

Here's a Way To Add Class to the Glass

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I'll admit we were skeptical. The product promised to hide the unsightly black edges on aging mirrors at a fraction of the price of replacing the glass. The product was pitched as an easy, inexpensive fix that anyone could do. But would it look tacky? And would it be easy only for those who created the product?

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"People who call us up and tell us they had black edges on their mirrors," says Segal, who has been in the mirror business for 12 years. "They wanted to know if there was anything they could do, aside from replacing the mirror."

Segal's first concept was a kit of beveled mirror that his company would cut to size. But he began to worry that consumers would injure themselves. Six months later, he came up with the acrylic border.

The installation is virtually a snap. You measure the vertical sides of the mirror, score the acrylic strip to the right size with a razor blade, snap the piece off and attach the strip with double-faced tape and adhesive. You then cut the two horizontal pieces to fit between the verticals. Your cuts don't have to be perfect because a corner piece covers the seams. Segal also developed stick-on, diamond-shaped pieces to cover black spots located in the middle of the mirror.

For those who want the job as easy as possible, the company will cut the strips to size for you and provide the corner strips, adhesive and double-faced tape. A kit to fix a 30-by-36-inch mirror would cost about \$33, plus \$10.50 shipping and handling. Check out the Web site at www.mirredg.com or call 800-757-2990.

Do-it-yourselfers can save some money by buying the product retail, where prices range from about \$31-\$35, plus adhesive, to fix a 30-by-36-inch mirror. Retail outlets include Belzer's Hardware in Boca Raton, and Home Depot is test marketing the product at its store at Glades and State Road 441 in west Boca Raton.