



# How to Change a Stretched Canvas

Swapping a stretched canvas from the frame.

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## INTRODUCTION

If you want to reuse your canvas frame and save your original work, this guide will show you how to remove and replace your stretched canvas.

### TOOLS:

- Pick Tool (1)
- Slip Joint Pliers (1)
- Fabric Scissors (1)
- Canvas Pliers (1)
- Staple Gun (1)

### PARTS:

- Duck Canvas Fabric (1)

## Step 1 — How to Change a Stretched Canvas



- Place the canvas upside down on a flat surface.

## Step 2



- Place the picker tool under the staple
- Begin to lift the staple off of the frame by moving the picker tool down towards the table.
- *i* Lift the staple halfway up (Do not completely remove yet).

**⚠** Don't place your hands directly in front of pointy end of the picker tool.

## Step 3



- Once the staple is halfway lifted, use the pliers to completely lift the staple from the frame.
- Repeat steps 2-3 to remove the rest of staples.

## Step 4



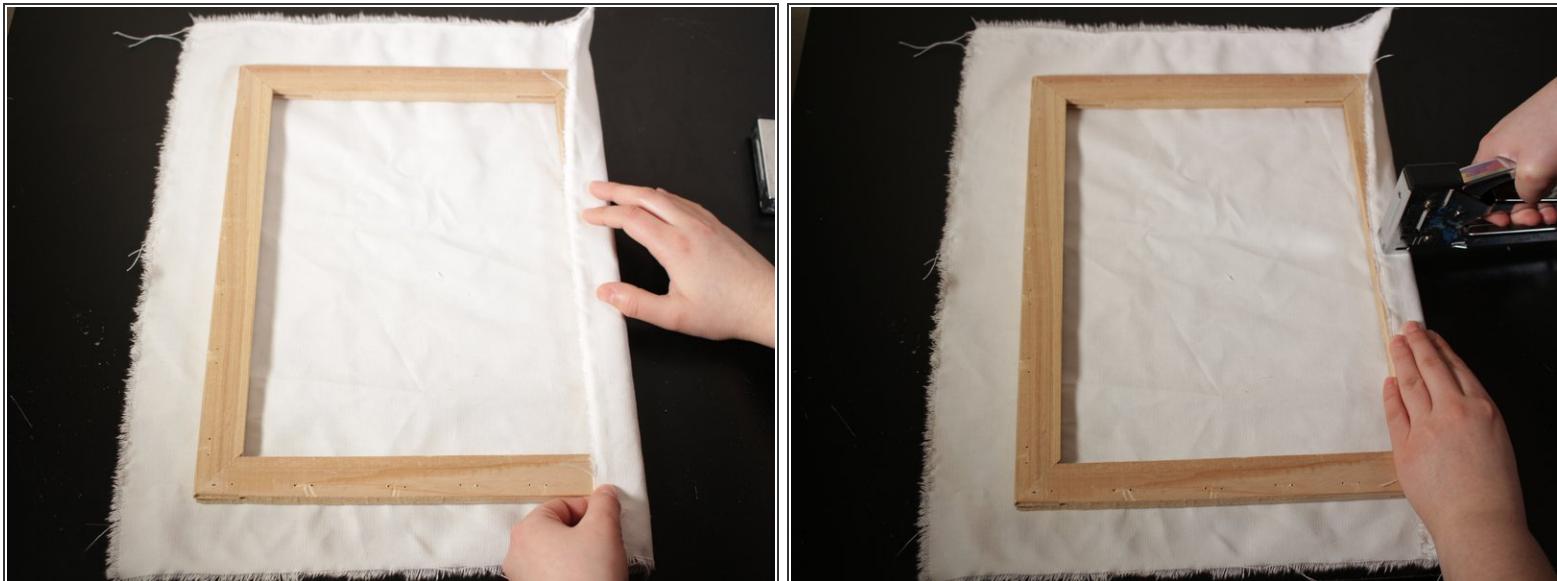
- Roll up your canvas for storage.
- *i* Roll the canvas with your painting on the outside to avoid cracking

## Step 5



- Measure out the amount of canvas that is needed to cover the edges of the frame.
- Once measured, make a small cut in the corner.
- Use your hands to rip off the excess fabric.

## Step 6



- Fold one side of the canvas fabric over the edge of one of the long sides of the frame.
- While holding the canvas down, use the staple gun to place one staple in the middle

## Step 7



- Go over to the other side of the frame and use the canvas pliers to grab the canvas fabric. To tighten canvas fabric, begin by holding the pliers at a 45 degree angle then moving the pliers down towards the table.
  - Place the canvas pliers where you intend to place a staple .
- While holding the fabric down, place a staple in the middle of that side of the frame.
- Continue Step 7 on the two short sides of the frame.

## Step 8



- Choose one of the long sides of the frame and begin stapling from the center to about 3 inches away from the corner using the same canvas plier technique from step 7. Then repeat on other long side.
- Next, repeat this stapling process on the two short sides

## Step 9



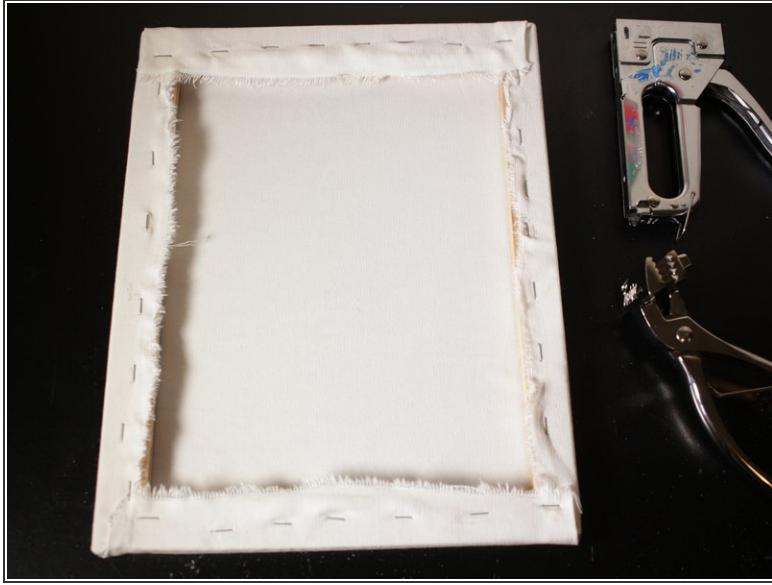
- Trim the corner of the fabric to make folding easier.
- *(i)* The fabric that you cut away should be in the shape of a triangle.
- Repeat on the other three corners.

## Step 10



- Choose one corner of the frame and tuck excess fabric inside the fold.
- Holding tightly onto the fabric, pull the fold up and over the the edge of the frame. Staple to secure both sides of the corner.
- Repeat on the other three corners

## Step 11



*(i)* When you are finished, stretched canvas should be tight and it should sound like a drum when you tap on it.

To reassemble your device, follow these instructions in reverse order.