How to use a fabric glue stick

What is a fabric glue stick? It is a tube containing a rub-on glue that is easily applied to join layers of fabric—it is not a liquid. This stitchable glue is non-toxic, acid-free and water-soluble so it can be washed out of most fabrics (and from your fingers!). Use it to position narrow trims before stitching, such as lace or ribbons or to baste zippers and hems in place. Keep it handy to assist in matching plaids or stripes or to keep a seam allowance from rolling up while you are joining pieces. The Dritz® Glue Stick is also invaluable when joining fabric to paper or paper to paper. Obviously this twist-bottom tube is very simple to use, but there are tips that will help you create a successful project.

You will need:
- Dritz® Fabric Glue Stick
- Protective paper or Teflon® sheet recommended

TIP: Work on a Teflon® sheet or piece of paper to protect your work surface from unwanted glue.

Glue

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ACTUAL SIZE   Twist-bottom

TIP: Store in the refrigerator to keep glue from drying out and spreading too quickly.

1. Remove cap to expose glue.
2. Twist base clockwise to extend glue stick as it is used.
3. Twist base counterclockwise to retract the glue stick when you are finished. Replace cap.

Temporary application: Apply glue to the underside of the item to be attached. Allow about 30 seconds for glue to lose its slick sheen and become tacky before joining. Join surfaces. Finger-press together gently to secure. Allow glue to dry before stitching.

Permanent application: For craft projects requiring the joining of fabric to paper or paper to paper, apply glue to both surfaces—the base and the item being attached. Allow about 30 seconds for glue to lose its slick sheen and become tacky before joining. Blowing on it speeds the process. Place the glued surfaces together and press gently. Allow glue to dry completely before continuing with remaining steps of your project.

NOTE: Fabric textures differ, and not all fabric surfaces bond as well as others. Always test the glue on a scrap of fabric first before starting your project to ensure good results.