

CREATIVE ARTS
Fine Arts Exhibit

Selecting Your Canvas

Selecting your canvas for acrylic, oil or encaustic(hot wax/oil) painting mediums

- In this tutorial we will clarify:
- Size requirements
- Canvas types
- Requirements for exhibiting at Erie County Fair

SIZE Requirements

The EC FAIR requires your artwork
to measure 24" or less
in length and height .

If your artwork needs to framed
the frame can exceed that 24".

Two most common canvas types:

Your canvas must be 24" or less in width and length to be entered at the Erie County Fair

- **Standard canvas** has a thin width ($\frac{3}{4}$ ") and needs a frame around it when you are done painting your masterpiece. (If you are painting on hardboard instead of canvas your painting will need a frame around it.) Frame around your standard canvas can exceed the 24" requirements.

- **Gallery canvas** has a thick width ($1\frac{3}{4}$ " or thicker) and DOES NOT need a frame around it, yet the sides of the canvas must be painted.

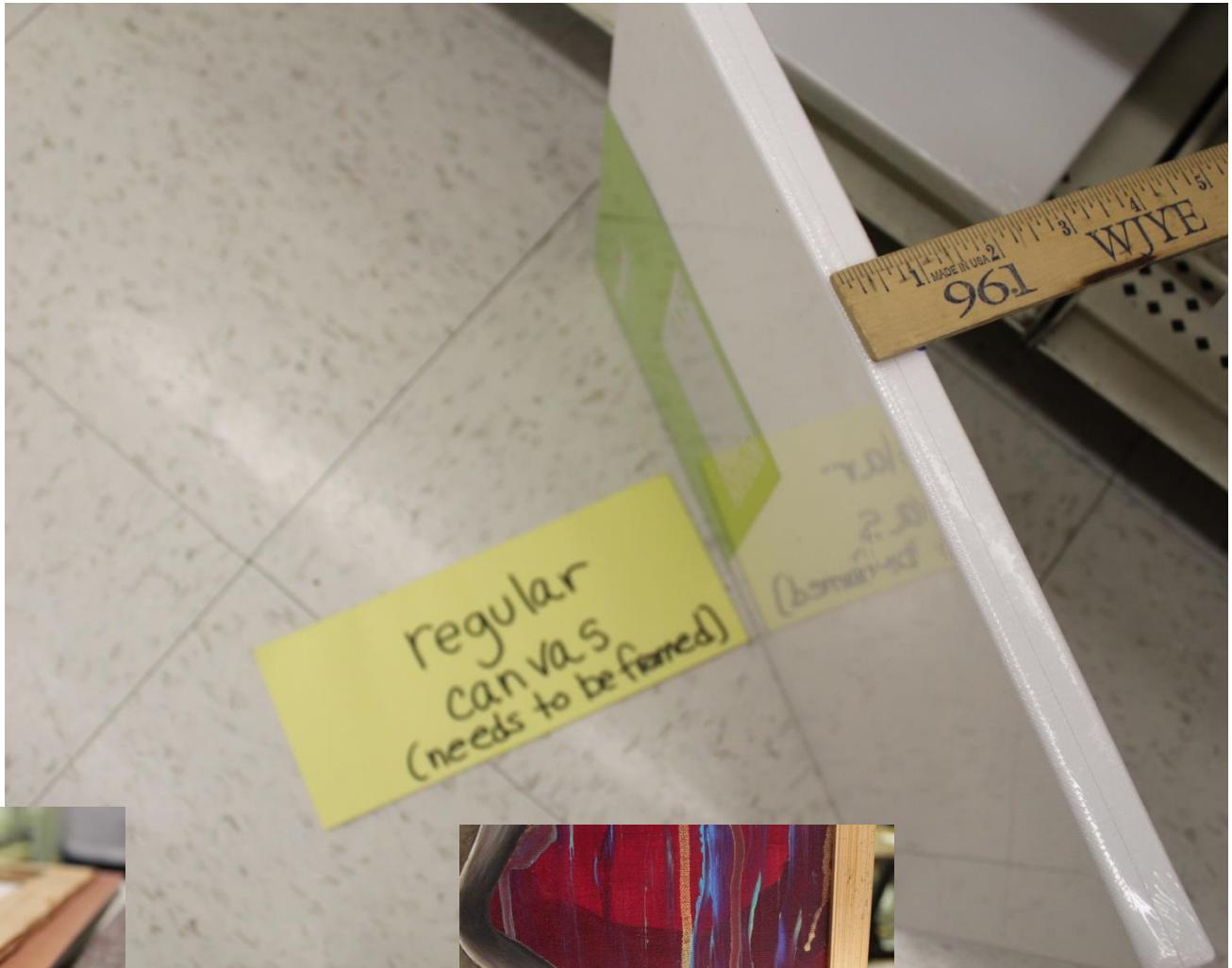


Standard (or regular) canvas

-**Standard** canvas has a thin width and needs a frame around it when you are done painting your masterpiece.

NOTE-Acrylic, oil and encaustic painting do need frames, yet do NOT need to be framed under glass. These mediums are resistant and do not need the glass to protect from moisture or smudging.

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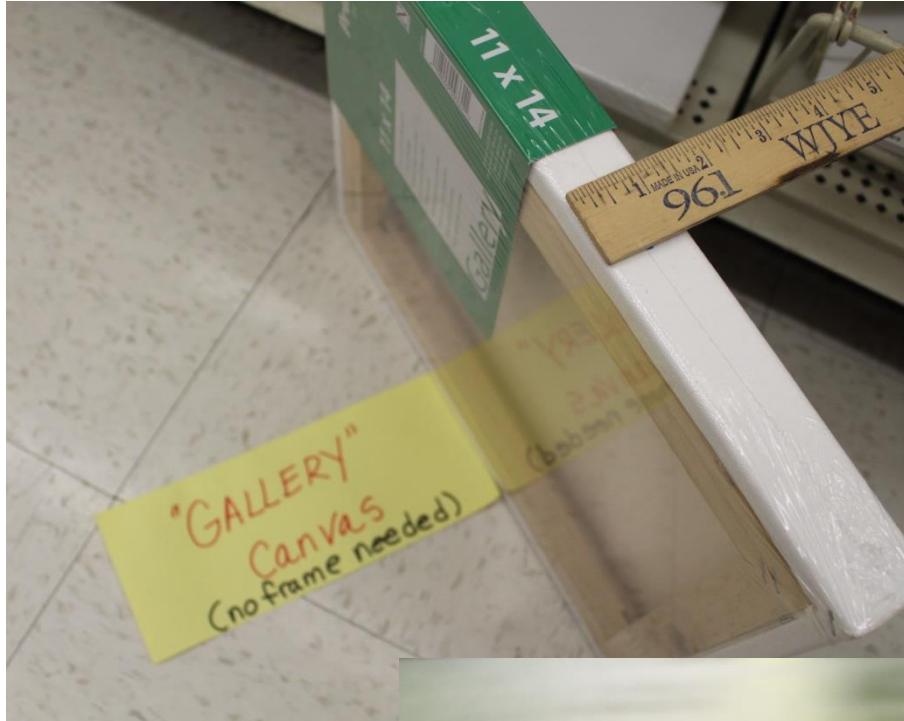


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Gallery canvas

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Painting the sides of your **Gallery (thick)** canvas

-every side of your canvas must be painted

- Some artists paint the sides to go with the painting to give it a consistent look. It will look as if the sides are a continuation of the painting itself.
- Some artists chose to paint the sides with a solid color to give a crisp, clean look as if it has a frame.
- Which is best for you?



Framing your standard canvas

Please refer to Framing Tutorial for further framing and wiring instructions.

