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Art Arrangements—Tricks to Getting Them ON the Wall

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So, you have those three to five, maybe more piece of art that you want to hang, together! What to do? If you have a design plan, no problem. However, sometimes getting the “plan” on the wall is the stumbling block. We’ve all been there. The following are tips that you can use to ease the stress.

Visualize and Go!

When you are confident about your design, I recommend this method.

- Find a large floor area near the wall space you are placing the art.
- Lay art out on floor to determine best arrangement.
- Measure outside dimensions to make sure arrangement fits area.
- Starting with the largest piece or center piece, hang.
- Continue with each piece to the right and left.

Gotta Love Graph Paper!

This is for the analytical members of your household!

- Measure each piece of framed art and create a template for each piece to scale of your graph paper.
- Design grouping arranged on graph paper.
- Using the plan determine where to place the center piece, hang.
- Continue with each piece to the right and left.

Big as Life!

If you want to play with the grouping on the wall this is the option for you.

- Place art on construction paper and trace around to make a template that is the same size as each piece to be hung.
- Cut out paper templates and write description of art on each template.
- Mark location of hanging nails or hooks on the templates.
- Using masking tape, arrange paper templates on the wall.
- When you are satisfied, mark location of hanger with a push pin through the paper into the wall.
- Remove paper template one by one, locate mark for hook. Hang art.
- Proceed with each art piece.



Please remember that the worst thing that can happen is that you may need to adjust a few pieces, fill a few holes, and touch up with your wall color. The resulting impact of your grouping will far outweigh the effort. These and other easy to apply “tricks” are what make a room hum. You don’t have to own original art to create a space that has charm, individuality, and pizzazz. It’s all part of creating the Fine Art of Wall Design!

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