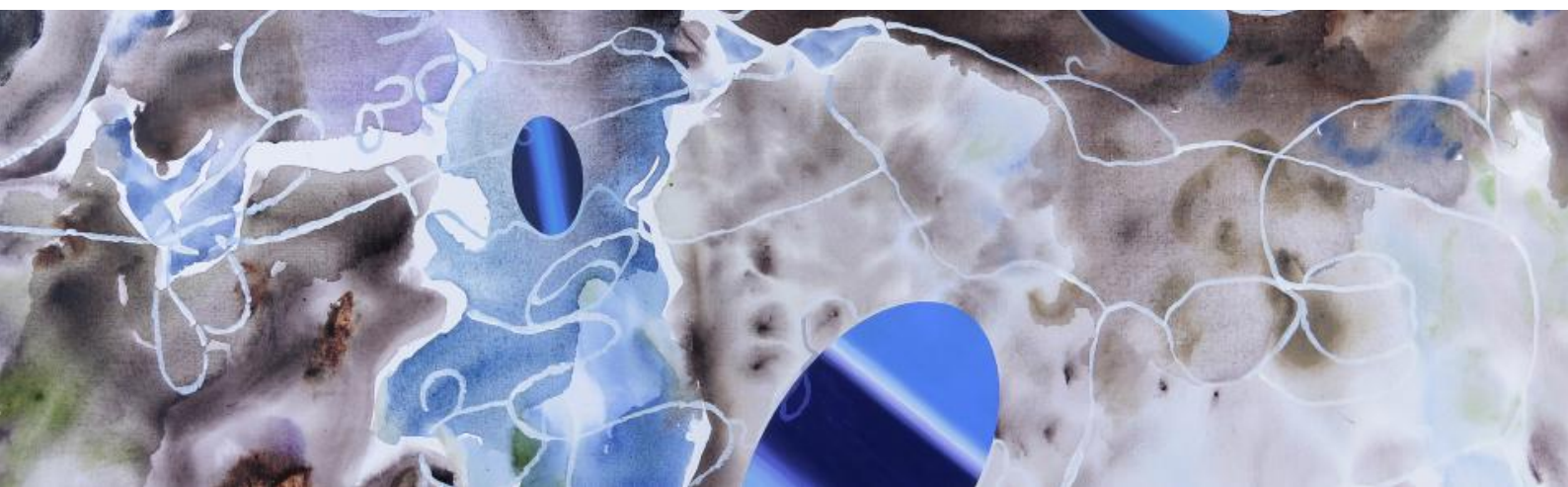
Make sure to clean your artworks as they can collect dust over time, which can eventually damage your painting. You can use either a soft duster or a clean, soft rag that is only used for that purpose. Avoid using any chemicals (cleaning products) or even water when cleaning.

4. Keep away from messy areas

Sure, hanging a painting in your kitchen may seem like the perfect choice, however, over time, it can accumulate grime from cooking oils. Avoid placing your artworks in potentially messy areas as they can be damaged due to exposure to dust, smoke particles, and insect spots.

5. Keep safe when transporting

If you're planning on transporting your artwork, make sure to keep it as safe as possible. Wrap it properly and place a thick piece of cardboard over the front and back. Cover the painting with bubble wrap or something similar and place it in a secure box.



6. Avoid sudden changes in temperature and atmosphere

Extreme changes in the environment can cause damages to your paintings, so try to avoid exposing them to these sudden changes. Extreme changes may cause the painting to crack or the canvas to deteriorate.

7. Don't try to fix it yourself

If your art does get damaged, don't try to fix it yourself. Unless you're a professional, don't do it. Trying to repair your artwork can significantly reduce its value. Take it to the place of purchase or look for a professional to fix it.

8. Avoid covering it with glass or plastic

Artworks on canvases should not be framed under glass because the canvas needs to breathe. Similar to oil paintings, acrylic and other materials can trap moisture and cause molding. Covering your paintings with plastic for a long period of time can also cause molding due to humidity. If you wish to keep dust away, use cotton sheets.

9. Regularly check on your art

Many people tend to place their artwork on display and then forget about it for a while. When coming back to it they discover slight damages. Avoid these unpleasant surprises by regularly checking on your artwork. If you notice that your art is cracking or any other damages, try to move it to a more pleasant location.

10. Watch your hands

Avoid touching your painting directly, especially acrylic and oil paintings. If you must touch it, wear cotton gloves, otherwise, you risk damaging it with your fingertips and natural oils.

PART 3

ARTWORKS ON PAPER



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Avoid direct sunlight

Keeping your art out of direct sunlight is a standard rule to protecting your art. Prolonged exposure to direct light can cause significant damages to your art.

2

Use non-glare glass

If you do decide to protect your work using glass, use a non-glare glass that's covered with a coating that protects your art from the UV sunlight. The glass does not only protect your work, but it also allows you to see your work when displayed.

3

Use acid-free paper

Protect the back of your painting by covering it with acid-free paper and attaching it with acid-free tape. By doing this, you can prevent and moisture from damaging your painting.

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Check for damp

Artworks on paper can be prone to dampness. On canvases, you can easily notice damp on the back of the canvas. You can notice brown marks as a sign of damp. Consider professionally cleaning your artwork at least once.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

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