PICTURE HANGING GUIDE

To help hang your picture or mirror we enclose three of the most common types of fixing.

Please ensure your wall is suitable for the type of fixing before hanging your picture. Take care to check that there are no concealed electrical cables or pipes where you intend to place the fixings. A multi-purpose electronic tester when placed against a wall will signal if there is an electric current behind the wall or a metal pipe.

If you are unsure about the suitability of fixing or where you wish to hang your picture we suggest you consult a trained professional.

FIXINGS SUPPLIED WITH FRAMED PICTURES & MIRRORS



Self Adhesive Felt Pads



Plasterboard Fixings



Picture Hooks





Picture Pins



Screws

Wall Plugs

1.0 SELF ADHESIVE FELT PADS

Peel these from their backing sheet and stick one on the back of each bottom corner of the frame before hanging to provide a cushion to the wall when the picture is hung. This will protect your wall from damage and help keep the picture level.



2.0 PLASTERBOARD CAVITY WALLS

These are the most common type of internal wall used in modern houses.

2.1 Small Pictures



For small pictures, one single or double pin hook should be more than sufficient. Secured to the wall with the supplied picture pins.

2.2 Medium - Large Pictures



Mid-large sized pictures can be hung off two of the double pin hooks fixed to wall. The spacing between the hooks should be approximately half the width of the picture you are hanging.

2.3 Heavy Pictures

We advise that large or heavy pictures not be hung solely off plasterboard using the picture hooks. If you can locate one or more of the vertical timbers (or studs) that run behind the plasterboard to create the cavity you may then use the picture hooks as the pins will go through the plasterboard and into the wood giving a stronger fixing.

Otherwise use the self-drill plasterboard fixings to hang larger or heavy pictures on plasterboard. The wide spiral shape of these fixings when screwed in to plasterboard will take a much greater weight than just a picture hook and pin. Take care not to over screw these fixings as you may shatter the plasterboard. They are also harder to remove than picture pins and create a much larger hole so make sure you put them where you want them. Leave enough of the screw showing to allow you to hang the picture.



3.0 LATH AND PLASTER CAVITY WALLS

Cavity walls in older houses are made from lath-and-plaster (thin horizontal strips of wood that are then plastered over). You cannot use the spiral type plasterboard fixings on this type of wall and we do not recommend hanging straight from a picture hook fixed to a lath although it can be done with a small picture if you are careful. We recommend locating and hanging from the vertical timbers (or studs) using the picture hooks and pins if you have this type of wall.

4.0 HARD/MASONRY WALLS

The key issue with hanging on brick, block or concrete walls is that the wall is very hard and therefore unreceptive to nails. There are many types of fixing available for masonry walls all of which require the wall to be drilled. We have included two plastic wallplugs and screws. Drill a hole of commensurate size to the wallplug, push in the wallplug until it is flush with the wall and tightly embedded (unable to rotate), then insert the screw. Leave enough of the screw showing to allow you to hang the picture.