

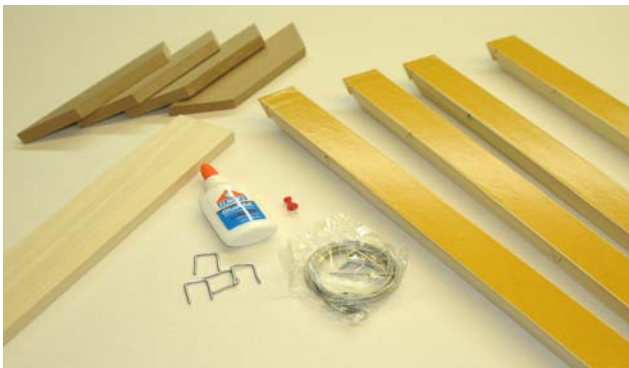
Sunset Stretcher Bars from LexJet

Quick Start Guide – 12 easy steps to perfect stretch

Tools you will need . . .



Supplied with your kit . . .



Notes on the LexJet System

This system is designed for digital printing professionals, photographers and artists who need a heavy duty canvas stretching solution. With our system, you can stretch your canvas two different ways:

1. **Professional method** - by stapling the canvas to the back for gallery wraps, museum wraps or using a printed return.
2. **Return method** – which trims the canvas to the width of the return and relies on double sided tape and glue to hold the canvas to the return to maintain a tight stretch.

Both methods work well, however, by stapling the canvas to the back you can create a “drum tight” stretch that will last permanently.

Pro Method #1

Using staples

- utility knife
- ruler or measuring tape
- staple gun
- small hammer
- sharp pencil
- cutting mat or junk mat board
- small Phillips head screwdriver or electric screwdriver

- stretcher bars
- back brace(s)
- corner braces
- 4 - corner clips
- 1 - push pin
- glue
- hanging kit- wire, etc.

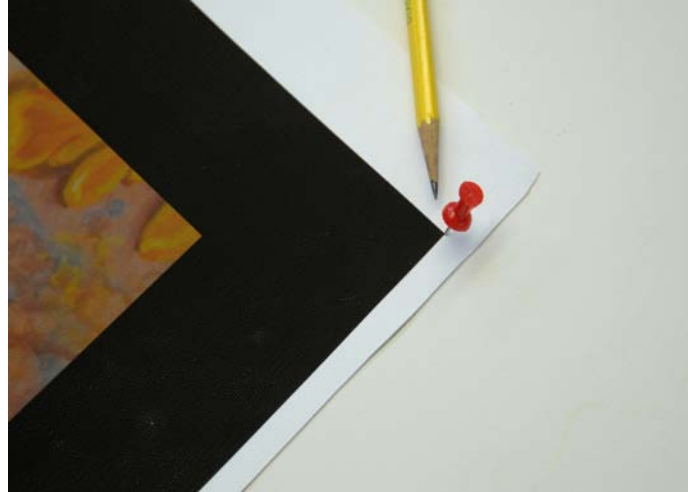
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with a printed canvas.



1. Locate the image on the back using the supplied push pin.

Tip: Stick the push pin through the front, mark the 'X' on the back after flipping over the corner of the canvas.

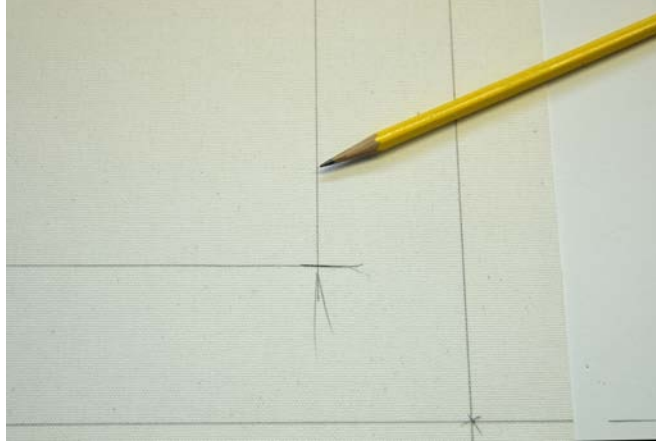


Tip: if you have a light table, you can locate the edges of the print from the back and eliminate the use of the push pin.



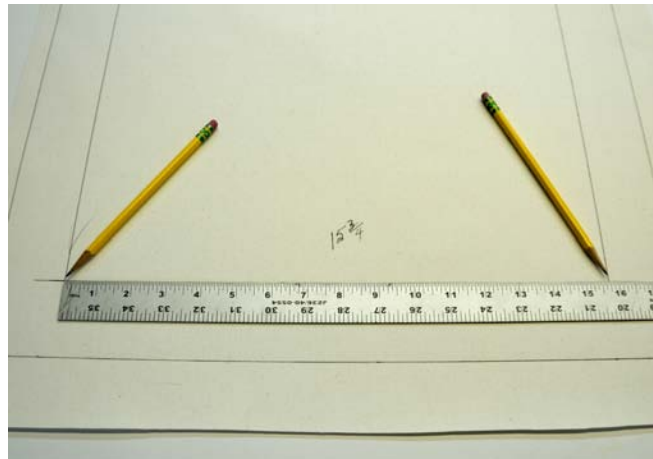
2. Draw the lines:

Tip: If your print has a border which will be used as a return, then you must measure in the width of the border, This is where you will draw your lines for the stretcher bars.



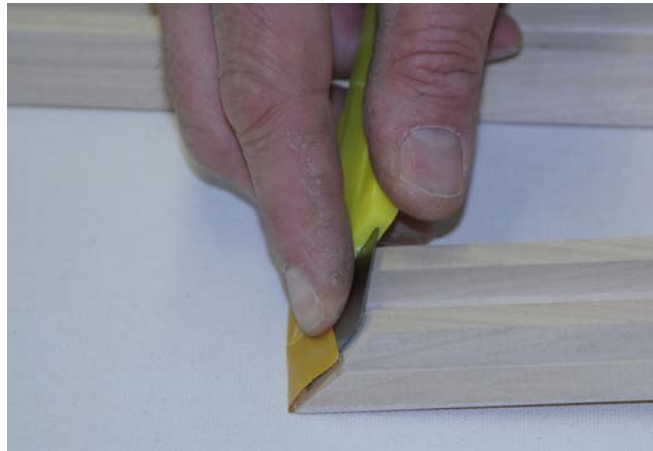
3. Measure for the stretcher bars

Tip: If your image is a custom size, and you need custom size stretchers, call your LexJet sales rep for a custom order.



4. Peel off the double sided tape and place the stretcher bars down on the canvas.

Tip #1: Use your utility knife blade to prepare the tape by slipping the blade between the liner and the adhesive. Then place the stretcher bar on the canvas; press down the stretcher. The adhesive on the tape is very aggressive and you can foul up the adhesion . . . place the bars down carefully.

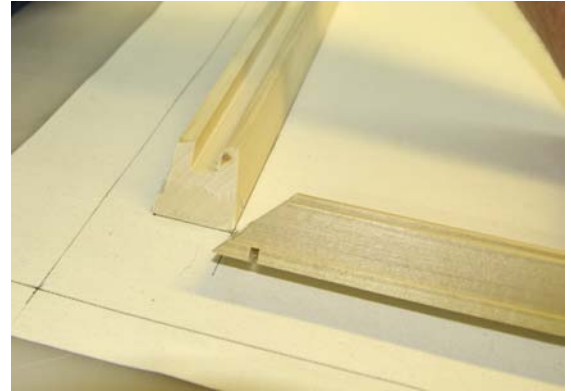
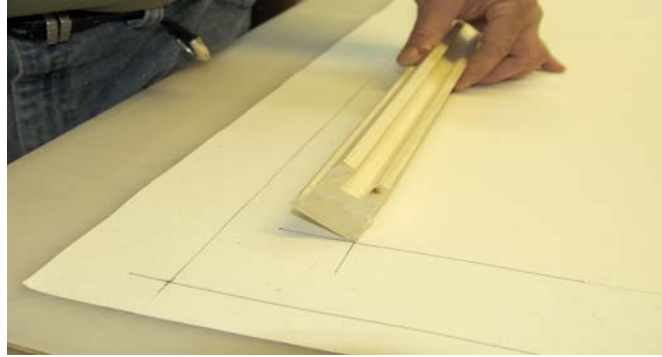


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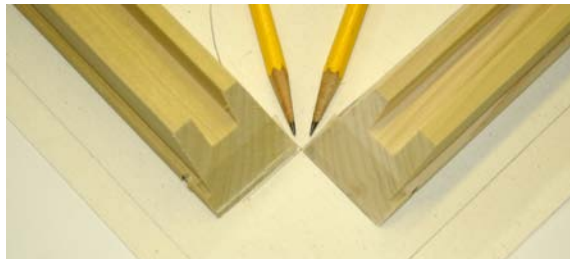
4. Place the stretchers down on the canvas (cont.)

Tip #2: To prevent spoiling the adhesive, place the stretcher bar down at an angle, and then lay it down flat.

Important: please note the orientation of the stretcher. The slanted side faces to the inside; the rabbited edge toward the outside of the canvas.



Tip #3: When placing the stretchers on the canvas, leave a little space between the corners of the stretchers.



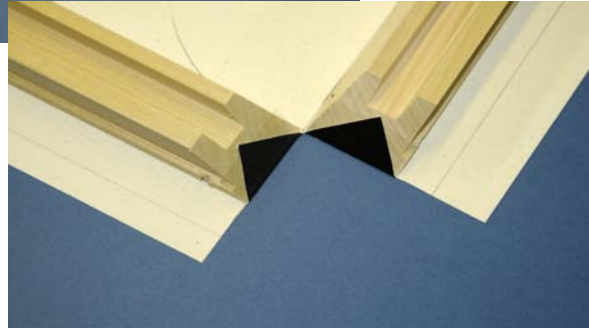
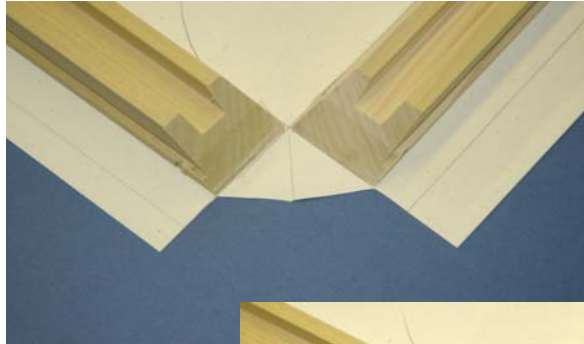
To do this “expose” or “show” the line on the canvas. By showing or exposing the line, you will make just the right distance between the stretchers. Doing this will prevent the canvas from being “over stretched”. It is a good idea to “show” the line you drew on the canvas when laying down the stretcher.



5. Cut the corners as shown.

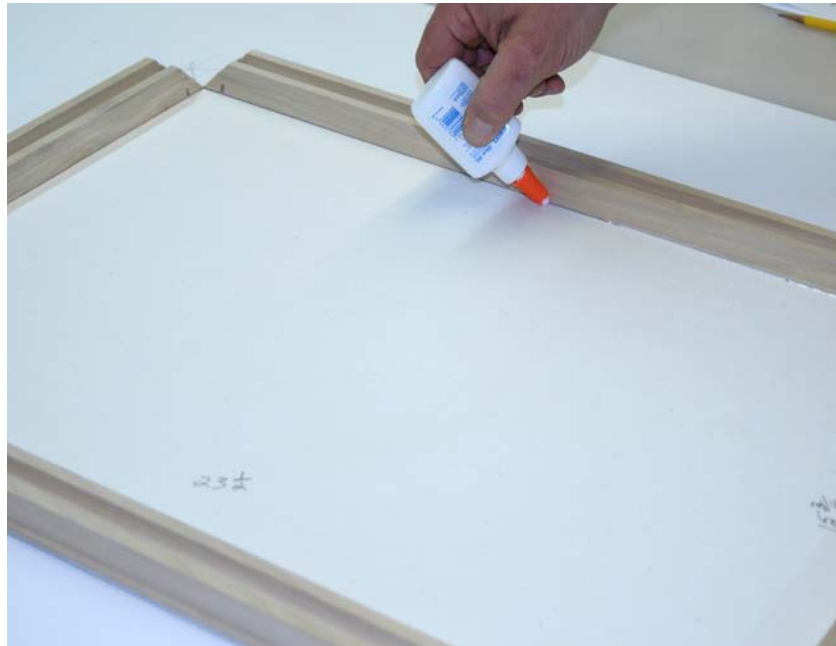
Tip: Look at the way the canvas is cut at the corners, This approach will help you to staple the canvas later on.

Fold in the corners as shown and stick them to the double sided tape.

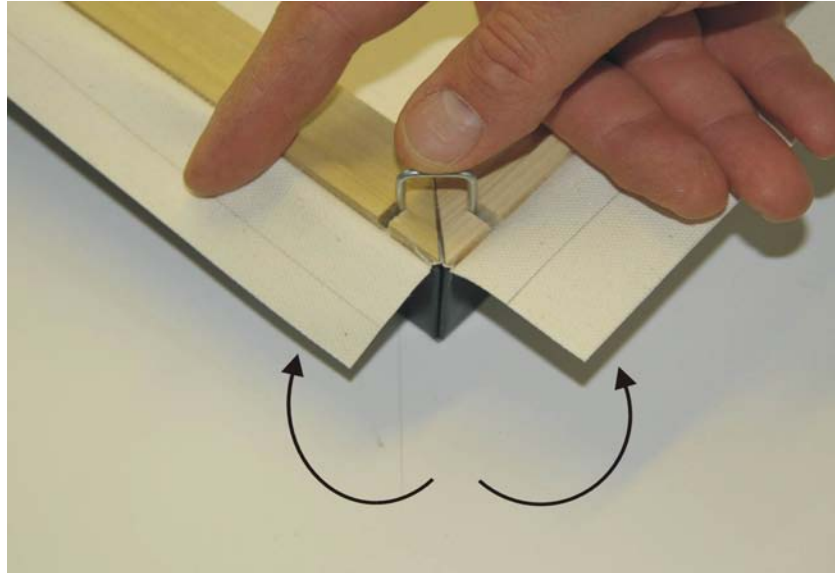


6. Apply the glue

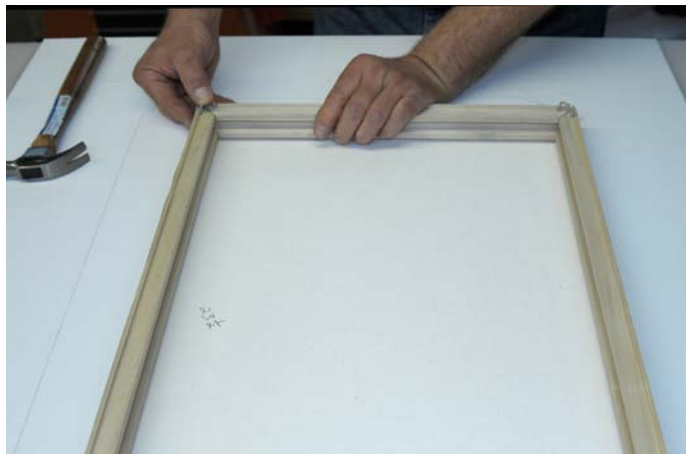
Tip: Apply the glue supplied. Even though you are stapling the canvas to the back edge, the glue will preserve the “stretch” of the canvas. Make a clean even line of glue around the inside of the stretcher. When you fold up the stretchers, the glue will adhere evenly to the very edge of the slanted part of the stretcher.



7. Fold up the stretcher bars and insert the heavy duty corner clips.

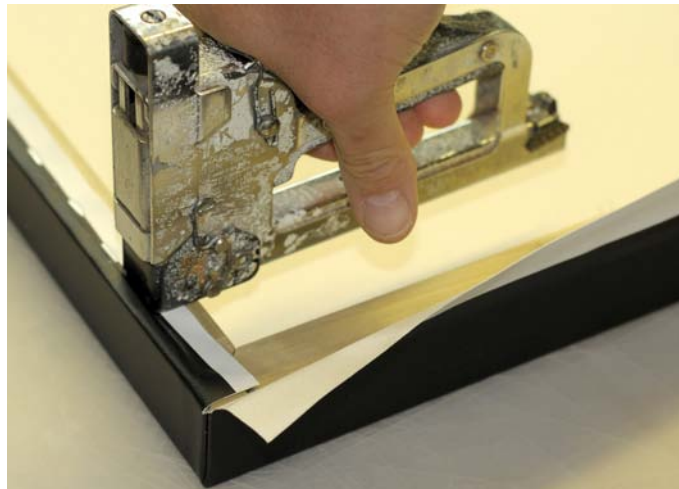


Tip: You may have to “spread” the stretcher bars before you fold up the last bar in order to prevent the corner from pinching the canvas.



9. Staple the canvas to the back.

Tip: Start stapling from the center of each stretcher and work your way to the corners. Overlap the canvas at the corners.



10. Insert the back braces

Tip #1: If you are using back braces, it is important to insert them before you put in the corner braces.

The braces will come precut to size.

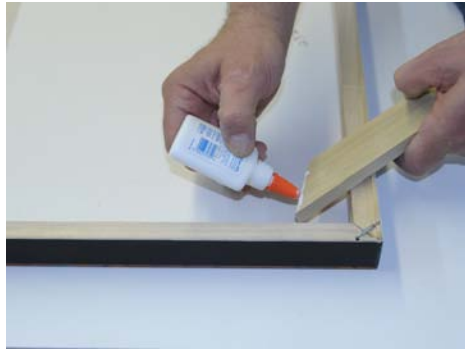
Tip #2: As a general rule, back braces are 3/4" inch longer than the inside dimension.



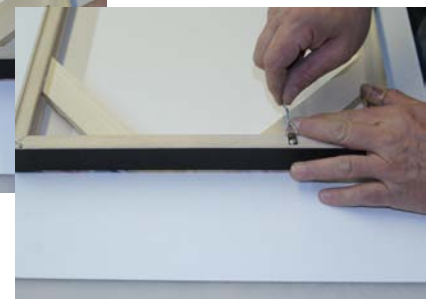
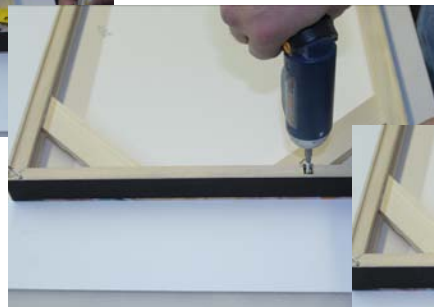
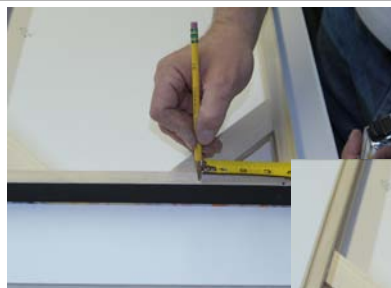
11. Insert the corner braces.

Tip #1: Put a little glue on the corner braces for long term stability

Tip #2: Most of the time you will not need to tap in the corner braces, However, if the canvas does not seem tight enough, tap in the corner braces very lightly.



12. Install the hanging wire.



Hang your image you're done!

