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What glue will stick to what?

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Ever wondered why they sell so many different types of glue in the reno store? Aside from the occasional marketing scam of putting the same thing in three different tubes, it is true that some glues stick better to some things than others. But reading all of that fine print can be tiring.

Some time ago LePage put out a nifty little chart that would really help you choose the right glue for the right job, of course only limited to their own glues, but non-the-less, very useful.

In this segment of the TV show I took on the task of gluing leather to glass, two very different materials. If you look at the Leather row, you will see that there are three glues that stick very well to leather: Household cement, solvent based contact cement and water based contact cement. When we look at the glass row we see it too has three best glues: Super Glue, regular and fast epoxy. Woops, no matches between glass and leather. In fact there are not a lot of choices for leather, but there are more for glass. So decent adhesion can be had on glass with two of the glues that are best for leather: household cement and solvent based contact cement. Take your choice, both will do the job.

The second graphic gives you the whole chart. Where is #2? That was a non-toxic children's glue that they removed from the chart but since all the other packaging already had numbers, they didn't renumber everything.

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