

MOUNT HAS TO OVERLAP PICTURE (2 or 3 mm EACH SIDE)



———— Edges of cut mount

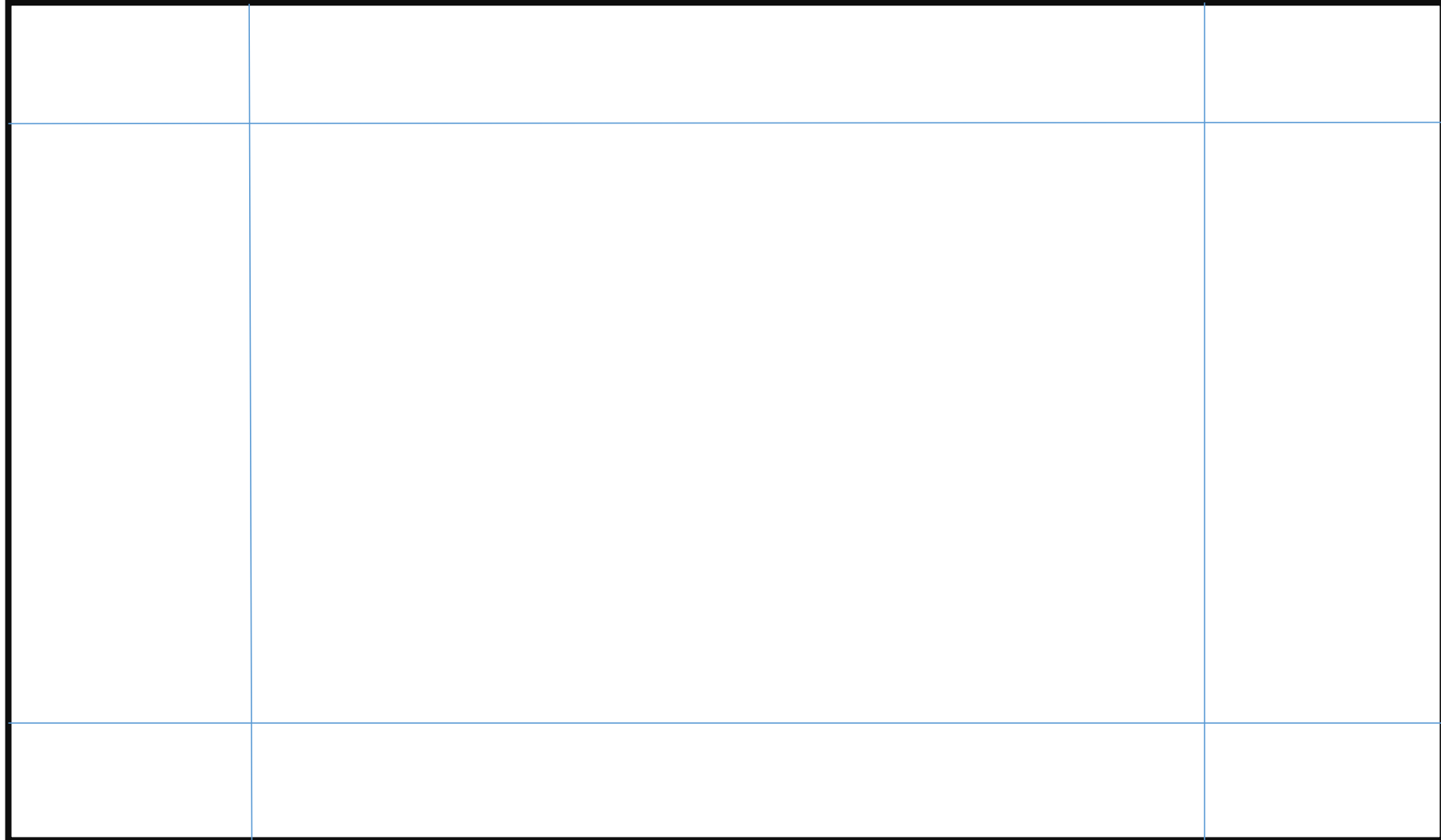
PROFILE VIEW – MOUNTED PICTURE



MOUNT CUTTING PROCESS (1)

1. If free standing, stick backing card on to picture. If in a frame no need.
2. Measure picture N.B. picture not photo paper it is on e.g. 419mm x 317mm
3. Measure mount card e.g. 500mm x 400mm
4. Subtract picture measurements from mount measurements e.g. Width $500 - 419 = 82\text{mm}$ Height $400 - 317 = 83\text{mm}$
5. Add 5mm to each dimension to create a 2.5mm mount overlap on each side. Width $82 + 5 = 87\text{mm}$ Height $83 + 5 = 88\text{mm}$
6. Half totals i.e. 43.5mm each side and pencil mark back of mount card. Not dots, edge to edge lines
7. Hold picture against marks to check accuracy

BACK OF MOUNT WITH PENCILLED MARKS



MOUNT CUTTING PROCESS (2)

1. Align mount card under guide rail with marks. Card upside down. Outside edge of card on non-blade side
2. Line up middle of blade holder with pencil marks of sides. Clip in stops to edge of holder
3. Press down and run blade twice along line between stops
4. Complete all four sides
5. Hope centre falls out after last cut and is right size
6. Align mount over picture. Hold in place and tape each edge

GENERAL POINTERS (1)

1. Not a difficult process but it is easy to make a mistake
2. Remember the small overlap when cropping pictures (not too tight to the edge)
3. Check fit and measurements at each stage
4. Mount card can be bought in large sheets and cut down. Pre-cut has minimal price difference and is much more convenient
5. Easy to knock corners of mount card and squash/bend them
6. Wash hands and, ideally, wear cotton gloves
7. Standard mount size at clubs is 500mm by 400mm
8. At clubs, normal colours are off-white, cream or black. Judges don't theoretically mark down for odd colours.....

GENERAL POINTERS (2)

1. Obviously, for personal use, there are hundreds of mount card colours to complement your picture
2. Not cheap to set-up. All prices approximate. Mount cutter (£220), Roller (£20), ruler (£3), adhesive spray (£12) and tape (£10)
3. Need to do it for print competitions in camera clubs and adds a professional finish to your pictures at home
4. A fun and very satisfying way to display your pictures at their best

LIST OF MATERIALS & SUPPLIERS

- Pre-cut mount card - www.cotswoldmounts.co.uk, The Range
- Large sheets mount card - www.wessexpictures.com (Lymington)
- Mount cutters (Logan or Longridge) - Amazon or art supplies (shops or web)
- 3M Red Photo mount spray - Amazon
- PH7-70 22mm tape - Amazon
- 50mm clear plastic ruler - Staples
- Rubber roller - Hobby craft