

Art Collecting: A Beginners Guide

Art collection is a very stimulating and inspiring hobby for all. It isn't just for the rich and famous, but even regular everyday people too. There are various forms of art that you can choose from, especially since art's definition can greatly vary from one person to another. However, it doesn't really matter whatever its form is, you're the one to make the call on which is attractive and how much are you willing to spend for such piece.

To Go For Prints Or Originals?

In the art world, some people may look down on others due to their different tastes in picking out art. For instance, there are those people who only buy original works and would never even consider buying prints. However, you should take note that if you're just starting to collect art and is doing this for enjoyment then originals are not really necessary to buy, especially if they're way out of your budget.

There is really nothing wrong with buying prints. In fact, these are one superb way to have framed art that would look lovely on your wall, just like how an original would look, but at a way lower price. Although here, you would not be having the same texture as to the original work; since originals usually show dimension and texture, while prints won't. However, well printed artworks are not settling of course.

In fact, a lot of art collectors have art prints by different artists, which were fairly bought inexpensively from the Internet, galleries and art fairs. Amazingly, such pieces still look tasteful and classy, instead of cheap looking like what most people expect.

All Framed Up

Once you spot an original or print that you like, you

have the option to frame it by yourself or get somebody else to do it for you. Generally, you can find frames in a vast price range, starting from cheaper metal frames to ornate and hand carved wooden frames costing you a fortune.

With regard to using mats, which is another way of framing your picture inside its frame by the use of papers or illustration boards, you should take note that such could detract your print. If you don't know how to frame, then you should get your piece and get it framed first. While doing so, observe how they'd offer you different mats and frame styles.

You don't have to hasten up when picking out the mat you want to use. In fact, you should take your time and deliberate on it carefully, since the mat and frame color combinations can have a great effect on how well or bad your artwork would look. You should also consider how the frame would fit-in in whatever place you'll put it, like your home or your office.

If you want a clean and contemporary look, it's recommended that you use the Nielsen brushed metal frames, which are not only cheap but are still elegant looking too. These usually come in different colors. Nevertheless, it's safe to go for black or bronze.

If you'll be placing them in a gallery, bronze would also do well, especially since it wouldn't cost you too much. After all, most people that buy art from galleries would have the art they bought re-framed in able for it to match their home decor.

If more of a wood type of person, you can also get wooden frames that are naturally stained. Cherry and mahogany are the most preferred styles when it comes to wooden frames, since their deep and reddish color bring an elegant look to any artwork.