

Colborne Art Gallery Hanging Notes

Works to be Hung:

Unless they are very small, all pieces should hang from 2 hangers.

The hangers should be the larger eye hooks, or else D-hooks (2 sizes) - the end of the hanging system hook has to fit through the hanger. Some more inexpensive frames have sliding hangers that may be usable. Sometimes you may have to add hangers to the frame (be sure to pre-drill the holes if the wood frame is narrow or it may split).

The hangers should be from 3 ½ inches to 8 inches down from the top of the frame, so that the hangers don't show. If the piece is small, however (12" or less), or is a heavy box construction, the hangers will have to be higher or the piece will tilt out too much from the wall.

If a piece cannot use the hanging system, then you may have to drill into the wall. Most of the walls are brick and require a special bit/screw combo. The exception is the south wall to the west of the niche in the third room, it can take a standard screw.

If a piece isn't constructed in a sound way or the frame is falling apart, you should not hang it at all.

Don't cover the wall thermostats, especially in the winter.

If cleaning the glass on a painting, don't spray the painting, spray the cloth, or you may damage the painting if cleaner runs down behind the glass.

Hanging System:

The hooks can be loosened at the top, and will slide up and down the wire (don't remove the hook from the wire unless you have to, as the ends of the wire are specially bound). Then when they are in final position, they can be tightened. The extra length of wire is then coiled from the top (or else it will twist), the end is wrapped a couple of times around the coil, and the coil is pushed behind the painting.

Remove all unused cables and hang them in the bathroom.

Hang all the paintings in the correct spots as determined by Jillian, at roughly the correct height (eye-level), by sliding the wires along the tracks. Space them evenly across the wall. Then level the paintings using the level in the toolbox. The middle of the paintings should be at the mark on the stick that is kept in the bathroom (57"), so measure the height of the painting, divide in two (that's the middle), line that up with the mark on the stick.

If two paintings are to be hung on one set of wires, one above the other, then you need to calculate the height of painting 1 plus the gap plus painting 2, find the middle point (probably in between the two paintings), and line that middle against the mark.

Wall Paint: Home Hardware B-5, C-6 1/96, U-3 matte.