

Tambourine Head Replacement

1. Soak Head in lukewarm water for about 1 hour.
2. While head is soaking, take off old head either by removing drawing pins or staples with a thin screw driver. This can be difficult. Keep drawing pins.
3. Sand the bearing edge of the shell to remove any old glue.
4. If head was held by staples, use new brass drawing pins. You will need to measure the spacing between the new holes now. I use a protractor. Start the holes so that it will be easier to put the pins in later.
5. Apply white wood glue to the sanded edge, spreading glue evenly around the rim. Don't use too much though.
6. Place the wet head on top of the glue coated edge, roughest side up, and centre the head so that 1 inch extends past the edge of the shell.
7. Push a pin through the head and hammer it home. Go around the head in clock fashion ie. 12-6, 3-9, 1-7, etc, stretching head as you go, putting a pin in each time. Experience will tell you how tight to pull each the head (not too much).
8. Pull a wide rubber band around the head over the pins. A second ban would be useful to hold the head flat as far as the jingle slots. This will make cutting easier. Wide bands can be bought from model shops.
9. Put the tambourine in a cool place to dry, putting a clean damp cloth in the middle of the head so that the edges dry first.
10. After 24 hours remove the rubber bands and trim off the excess skin with a Stanley knife blade. You will need to figure out the best way to do this to provide a clean straight cut.

Good Luck