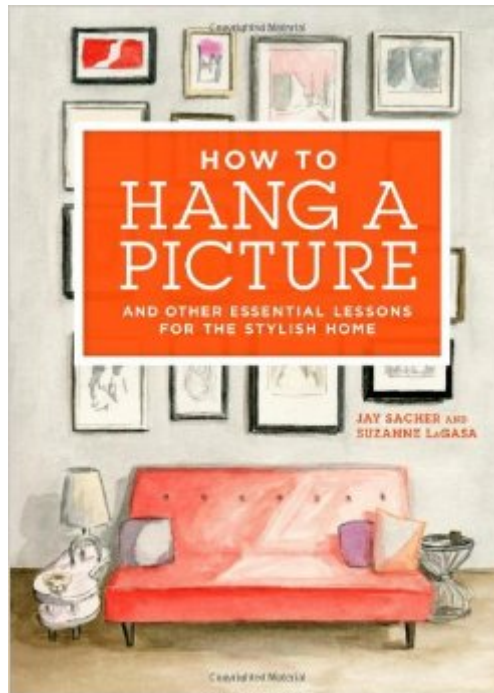


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# How To Hang A Picture: And Other Essential Lessons For The Stylish Home



## Synopsis

Like tying a Windsor knot or brewing a perfect cup of coffee, knowing how to hang art on your wall is a hallmark of everyday style and nuts-and-bolts know-how. The where, what, and whys of hanging art are an overlooked, under-appreciated line of inquiry. Most of us simply wing it with a quick eyeball and a swing of the hammer. How hard can it be? we think. What can go wrong? The answer, of course, is plenty: crumbling plaster, ruined antique laths, mismatched art hung too-close together, or a poorly-mounted photograph warping in its frame. But beyond the technical mishaps, there is a more essential lesson to be learned: The skill and consideration with which you decorate your home makes an aesthetic statement about the world you inhabit-and more importantly, when it's done right, it very clearly looks a whole lot better. Slim and stylish, *How to Hang a Picture: And Other Essential Lessons for a Stylish Home* is a user-friendly guidebook that details everything you need to know about hanging, framing, decorating and displaying art. If Strunk & White's *Elements of Style* was crossed with a no-nonsense how-to manual, you will have captured the tone and immediacy of *How to Hang a Picture*: simple rules and essential information presented with charm and intelligence.

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## Customer Reviews

I have a lot of art. This book is my bible. It's got everything you need to know about mastering the technique of hanging a picture in your home. There are helpful tips, beautiful illustrations and it looks great just laying on a coffee table. The authors also cover a lot more than just hanging a

picture â ” they explain how to frame, mount and more. This book would make a great housewarming gift.

There's a reason why I've been in my apartment for 8 (ugh) months and still have not hung pictures up on the wall- now I feel justified; I was clearly just waiting for this book. Clear-cut, unfussy instructions, beautifully rendered illustrations, and no scenario left unexplained, this is a fantastic gift idea for designer friends, homeowners, apartment renters, basically everyone. Everyone knows that "framed stuff on the walls" is a sign that you're an actual grown-up so get the book. If you google searched "how to hang a picture" (like me) you definitely need it too.

Really, how hard is it to hang a picture? You mark a spot on the wall, tap in a nail, and hang the picture on that. But where to mark the spot (spoiler: 57" off the floor, optically centered, who knew)? Should the picture top-, center-, or bottom-align with others on the wall? Do you need a frame? If so, what style, how thick, what color? What about a mat? if so, how big a border and what color? Should the picture be flat with the wall, or canted slightly. Is it best to use picture wire? Would it look better supported at the bottom on a shelf or hung from a picture rail? What if the wall is masonry or plaster and the nail won't go in? Do you use a plastic anchor or a molly bolt? And how should the art be lit? And so on and so on. This cunning little book, with its clear but never condescending text and playful watercolor inspirations, takes you through the many different aspects and decisions of a seemingly simple, everyday undertaking. Amazingly, the book never goes on too long about any single facet of this task, and, in its thoroughness and thoughtfulfulness, makes clear that this is a book-length subject, not a magazine article or Google-search topic. Best of all, by examining every angle of something we all think we know so well, it manages to make the familiar new and, dare I say, even exciting. I can't wait to hang my next picture or, now that I know what How to Hang a Picture has taught me, to go back and fix some of the half-assed picture-hanging jobs in the house. My only quibble is that the subtitle promises "other essential lessons for the stylish home," and although there's information on lighting, daylight, and even a bit on bookshelves, I was hoping that the authors would bring their insights, wit, and clear advice to bear on the rest of the home, in addition to the art on the walls. Hopefully in a sequel or two, companion volumes to this winsome book.

This is a beautiful book that's not only total eye candy but seriously practical too. There's an art to hanging up artwork on the walls and this book gives clear instructions and how-to's with gorgeous

watercolor illustrations. Artwork on the walls is essential to making your home feel complete and also tells so much about one's style, personality, and history. So hanging artwork the right way is a must. This book shows various ways to hang artwork -- using various frames, different heights, in small spaces, etc. The best part is seeing how the artwork is hung in real people's homes. This makes an awesome gift for friends, new home owners, designers, etc. I will be buying this for a friend who just bought a house.

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