

How to Affix a Glass Cabochon to a Jewelry Finding or Other Surface!

The Two Lassies have had LOTS of questions relating to this sticky subject! Just how does one affix a jewelry finding to a piece of fused glass and make it PERMANENT?? It's really NOT that difficult, but it DOES require some preparatory work to ensure a good, lasting bond.

Begin by taking a piece of medium grit sandpaper and rough up the back side of the glass where you plan to adhere your finding. The surface of the glass is so perfectly smooth, that the glue needs something to grab onto. By sanding the glass, you are creating tiny ridges where the glue can then make a good, solid contact.

You must then rough up the corresponding surface to which you are planning to adhere the glass (i.e., the top of a box, the back of the brooch finding, or earring post). Then, using a TWO-PART, FIVE MINUTE EPOXY that is recommended for glass (which can be found at your favorite hardware store for about \$4.00), apply small, even amounts of glue to the cab and affix it to your finding, using gentle even pressure.

**** WARNING **** Until the glue has set (FIVE MINUTES), the finding may "slip" on the surface of the glass, or vice versa, so it is IMPORTANT to keep an eye on you project to ensure it does not "shift" position until the glue has set up. When possible, you may even choose to use painter's tape (the dark blue tape with a mildly sticky surface) to hold your project in position while the glue cures. Nothing however, can take the place of vigilance!