

April 2, 2005

Allan,

Glad you are feeling better.

I got my board together OK, and it looks better than those of most of our classmates. I didn't drill, just used some skinny wood screws. The end piece cracked, but not enough to be a problem. I think the main thing is that your ruler is held steady on the board.

We both bought a sheet of mat board at Grand Art Supply. Do you need more? I did buy another sheet and I also bought a sheet of foam board. Foam board wasn't on the list of needed materials, but you will need it.

Grand Art Supply only has white and black matting board, so if you want anything different, you'll have to go somewhere else.

I successfully matted a picture. It is not pretty, but it is basically OK. It is even DOUBLE-matted! What I am finding is that it is pretty easy. The hardest part is accurately measuring and drawing your lines.

There were only 2 of us at Thursday's class. Both of us had already matted a picture, so the instructor helped us make frames. He also showed us several examples of good matting.

From Sunday (tomorrow) evening until Thursday afternoon, Carol and I will have 2 grandchildren in our care, so I don't know if I'll get a chance to mat another picture before the next class, and if that's the case, there isn't much point in attending.

If you are feeling well enough, I could come to your house tomorrow and show you my matted picture so you can see how it is put together. Any time from 11:00 to 4:00 would work for me.

Steve