

# CUE TIP REPLACEMENT

1. Sand off the top of the cue and ferrule to remove all the old glue. A cue top sander is used to get a square and flat surface.
2. Measure to be sure the new tip is large as or larger than the shaft in diameter. A tip that is too small will not work
3. Sand off the bottom of the cue tip to provide a good clean bonding surface. This is best done with 120 grit sandpaper, but any grit will possibly work OK.
4. Put a glue drop on top of the clean ferrule bonding surface.
5. Put the sanded cue tip surface on the glue drop, and with a light swirling pressure to get rid of air bubbles, because the tip and the ferrule end to come together, with the tip centered as well as possible.
6. Clamp the parts together with a cue clamp, and leave for a sufficient time for the glue to dry. It is a good idea to hang the cue in such a manner as to avoid cue warping.
7. Shape the sides of the cue tip:  
Now that the cue is glued and dry, it is time to finish the job. The first thing to do is to remove any excess glue, and to shape the sides of the tip if necessary. This is done easiest with 120 grit sandpaper, but the guys years ago used to stand the cue on its tip, and cut around the ferrule with cutting strokes straight down using their trusty pocket knife. You can do whatever feels better. The thinking here is to get the sides of the tip to exactly match the size and curvature of the sides of the ferrule. If the tip overhangs the ferrule, the cue will feel hollow when you shoot pool.
8. Shape the top of the cue tip:  
After shaping the sides of the cue tip, it is time to shape the top of the cue tip. A cue tip needs to be rounded to the curvature of a nickel stood on end. This is accomplished best with a cue tip shaper as illustrated below. This function accomplishes two purposes. First it shapes the tip to allow good shot control, and second it roughens the cue tip surface to make holding chalk possible.

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