

# Starching a Doily

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There are 3 different types of starch: powdered, liquid, and spray. Instructions are given below for each type of starch.

## **Powdered Starch**

Mix 2 Tablespoons of water and a teaspoon of starch in pan. Heat and stir until thickened. Cool until the starch will not burn your hand.

## **Liquid Starch**

Pour a small amount of starch into a bowl.

The following directions are the same for these two methods.

1. Get doily wet and squeeze out excess water. This prevents the doily from soaking up excess starch and becoming too stiff. If a stiffer doily is desired, this step can be eliminated.
2. Place doily in starch and make sure starch covers all parts of the doily. Squeeze the doily to remove excess starch.
3. Place doily on a cork board and straighten it out.
4. Place a small straight pin in each loop in the last row (to pull it out taut), as well as in any loop that was skipped.
5. When the doily is all spread out let it dry and then remove from the cork board.

## **Spray Starch**

1. Place doily on a cork board and straighten it out.
2. Place a small straight pin in each loop in the last row (to pull it out taut), as well as in any loop that was skipped.
3. Evenly spray the doily with starch. The more starch sprayed on the doily, the stiffer the doily will be.
4. When doily is evenly saturated with starch, let it dry and then remove from the cork board.