

# Shipping Tips

It is important that your works arrive and return to you safely.  
If you want to invest in a reusable box we have some hints for you.

## Making a Shipping Box to ship a Painting Under Glass - Ann Kelly Walsh

We made this box to ship a painting to the PSEC 2005 Juried Show in Montreal.

We used the pink insulation from Home Dept in two different sizes and a mirror box which we bought from U-Haul. My painting was not too large so we used 1" and 1/2" pieces of the insulation to make the packing.

First layer was 1" insulation the full size of the box.



Layer two and three created a frame for the painting with small bit of space between frame and insulation. Next a 1/2" layer of foam went into the painting space.

The painting goes in next followed by another layer of foam tucked around the painting. Then a 1/2" layer of insulation completed filling up the "painting space".



Finally a 1/2" layer of insulation finished the layers and the whole package went into the mirror box.

My name was put on every piece to assist whomever had to put the thing back together. If you have ever packed up a show, you will be aware that it helps to keep packing from being mixed up with others.

### Shipping information gleaned from past PAC shows:

If you use a service check the following with them

#### Packing tips

- Reusable packing materials are needed.
- Put your name on all packing materials for easy identification at the end of the show for return shipping.
- No Styrofoam peanuts please.
- Bubble wrap that is taped in excess can only be used once. Foam slabs or insulation panels cut to fit work better.
- Use 4 or 5 strips of painters tape in a diagonal pattern on the glass in case of breakage. (Masking tape is too sticky)
- There should be no pressure on the glass and no movement of the work in the box.
- Include Return Shipping payment and labels in an envelope marked Return Shipping. Place in the box.

#### To Order a box check out this site

This company specializes in reusable boxes for shipping fine art work with glass. <https://www.artfloat.com/>.

## Wooden Reusable Shipping Box. *Rosemary Simpson*

Made By Framer Don Corby.

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A few artists in my area asked Don to make us custom boxes to ship our work out to Salt Spring for the 2007 Purely Pastel Exhibition at ArtSpring. My box shown here is 30" x 38" x 5" and can accommodate 1 or 2 paintings. Since in this case, the 2 paintings to be shipped were different sizes, it was important that there was **no pressure on the glass of the bottom painting**. Don used a cardboard separation and bubble wrapped each painting. Don't over tape the bubble wrap so it can be used again. Over-taping also makes it hard to unpack the works.



Don fitted **slabs** of pink insulation cut to fit around the paintings so there was **no movement**.

A final covering was used before the top was screwed in place. Put your name on all the re-useable packing

Finally, put on your name and address etc. on front of the box. Indicate the glass side and information re where to open. In this example, a leather handle was placed on the top side for easy handling.

