



Artwork Care Tips

1. Avoid direct sunlight

Prolonged exposure to sunlight and moisture 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.