

MEASURING A MAT OPENING SIZE

A How-To Guide

Here is an example of a picture. This can be any print, photo or certificate you may have.



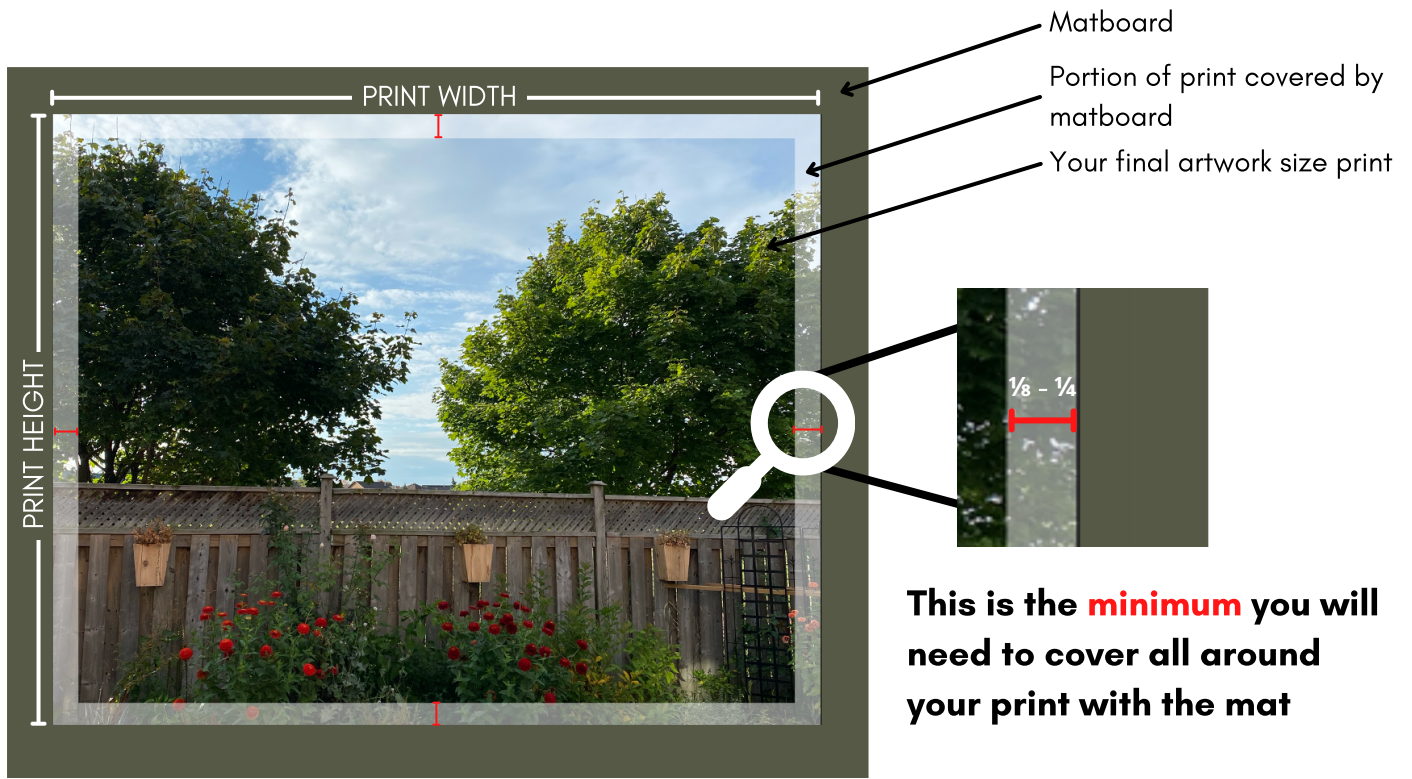
When determining the opening size for your mat there are a couple things to consider:

1. How big is my frame?
2. How much of the print do I want to cover?

You can cover as much of the print you like by the mat! Some may do this to cover any damages or holes on a print. **You can cover a MINIMUM of 1/8 - 1/4 inches around the perimeter of the print.**

Why do I need to cover at least 1/8 - 1/4 inches?

Covering less than 1/8 - 1/4 inches of the print by the mat runs a risk of the print falling out. You will need to cover a little to ensure the print stays in place.



Here is an example:

Let's say the OUTER print height and width (see reference below) is 10 x 14 inches



By subtracting how much you cover on each side, you will come to a final opening mat size of 9.5 x 13.5 inches

Want to cover more?

Just substitute how much you would like to cover in the above equation.

If the OUTER height and width of your print is 10 x 14 and you want to cover 1 inch all around:

Mat opening height = 10" - 1" - 1" = 8 inches
Mat opening width = 14" - 1" - 1" = 12 inches

The final opening mat size will be 8 x 12 inches

We hope this quick how-to helps you find the most optimal mat size for you. Still confused and require some extra assistance?
Send us an email at sales@custompictureframes.ca with information on the size of your print and how much you would like to cover.