

Acoustic pickguard replacement –

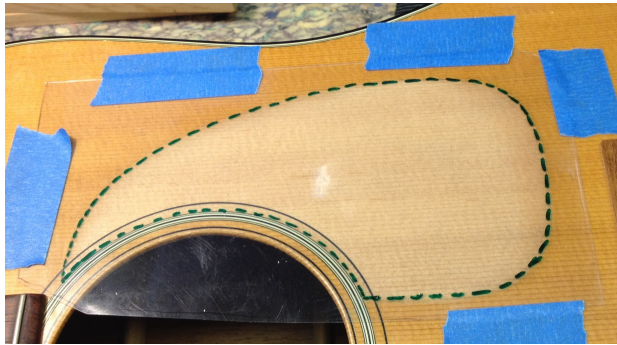
When glue lets go on the pickguard of your old stand-by acoustic guitar (in this case a '70s vintage Martin D12-20) you get the “potato chip” effect. The pickguard curls as it shrinks and pulls away from the top. Left uncorrected, this can damage the top and seriously interfere with playing. Fortunately, the solution is easily managed. Pickguard is removed with mild heat.



“Potato chip” pickguard



No finish under pickguard (Martin)



Pickguard shape traced on Mylar sheet



Exposed spruce treated (vintage lacquer)



New pickguard fits perfectly; a vintage Martin lives to plan another day!