



Cementing a leaded panel

Now for the messy bit! Cementing your stained glass work provides rigidity, support and weather protection.

To avoid making too much mess on your work bench, cover it with newspaper or brown paper and place your panel on it. You may also want to wear latex gloves.

The cement comes in plastic tubs. Before use, make sure the cement is thoroughly mixed as the linseed oil tends to separate from the more solid mix. As a guide, the shelf life of cement is between three and four months regardless of the size of the tin. Brush the cement well into the lead wings with a pushing action using a stiff toothbrush or washing up brush. Make sure this is done thoroughly and every lead edge is treated. Once the cement is applied, thoroughly wipe off the lead before leaving overnight as it will adhere to the lead surface, it can however be left on the glass.

Using whiting

When one side of the panel is done, dust a generous amount of whiting over the surface of the panel and then turn the panel over to repeat the whole process on the reverse side. The whiting helps to absorb the linseed oil medium in the cement and therefore causes it to dry more quickly. In normal temperatures the panel will be ready for clean up the following day.

Cleaning

Brush off the whiting. Use a scrubbing brush to remove all of the excess cement, before carefully going around the edges of each piece of glass with your all nova tool, being sure not to remove the cement from the lead wings.



Leaded Light Cement



Whiting



Scrubbing Brush