

A Tool for Hanging Close Fitting Pictures on the Wall, Version 1.0

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Given a short screw sticking out of a wall and a picture with a small bail attached to a picture frame we have a recipe for frustration.



I can get that damn bail to hang away from the back of the picture if I hold the frame horizontally.



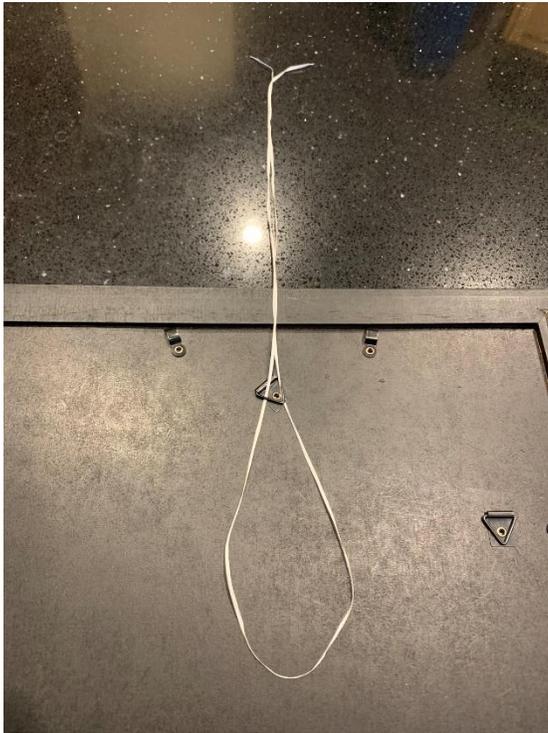
But when the picture is vertical, the bail flops down flush with the surface. It won't catch the screw head in this position.

This bail is so small that there is no room for my fingers to hold it as I lower the picture onto the screw.

Clearly, a homemade tool is needed!

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Please do not think that a simple tool can't be effective. My homemade tool is just a length of dental floss. The floss is thin, yet strong and slippery. All necessary for this task.



I fold a length of the dental floss in half and feed the loop down through the bail.



Then I place the loop over the screw.



While pulling up on the floss, I lower the picture such that the the bail slides along the threads until it engages with the screw. With the picture securely supported on the screw, I pull one end of the floss straight up and out. Done.



There certainly isn't any magic here. The floss provides a guide for the bail. As long as the picture is touching the wall as it slides down, you can't miss.

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