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Sorry for causing a linguistic divide by use of the word "blowlamp". I thought I'd c up in a later posting, but perhaps not. Some other details on the technique;

A "blowlamp" is what plumbers use for doing solder joints on pipework, a propane fla could use an electric heatgun too. Both are just a means to get heat into the trowel

The heated trowel will run over the micro like a knife over butter, as the heat/warm micro more plastic. How hot? You will feel the trowel start to drag as it cools. Pu it.

Too hot, and you may introduce small voids into the micro which you will find later

Keep a rag to clean off the trowel between passes and re-heats. The micro that stick trowel will start to go off and become harder & stick to the trowel etc, etc. This w lines in your nice smooth work.

As Ken miller says, don't try to make it all too perfect. You are accelerating the c putting heat into the area, so if you mess with it too much by continually going bac it, you may find it has stopped being "smoothable" and passed into the "rubbery" sta ball up if you tried to work it.

We have found that this works better than the plastic sheet overlaid on top of the m trapped air in the micro can get out. Its a pain to start sanding a good looking mi contour and find that voids appear.

I hope that goes towards making things clearer. I look forward to the day when we ca this site! It's so much easier to explain something in a movie. And I can now add to words not to use in America "blowlamp", along with "fag" and others.....

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