



Sunlight Blocking Film

Reduces Maintenance

Note: Install the film on the outside aquarium glass only.

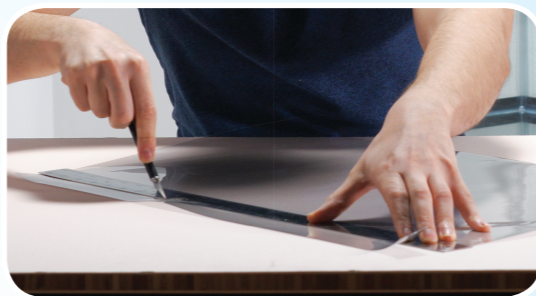
STEP 1

To ensure the outside of your aquarium is clean, mix a solution of ½ tsp of dish soap to a spray bottle of water and spray the glass. Use a squeegee and low-lint cloth to dry the glass and frame. To prevent damage to the film do not use ammonia or vinegar to clean the film or aquarium glass.



STEP 2

Unroll the film on a flat area free of lint and debris with the bottom (liner) side up. Mark and cut the film approximately 1 inch wider and 1 inch longer than the aquarium panel you are covering.



STEP 3

To remove the adhesive backing from the film, pull the red and green tabs away from each other. Spray the glass liberally with the soap and water solution, being careful not to get any soap in the aquarium.



STEP 4

As you remove the backing from the film, spray the glass-side surface of the film liberally with the soap solution as you go. For larger pieces, you may need another person to help keep the film clean while the backing is removed. Washing your hands with the soap solution will reduce fingerprints on the film.



STEP 5

Starting at the top of the aquarium, ensure the top edge is level, then place the wet surface of the film on the wet glass while working down to the aquarium base. If you can, place the factory-cut edge near the more visible edge of the aquarium to ensure it is uniform.



STEP 6

Spray the outside of the film with the soap solution. Push any large bubbles from the front of the aquarium to the back with your hand. Use the plastic card squeegee from the kit, pulling from the top down to the center, and then from the center to one side, using firm, overlapping strokes and pushing bubbles to within 2 inches of the glass edge. Repeat on the other side of the film. Spray your solution as needed to keep the film surface wet so the squeegee glides easily over the surface.



STEP 7

Press the film firmly into the edges and corners using the squeegee.



STEP 8

Use a utility knife to trim the excess film along the edges of the glass, being careful not to remove any silicone. Stop when you get near a corner. Trim back from the corner to complete the cut. Repeat for the remaining edges.



If you need a second piece of film to cover the aquarium, apply it as you did above, overlapping the first piece vertically. Trim at the edges but leave the overlap (you'll trim it later).

STEP 9

Spray the film again and squeegee it the same way you did before. To push any excess water from the film, wrap the plastic card once with a low-lint cloth and repeat.

If you had an overlapping piece, you may now use a straightedge to cut the overlap and remove the excess film. Wet the film and squeegee down the seam from the top to reduce any gaps.



STEP 10

Wipe the aquarium clean. The film should begin to stick within 30 minutes and normally cures fully in four to eight days. Once it has fully cured, you can block moisture from getting under the film by applying a thin bead of silicone along the top and bottom seams.



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