

MIRROR MASTIC INSTRUCTIONS

Mounting a large, hand-crafted mirror to a wall with mirror mastic presents two challenges.

Ghost Images Mirror mastic creates fumes (out-gases) as it cures. These fumes can migrate through air-dried mirror backing paint and show up as unsightly ghost images on the front of the mirror. Aluminum Foil Safety Tape seals the silver from the mastic fumes.

Broken Shards Large sheets of glass glued to the wall can shatter. Covering the back of the mirror with Foil Safety Tape holds the shards firmly in place preventing serious injuries.



STEP-BY-STEP

1. Dry the silver or other mirror coating completely before protecting it with mirror backing paint. Do not trap moisture between the paint and the mirror coating.
2. Use a disposable foam paint roller or spray gun to apply the backing paint.
3. Allow the paint to dry and cure in a warm, dry place for at least 24 hours.
4. Cover the entire mirror (edge to edge) with Foil Safety Tape.
 - a. Overlap the strips of tape by 1/4" (6mm).
 - b. Rub down the tape with a squeegee or soft cloth.
 - c. Inspect the surface for pinholes or tears in the tape.
 - d. Cover pinholes or tears with additional tape.
5. After moving the mirror to its final location and before applying the mastic, rub down the overlapped lines again to prevent loose edges. Cover any holes or tears that might have occurred in transit. Holes, tears and open areas allow fumes from the mastic to tarnish the mirror over time.
6. Use Gunther Premier Plus (low VOC, solvent-free) Mirror Mastic to glue the mirror in place following all of the instructions printed on the tube.

We strongly recommend using mechanical supports in addition to mirror mastic for large or heavy mirrors.