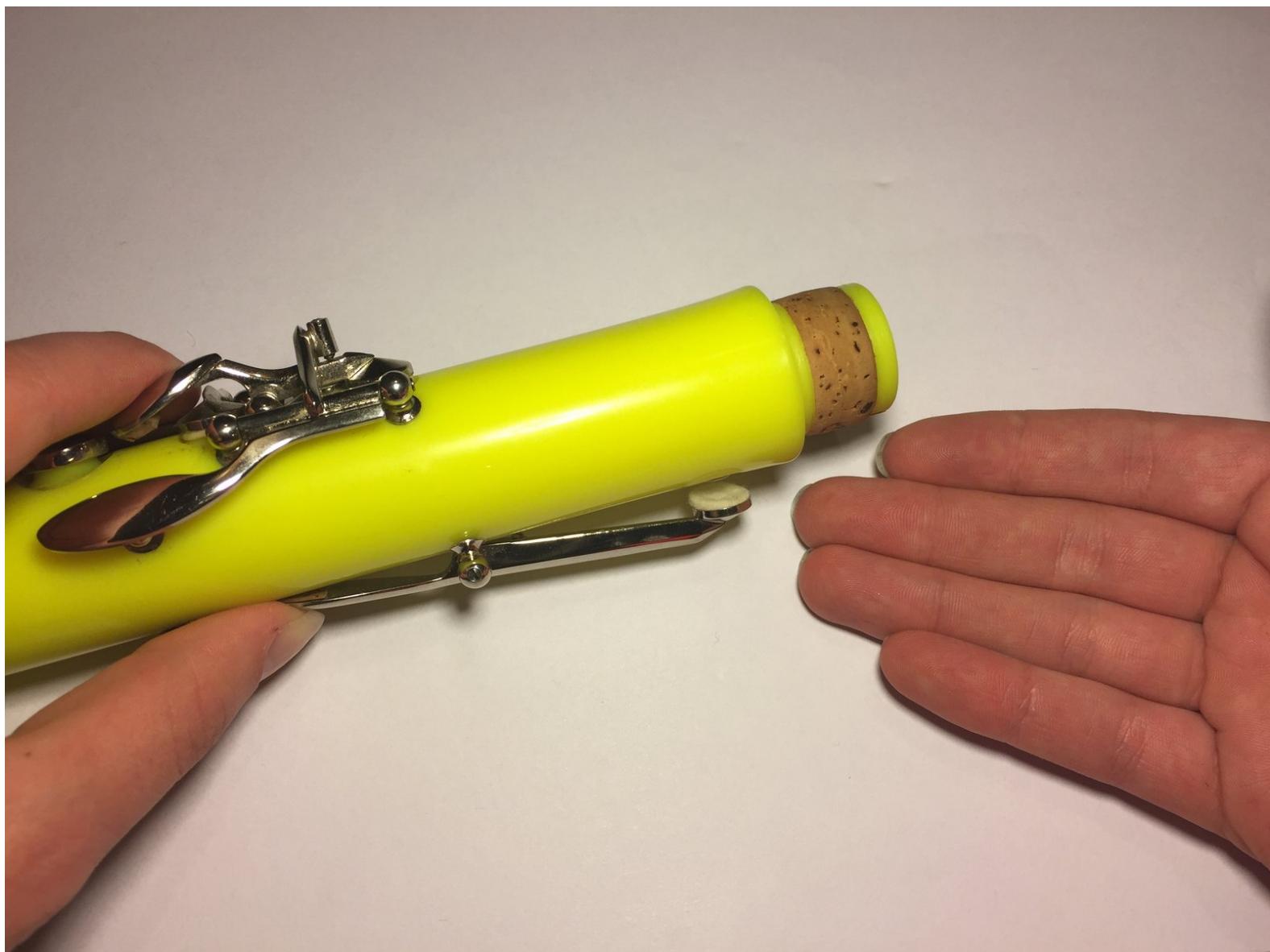




B-Flat Clarinet Key Pad Replacement

Replace a missing or damaged key pad on a clarinet.

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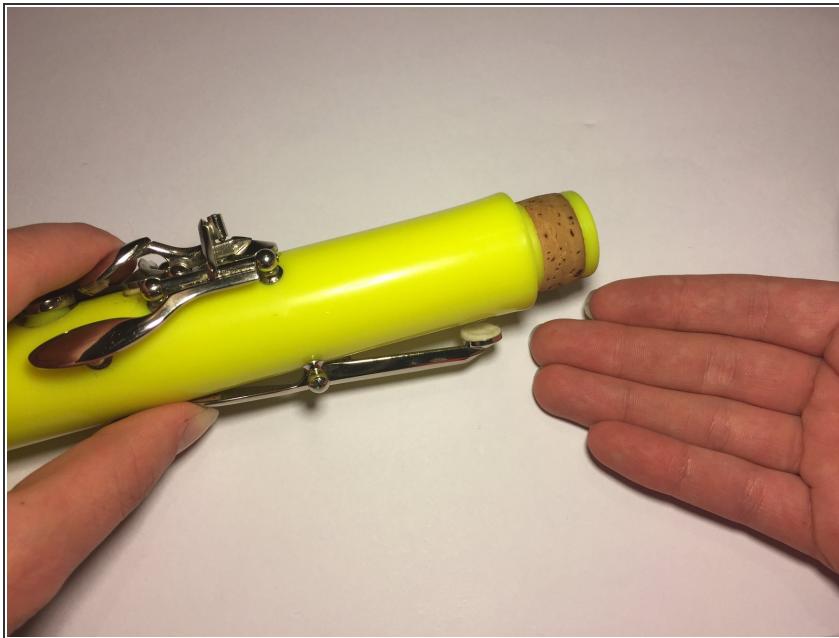
INTRODUCTION

While a clarinet is used in this guide, this technique could be used on other woodwind instruments. A pad on a clarinet needs to be replaced if it falls off or becomes damaged. In this case, the protective film on the pad has fallen off.

TOOLS:

- **Phillips PH000 Screwdriver** (1)
- **Super Glue** (1)

Step 1 — Key Pad



- Disassemble the clarinet until you are handling only the joint containing the missing or damaged pad.
- If the pad is missing completely, skip to step 3.

Step 2



- Remove the damaged pad by inserting the screwdriver under the pad and peeling it off the key.

Step 3



- Squeeze a dot of super glue into the empty key.
- Take care to not overfill the key or glue will ooze out and potentially bind the key to the instrument.

Step 4



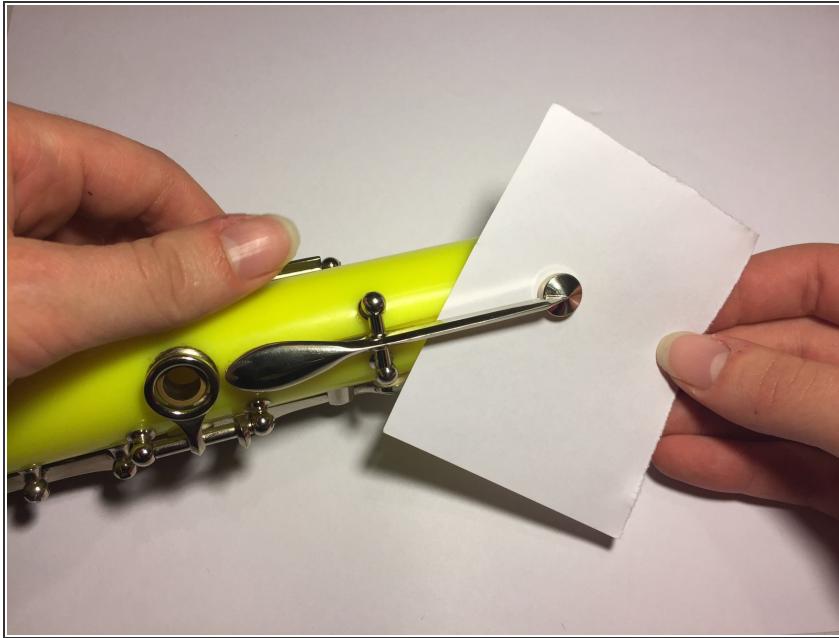
- Quickly insert the new pad into the key, taking care not to smear the glue.

Step 5



- Using the screwdriver, press the pad down to secure it to the key
- Hold the pad for 5 seconds to let the glue harden

Step 6



- Place a small piece of paper between the key and the instrument to avoid residual glue binding the key to the instrument
- Let the instrument sit out for a few minutes to let the glue fully dry