

Artwork is easily damaged in shipping if it is not packed properly. If you have doubts about how to pack artwork for shipping, please consult a professional shipper of art.

How to pack art:

To pack prints and unframed paintings

- Wrap the artwork in tissue paper on both the front and the back.
- Place two or three layers of cardboard on both sides of the art to prevent any sort of bending.
- To prevent the art from moving around within these cardboards: fold a sheet of paper into a triangle that has one open end. Place such a triangle on all four ends of the print or drawing. Then tape ONLY the triangles to the cardboard.
- Tape around the outside of the cardboard pieces so they stay together.
- Place the taped up cardboard between two pieces of corrugated cardboard and tape all sides securely. You could also further pack it into a mirror pack or another couple pieces of cardboard to prevent any type of bending during transit.
- Put the address on a label. Affix the shipping label to the parcel and place some tape over the shipping label so it does not accidentally get pulled off during shipping.

To pack framed prints and paintings

- Find a box or build a crate that can fit the piece, with 8 cm (3 inches) of space available on all sides of the frame.
- Wrap your artwork with (acid-free) tissue paper.
- Wrap the piece in bubble wrap, ensuring adequate coverage on the corners since they are most susceptible to damage during transport.
- Place a layer of foam or your packaging material of choice in the box, creating a layer to rest the frame on.
- Pack all open areas surrounding the piece with packing material. The more snug the fit, the less the potential for damage.
- Tape the box closed, and put the address on a label. Affix the shipping label to the parcel and place some tape over the shipping label so it does not accidentally get pulled off during shipping.

Extra Shipping guidelines

It is highly recommended that you use a shipper who allows you to insure the art for its full value or at least the price in which it was sold. You should never ship artwork as "ground" service since it allows too much time for the piece to be damaged during transit. Insuring your shipment will secure gentler handling.

If you have a framer or shipper pack the artwork, please make sure to have them follow the guidelines listed above. Keep in mind that not everyone knows how to ship artwork. And it's also a good idea to keep all of your tracking numbers and receipts from everyone involved just in case a claim must be filed for damage.