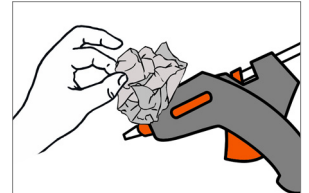


# Glue Gun Hacks & Tips

## TIPS FOR WORKING WITH A GLUE GUN

- Let **kids use only low heat guns**. You can buy glue guns that have both settings.
- Use **craft or Popsicle sticks** to press things in place, saving your fingers.
- When inserting a new glue stick place a dab of hot glue on the end to make it hold firmly to the back of the stick that's already in the gun. This allows for seamless feeding. You can also **glue 3 or more together** for a long line of glue sticks!
- **Clean your messy gun with foil**. Make sure your gun is turned on. Roll up a large piece of foil into *loose rough ball* and rubbing it roughly over nozzle and body. Be very careful to not burn yourself. This works wonderfully!
- To **remove those floaty glue strings** that can be on your finished project, grab a hair dryer and use it on high over your project. It should melt them right off.
- **Keep a bowl of ice water close by** where you work. You can quickly stick your finger or hand etc. into the water if you get burned. We prefer to keep a high quality lavender oil handy for burns. Apply it liberally on the burned area. We've never had a burn turn red, much less create a scar.



## GLUE GUN HELPFUL HACKS

- Place a dab of hot glue over the **hole in tub toys** to keep the water out.
- For **shoes that slip** place some wiggly lines on the bottom soles. For children you can even draw faces or their name on the soles.
- Keep **hanging pictures from tilting** by placing a small bead of hot glue on the bottom corners. Let it dry then hang again. This glue will give them some grip to keep them in place.
- For **rugs that slide** you can use wiggly lines of hot glue on the back or the edges to keep them in place. For large rugs try just the corners first.
- To **keep clothing from falling off hangers**, place dots on the top of each side of the hanger.
- **Replace small appliance rubber feet** with hot glue. For smaller items you can even cut a piece off of a normal unheated glue stick and paint it black or a matching color and glue it on!
- **Replace a button** until you have time to sew it on with a small amount of hot glue. It holds firm.
- For **portable quick hot glue**, place a small round bead of glue 1/4" down from a wood match head and allow to dry. When you need a tiny amount of hot glue, burn the match down till it melts the glue and apply it.

