

Making the curtains

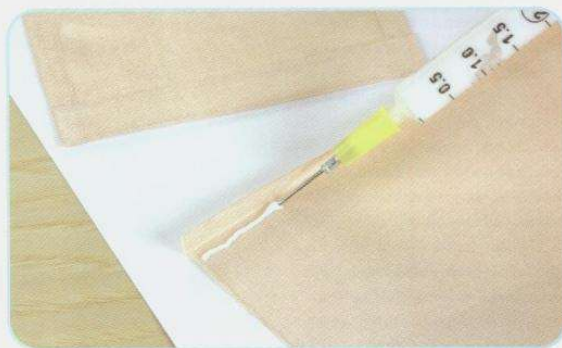
Miniature curtains are best made with a combination of gluing and sewing so that the visual effect is as much to scale as possible.

Hemming

You can hem miniature curtains with glue or stitching. A fine line of glue is usually best because this is the least visible. Hem miniature curtains first at the sides, then along the bottom edge using a single turn to avoid bulk.

1 First press down the hem, and then apply a thin line of glue under the turning using a syringe, and press down lightly. Alternatively, sew with a line of fine machine stitches or by hand with a hemming stitch that only just catches the front of the fabric.

2 Lightly glue hems on tulle net curtains so that a line of stitching does not show through the fabric. For fine silk and organdie curtains, test the glue on a scrap of waste fabric first; the glue may show through some extremely sheer fabrics, so hand-hemming is best for these.



Applying trim

Add miniature trims before you make up the curtains. Use PVA (white) or craft glue, rather than sewing, to avoid stiffness, and apply with a glue applicator or syringe with a fine tip. Lightly mark the line to be glued with a ruler and pencil first, if you find it difficult to keep the line straight.



A decorative trim will finish curtains and blinds attractively. Using glue ensures a neat finish, as shown on this Roller Blind from page 28.



Using glue on the side turnings avoids unsightly stitches showing through nets. (See page 34 for how to make these Classic Net Curtains.)