

Framing Your Masterpiece

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1. Measure rug binding to binding on all four sides (measure twice-cut once)
2. Cut wood to desired length with mitered corners if possible (45 degree angle cut)
3. Drill holes for screws into corners (two per corner)
4. Doing one corner at a time apply wood glue to joints and screw into place (careful to put something under to catch excess glue)
5. Add cross brace if needed for larger frames.
6. Cut tack strips (easiest with pruners) inside the edge by about 1/2 ". Nail in place.
7. Optional to paint the edges black or whatever. Do this before adding tack strip.
8. Attach picture hanging wire with two screw eyes (good rule of thumb-1/3 of way down from top) drill holes to start screw eyes.
9. Stretch rug onto frame
10. To hang use heavy weight picture hangers or nails (use two hangers for larger pieces, keeps rugs from shifting) Remember rugs are heavy so use appropriate sized and rated hangers.

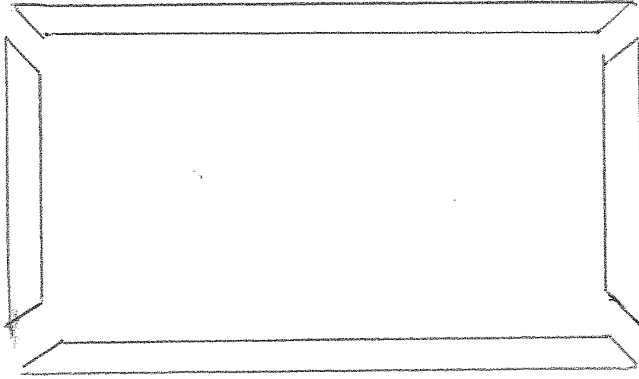
Materials

1. Wood glue
2. Screws (long enough to go through the corners)
3. Wood (1x2 or 1x3 depending on rug size. We use select pine. Enough for perimeter of rug and cross brace if used)
4. Tack strip
5. Optional, paint for edges
6. Heavy duty picture hanging wire
7. Screw eyes

Tools

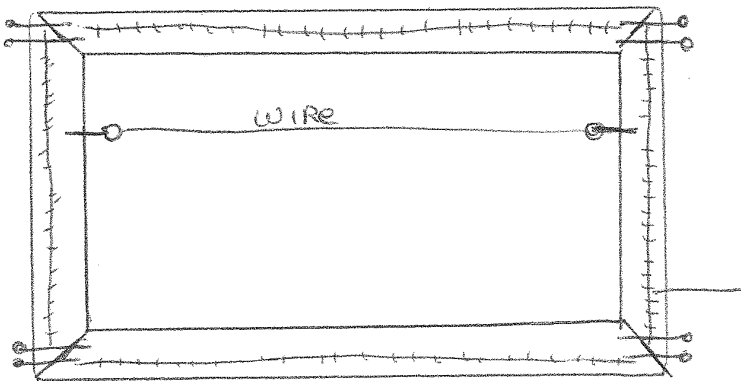
1. Drill
2. Screw driver
3. Saw to cut lumber (miter boxes are great, they cut angled corners)
4. Hammer
5. Pruners to cut tack strip
6. Tape measure

DIAGRAMS FOR RUG FRAMES



CUT BOARDS WILL LOOK LIKE THIS

45° angle cuts



2 SCREWS TO EACH CORNER
Apply wood glue to CORNERS
where two boards meet

SCREW EYES ABOUT $\frac{1}{3}$ WAY
DOWN FROM TOP

Tack strip nailed about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " FROM OUTSIDE EDGE
OF FRAME