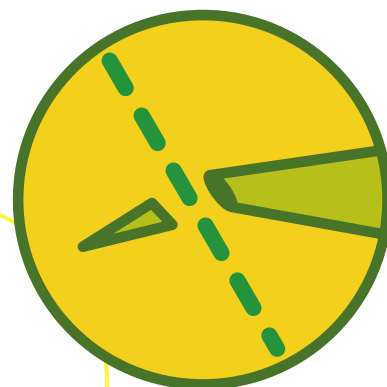


How To Caulk

Cut the tip of the caulk cartridge (or squeeze tube) according to the size of the caulk bead you wish to apply. A typical bead is 1/4" in diameter, but you may need a thinner or thicker application. Use a razor knife or other sharp edge, and always make a slanted or angled cut, one that is not flat across the width of the cartridge tip.

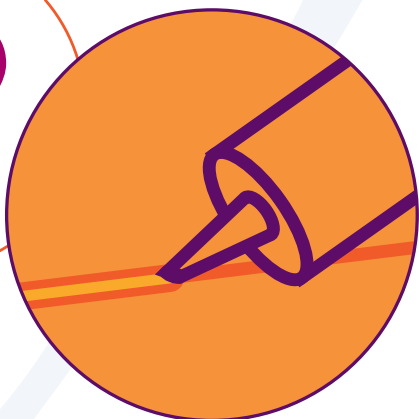
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Cut Tip

Apply Caulk

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Slowly squeeze the trigger on the caulk gun, allowing the caulk to extrude from the cartridge or tube tip at the rate that is best for your work. Make sure the caulk comes in full contact with application surfaces. For best results, the caulk should not adhere to more than two permanent surfaces planes or sides.

Smooth Bead

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Draw a moistened finger or other "smoothing tool" along the caulk bead after applying. This will help the caulk bead adhere to the application surfaces and create a more professional appearance. The back of a wet spoon or butter knife makes a fine tool for this purpose.

4 Tips

For a neater result, masking or other tape may be applied along both edges of the crack or seam before caulk is applied. After the caulk cures, slowly remove the tape.

When caulking around a bathtub or sink, fill it half full with water before applying caulk. This will minimize stress on the cured caulk during use of the tub or sink.

If the seam or crack to be caulked is shallow, the cartridge or squeeze tube may be pulled toward the user during application. If it is a deep seam, the cartridge should be pushed away from the user for better caulk penetration.

Patience. Don't rush the job. Practice makes perfect in caulking, too!