

Hi name is Rob Swanston I'm the art preparator at the Art Gallery of Grande Prairie. Today I just wanted to talk a little bit about a simple hanging technique for hanging artwork in your home. This will relate to people who have drywall surfaces that they want to hang artwork on. What these picture hangers do is they eliminate the need for you to have a stud finder, to try and find studs behind the drywall.

At the Art Gallery we have drywall with two sheets of plywood behind it so we're kind of fortunate, so we don't actually use these types of hooks but at home, they're great.

So the first thing you want to do is you want to make a mark on the wall where you want the center of the painting to be hung. So there's our mark right there, and then the next thing you would do is you would take your painting and in this instance we have a smaller work here, a framed artwork with D-rings in the back of it. What you do is you take the full measurement of the height of it, and in this case this is 22 inches, so the middle of the painting will be at 11 inches, so that's the number you need to consider, and then from there you take a measurement from the top of your painting to the top of the D-rings and in this case its 5 inches so you take 5 inches and you minus it from the 11 inches, and that gives you 6 inches. And that will give you the center mark for your picture hangers. So that's your center make at the height that you want your picture hangers to be.

Then the next measurement you make is just the simple distance between the two D-rings, and in this case I've already measured it, it's 17 inches so we cut that in half and that gives you 8.5 inches on either side of this center mark at the height that you want, so you put it on level, measure 8.5 inches, and then you hang your painting. Now you can level it with a small level or you can even use the same level, and adjust it a little bit, and that's how you hang a small painting in your home.

Thanks!