



# How to Reattach a Broken Piece of Wood

Learn how to reattach a wood fragment that has broken off a piece of wood furniture.

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## INTRODUCTION

These instructions provide a simple technique for reattaching a broken piece of wood to any type of furniture. We demonstrate this technique on a nightstand, but it can be used on any wooden surface that needs to be fixed. No carpentry skill is required to complete this repair.

### TOOLS:

- Cleaning Rag (1)
- Wood Glue (1)
- Small Paintbrush (1)
- Utility Knife (1)

*Optional*

- Spring Clamps (1)

## Step 1 — How to Reattach a Broken Piece of Wood



- Dust the surface of the fragment and the damaged area of the furniture.
- Any household cleaner will work; we recommend a damp rag.

 Clean carefully, making sure not to cause further damage by splintering the fragment.

## Step 2



- Check that the fragment fits well into the break in the furniture.
- *i* If the fragment does not fit perfectly, cut away any irregular slivers on the fragment using a utility knife to achieve as neat of a fit as possible.

## Step 3



- Apply glue to both the fragment and the furniture.
- Check that the glue is spread evenly throughout both pieces.
- *i* Using a brush to spread the glue to all crevices is most effective.

## Step 4



- Insert the wood fragment into the glued spot on the furniture.

## Step 5



- Wipe away any excess glue using a damp rag.

⚠ Be careful not to move the fragment out of alignment as you are wiping.

## Step 6



- Clamp the two pieces together.
- You can use any type of clamp that you have on hand. If you don't have a clamp, any type of clip would work.
- Wait 30 minutes for the glue to dry before removing the clamp.

**⚠** Be careful not to bump the fragment out of alignment as you are clamping.

Continue using furniture as you had before!