

## Pop that Bubble Wrap! Easily Create an Envelope to Transport Your Painting

Packing a framed painting in bubble wrap (or other mixed materials such as cardboard, towels, bags etc.) is messy and difficult to reuse, AND if others need to repack your painting, it's just plain problematic. Some of you might have seen a number of us with this type of envelope:



These are SO easy! Easy to create (and inexpensive), easy to store, easy to transport, easy to repack. This is used for transporting your painting – to a show, gallery, patron. This is not recommended for shipping.

I was lucky to find the following tutorial that is short, very easy to follow and clearly stated. Enjoy & have fun with this - you will be SO glad you did!

[Tutorial - How to Make DIY Gallery Pouches Storage Envelopes for Your Art](#)  
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

The only thing I do differently is to cut the flap at an angle (like a real envelope) and apply a single, 2" piece of Velcro in the middle of the flap instead of 3 pieces.

### SUPPLIES

1. REFLECTIX (radiant insulation). Comes in various sizes: 24"x25', 24x100, 48x25, etc.) A good starting size for most of you would be 24" x 25':  
Lowe's (\$28.36)

[Reflectix R-21 Attic Wall Unfaced Reflective Roll Insulation 50-sq ft \(24-in W x 25-ft L\) Individual Pack](#)  
[Lowes.com](https://www.lowes.com)

And the same product at Amazon (\$27)

[Reflectix BP24025 24-Inch by 25-Foot Bubble Pack Insulation, 1-Unit](#)  
[amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

2. TAPE: You can purchase what she is recommending in the video (see below) OR just a good Duct tape (Gorilla, 3M, "Duck"). I use gray 3M; Gorilla has high ratings.  
The tape she mentions:

[Reflectix Heavy-Duty HVAC Foil Tape, 2-in x 30-ft, Aluminum Backing, Easy Tear, Silver](#)  
[Lowes.com](https://www.lowes.com)

### 3. VELCRO

In the video, she is recommending one at Walmart, but there are various sizes out there, either pre-cut or cut to size (need to have sticky sides). I recommend cutting to size.

#### **4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- With a Sharpie, put your name, phone number on the front (and maybe back, too), mark “TOP” (glass up) on the envelope - best on the flap side.
- You can add a sheet of cardboard inside over the glass side as extra protection (full size of frame)
- You could create a “One-size-kind-of-fits-all”. For example, if a lot of your paintings are 16x20, 12x16 and 9x12, you could create a size that accommodates the 16x20 but use it for any of the 3 sizes
- You might want to share the expense with someone else, and create some envelopes together (a craft project!)
- And, of course, you can create it vertically or horizontally – whatever makes the most sense in using the size of the Reflectix you’ve purchased. In other words, don’t waste product if possible.

Ta, da!