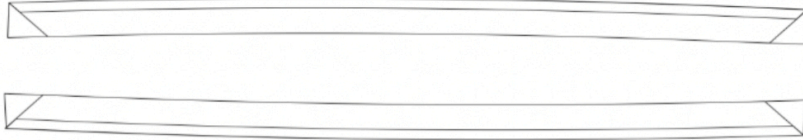
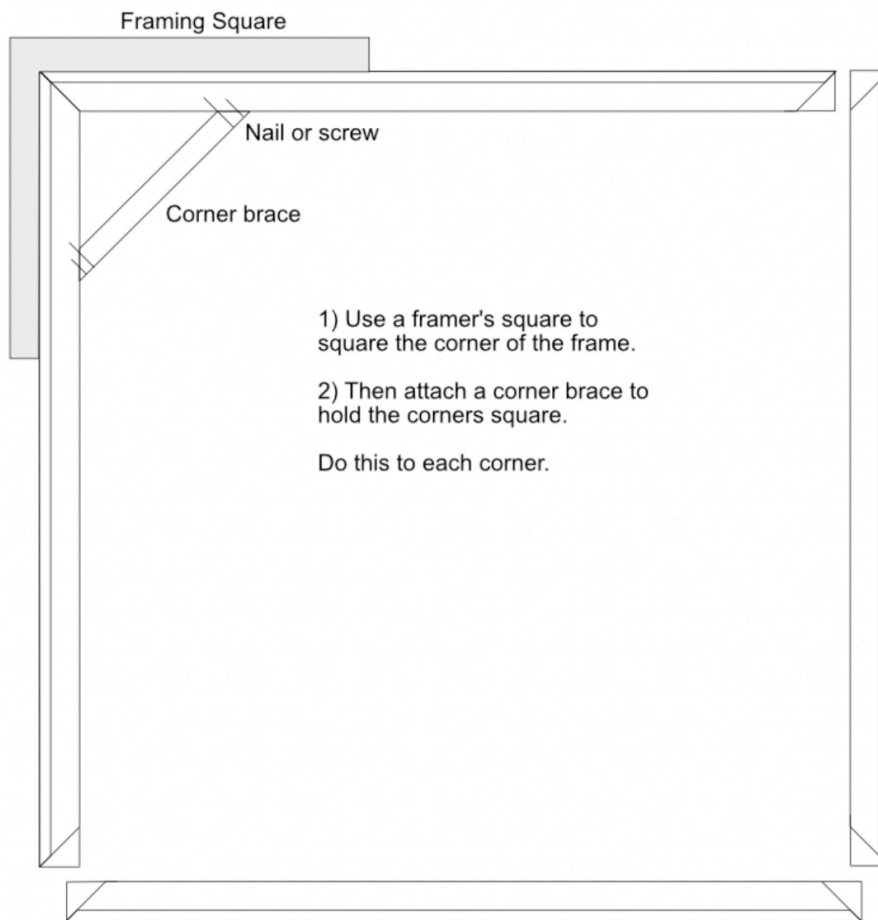
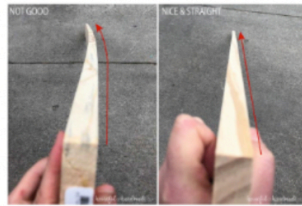


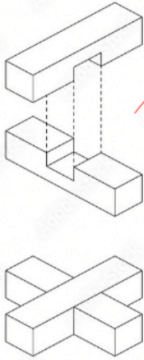
Stretching a Canvas



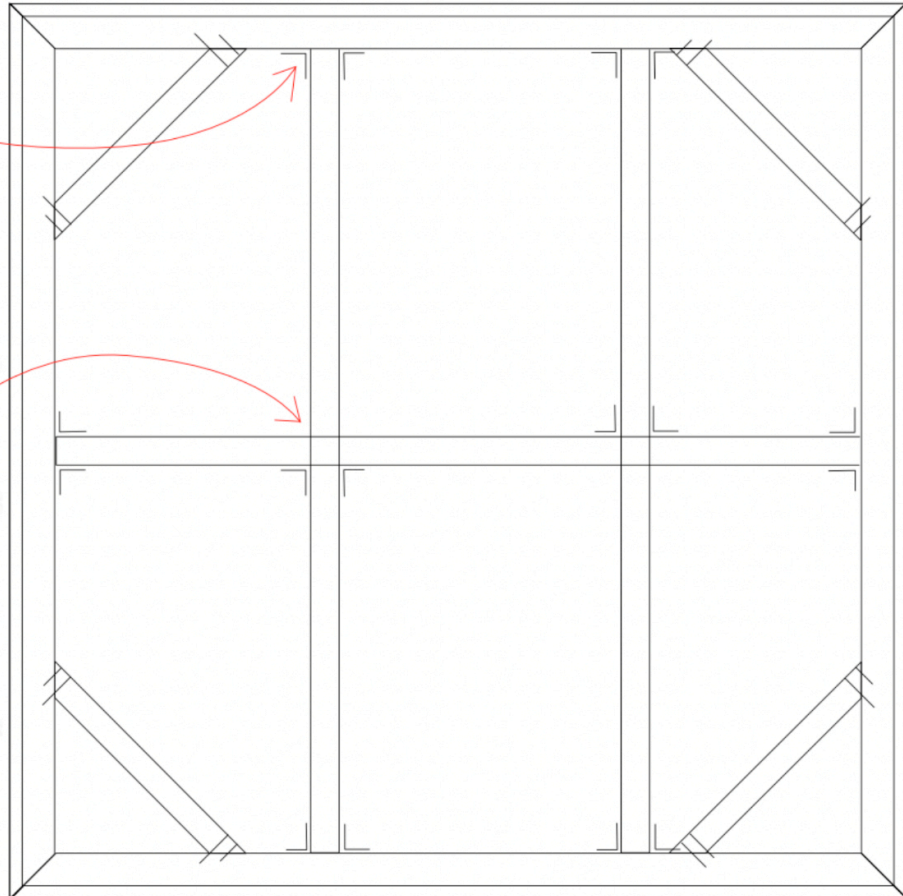
Carefully inspect that each rail is not bowed, bent, or twisted by closing one eye and looking down the length of the rail.



Attach a corner brace wherever bracing and the framing butt.



Apply a lap joint where bracing intersect.

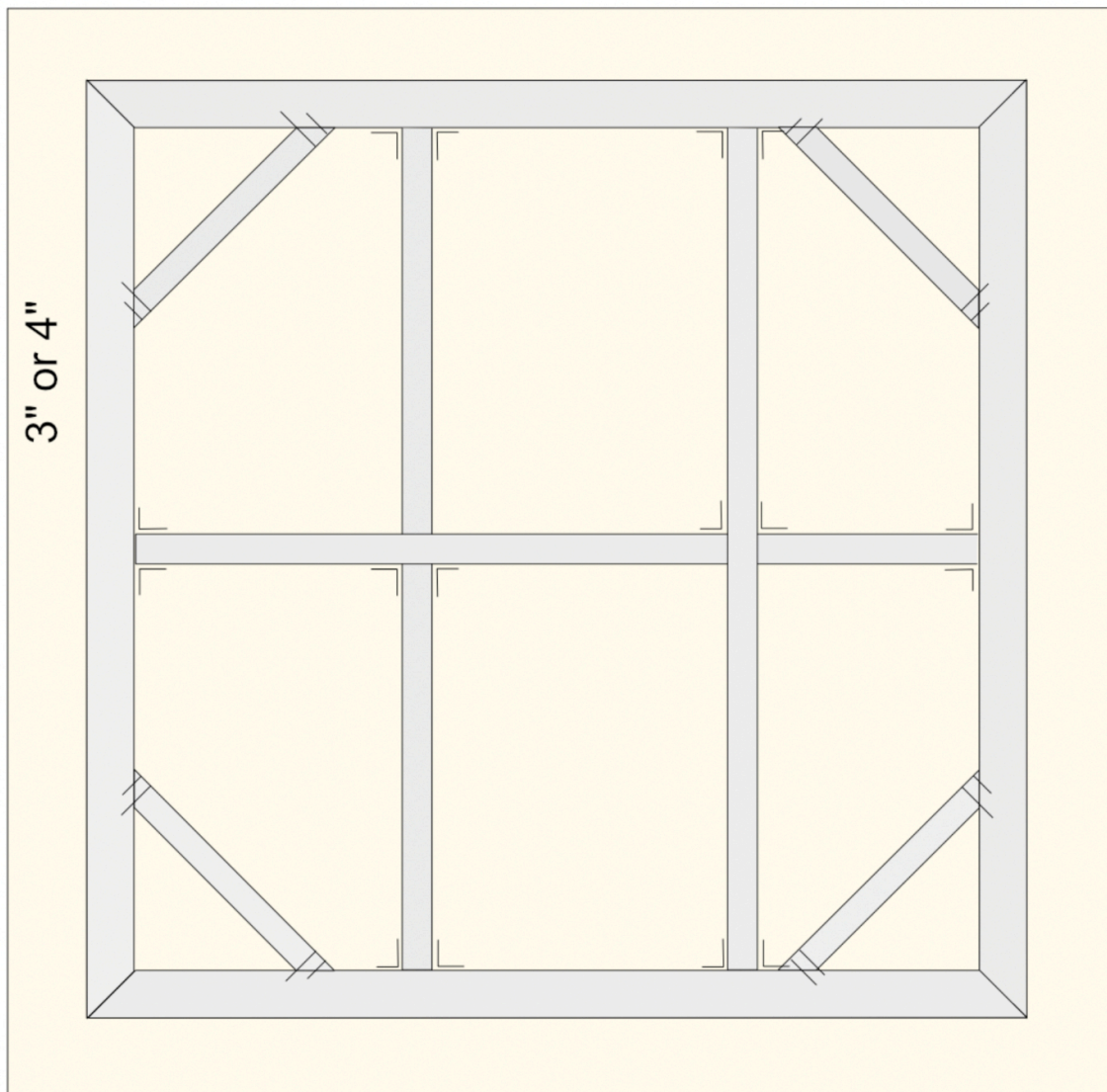


Bracing should be added every 2 ft.

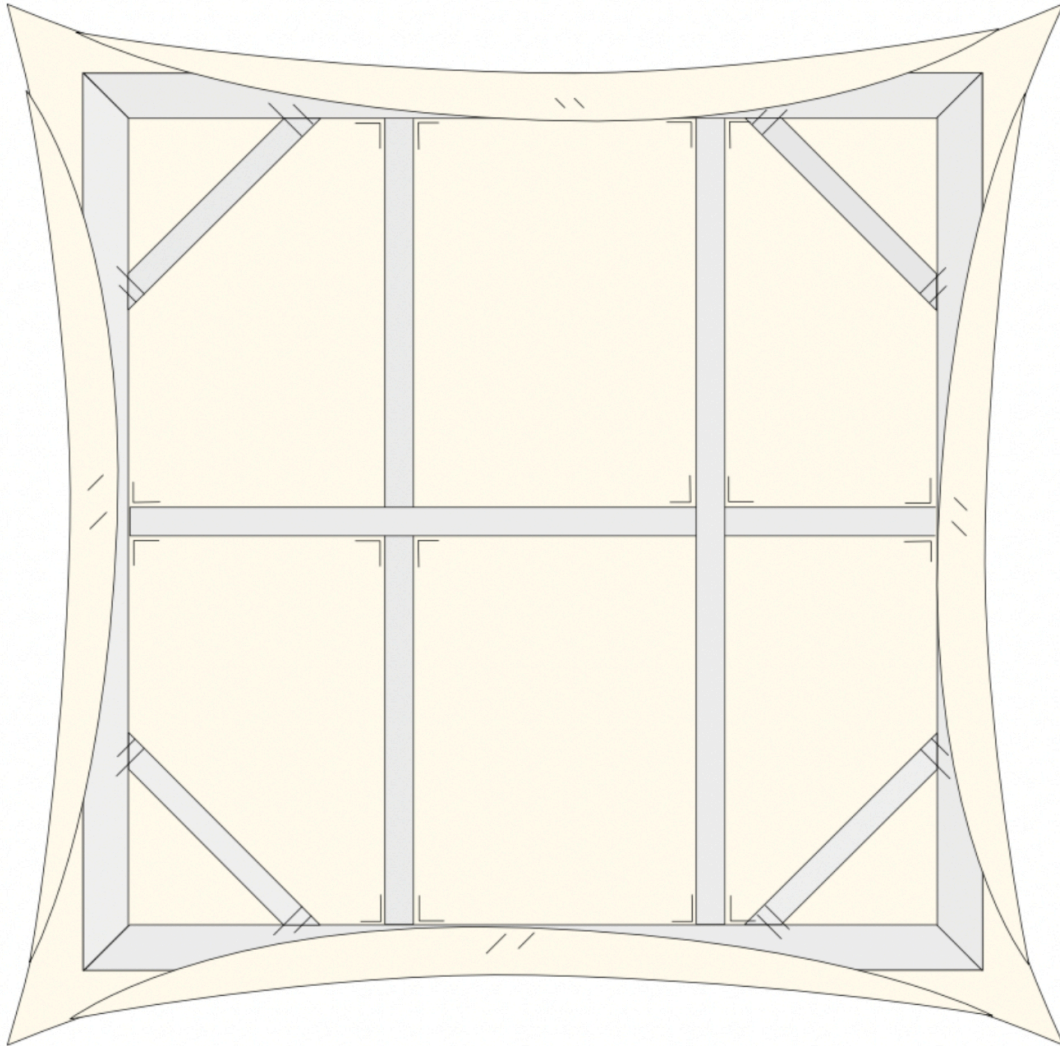


Carefully inspect that each 1"x 2" brace is not bowed, bent, or twisted by closing one eye and looking down the length of the rail.

Cut the canvas about 3" or 4" larger than the stretcher bars on each side. It's better to have a little more canvas that can be trimmed off later, than not enough.



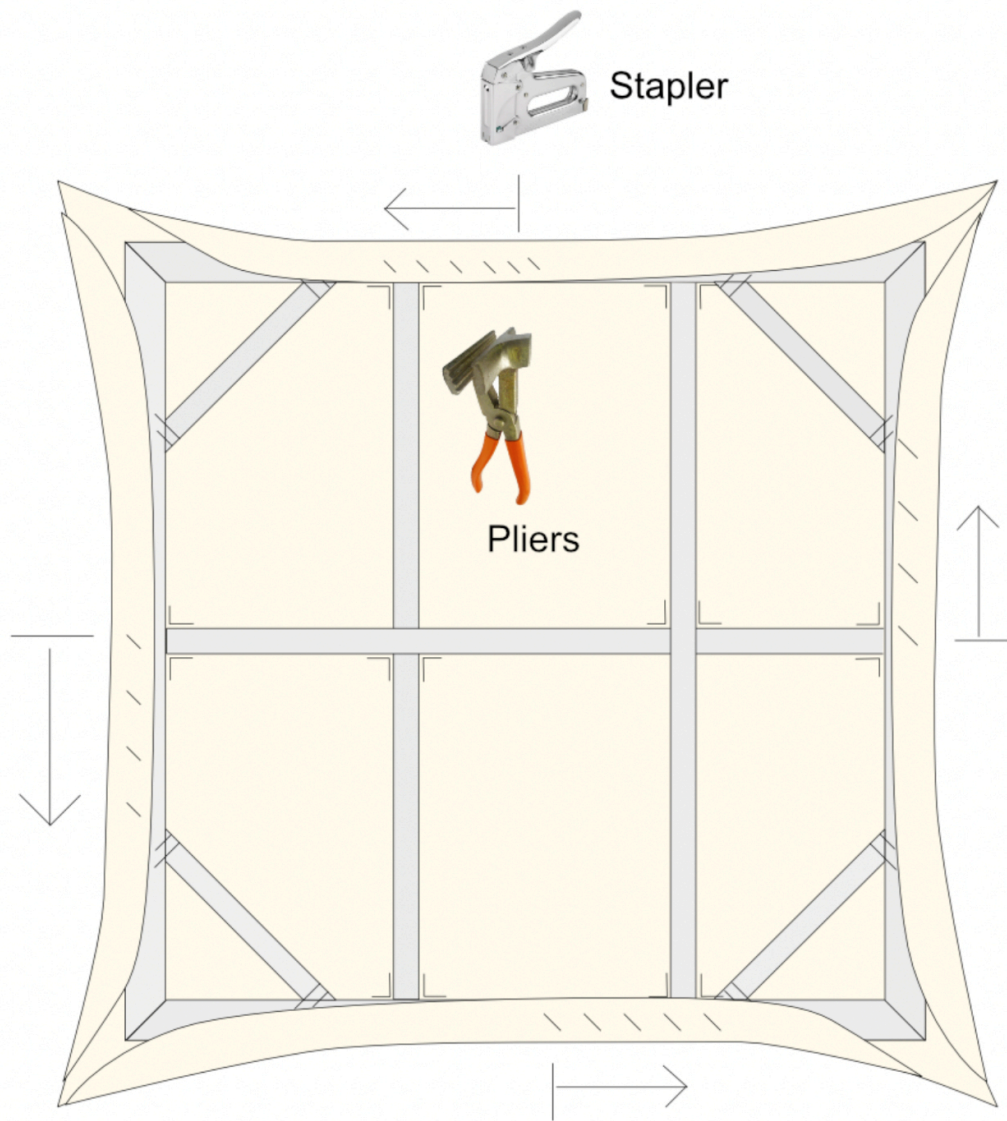
Lightly staple the canvas to the center of the back of the stretcher bars just to hold the canvas in position. These staples will be removed later, as the canvas is stretched tightly.



Going from the center to the left, apply staples about 2 inches apart for about 12" to 14" on each side.

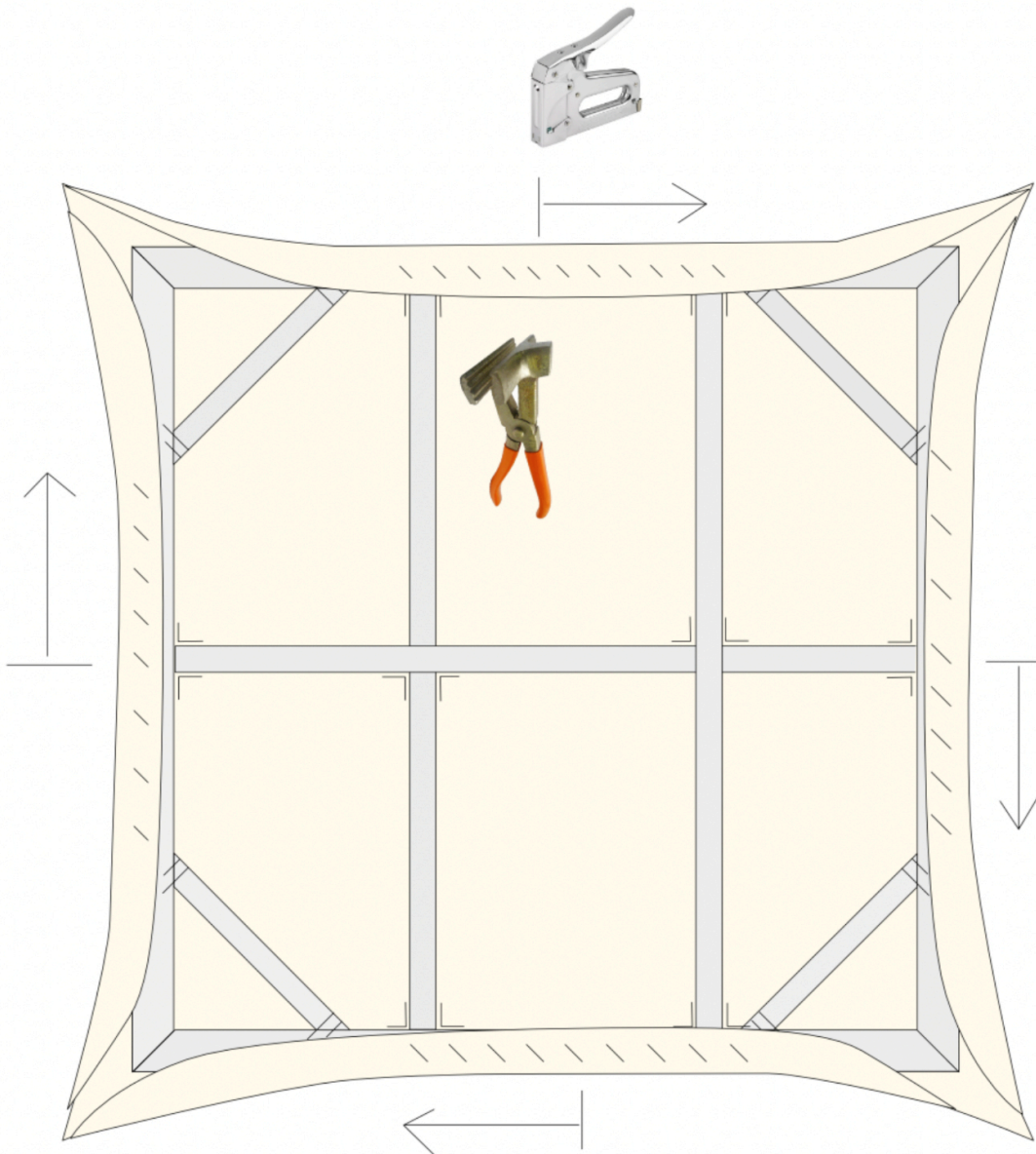
(If you are going to stretch a lot of canvases, you will need to get a pneumatic stapler. Continuing by hand will be increasingly difficult and time consuming.)

Expect to exert a lot of gripping strength while stretching the canvas.



Once you've stapled all side going to the left, start again from the center and staple to the right for 12" to 14". Repeat this method, alternating between left and right, until you are about 12" from each corner.

It is not unusual to find the canvas sag in some place. If this occurs, remove staple near the sag, and re-stretch that area.



Corner Wrap

