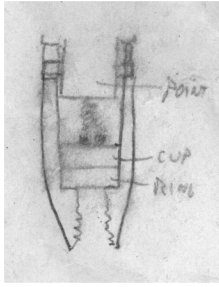


Wiring an Epee



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From notes of ~1992 MIT fencing team

1. Scrape glue from blade
2. Put in acetone tube overnight, straighten wire, prep stuff
3. Thread bottom end of wires through point a few cm
4. Lay them in threaded notch at top of weapon
5. Put 1 wrap of teflon tape on threads
6. Screw tip on tightly (without clamping wire)
7. Test wire
8. Carefully pull wire through
9. With even pull/push (mostly push, no force, but light taps) set cup w/ tipset. Any kinks in wire will break it.
10. Test wire with actual point
11. Use folded paper and rubber band, wire, or tape to hold wire in groove 8-10 cm below tip
12. Hold wire taught and glue top ~4 cm
13. Bend weapon upward so wire stands ~10 cm over blade
14. Use folded paper and rubber band, wire, or tape to hold wire in groove ~10 cm above tang
15. Glue bottom 8 cm, up to tang
16. Bend weapon downward so tang is vertical and tip is horizontal, hold in place with jig
17. Glue rest of wire
18. Leave overnight

