All pieces accepted into the Homegrown Art Show need to come ready to hang with hanging wire. Though we prefer that all pieces have their own sturdy frame, we understand that not all participants are able to provide a frame for their pieces. If this is the case for you, here are three simple ways to get your piece ready to hang in our gallery.

**MATERIALS NEEDED:**
- 1 piece of foam core (can be purchased at any office supply store; we prefer black)
- Double-sided tape or a glue stick
- Craft knife
- Hanging wire (we like to use fishing line, but you could also use lightweight wire)
- Some kind of small anchor for the wire (we use paper clips)
- Hot glue

**OPTION 1: THE SIMPLE MOUNT**  
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**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:** Easy  
**TIME REQUIRED:** 5-10 minutes

**OPTION 2: THE SCROLL MOUNT**  
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**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:** Medium  
**TIME REQUIRED:** 10-20 minutes

**OPTION 3: THE FRAME MOUNT**  
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**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:** Medium/Hard  
**TIME REQUIRED:** 10-20 minutes
OPTION 1: THE SIMPLE MOUNT

In addition to being the quickest and easiest option, the simple mount also works well if you have an irregularly-shaped piece that might not fit in a traditional frame.

Gather your materials.

Trim your picture to the exact size you’d like it to be. What you see is what you get with this option, so be as precise as possible.

Using a glue stick or double-sided tape, mount your piece to the foam core.

TIP: If your piece is rectangular, save yourself some work and use the existing edges of the board. Less cutting!

Once the piece is secure, use a craft knife and a straight edge to trim around the edges of your piece.

Flip the piece over, and prepare the hanging wire (we’re using fishing line).

Using a sturdy knot, tie your fishing line to your anchor (we use paper clips, but you could also use a button or some other small object).

Position your first anchor 1-2 inches from the top of the foam core. Secure with hot glue.

Determine the length of your line. You want it to be long enough that it can easily hang (don’t pull it taut!), but not so long that it is visible above the piece. Tie and glue second anchor. Trim any excess line, let the glue dry, and you’re done!
OPTION 2: THE SCROLL MOUNT

This option gives your piece a little extra visual interest and flare. We’re using foam core here, but this could also be done with wood (trimmed to size) or painted cardboard.

Prepare your piece; you will need a bit of extra paper on the top and bottom of the image in order to secure it between the scroll pieces.

Measure the width of your piece. This will be the length of your top and bottom pieces (our piece is 5”x7”, so we will cut strips that are 7” long).

Determine how wide you’d like your scroll pieces to be. For this frame, we’re using a 1” width. Mark this on your foam core.

Cut four equal sized strips using your measurements (we’re cutting strips that are 1” x 7”).

Using a glue stick or double-sided tape, mount the top of your piece on one of the strips.

Using a sturdy knot, tie your fishing line to your anchor (we use paper clips, but you could also use a button or some other small object).

Position your first anchor directly on top of your art, near one of the sides. Secure to the piece with hot glue, and repeat this process with a second anchor (being sure that the line is visible above the piece).

Put a few dabs of hot glue on top of your anchors and secure your second strip of foam core (making a sandwich with your art and the anchors in the middle).

Using a glue stick or double-sided tape, secure the bottom of your piece between your remaining two strips. You’re done!
OPTION 3: THE FRAME MOUNT

Though this is the most traditional-looking option, this mount is the most difficult to get to look precise. We’re using foam core, but you could also use painted cardboard. We’ve made a standard rectangle frame, but if you’re feeling adventurous you could experiment with other shapes.

Prepare your piece. You will want a slight border all the way around the piece, as this is how the art will attach to the frame.

Measure the area of the piece you’d like visible in the frame (our piece is 5”x7”).

Determine the width of your frame (we are creating a 1” frame). Double your frame width, and add to each of the dimensions of your finished piece (we will add 2” to each dimension).

Measure and cut a piece of this size (our art is 5”x7”, so we will cut rectangle that is 7”x9”).

Measure and draw your frame shape. Since we want a 1” frame width, we are measuring 1” in from each of the sides.

Using a straight edge and your craft knife, cut out your frame, taking care only to cut out the inner rectangle.

Using a glue stick or double-sided tape, secure your frame to your art (be sure that your markings are not visible). Flip your piece over.

Using a sturdy knot, tie your fishing line to your anchor (we use paper clips, but you could also use a button or some other small object).

Position your first anchor 1-2 inches from the top of your piece. Secure to the piece with hot glue.

Determine the length of your wire. You want it to be long enough that it can easily hang (don’t pull it taut!), but not so long that it is visible above the piece. Tie and glue second anchor. Trim any excess line, let the glue dry, and you’re done!