



Clarinet Cork Replacement

This is an easy to follow guide on how to replace a broken cork on your clarinet.

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INTRODUCTION

Taking your clarinet to the music store to get your cork replace can be expensive. Following this guide by removing and replacing the cork yourself can save you a lot of money.

TOOLS:

- [Slip Joint Pliers](#) (1)
 - [Ruler](#) (1)
 - [Sandpaper](#) (1)
 - [Cork Grease](#) (1)
 - [Utility Scissors](#) (1)
 - [Self Adhesive Clarinet Joint](#) (1)
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Step 1 — Cork



- Using pliers, remove the old cork by pinching it off.

Step 2



- Clean the joint with soap and water

Step 3



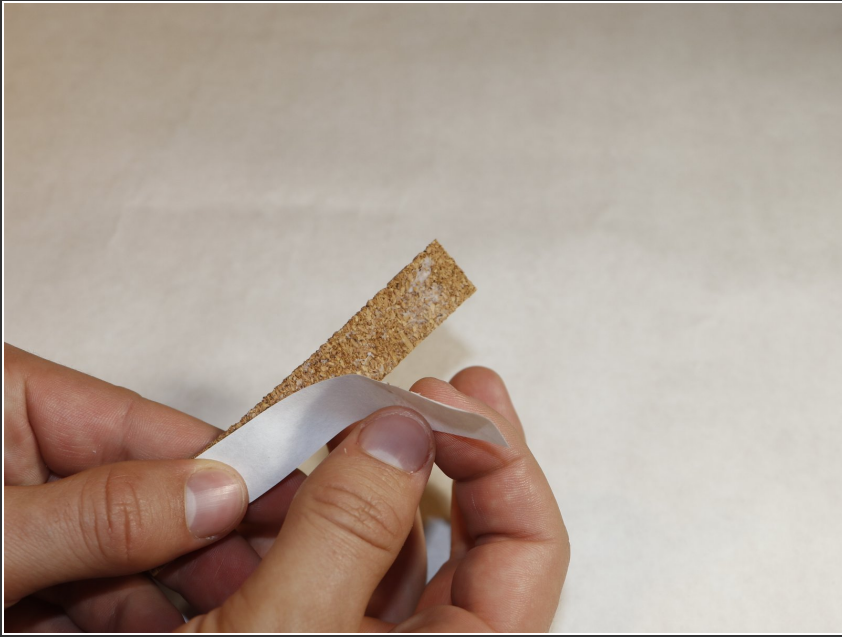
- Measure the width of the tenon joint.
- Only measure the area where the cork will lie, not the entire joint.

Step 4



- Cut the new cork to match the width of the tenon joint.

Step 5



- Peel off the backside of the cork to reveal the adhesive.

Step 6



- Wrap the cork around the joint.

Step 7



- Sand the cork with sandpaper until the cork is smooth.

Step 8



- Apply cork grease on the new cork.

Step 9



- Slowly twist and slide the joint back together.

Once your clarinet is reassembled, leave the joint together for at least a few hours to let the cork compress and adhere properly. Play the fully assembled clarinet or blow some air through the joint to check for any leaks. When you are ready to put it away, disassemble it carefully. Enjoy your new cork!