

How to care for your pastel artwork

Please ensure you read the following instructions before removing your artwork

With the correct care pastel paintings can last for centuries - this is one of the reasons why it is my favourite medium to work with. However pastel artwork is fragile until framed, think of it like wet paint, even though it has been protected with fixative spray, if you or something else touches it, then it may smudge or rub off.

Carefully remove the sleeve from the envelope - the artwork should stay in the sleeve with the protective paper until it is ready to be framed. When it is time to get it out for framing make sure you hold it by the very edges to avoid any damage.

Your pastel painting needs to be framed as soon as possible to protect it and so it can be shown off! It should be mounted and framed behind glass to avoid smudging. Acrylic sheets or plexiglass can create static which will pull the pastel off the paper and a mount creates a nice safe space between the portrait and the glass.

Once it is framed and looking amazing, please make sure you hang it somewhere that won't distort its beauty. Like most pictures, ensure it is not hung in direct sunlight and that it won't be susceptible to moisture damage by keeping it out of the kitchen and bathroom.

If you care for your pastel painting correctly it will stay in perfect condition and I hope it will give you many years of enjoyment.

Thank you again for your purchase and if you have any questions at all please contact me by email at pets2sketch@gmail.com.