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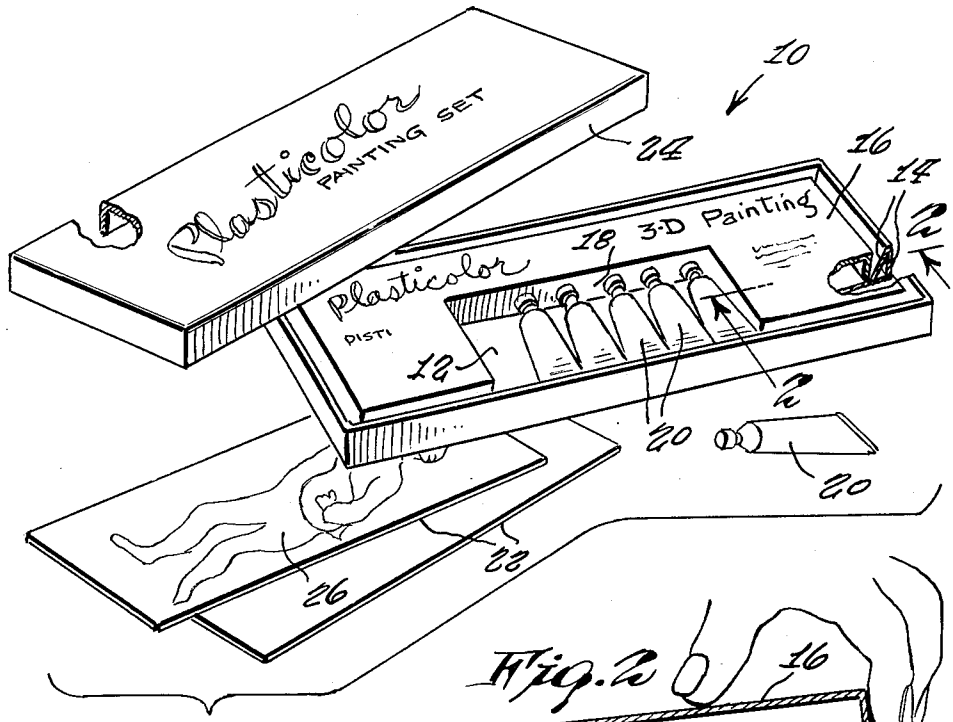


Fig. 1

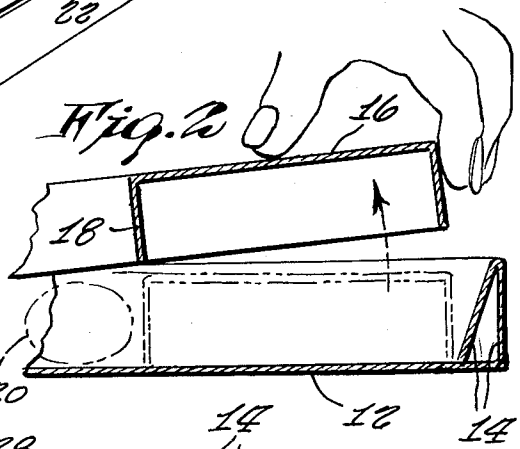


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

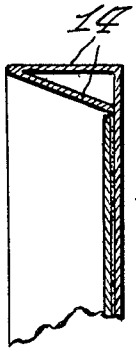


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to packages and, more particularly, to a combination container and picture frame.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a package for artist materials in which the base thereof is readily convertible into a picture frame upon completion of the project.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a self contained painting set having all of the materials required for producing a finished painting, and in which the base of the container may be used as an attractive mounting frame for the completed work.

Still an additional object of the present invention is to provide a novel combination package and picture frame of the type described which can be manufactured in large quantities at a relatively low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of this invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

FIGURE 1 is an exploded perspective view, with parts broken away, of a combination painting set and picture frame made in accordance with the present invention;

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged fragmentary cross sectional view taken along line 2—2 of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 3 is a perspective view of a finished painting mounted within the frame portion of the assembly; and

FIGURE 4 is an enlarged fragmentary cross sectional view taken along line 4—4 of FIGURE 3.

Referring now to the drawing, a combination painting set **10** made in accordance with the present invention is shown to include a base having a bottom wall **12** and a rectangular side wall **14**, preferably of hollow triangular cross sectional configuration, as shown in FIGURE 2. A removable panel **16** serves as a rack for a plurality of collapsible paint tubes **20** which fit snugly within a central cut out **18**.

One or more partially completed artist boards **22** are mounted within the base and normally enclosed therewithin by means of a lid **24**. Each of these artist's boards **22** may have an outline **26** of the art work to be produced, should such be desired.

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In actual use, the tubes **20** of paint are used to complete the artist board **22**, such as by applying the paint thereto in any desired manner in order to produce a finished picture **23**. Upon completion, the mounting panel **16** is removed from the base, as shown in FIGURE 2, thus facilitating the insertion of the artist board **22**. The side walls **14** of the base **12** thus form an attractive and neat frame for the picture which can be conveniently mounted upon a wall. Of course, the sides **14** of the frame may be straight, curved, or angular, as shown, to provide for a variety of different types of frames with different paint sets.

While this invention has been described with particular reference to the construction shown in the drawing, it is to be understood that such is not to be construed as imparting limitations upon the invention, which is best defined by the claims appended hereto.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A self contained painting set comprising, in combination, a base, a removable panel mounted within said base forming a rack for a plurality of collapsible tubes of paint, a partially prepared artist board mounted within said base, portions of said base defining a frame for said board after application of said paint thereto, said base comprising a substantially rectangular bottom panel and a substantially rectangular side wall upstanding from said bottom panel, said removable panel comprising a substantially rectangular member having a central cutout and mounted within said base, and said cutout removably receiving a plurality of said collapsible tubes therewithin.

2. A self contained painting set as set forth in claim 1, wherein each one of said artist boards is of generally rectangular configuration of substantially identical size and shape as said bottom wall of said base.

3. A self contained painting set as set forth in claim 2, wherein said portions of said base comprise said side wall thereof, said side wall being of substantially hollow triangular cross sectional configuration providing a three dimensional effect in response to the insertion of said completed artist board therewithin.

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