



# How to Style & Hang Art Like a Pro

*(without the guesswork)*

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# Hello & Welcome

*Hi there,*

Whether you're hanging your very first original painting or looking to refresh a space you already love, this guide is designed to make it simple, practical, and (dare I say it?) fun.

As an artist, I'm often asked questions like:

“Is this the right size?”

“How high should I hang it?”

“Do I need to frame it?”

“What if it looks weird once it's on the wall?”

Trust me—you're not alone! That's exactly why I created this guide.

Inside, you'll find no-fuss tips and easy-to-follow layouts so you can confidently hang artwork in your home without the stress or guesswork.

Let's make your space feel even more you—starting with the art you love.

With warmth,

*Rachelle x*

# Art Size & Space Quick Guide

Whether you're hanging your very first original painting or looking for a size—because if there's one thing that can throw off the look of a room, it's artwork that's too small for the space. (Don't worry, we've all done it!)

Here's a super simple reference to help you choose the right size depending on where you're placing your art.

## As a general guide:

Placement Area	Suggested Artwork Size
Large Furniture (e.g., sofa, bed)	Medium to large piece or a pair of works
Entryway or Console	Single medium piece or grouped minis
Medium Wall Space	Small to medium vertical piece
Staircase or Hallway	A mix of sizes in a gallery-style layout
Small Nook or Shelf	Petite or leaning artwork

## Try it first:

Not sure if it'll work? Use painter's tape to mark out the size on your wall. Step back, have a look, and adjust if needed—it's a quick and easy way to see what feels right before you commit.



# Hanging Height & Spacing Cheat Sheet

Now that you've got the size sorted, the next question is: how high do you hang it?

## **The “Eye-Level Rule”**

A great rule of thumb is to hang your art so the centre of the artwork sits around 145cm from the floor. It's about eye level for most people and helps everything feel just right.

## **Hanging Above Furniture:**

Leave about 15–20cm between the top of your furniture and the bottom of your artwork.

Try to line the artwork up with the furniture it's above—not necessarily the centre of the wall.

## **When Hanging Multiple Pieces:**

Keep around 5–8cm between artworks

Pick one alignment (top edges, centres, or bottoms) and stick to it—it keeps things looking tidy and intentional.

## **Handy Tip:**

If you're not sure if it's level, grab a spirit level or a free phone app to double check. It makes all the difference!



# Framing & Display Options

Let's talk framing—but don't stress, you don't have to frame everything.

## **Stretched Canvas**

These are designed to be hung as they are—clean, modern, and simple. Whether framed or unframed, they're a versatile option that works beautifully in all kinds of spaces.

## **Floating Frame**

A wooden frame that wraps around the edge of the canvas. It gives the artwork a beautifully elevated finish—adding depth, structure, and just the right amount of presence without overpowering the piece.

## **Traditional Frame with Matting**

Perfect for paper pieces or prints. It gives the artwork breathing space and adds a clean, polished finish that works in all kinds of interiors.

## **Leaned & Layered**

Not everything has to be hung! Try leaning a piece on a console, shelf or sideboard and layering it with books or ceramics for a more casual, lived-in look.

## **My take?**

Start with what feels right in your space—you can always frame it later if you change your mind.



# Wall Layout Templates

Need help visualising how your art could sit on the wall?  
These go-to layouts are a great starting point.

## Single Statement Piece

**Where:** Over a bed, couch or sideboard

**How:** Centre it with the furniture, not the wall.

Make sure it's big enough to hold its own.



## Grid Layout (like a 2x2 or 3x2)

**Where:** Dining wall, home office, or anywhere symmetrical

**How:** Use equal-sized frames, evenly spaced.

Align the tops or centres for a clean look.

## Pair or Trio of Artworks

**Where:** Wide spaces

**How:** Hanging two or three coordinating pieces side by side (with around 5cm between them) can create a beautiful sense of flow and connection across a wall.



## Gallery Wall (mix of sizes)

**Where:** Staircase, hallway, or statement wall

**How:** You can start with a larger piece in the middle and build around it— or begin with a piece you love and let the layout grow from there.

Keep spacing consistent so it all ties together beautifully.



# Don't Make These Mistakes

**Here are a few things to avoid when you're styling your space:**

- ✗ Hanging too high (your artwork shouldn't float away!)
- ✗ Choosing something too small for a large wall
- ✗ Over-cluttering a gallery wall
- ✗ Forgetting to link the artwork to colours or textures in the room
- ✗ Using a frame that overwhelms the artwork

**Quick fix:**

Step back, squint, and see if the balance feels right. Your eye will usually tell you what needs adjusting.

## Your Art Hanging Toolkit

**Grab these before you get started:**

- ✓ Painter's tape (to test your layout on the wall)
- ✓ Spirit level (or a phone app)
- ✓ Hammer or drill (depending on your wall)
- ✓ Soft cloth (wipe before hanging!)
- ✓ Optional: Command strips (great for renters)
- ✓ Measuring tape
- ✓ Pencil for light marks
- ✓ Wall hooks or screws

If you're unsure what to use, ask your local hardware store. They're usually happy to help.



Hi, I'm Rachelle Holowko-an Australian artist creating joyful, expressive paintings inspired by the colours, rhythms, and beauty of the natural world. My work is all about bringing light, energy, and heart into everyday spaces.

Through my art, I want to help people feel more connected to their homes and the stories unfolding within them. Whether you're new to collecting or already on your journey, I'm so glad you're here.

Your space should feel like you — joyful, calm, expressive, and lived-in. Art brings that feeling to life.

I hope this guide has helped you feel more confident about hanging and styling your space. Whether you're working with one special piece or building your own little gallery, you're creating something beautiful.

If you're still looking for the perfect artwork, I'd love to help. You can see what's currently available here:

**Browse available art at: [rachelleholowko.com](https://www.rachelleholowko.com)**

Thanks for being here and supporting artists like me. It means the world.

*Rachelle x*