ANOTHER IDEA FOR APPLYING TISSUE

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Here's another approach that I like. I give the frame work three coats of 50-50 clear dope/thinner, giving each coat 24 hours to dry and lightly sanding between coats. Then I uses dabs of glue stick in strategic locations to hold the tissue in place while I apply dope thinner through the tissue. Using the glue stick allows me to pull the tissue out and the glue stick will hold it. Additionally, you can gently tug on the tissue as the thinner is applied in order to smooth out even more.

An added benefit is this method won't clog a razor blade like straight glue stick will. Trimming is fast and easy. I've found that thinned Titebond (the regular formula) to be very good for tacking down the edges once the excess tissue is trimmed off.