How to Clean Up a Rubber Cement Spill

Rubber cement may be used as an adhesive for a variety of projects. It is the cleanest of all paper adhesives, rubs off easily and quickly, and spreads smoothly without stringing. However, it is a chemical and therefore requires this special procedure if spilled. This procedure is written for adult use only.

**WARNING**

If rubber cement spills, act fast

**Equipment and Materials**

- A stack of 3x 5 inch stiff cards
- Rubber Cement
- Goggles
- Face Shield
- Gloves
- Protective Apron
- Air Line Hood or Mask

**Safety Precautions**

Depending on the type of rubber cement you are using, you should wear some or all of the following protective equipment.

![Protective Equipment Icons]

**Instructions**

1. Keep a stack of small (3-by-5-inch) stiff cards near where you use rubber cement. (Figure 1.) This is where the spill will occur. (Figure 2)
2. When a spill occurs, stand the rubber cement container upright and off to the side.

3. Gather the spilled cement by using two of the cards, one in each hand, as shown in Figure 3.

![Figure 3. Use cards to gather rubber cement.](image)

4. If the cement spilled on a clean surface, scoop the cement back into the original container as shown in Figure 4. Repeat until it is all recovered.

![Figure 4. Pour scooped rubber cement into container.](image)

5. If the cement spilled on a dirty surface:
   - Scoop the cement onto a piece of newspaper or into a disposable container.
   - Deposit the newspaper or container into a trash can.