

HOW TO GLUE SNAKESKINS TO YOUR PEN TUBES

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Step 1: First you will need to sand your pen tubes with 220 grit to roughen them up so that the paint will adhere to them. (Or purchase white powder coated tubes for your specific pen kit {Recommended}) Then, you will need to paint them. I use Kilz white primer if I dont have any powdercoated tubes.



Step 2: You should then cut the skin to length for each tube, leaving a 1/16" excess on both ends. The reason I do this is because the CA sets up fast and I like to have a little excess just in case I mess up.



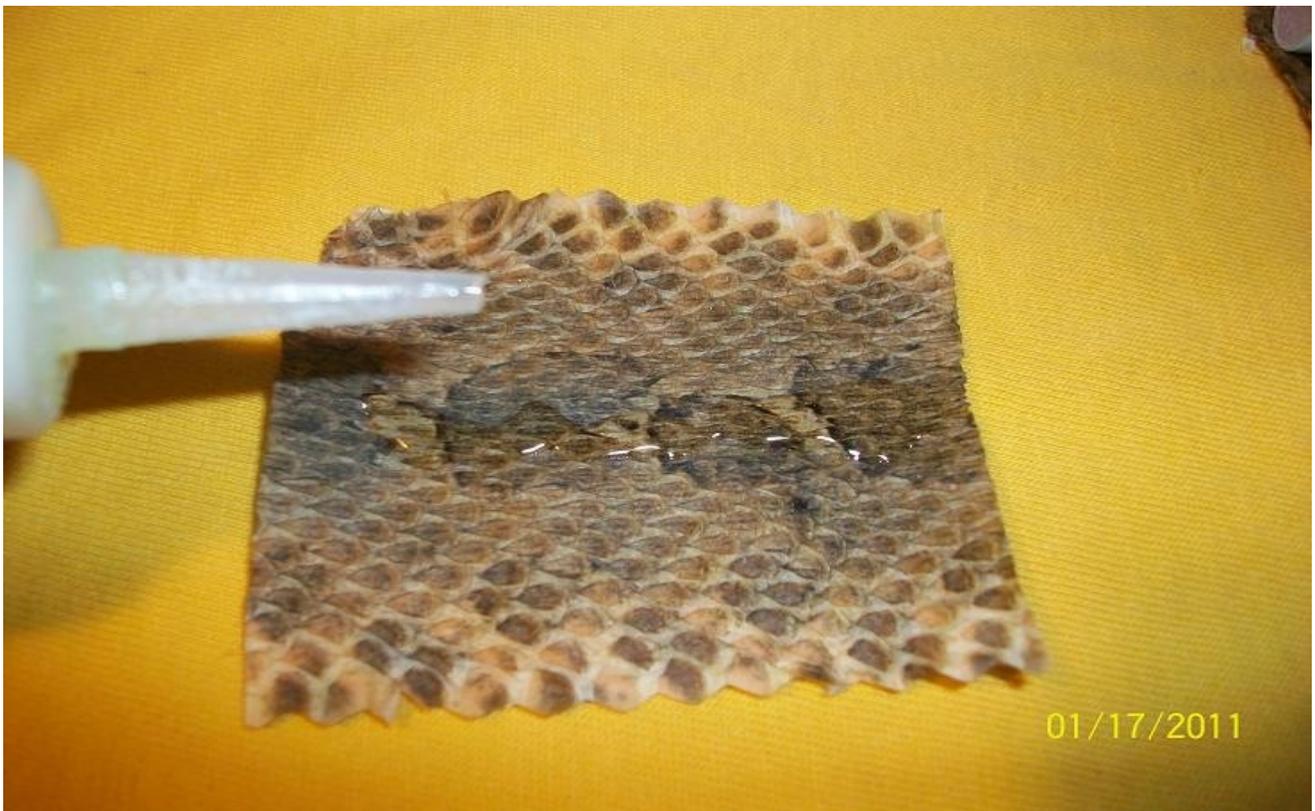
I realize that the skin on the right is much longer than 1/16", if you can spare that much extra per blank then go for it. I try not to waste that much usually because this particular snake is hard to come by.

Step 3: Set your tubes on top of skin to double check how you will set them once you apply the CA. You must remember that some of these steps may be overkill, but when you are A.D.D. Like me, each step is critical to achieve perfection.



Notice the tube on the right needs to set closer to the left side so that it matches closely(just like you would if you were lining up the grain on wood blanks) One thing I should point out is that now is the time to test fit the skin to the tube, make the necessary trimming so that application goes well.

Step 4: After you have flipped your skins over, apply a small bead of CA to the center of the skins from one side to the other.



Step 5: Once you have applied the CA down the center of the skin, take the tube and carefully position it just above the skin where you want it and then lightly set it into position.



At this point, I apply downward pressure with my fingers making a forward and back rolling motion. This will squeeze the CA to the front and back of the tube and prevent any air pockets from forming. Roll one side all the way over and then the other.

Step 6: The end result is this, now do the same with the other tube and then move on to casting!



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