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Framers



It might be easy to overlook a frame when it's subtle, but the right frame can have tremendous impact on an artwork's presentation. In fact, framers can be remarkable artists in their own right. What's more, frames are not only a crucial part of a work's aesthetic effect, their glass panes and liners are key in protecting artworks from the environment. There are even conservators devoted exclusively to preserving historic frames.

Bark



In operation since 1969, Bark Frameworks occupies a 27,000-square-foot facility in Long Island City that was, until 1999, the principal warehouse for Christie's. The employee-owned company caters to artists, galleries, collectors, and major institutions, producing frames for artworks from Impressionist to contemporary, as well as textiles and Asian antiquities. Bark's handiwork has appeared in venues from Seoul (Kukje Gallery) to London (White Cube) to the Indianapolis Museum of Art. They've even designed custom frames for the Morgan Library & Museum.
