

CEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS

For Repairing Vinyl Coated Fabrics

1. **Always work in a well ventilated** space away from any flame or fire. Vinyl cements are highly flammable and the fumes are toxic. Also work on a surface which is resistant to solvents. Surfaces similar to varnish, paint and shellac can be damaged by the solvents in the cement.
2. **Thoroughly clean** the area to be repaired using soap and water or a mild solvent similar to mineral spirits.
3. Make sure the repair area is **completely dry and no solvent residue** is left on the area.
4. **In case of a tear**, the area to be cemented should be at least 2 inches wide on both sides of the tear. If a hole is to be repaired, the area should be 2 inches on all sides of the hole.
5. It is helpful to sketch a line defining the repair area. **The patch should coincide with the sketched area.** Cover the area inside the line with one thin coat of cement. Allow to dry.
6. **Cut a patch** from the repair fabric supplied which matches the shape of the area to be repaired. If the damage is a hole, the patch should be round. If the damage is a tear, the patch should be rectangular, and the corners of the patch should be rounded.
7. **Coat the underside** of the patch with one thin coat of the cement. Allow to dry.
8. Place the repair area on a **solid flat surface**.
9. Roll the patch up and **place on the damaged fabric** so that when unrolled it will fit the damaged area.
10. Beginning at one edge, **thinly coat the damaged area** with cement and immediately allow contact with the patch. Cement just enough area ahead of the patch to allow time for the patch to be rolled down. **Use a roller or other device to smooth** the patch and **squeeze out any air bubbles** which become trapped under the patch.
11. Continue until the patch is **completely cemented down** and allow at least 4 hours for curing. Allow up to 24 hours if possible.
12. If a solvent such as MEK is available, the patch can be wiped lightly with the solvent just prior to rolling in lieu of a light coat of cement.
13. **Heating the entire patch** with a hair dryer or hand held heat gun while rolling will also produce a solid patch.