

Adhesive Method

Not Recommended

- the isocyanate glues (e.g. instant glues)
- any glue containing acetone
- hot glue

Using adhesives to attach rhinestones or sequins

- Open the bottle of glue. You may have to puncture the tip.
- Mark out your pattern (washable fabric pens work well).
- You can either dot a small amount of glue on the fabric or place a dot of glue on the back of the rhinestone/sequin. Use a toothpick, syringe, or the glue bottle tip to make your dot of glue—everyone has their own preferred method.
- With tweezers or your fingers, place the rhinestone and press down. A pencil eraser works well for picking up sequins.
- Handle the garment gently as you are moving it around. Most glues take a while to set, so be careful that the rhinestones don't shift. If you are worried about rhinestones shifting, we recommend using E6000 since it quick sets within 10 minutes. Devcon 2-part epoxy sets within 5 minutes, but is not recommended for fabric.
- Allow to completely dry for 24 hours.



Tips and Tricks

- The adhesives we carry all dry clear.
- If you get glue on your tweezers or fingers, wipe them off so you can minimize the amount of glue on the front side of the rhinestones.
- First test the glue on a fabric sample before committing to an entire project, use glue that dries transparent, make sure the glue covers the entire stone back to minimize peel off, press to fabric for maximum adhesion, follow the manufacturer's instructions, and always hand wash garment with great care.
- We do not recommend Devcon 2-part epoxy, Beacon Fabri-Tac or E6000 for acrylic rhinestones, as the chemicals may cause chemical melting of the backside of the stone.
- **Do Not** dry clean garments with rhinestones applied with adhesives.
- When trying to estimate how much glue you will need, keep in mind that it takes approximately ½ ounce per gross of stones. (One gross = 144 stones.)
- Heavier/larger stones will require more glue.
- For strongest bond - Allow glue to dry for 24 hours. E6000 and Devcon 2-part epoxy set up faster, however 24 hours before wearing, washing or handling a project is recommended.
- After allowing glue to dry, wipe down you project with a cloth. If there is any excess glue you can remove it by using Goo-Gone® Cleaner.
- Our customers prefer one of two glues: Beacon Gem Tac or E6000.
 - 1) Beacon Gem Tac is a white, non-toxic glue that dries clear.
 - 2) E6000 is an industrial glue that dries clear, dries very fast, has an odor that some find unpleasant, and tends to be "stringy." One method of to avoid strings is to twist the wrist while pushing into the fabric and lifting away. If you just lift the glue tip from the fabric, you will get a long string which follows.



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