DIY: how to mount & frame a map

We have videos you can watch!

https://jessicawilkeson.com/the-ultimate-guide-to-push-pin-travel-maps/

we recommend professional framing services, however **it's easy and you can do-it-yourself**!

our recommendations are not absolute. there are many techniques to frame a push pin map. our experience follows:

you will need:

• 24 x 36 inch frame —> **PRO TIP! Get a Frame It Easy frame (**Use our link for 10% off**), which comes with foam core!** No need to track that down. — INSIDER SECRET: when you get to the step choosing your cover, on your keyboard hit the keys COMMAND + H. Your screen will minimize (briefly causing panic). Click to bring it back open and you'll see that you can select "NO COVER". This is what you want for pinning and you'll save money AND not have to toss out the acrylic cover, which is wasteful. Win-win!

• 24 x 36 inch foam core (if you are not getting the frame we recommended above)

• adhesive of your choice: options include: double sided tape, archival artist tape or spray adhesive
(**NOTE:** *cotton canvas requires heavy duty spray adhesive - we love Gorilla Heavy Duty Spray Adhesive*)

step 1: lay out map, allow to flatten. this could take a few hours.

step 2 (option 1: ADHERE WITH SPRAY ADHESIVE):
best option if two people are available for extra hands. spray entire foam core liberally with adhesive. one person holds map up in air, while second person aligns 2 corners of the map to the foam core. the person holding up the map can then slowly lay down remaining map on foam core, while the other person smooths map down with hands to ensure adhered evenly.

step 2 (option 2: ADHERE WITH TAPE METHOD):
using **thin** double sided adhesive tape. place it along the entire top of the foam core and then place the map down on that. also adhere the entire way across the bottom to ensure it stays in place once framed. pull the map taut to ensure it does not bubble.

step 3: place your map that is now adhered to the foam core into the frame (with no glass). **hang, pin & enjoy!**

additional info: the above is what we have done and know works. you can also use cork board or get as creative as you like with your map.