

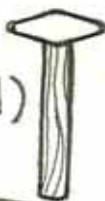


Getting Started

# STRETCHING CANVAS

## SUPPLIES

canvas  
 staple gun  
 stretcher bars  
 canvas pliers  
 keys    
 cross braces (optional)  
 hammer

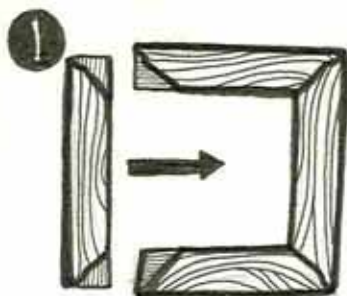


## Why Stretch?

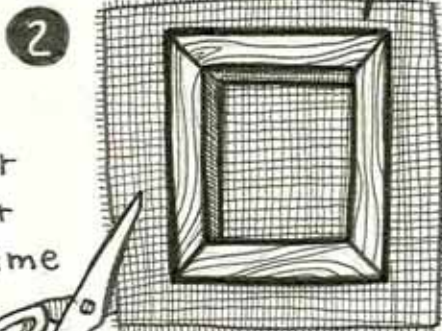
having a **choice** of many types and sizes of stretcher bars & canvas gives you the **freedom** and **satisfaction** of customizing your own supports for painting.



line up the grain of the canvas with the frame to ease stretching



1 after choosing a size, piece your stretcher bars together to form a frame

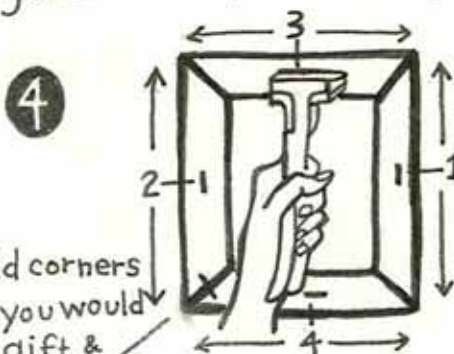


2 Cut your canvas to give you an extra 3-6" margin to stretch

**KEYS** are placed in the corners of stretcher bars after stretching to tighten both the frame & canvas



3 pull canvas around and begin stapling each side from the middle, then tap staples with a hammer if needed.



4 fold corners as you would a gift & staple

next, staple the opposite side & repeat the process working outward. canvas pliers pull the canvas tight & free your other hand for stapling.

## BRACES

like these can be attached before you stretch for added support



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