

Fitting up a welded aluminum frame with lightweight fillets

1. Work in a clean dry area and on a clean soft surface to avoid scratching the acrylic or frame.

2. Attach your choice of hanging hardware to the back of the strainer; set aside.

3. Remove masking from acrylic. Carefully clean both sides using acrylic cleaner and soft cloth (see attached)

4. Place frame face down on a clean smooth surface. Place acrylic in frame.

5. The unfinished aluminum side of the lightweight fillet is glued to the inside of the frame. The fillets are arranged in a box-lap or pinwheel arrangement.

6. Adjust fillets to hold in acrylic. You can use a 2-part epoxy, double-stick tape or silicone. Clamp with gentle pressure.

7. Clean inside of acrylic if needed.

8. Place strainer face up on clean surface, shim if necessary.

9. Lay backing board and mounted artwork on the face of the strainer.

10. Carefully lower frame over the strainer. The holes in the frame should line up with the center of the side of the strainer.

11. Check to see that artwork fit is not sloppy. If needed, carefully remove the frame and add more backing board.

12. When all components are in place, screw through the frame into the side of the strainer. You may pre-drill the holes for easier installation.

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