

Matting and Mounting Prints

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Objectives

- Overview of materials and tools
- Demo of cutting a mat
- Demo of mounting the print

Overview

- Mat boards and backing materials
- Cutting Tools
 - Hand Held
 - Framed
- Other supplies
 - Tape
 - Cutting boards

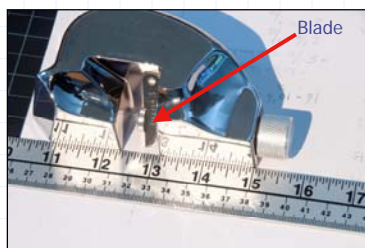
Mat Boards

- Mat board:
 - Archival: acid free, rag, best, most expensive
 - often 32" x 40" (= 4 - 16" x 20" mats)
 - Standard: ok for display, long term may stain prints.
- Backing:
 - Lower cost material
 - cut to full size of mat

Mat Cutters

- Mat cutters:
 - Simple – “mouse-like” hand held cutter – used with ruler \$20-\$40
 - Expensive – frame mounted, adjustable guides \$ 110+

Mat Cutters



- Simple hand cutter
- Simple frame cutter
- Pro frame cutter



Tools

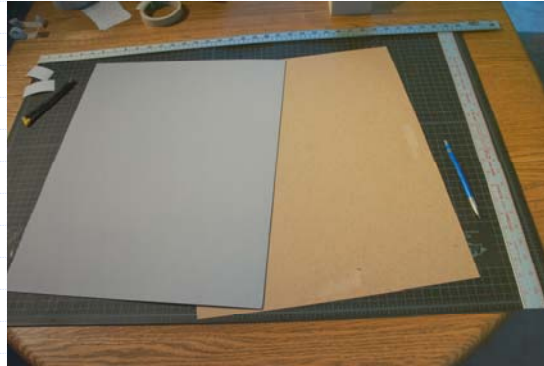


How's it done?

- Mark the mat for cutting
- Cut the mat
- Mount the print
- Add Backing

Cut mat/backing

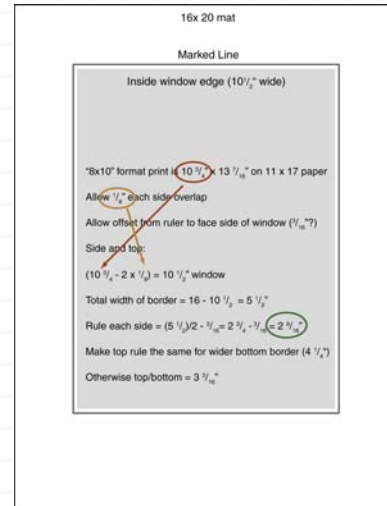
- Cut mat to size (16" x 20" max), cut backing to same size



Set up cut lines

1. Make print, measure image area (usually 1/8" (3 mm) each side less than paper size)
2. Window required is 1/8" less each side than this line
3. Determine offset of knife blade from edge of cutter (brand dependent)
4. These dimensions don't change, use forever

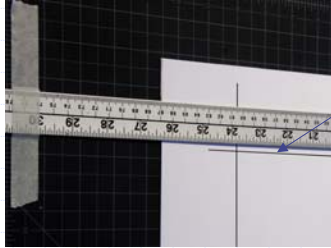
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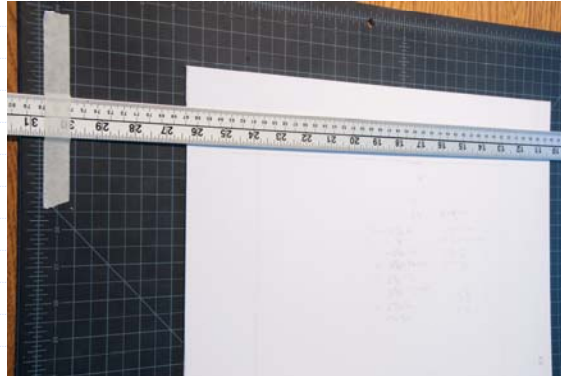
Mark and cut mat

- Mark back of mat with lines offset so that cut is in correct position
- Cut each side in turn (from the back) with knife sloping out towards edge of mat
- Cut extends slightly beyond crossing line for clean corner

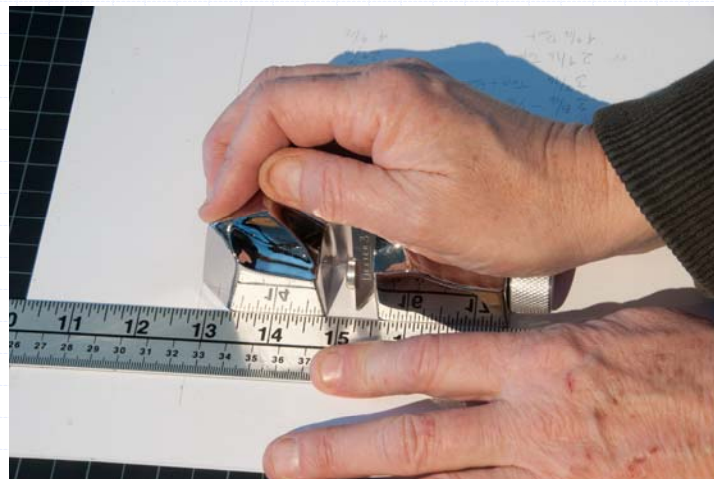
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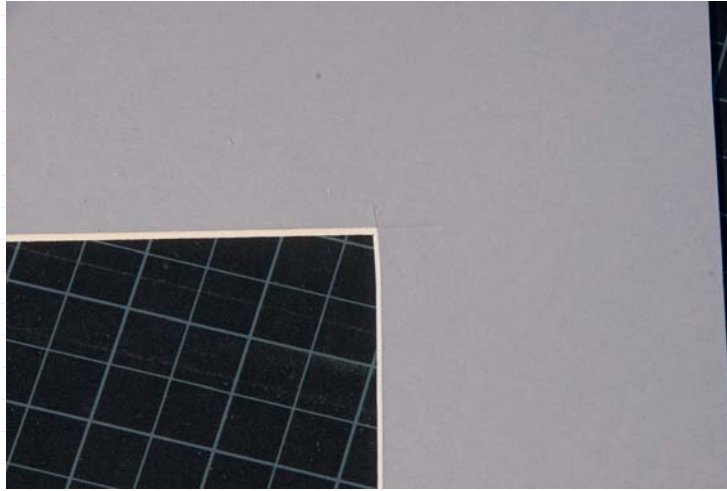
Ruler on line to cut



Mark and cut mat



Cut corner



Mounting

- Place mat face down
- Place print face down, use cutting lines as guide
- Place tape across corners and on top side (check position with 2 corners done)

Mounting

- Use lines as guide



Mounting

- "Tack" down corners and check position of image



Mounting

- Cut and fold tape into "hinges"
- Place 4 hinges on mat
- Place backing on mat and press down

Mounting

- Fold and place hinges



Mounting

- Place backing and lay down



Questions?