

HOW TO STRETCH AMENITY PRINTS

1. Put stretcher bars together according to manufacturer's directions. If they are tongue and groove stretchers, make sure the corners are 90°. This can easily be done by tapping the edges with a hammer.
2. Lay a clean sheet down on even ground and spread the print out on top of it, art side down.
3. To position the artwork, set the stretcher down on top of the art with the curved side of the stretcher bars facing down. Attach the print to the top stretcher bar by folding the fabric over and stapling one staple to the backside of the stretcher bar. Raise the stretcher bars and wrap the fabric around the sides of the stretcher to review the composition. Adjust the artwork if necessary.
4. Start on side **A**. Put one staple in the center and continue stapling until you are halfway to the bottom stretcher. At this point, pull the corner of side **D** tight so there are no wrinkles and tack one staple at the corner of **A** and **D**. Continue stapling down side **A** until you meet the corner of **A** and **D**.
5. Then go back to the center of **A** and staple up halfway to **B**. Stop when you are halfway to the top of the stretcher. Pull the corner of side **B** tight and tack one staple at the corner of **A** and **B**. Finish stapling up side **A** until you meet the corner of **A** and **B**.
6. Continue stretching in the same way on side **C**. hint: Make sure you pull extremely hard to get a taut surface. Do not be afraid of tearing the fabric. The fabric is very strong and will not rip or tear. Pull the fabric tight enough to remove any wrinkles. Continue with side **B** and **D**. To finish, fold over corners and staple to secure fabric.
7. When you are finished, raise the wall hanging up by the stretcher bars in back. Make sure you do not handle the fabric side of the canvas. It may make an indentation. The fabric should be smooth and free of wrinkles.
8. To hang, we recommend nailing three large nails into the wall and resting the the backside of the top stretcher bar on the nails.
9. We would be happy to answer any questions about our stretching process. Please call us at 213 624-7309 or contact us at contact@amenityhome.com.

Tools needed: Hammer, staple gun, staples, 3 large nails.

Stretcher bar sources:

We recommend Pearl Paint as a source for the stretcher bars. They will ship anywhere in the United States. Visit www.pearlpaint.com for sizing and pricing. Stretcher bars are also available at most local art stores.

We recommend standard Heavy Duty Stretcher Bars. Our 70 x 82 prints stretch nicely to a finished size of 60 x 72.

All of our prints also come in sizes up to 100 x 100 and can stretch to finished sizes of up to 90 x 90.

Tips:

Space the staples about and 1 and a half inches apart.

If there are any wrinkles in the wall hanging when you are finished, pull out the staples in that area and re-stretch to smooth them out.

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