



FIBER FORCE Step by Step Instructions:

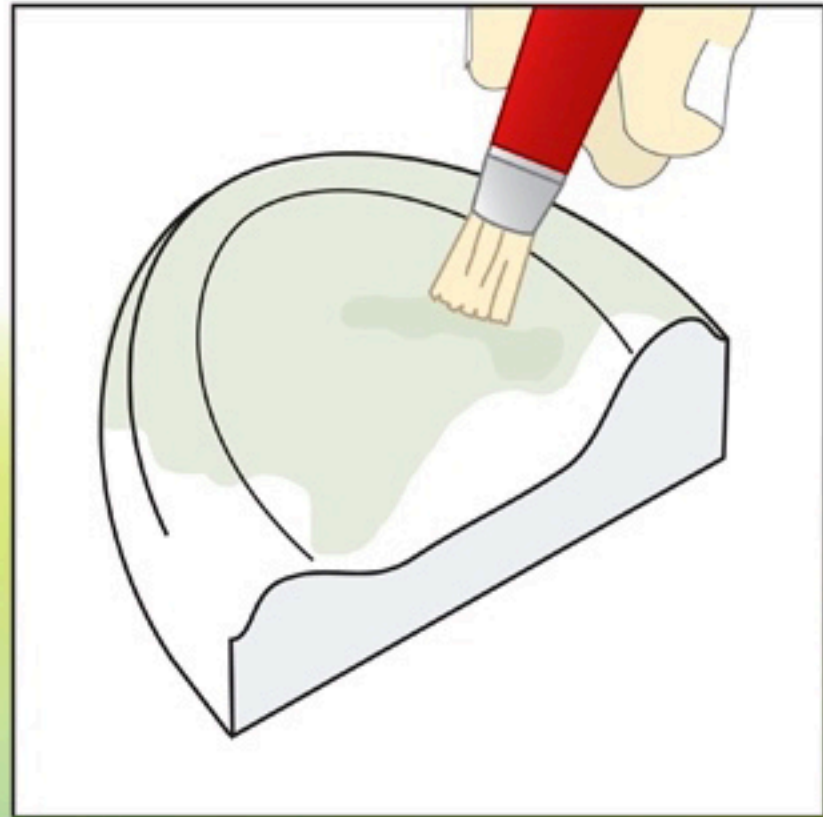
Mesh Framework/Matrix Fabrication:
- Packing/Pressing Technique



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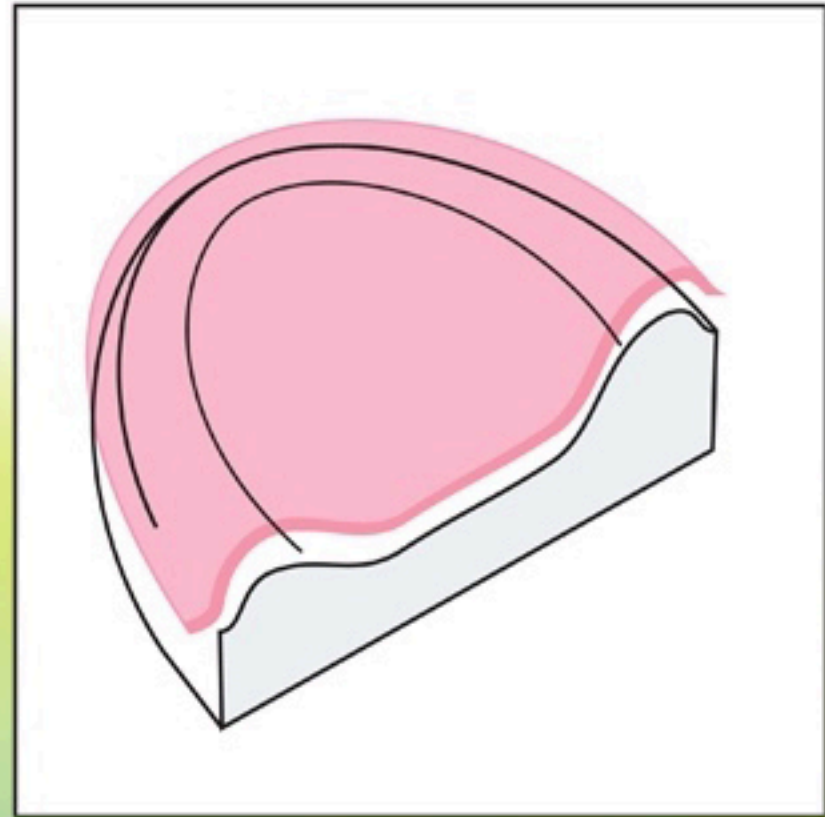
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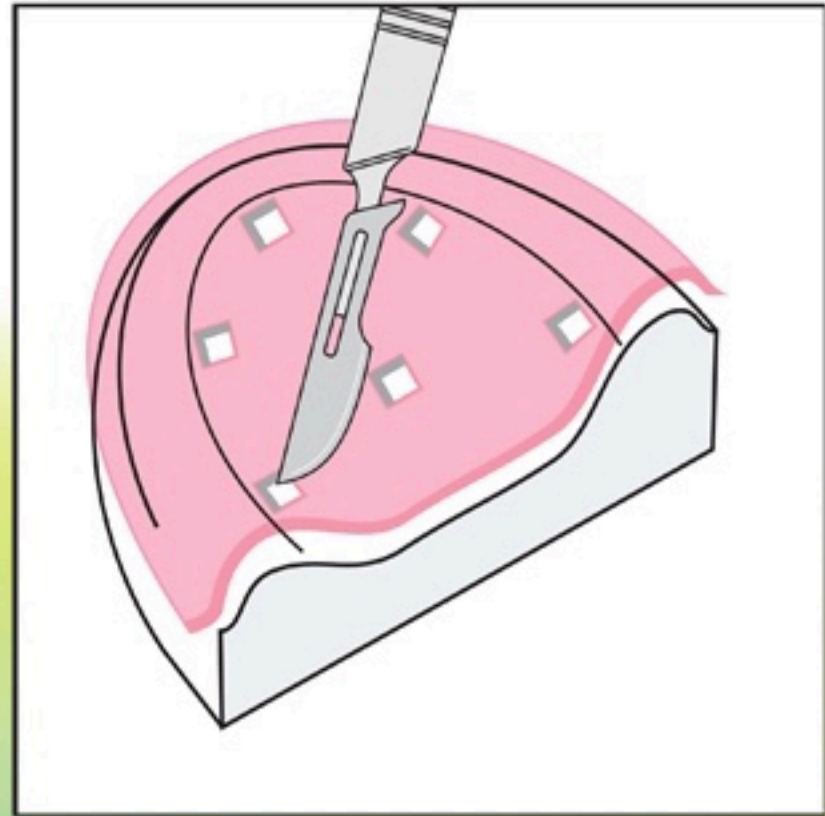
2. Warm or heat a sheet of thin wax (0.5mm) and cover the model with the layer of wax spacer.

Only a thin layer is required, and too great a thickness may impact the fit quality of the final cured framework/ matrix.



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3. Cut rectangular holes in the wax throughout the palate and/or arch as the case may be.



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4. Using the FIBER FORCE pink light cure resin, or a self cure repair acrylic, fill the holes in the wax, creating small buttons or stops.



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4. *These will maintain the space between the mesh matrix and the model when ultimately placed back on the model for final processing.*

Light Cure for 10 to 20 seconds to maintain stop integrity.





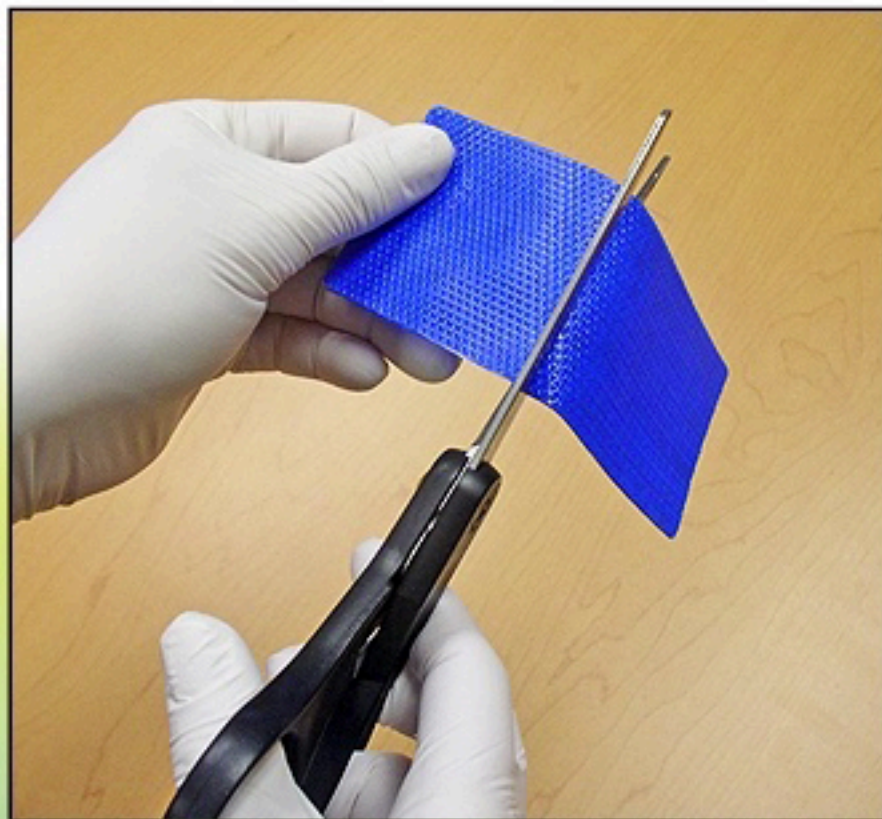
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- *It is recommended that direct lighting be kept to a minimum during this phase as the FIBER FORCE mesh is light sensitive and can cure prematurely if exposed to light for too long.*
- *The steps in Section B should be completed within two minutes to avoid premature curing.*
- *If the process is interrupted cover the model/mesh completely until you can resume.*

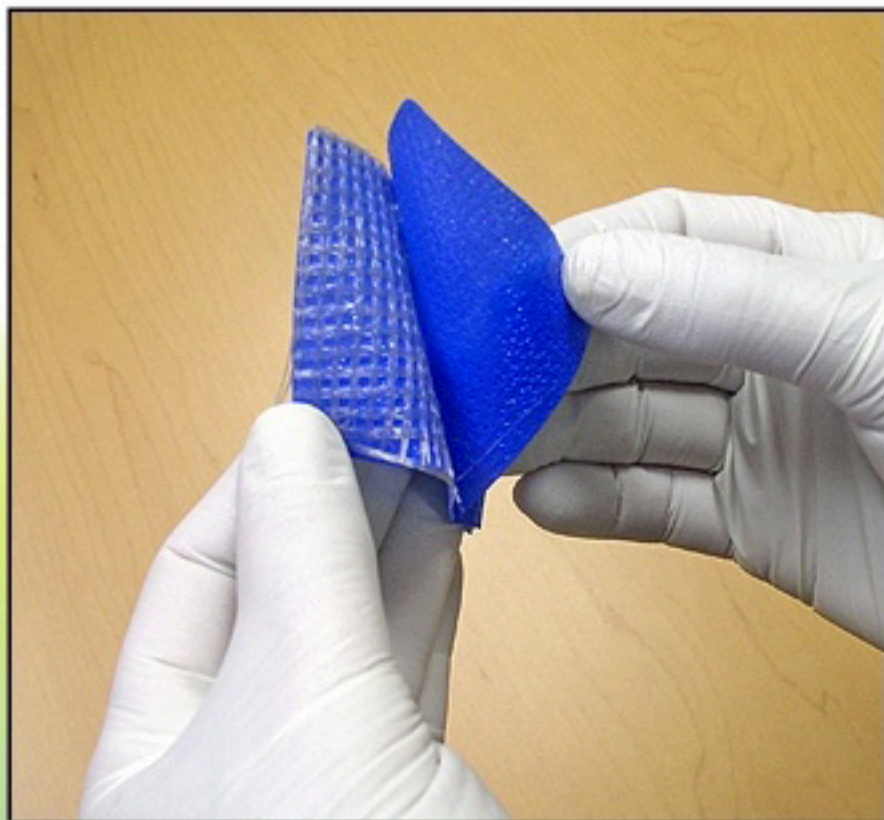
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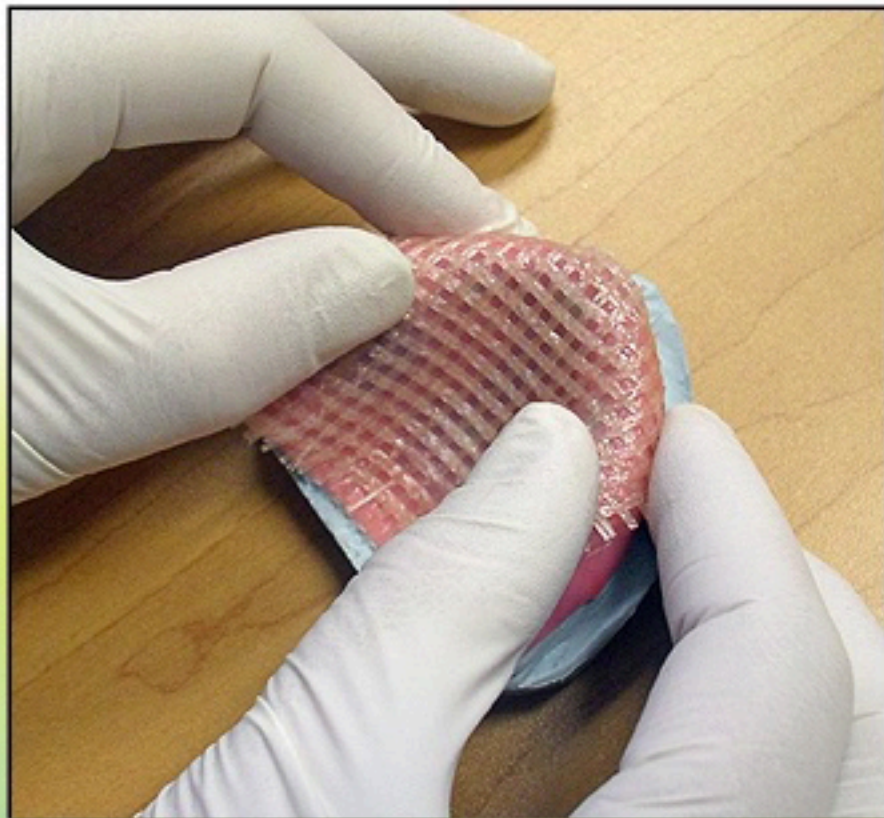
2. Remove the blue protective coverings on both sides.



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3. Press or shape the mesh into place on the model, ensuring that the material is moulded intimately onto the wax and to the model.

Any material that extends beyond the final intended anatomical areas can easily be trimmed after curing.





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Following the vacuum process as outlined will:

- *ensure that the mesh matrix is adapted perfectly to the model; which will guarantee the matrix is easily and accurately integrated into the acrylic at final processing;*
- *eliminate the oxygen inhibited layer in the resin, ensuring all the resin is cured;*
- *ensure the matrix does not warp or deform when being cured. It is recommended that the EZ VAC unit be prepared for use before Step A to ensure minimal exposure time of the mesh fibres to ambient light.*

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1. Ensure acrylic beads are placed inside the main compartment of the EZ VAC.

*This part is call
"the Chamber"*



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2. Position the model inside the unit, preferably below the top rim of the chamber.

If the model extends above the top rim please ensure the silicone gasket remains in close contact with the model.



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5. Insert the free end of the black tubing attached to the main body of the EZ VAC into the hand pump.



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7. Pull on the air pump, pulling the silicone gasket down completely and firmly over the model.

Five to six pulls on the pump handle.



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7. In some cases, especially with mandibular models, it may be necessary to gently push down on the silicone matrix while pumping, pushing excess air out of the unit, to ensure that it adapts completely to the model. When doing so avoid pressing with the nails of the fingers as this may rupture the gasket.

If the unit does not hold a vacuum please see the troubleshooting section.

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8. Remove the black air tubing from the hand pump by first pulling down on the blue ring at the very tip of the hand pump then pulling the tubing out.



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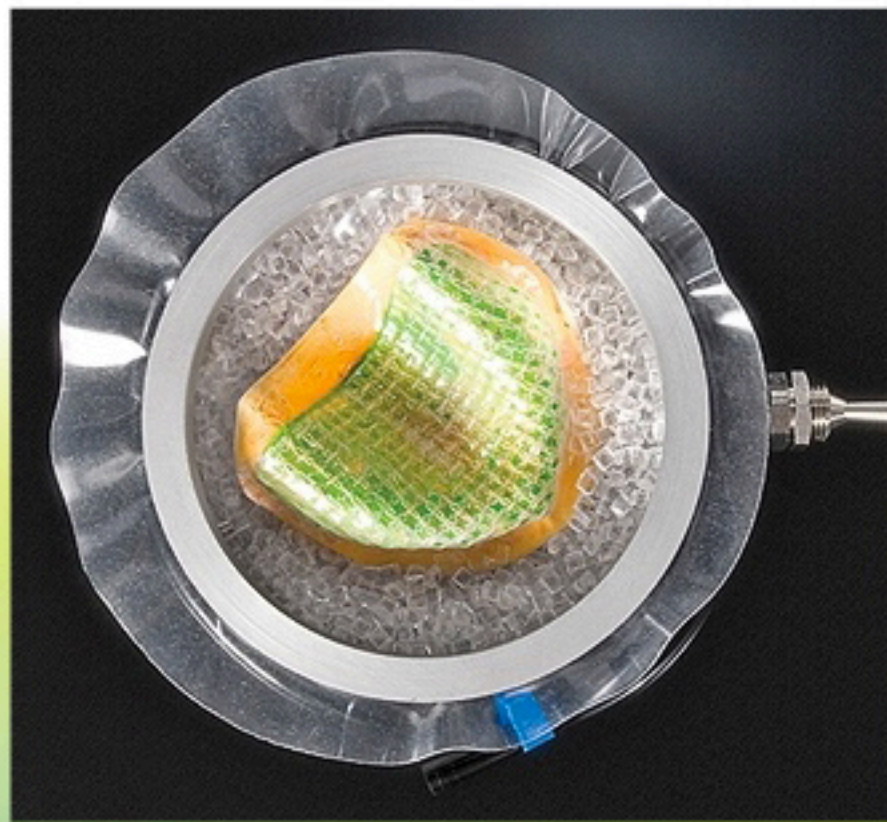
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- *Several brands of light curing units will accept the EZ VAC unit, such as the Dentsply Triad and Keystone ProCure units.*
- *Please verify before first use that the EZ VAC unit will fit inside the light curing unit on hand.*
- *Curing time will vary slightly depending on the unit used – see the written instructions provided with the FIBER FORCE mesh for a listing of recommended curing times.*

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1. Place the EZ VAC inside the light curing unit.



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2. Turn on the light curing unit for the recommended period of time.

Usually 45-120 seconds.



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3. When curing is completed turn off the light curing unit and remove the EZ VAC.





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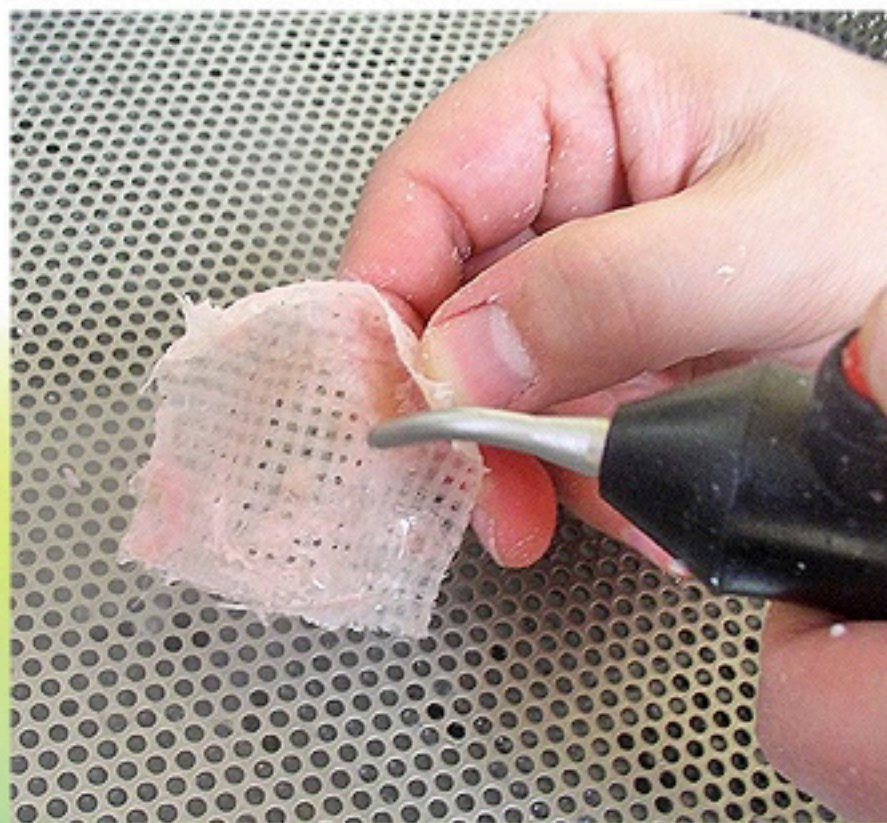
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4. Using your preferred method, remove all wax from the mesh matrix.



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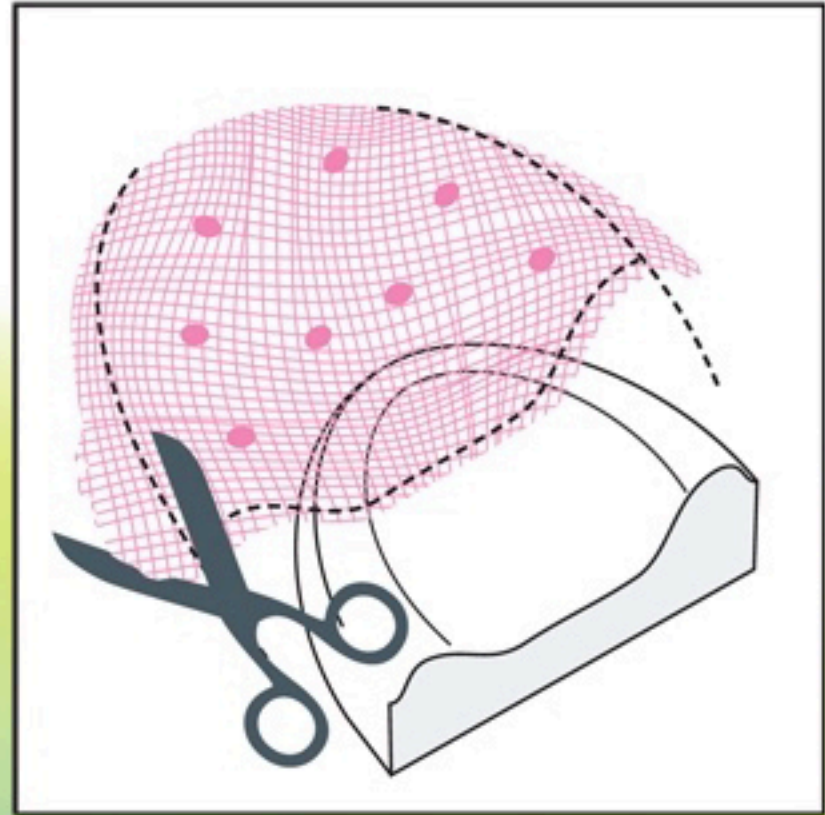
4. *Ensure that both sides of the matrix are free of wax.*



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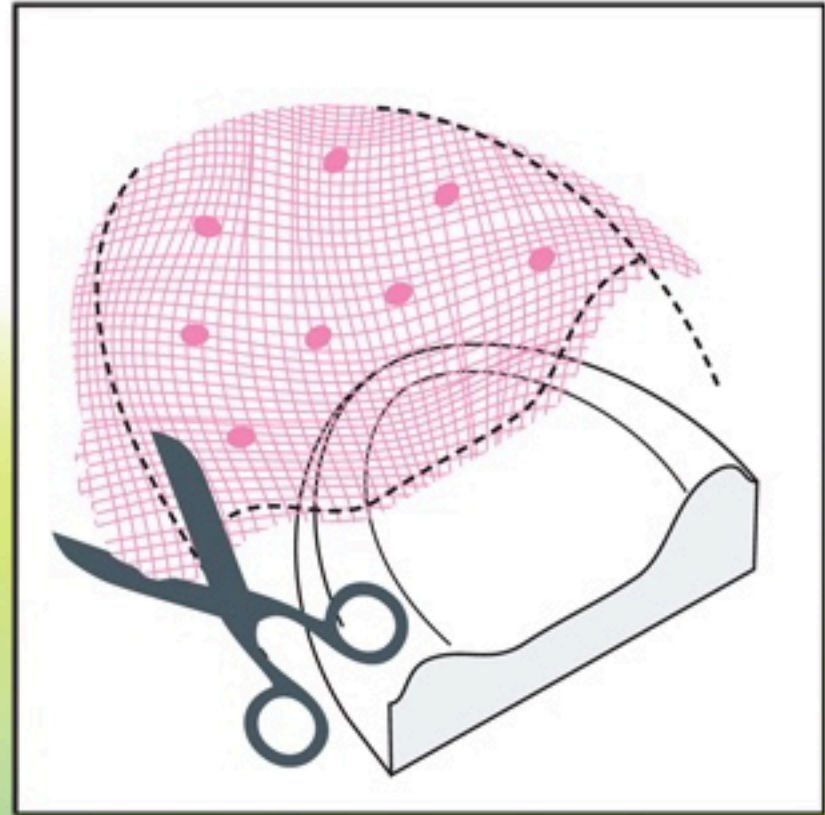
5. Using scissors trim the mesh matrix to the final desired shape and size.

Extending the framework to the buccal side of the ridge may impact esthetics depending on the thickness of acrylic.



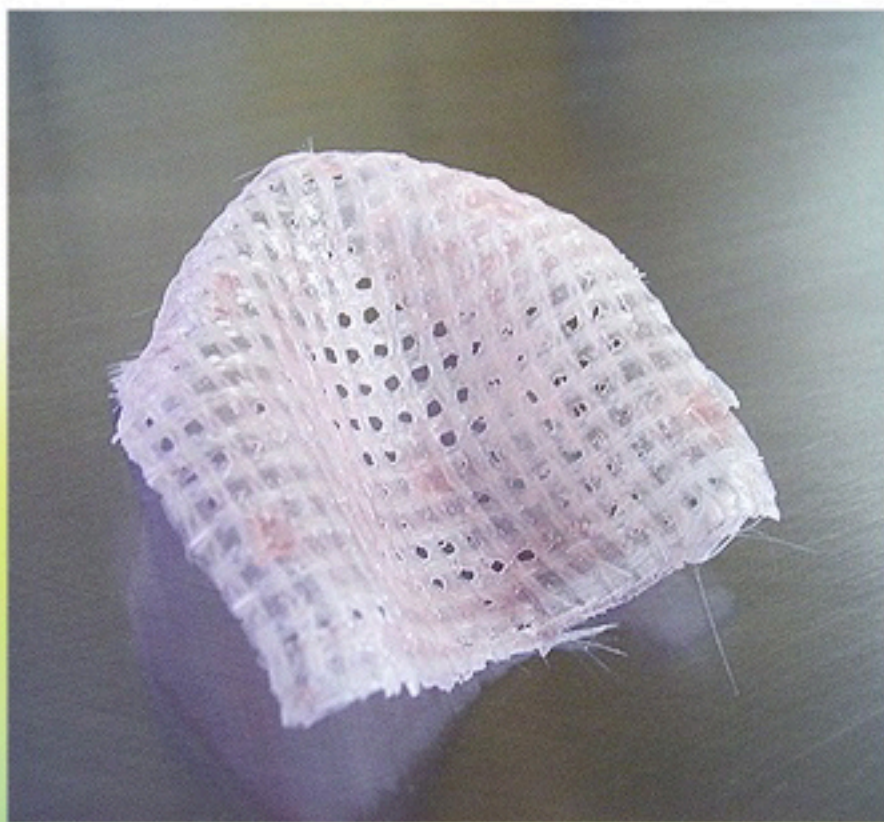
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5. *Please note that the final cured mesh framework/matrix will be flexible and should not feel rigid like a cast metal framework.*



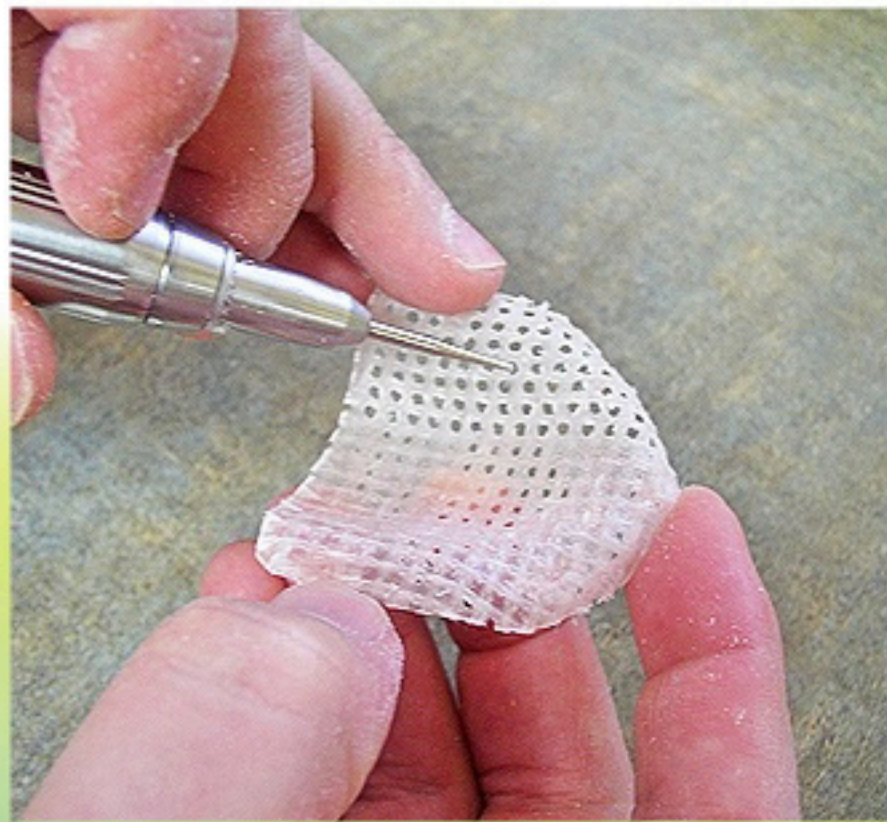
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6. During the curing process a thin layer of resin or “flash” will have cured in the open spaces in between the actual mesh matrix fibers. This layer must be removed to ensure that the denture acrylic will flow through the matrix.



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6. Using a round bur, remove the thin resin layer or “flash”, being careful not to contact and damage the fiber matrix.

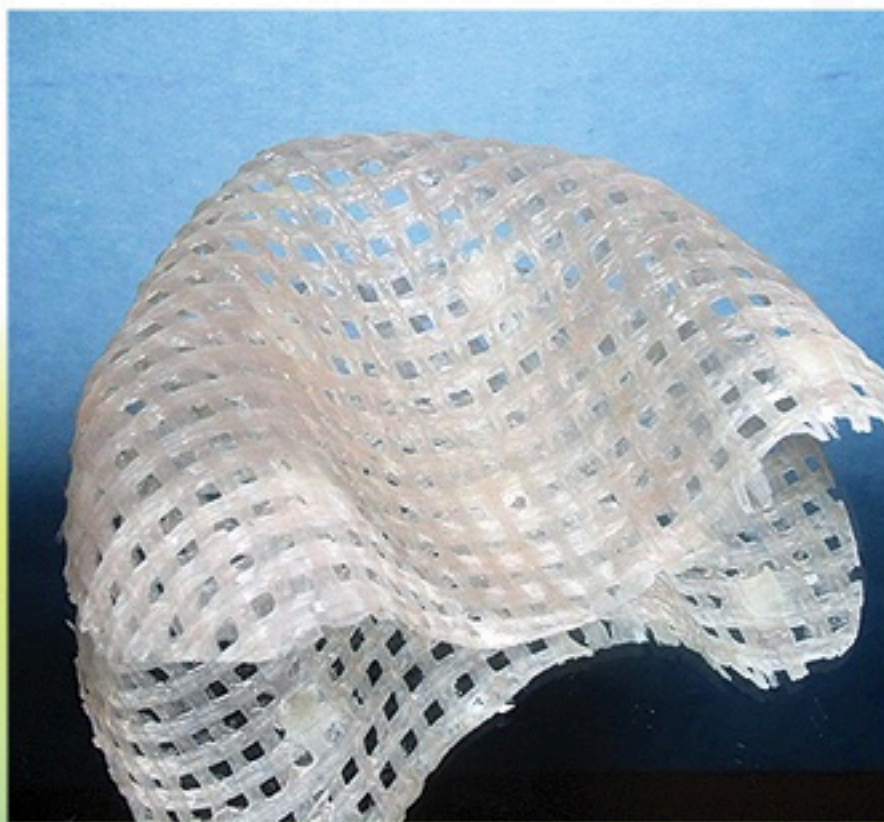




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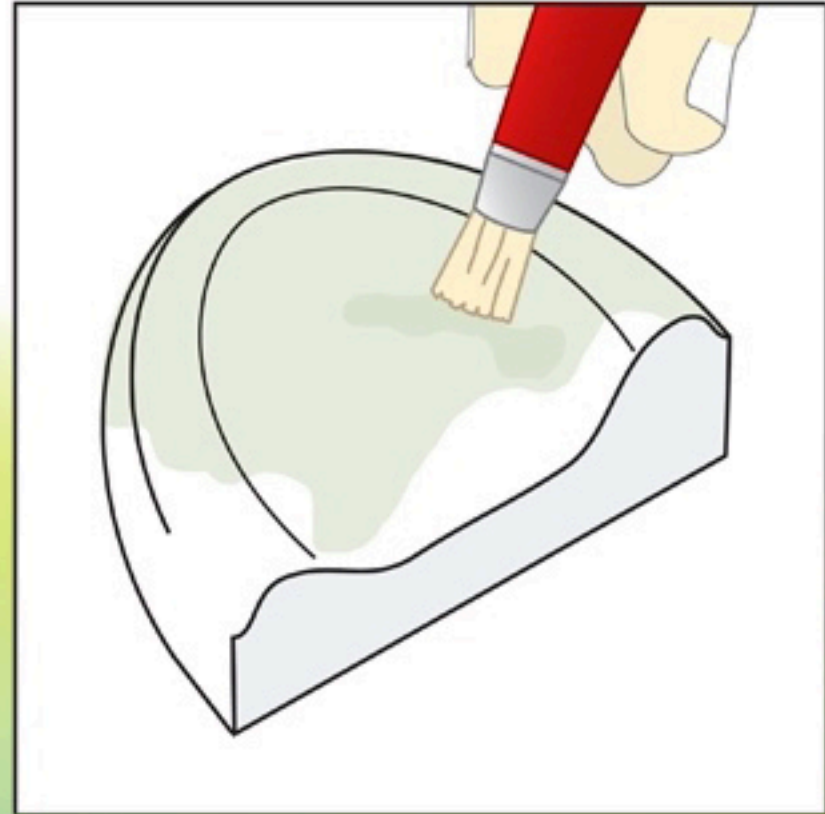
The fiber framework/matrix is now ready to be incorporated into the denture at the acrylic processing stage of fabrication.



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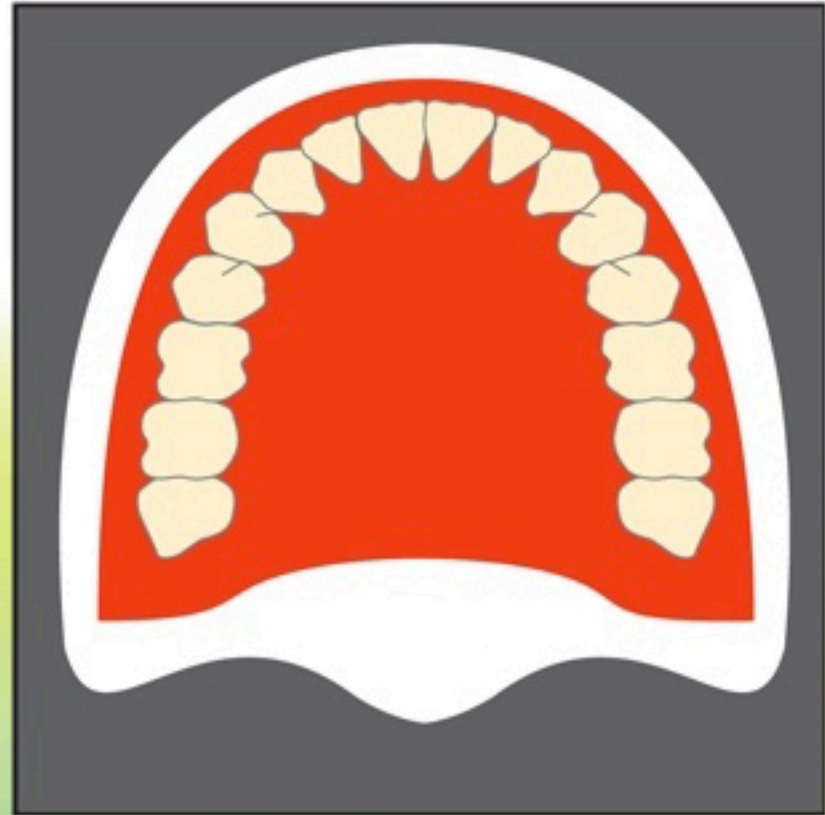
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Let it dry completely.



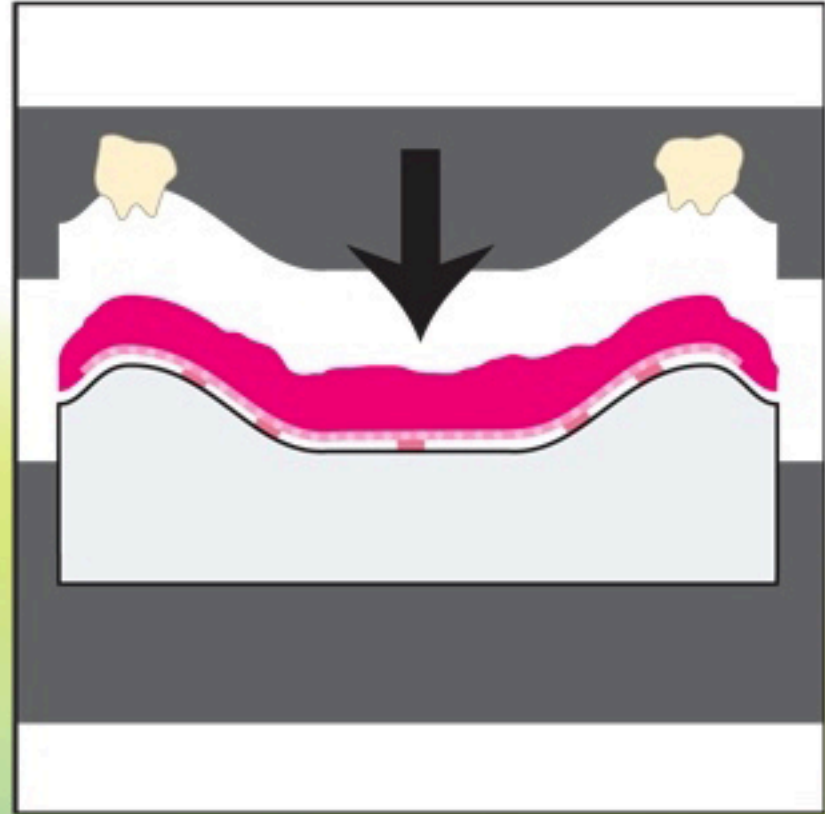
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2. Use your usual waxing and flasking procedure.



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3. Before closing the flask, place the FIBER FORCE mesh over the plaster model. Place your usual methyl methacrylate resin and press as per manufacturer's instructions.



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4. Finish the denture as per your usual process. The FIBER FORCE mesh must remain completely within the resin.

FIBER FORCE dentures can be made very thin (approx 2.5mm). In these cases, the mesh will be visible.



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4. However the *FIBER FORCE* mesh is invisible in a standard thickness denture.

