

HANGING PICTURES

There is a right and wrong way to do anything and hanging pictures is no exception. Whacking another nail in the wall and hoping it all looks okay in the end is not the best way of getting this done. If you are going to do a job, then you should probably do it right and only do it once.

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EARN THIS NUGGET

- Talk to your family and ask if there is a picture that needs hanging or an existing picture that needs to be moved to a new location.
- With your parent's direction, follow the steps to successfully hang a picture.

LEVEL H

PERIOD 8

TASK 1

First step is to consider where you will hang the picture. This is, of course, a matter of taste and preference. But you probably don't want the wall to look cluttered. You also don't want the picture to interfere with other furnishings. Plus, you want the picture to be a pleasant element to capture a person's attention without being too high or too low.

1. Get someone to help you. Take turns holding the picture in different spots until you are sure you have found the perfect location.
2. Next, you want to find a good method of marking the position of the picture hanger. One easy way of doing this is to hold the picture in the desired location and put a small, light pencil mark at the top and center of the picture. This represents the left to right position of the picture. But if you put the picture hanger at this mark, the picture will be too high.
3. Turn the picture around and measure the position of the hanging cable on the back of the picture. The chances are, this cable or bracket when under tension, comes a little way under the top of the picture frame. Measure the distance between the top of the frame and the hanging cable. This is how far you need to come down from your mark on the wall to get the picture hanging at the height you selected. Go and mark that distance on the wall under your original mark.
4. Now, put an appropriate picture hanger into the position you marked.
5. Finally, position the picture so that it looks straight.

