

Matting a Print

For Competition

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Step **One**: Review DCC Rules for Competition

Step **Two**: Review DCC Preparing Images for Competition

Step **Three**: Select a photo according to topic for the month:

OPEN or designated THEME (landscape, water, animal, etc.)

Step **Four**: Print photo

Decide on **size** of photo to be printed: square, portrait orientation, landscape orientation, letter size or larger

The print MOUNT or MAT shall not be larger than 16"x20" or smaller than 5"x7". There are no limitations for the print size other than it must not be larger than the mount.

For Beginner and Advanced: use a printing service such as BWC: <https://bwc.net/> or other.

For Master: must be printed by photographer

Step **Five A**: Have a service mat the print for you

Take the print to a service and have them create the mat, add a backing board and tape shut

less expensive:

Hobby Lobby

Michaels

***Allow 3-5 days for service

Jerry's Artorama

more expensive:

Frame Destination

NOTE: Printing at a service and having a service mat the print for you will not be cheap. Expect costs to be about \$30. or more. Reusing mats by printing photos at the same size (proportion) is a savings.

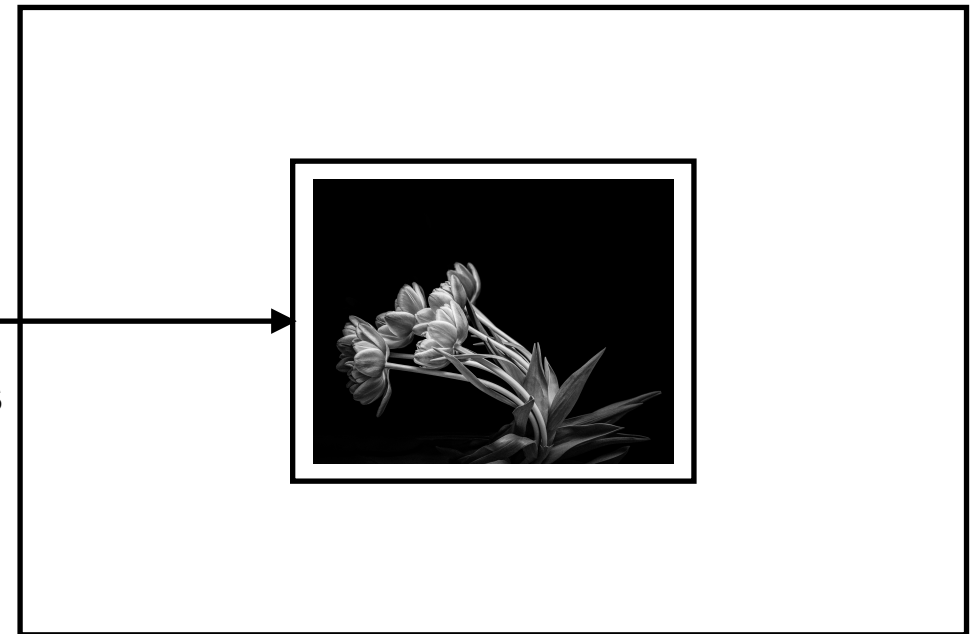
Step **Five B**: Matting your own

Measure
photo & mat

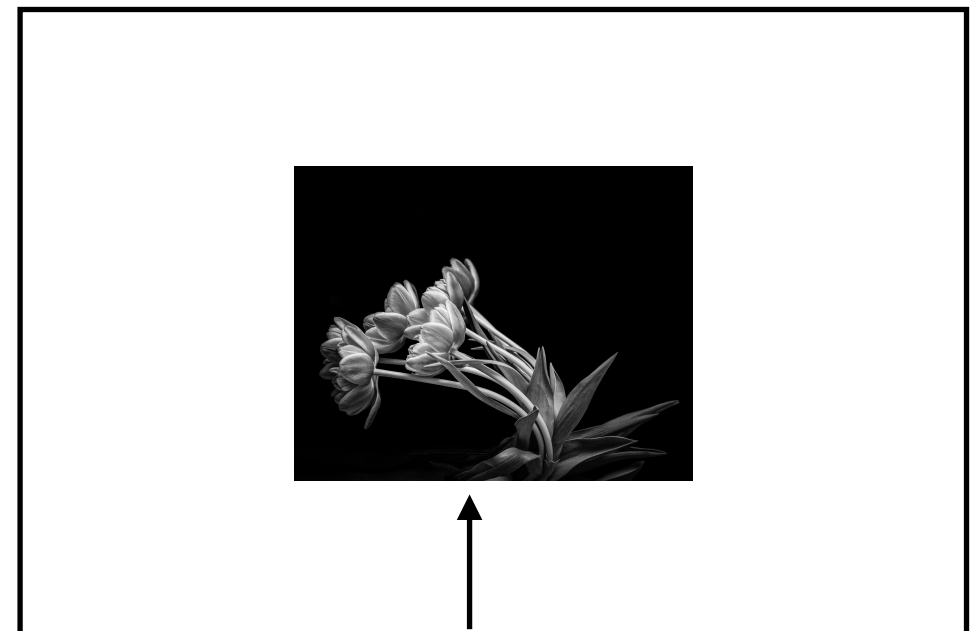
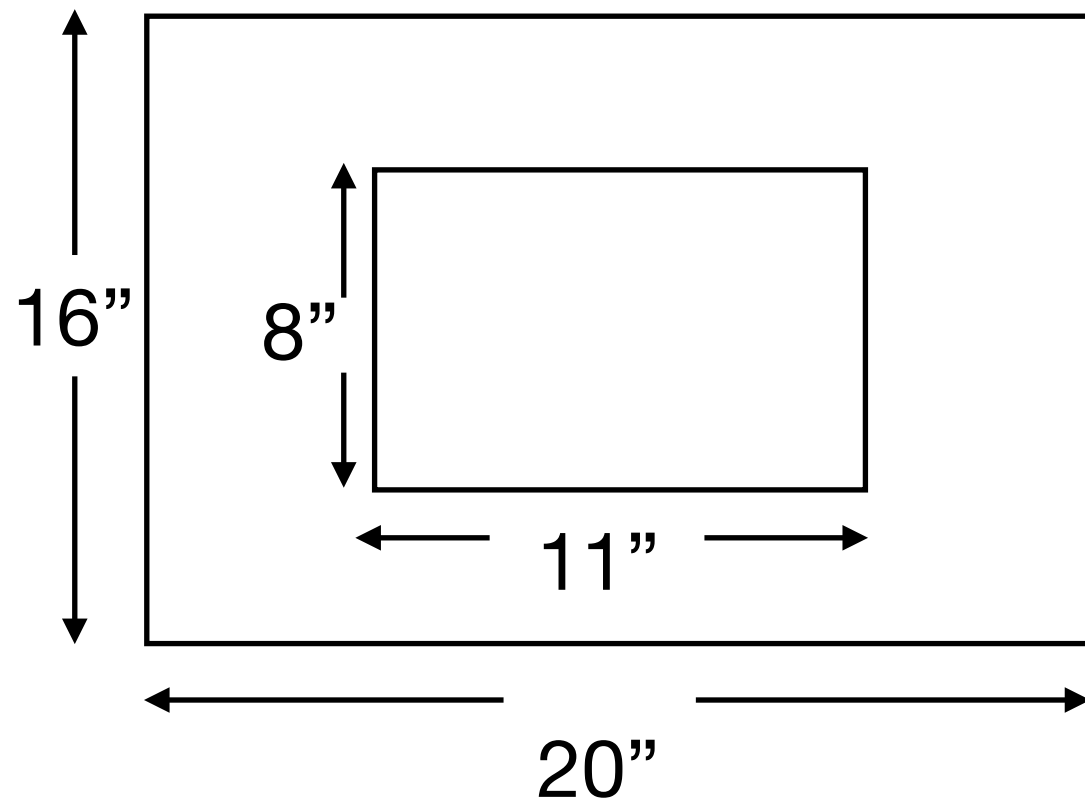
Measure height/width of photo creating a window
space - leave 1/4" inside OR outside as a border

1/4"

White area around photo shows



Example



1/4"

Mat covers photo by 1/4"

Step **Five B**: Matting your own print

Have a service cut the mat window for you and purchase a backing board

less expensive:

Hobby Lobby

Michaels

Jerry's Artorama

***Allow 3-5 days for service

More expensive:

Frame Destination

Step **Six**: Matting your own print

Use cotton gloves, clean surface

Tape from Amazon or Michaels, etc.

Place window board upside down (bevel side is outside)

Place back board flush to window board

Tape in 2 places to align properly

Tape both sides together; DO NOT remove tape backing

Use pressure to fold boards together

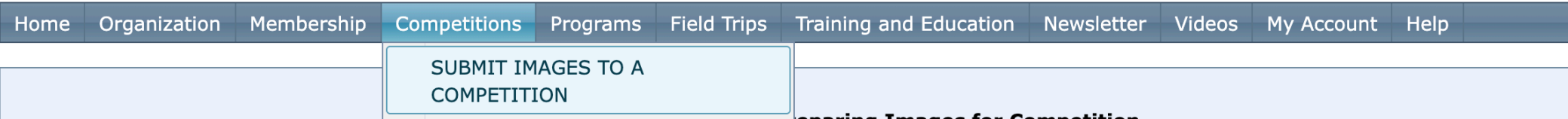
Lift window and place photo using weights to hold in place

Tape photo on 4 edges and place strip of tape across bottom of back board; use pressure to seal

Step **Seven**: Export photo image from Lightroom or Photoshop
(Same procedure as uploading a digital image for competition)

Projected images must meet the following restrictions. The maximum width of an image is 1920 pixels. The maximum image height is 1280 pixels. This means vertically oriented images should not be taller than 1280 pixels. The file must be in JPG format (.jpg, .JPG). It is recommended that sRGB color space be used, though it is not required. The maximum title length: 40 characters.

Upload the image to Visual Pursuits from the DCC website:



Step **Eight**: Print a label



Seated Pear
Image Id=29495016

Edit Image Data or Replace Image

Delete from Competition and Image Library

Remove from Competition, Keep in Image Library

Print Labels for Physical Submissions

Return to Competition List

Competition Submission Labels

Adobe Acrobat Reader is required to display or print your report.



Return to Competition

Use this page to generate a report for self-adhesive labels or paper forms that can be cut and adhered to the back of a print being submitted to your competition.

Competitions used for generating your report:

Competition Name	Date	Competition Type
Color Prints - Open	11/10/202	Color Prints

If you select an output format with "Larger Fonts" or more than 6 labels on a page, titles could be truncated.

Output Format:

Labels 6 per page, 4in x 3.3in, on Letter

☐ Display Author Name

When printing labels you can specify the starting label. Labels are printed in the left column before the right column.

Starting Label Column:

1

Starting Label Row:

1

Generate Report

Uncheck Author's Name

Tape label to back of mat

Turn in at 1st monthly meeting

Step **Nine**:

Congratulations!

You are now competing in print!