

CRAFTY IDEAS

Tips To Help Take The Guessing Out Of Gluing

(NAPSA)—Call it making the best of a sticky situation: Most people have some home repairs they would like to finish, but they just aren't sure which glue or adhesive to use. That's because there is such a wide variety of adhesives available for many different applications.

Whether gluing fabric, plastic, rubber, china, ceramic, porcelain, metal, brick, concrete, stone, leather, vinyl, cork, wood, paper, glass or Formica, there is an adhesive made for use on the various substrates (surfaces). Thus, it's no surprise that determining what adhesive product is the best to use is often frustrating and time consuming.

There are ways to overcome the confusion. Before choosing an adhesive for your project, there are several key questions to keep in mind:

- How strong does the bond need to be?
- Does the bond need to be water or heat resistant?
- Will the repaired item be indoors or outdoors?

Asking yourself these questions will help you to choose the right adhesive for the job and ensure a long-lasting bond for your project.

If you're still not sure what to use, try using Loctite® adhesives' "Choose-a-Glue" Web page, which is designed to help consumers avoid the frustration of unsuccessful repairs resulting from using the wrong adhesive.



A helpful Web site tells users which is the right glue for a given project.

To find the adhesive that best meets your needs, log on to www.loctiteproducts.com and locate the Choose-a-Glue function. Then, enter the substrates you wish to glue together. The site instantly provides the Loctite adhesive that most closely matches your desired bond strength, material and general wear-and-tear requirements.

For instance, if you need to glue a broken knickknack or figurine back together, the site recommends using QuickTite® gel to get the job done; but for repairing a plastic toy, Loctite Plastix™ Advanced Plastic Bonder works best, and it even adheres to both polyethylene and polypropylene plastics.

In addition to matching up Loctite glues to specific projects and repairs, the site also offers answers to frequently asked questions from consumers and provides a listing of nearby retailers that carry the products.