

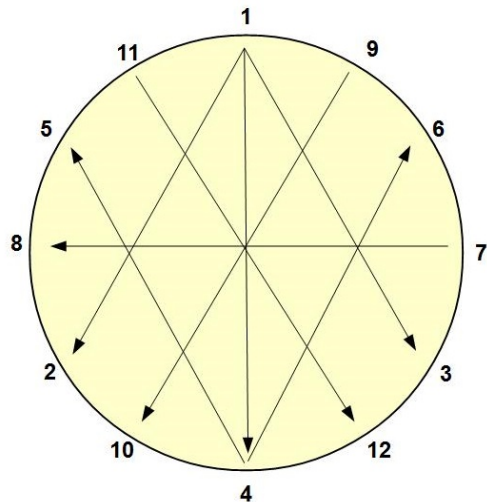


Utrecht Art Supplies Stretching a Round Canvas

Ask the Expert: "I'm trying to stretch a round canvas, and just can't get the cloth straight. There are dimples around the edges, and the weave is noticeably wavy. Is there a specific way that works best?"



A: We recommend stretching on the bias (diagonally) for almost all canvas shapes, including round. When stretching a circular canvas, start with a single staple/tack (1), and pull diagonally across in two directions to form an equilateral triangle centered on top of the circle (pulling toward 2 and 3). Take care to keep the canvas weave aligned with the baseline of the triangle. Rotate until the triangle is inverted and insert a tack/staple across the diameter of the circle directly opposite the first (4). Just as in the first sequence, pull diagonally (toward 5 and 6) to form another triangle, oriented in the opposite direction of the first.



The next two staples/tacks form end points of a line that bisects the circle horizontally (insert 7, pull across toward 8). Next, bisect the circle diagonally across the center in both directions (9 toward 10, 11 toward 12). Finally, pull and insert tacks/staples in between, folding and tucking neatly until desired tension is achieved.

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