

Use, Care and Maintenance of Soft Egg Crates®

Proper care and placement of your Soft Egg Crate® ensures predictable light control and keeps the product securely attached to your softbox.

This procedure is composed of 3 tasks:

- Attach Soft Egg Crate to softbox
- Remove and Store Soft Egg Crates
- Straighten Misaligned Cells

Note: Larger soft egg crates will benefit from the use of Stretch Frames®. Stretch frames provide the finishing touch for soft light control by eliminating sag regardless of how much the softbox is angled downward. You can reference our procedure for using Stretch Frames, in the documentation section of our Lighttools website, as needed.

Attach Soft Egg Crates® to Softbox

In this sample we are placing a soft egg crate on a rectangular softbox.

1. Locate corner seams (they have double stitching) and place two corners of the soft egg crate into two corners of the softbox.
2. Press the hook and loop fasteners together, using thumb and forefinger.



3. Repeat the same procedure on opposite sides of the box.

The corners of the soft egg crate should be seated firmly in the corners of the softbox.

4. Go all the way around the softbox, using your thumb and forefinger to press the hook and loop fasteners together. (see illustration below)



Remove and Store Soft Egg Crates®

1. Ensure soft egg crate cells are properly aligned (while the crate is attached to the softbox).
2. Loosen hook and loop fastener in the center portions of the softbox.
3. Release the corners of the soft egg crate from the softbox.
4. Drape the soft egg crate from the corner and follow the original memory fold.
 - a. The fabric strips must be folded and stored in the flat position...misaligned strips may cause permanent damage (see figure below).
5. Tie the collapsed crate using the hook and loop straps provided.



Straighten Misaligned Cells

Occasionally, the cells of your soft egg crate (ones made of ripstop nylon) may become misaligned and be too difficult to straighten out while on the softbox.

To straighten out the cells, take the soft egg crate off the softbox and:

1. Pinch two diagonal corners.
 - a. If it is too big, get a second person to hold one of the diagonal corners.
2. Give one corner a quick snapping pull, while holding the other corner taught.
3. Open the soft egg crate to determine if the misaligned cells have straightened out.
 - a. If they have, fold for storage or put back on softbox.
4. Repeat snapping pull until misaligned cells have been completely straightened out.