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Making a Stretcher Frame

You need the necessary tools and materials: a stapler, stretcher bars, and possibly also a pair

Measure the size of the painted area that you want on display and cut the stretcher bars to si

Check that the stretcher frame is square, either by using a T-square or by taking a tape measu

Stretching an Oil Painting Canvas onto a Stretcher Frame

To stretch your oil painting onto its stretcher frame, follow these steps:

- Unroll the canvas and lay the oil painted side down on a clean, flat surface. Place the fram
- Fold one side of the canvas over one of the shorter stretcher bars and then attach a staple
- On the opposite side, use pliers to grip the canvas at mid-bar. With a firm grip, pull the c
- Move to the next stretcher bar (one of the longer ones) and repeat steps the previous steps.
- Place temporary staples at all four corners. Starting with the centre of one of the long bar
- Repeat the same fastening process for both of the short sides, working out from the centers.
- Fold and pleat the corners of the canvas and then neatly wrap them around to the rear of the

Re-stretching an Old Oil Painted Canvas

Changes in climate will cause the canvas to expand or shrink, resulting in a sagging or ripple

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