

Prints – Mounting, Tips & Tricks

Competition Rules on the Thornbury Camera Club website

Prints Max size – 50cm x 40cm

General

Various colours, typically for competitions, buff or white or black (later usually for the correct type of B&W print)

Cord – Inner layer of the mount board. These can be different colours in some mount boards to change the framing colour of the cut out if required.

Points to Consider:-

Do I want to use pre-cut mounts?

- Can I get my prints sized to fit?

Is the mount a temporary one/two time competition entry?

- Frame and print only may be ok

Is the print likely to go into multiple competitions or portfolios?

- Backing board essential to protect the print

Attaching the print

Mounting tape – for frame only is a must.

Can use sellotape, box tape (but can ooze glue if not careful). Masking tape great for temporary placement, no good for final mount as will relax its grip. Can get proper mounting tape if wanting to last.

Spray mount – For backing board.

3M spray mount allows for repositioning, the others do not!

Watch out for over spray and getting on to front of print (very tacky & can get everywhere!)

Do not do this in a confined space!

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Things to search for on Amazon, etc.

Pre-cut mounts?

Logan Mount Cutter

approx. £45 for set with cutters & 24 inch rule

Mount Cutter

24inch for Competition mounts needs

Others around £25 and upwards

Cutting Mat

A2 (A3 at a stretch for competition mounts!) self healing cutting mat

Decent Stanley Knife for straight cuts

T-square or careful measurements for right angles

Mountboard

Hobbycraft (currently £5 a board)

Quality art suppliers shops

Amazon, etc – A2 is slightly larger than the max size for competitions

www.paperspectrum.co.uk – sells pre-cut mount board to competition sizes in packs of 10 (or 5 in fancier colours/finish) from approx. £10 to £16 – Shipping £8.35

Mounting Tape or spray mount

Mounting or Framing tape - £3 to £12 a reel

www.paperspectrum.co.uk – sells paper tape for mounting at approx. £4 a reel (38mm x 50m)

Amazon – PH7-70 Acid free tape 25mm x 66m approx. £11

– BT38 Brown Paper Masking tape 38mm x 50m approx. £6 a reel

3M Spray Mount - £10

3M Photo/Display mount - £15