

## How To Make A Temporary Repair for Leaking Pipes

You already know about leaky pipes. But what is a semipermanent repair? It's not quite temporary, but it also should not remain unattended forever. So follow this recipe, and if a plumber happens to stumble by within the next six months, ask the fellow to complete the job in a slightly more professional manner.

### Utensils

Paintbrush

### Ingredients

Coarse sandpaper (see Abrasives Chart)  
1/2 pint can polyester resin and catalyst  
2" inch-wlde strips of fiberglass cloth, in rolls  
Dry rags  
Acetone brush cleaner

### Approximate Time: 30 To 40 Minutes

1. Shut off main water supply.
2. Dry off pipe thoroughly.
3. Sandpaper pipe 6" inches around leakage area (Fig. 90A).
4. Mix polyester resin and catalyst as described on can. Read directions carefully for exact application and precautions.
5. Apply mixture to and around leakage area with paintbrush (Fig. 90B).
6. Wrap fiberglass strip around leakage area, bandage style (Fig. 90C).
7. Apply second coat of resin mixture over fiberglass cloth.
8. Wrap second strip of fiberglass over second coat of mixture.
9. Apply remainder of resin mixture to fiberglass.
10. Clean brush immediately before polyester resin hardens.
11. Let dry 6 to 8 hours or overnight.
12. Turn on water supply again.

Note: Epoxy glue may be substituted for polyester resin.

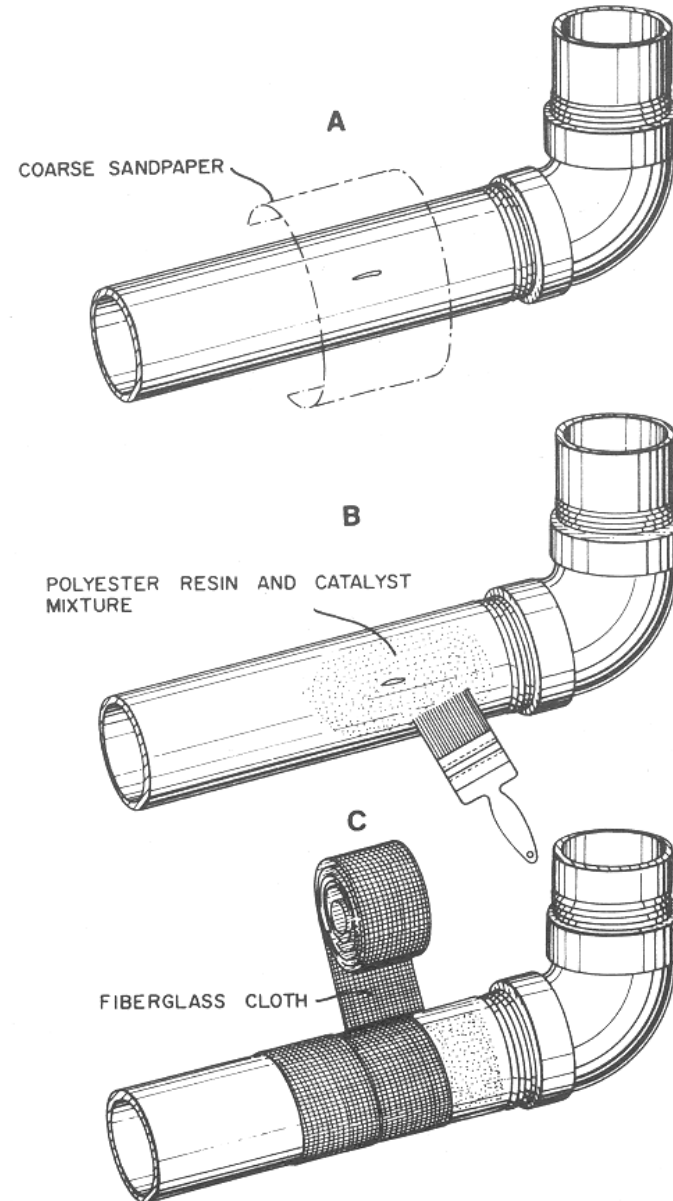


Figure 90.  
Temporary Emergency Repair for Leaking Pipes