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This sequence shows cementation of a “Three quarter gold crown.” The preparation and impression appointments are similar to a regular crown, but as you will notice in the pictures of the prep below, not as much tooth structure has been removed--the side of the tooth facing the cheek is still intact:



In a typical full crown, the preparation would extend down to the gumline all around the tooth. This has preserved a significant amount of tooth structure, and it will look better than a full gold crown (though not as good as a porcelain crown). After cementing, the crown looks like this:



As you can see, only a small amount of gold shows when the crown is seated, although from a top view you can see the full coverage. So if you're a tall person, most people won't be looking down on your tooth and won't see the gold, but short people are out of luck . . . Although why your friends should be staring at your teeth so much is a good question.