



Step 1: Brushing off the threads and fibers

The best way to prolong the lifespan of your Elan Self-Healing cutting mat is by cleaning it occasionally. Make sure to take out all the small fibers and threads because this refrains the cutting mat from healing. A smooth brush (toothbrush) can work wonders in removing the dust on your cutting mat. Don't brush or push too hard because this might unintentionally scratch your cutting mat.

Once the dust and fibers are removed from the Elan cutting mat it is time to wash it.

Step 2: Clean the Elan cutting mat with water.

The best way to wash it, is to make sure that the cutting mat remains flat. This will prevent the cutting mat from bending. A good place to use is your bathtub or a huge container. If this is not possible (because you have limited space or when the cutting mat is too large) you can let it bend a bit and put it into different positions regularly for the whole area to get wet.

When washing the cutting mat, use cool water. Hot water might make the cutting mat bend. Wash/soak the Elan cutting mat with water for 15-20 minutes. It is optional the addition of vinegar to the water, if you choose to do so, it is suggested to use 4 times as much water as vinegar. You can also add in a little bit of dishwasher soap as a finishing touch.

When you wash and moisturize the Elan cutting mat properly it will also extend the life of your rotary cutter. This is because you will cut on a smoother surface.

Step 3: Remove all residue and dry it.

After the cutting mat is properly washed make sure to splash some water over it and remove all the residue, soap, and vinegar. Dry the mat with a smooth surface (towel) or let it air dry. Be aware that it is best to keep the cutting mat flat throughout the whole process.