

# TIPS ON USING CA GLUE

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Thin CA can be applied in minute amounts if your pharmacist likes you. Ask him if you can buy a few size 25G hypodermic needles. Volunteer to show him your arms that there are not any tracks if he looks at you funny. Cut the needles off by rolling them on a cutting surface with an old X-acto blade in your knife. Use a fine file or sharpening stone to smooth the end so it won't be such a stabbing hazard. I've found that the needle will fit on two different brands of CA.

One of them is Mercury. I think the other is the Hobby Town house brand. Have a butane lighter on standby for when the applicator stops up. Simply heat it with the lighter but be sure to start at the open end. Starting in the middle can cause it to burst. Ask me how I know.

Then, here's how you can apply really small amounts of accelerator. Make an applicator from .015 music wire and a cork. Cut the head off of a wood screw and put it in your drill chuck. Thread the cork on the screw and use the drill like a lathe to shape the cork to fit your accelerator bottle. Form a 1/16" loop in one end of the wire and insert the other end into the cork. You'll be amazed how long CA and kicker last using these tips.

If you have trouble getting needles, another applicator can be made by inserting a sewing needle into a bamboo skewer handle and then cutting most of the eye away to leave a tiny two tined fork. Make a tiny cup of aluminum foil and put two or three drops of CA in it. Dip the fork in the CA and apply it to the joint.