

# Fillings



*Your comfort is important*



*A cavity*



*A silver filling*

We want the entire procedure of getting a filling to be comfortable for you, so the first thing we do is make sure your mouth is thoroughly numb. Depending on the size of the filling and which tooth we're working on, we may use a rubber dam. It protects you like a safety net, so nothing can fall to the back of your throat.

Then we remove the decay and shape the tooth with the handpiece. To mold the filling to the shape of the tooth, we first surround it with a thin, flexible band. A small wooden wedge between the teeth holds it snugly in place. We press the filling material into the tooth. White fillings harden when they are exposed to a bright light, while silver fillings harden on their own. Then we check the bite with a colored tape that shows us where your teeth are touching, and we make sure floss still works.