

# RESTORING FRONT TEETH

## RESIN FILLING

Resin fillings are a great way to restore the teeth in the front of your mouth. Because they bond directly to teeth, we can create a very strong seal. We will match the color of the resin to your teeth to preserve your beautiful, natural looking smile.



Gel etches the tooth



Resin is placed

## PROCEDURE

We want the entire procedure to be comfortable for you, so the first thing we do is make sure that the tooth and surrounding area are thoroughly numb. Depending on the size of the filling and which tooth we're working on, we may also use a rubber dam. A rubber dam is a small, flexible rubber sheet that isolates the teeth we're working on and prevents anything from falling to the back of your throat.

We use the handpiece to remove decay and shape the tooth. We sometimes apply medication to deeper fillings to make them less sensitive to hot and cold. We then apply a gel that chemically roughens the tooth surface to ensure a stronger bond with the resin filling. Once we've placed the resin in the tooth, we use a harmless, high-intensity light to harden the filling.

After the filling has set, we smooth and polish it. We check the bite with colored tape that shows us where your teeth are touching. Finally, we make sure that you'll be able to floss around the filling to keep your teeth plaque-free and healthy.