



French Matting

for fine artists, collectors, galleries, museums and design professionals

hand painted ♦ archival materials ♦ customized designs ♦ expert color matching
faux finishes ♦ exquisite craftsmanship ♦ museum quality

enhancing traditional and contemporary images

Hand Painted French Matting

Fine works on paper have traditionally been set within elegant borders of ruled lines and other decorative accents as an **integrative framing device**.

Conservation framing and what is now called “French matting” evolved together, the intricate lines **heightening the visual impact** of a well-protected work of art.

Such attention to the overall ecology of the hanging work, featuring the painstaking, **hand-crafted accents** of French matting, is rarely seen outside of museum collections, upscale auction houses, and the finest galleries.

The sensitively color-matched lines and textured bands of the French matting technique bring a **high level of visual sophistication** to the presentation of many kinds of work today, including contemporary art, photography, heirloom items, and personal treasures.

Chrysalis Studio now offers this very specialized service at per-element prices, (see chart) giving collectors, artists, interior designers, and others the ability to display artwork in **world-class style**.

Each French mat from Chrysalis Studio is a **customized design** by artist Frances Smokowski.

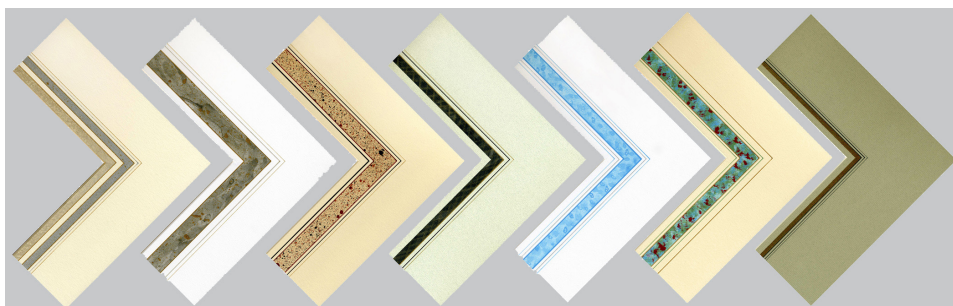
Exceptional painted mats that will **enhance the aesthetics and value** of nearly any piece are assured by Ms. Smokowski’s extensive experience in premier art museums, fine galleries, and high-end frame shops.

To ensure optimal integration of all elements, Ms. Smokowski will **coordinate** French mat services **with the customer’s preferred frame shop**. For clients who do not have a framer, suitable referrals within New York City are gladly provided.

Mats for French detailing **may be shipped** to Chrysalis Studio via **FedEx or UPS**.

Your prepaid shipping label expedites a **prompt return of completed mats** in the same packaging as received.

Video consultation can be contracted directly with Ms. Smokowski. To schedule a consultation, secure a free estimate, request samples or to place your order, please call **212-569-1719** or send an email message to frances@frenchmattingnewyork.com



Corner samples are supplied upon request. Labor is charged at half the under 10” price. 2” samples of executed design ideas are provided free of charge, also upon request.

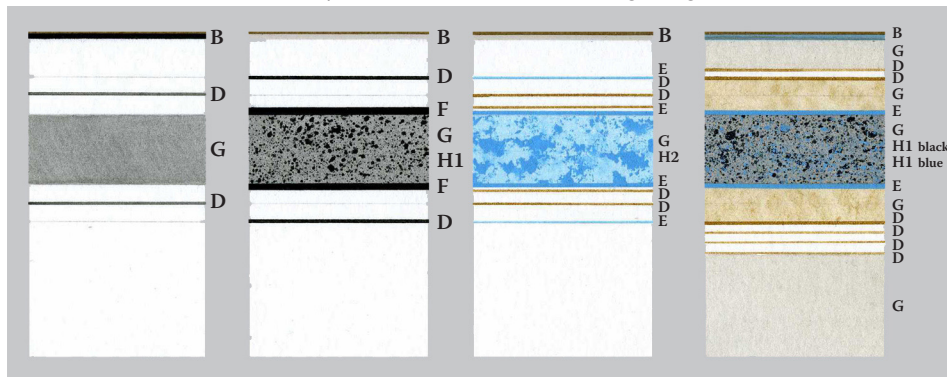
PRICE CHART as of 2022 and subject to change

Longest Side of Window Opening	Under 10”	10-18”	18-24”	24-32”	32-38”
A) Layout	\$10	\$14	\$20	\$28	\$40
B) Painted Bevel — <i>black or gold</i>	\$10	\$14	\$20	\$28	\$40
C) Painted Bevel — <i>color matched</i>	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$32	\$44
D) Single Line — <i>black or gold</i>	\$10	\$14	\$20	\$28	\$40
E) Single Line — <i>color matched</i>	\$12	\$18	\$24	\$32	\$44
F) Wide Line — <i>any color</i>	\$16	\$24	\$30	\$40	\$60
G) Taped Wash — <i>one color</i>	\$20	\$28	\$40	\$56	\$80
H) Wash Detail — <i>per textural element</i>	\$10	\$14	\$20	\$28	\$40

in any color, includes (1) speckles, (2) sponging, (3) faux finishes or (4) simulating textures in an image

Please note: Lines longer than 38 inches require custom per element fees and an oversize charge. Orders with multiple mats of identical design are discounted 10%.

Graphic Elements: conveniently letter-coded for customizing designs and prices



Consider the elements you would like to use and contact us for an estimate by calling 212-569-1719

Frances A. Smokowski, Proprietor