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Subject: Re: Veneer advice (contd)

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Oh, damn, Bill - I feel for you. I really do. I've had a few cabinets do that too.

Once upon a time, long, long ago, we used to make all cabinets with rounded edges. I thought the improvement from reduced edge diffraction would make it worthwhile. It was as great a radius as possible, which made it more likely that the veneer would cooperate. It also would theoretically reduce edge diffraction the most. We did this by using square wood stock in each internal edge, so they could be routed deeply.

Still, the cabinetmakers hated those cursed rounded corners of mine. They pleaded with me to relax that requirement, because sometimes the veneer split. They got pretty good at bending veneers, but it still happened occasionally.

Eventually, the guys at the shop built me two pairs of cabinets exactly alike in all respects except one had roundover and one didn't. We listened to them outdoors, on the porch. Had a group of people listening, and it was unanimous, nobody could hear the difference. So I relented. No more rounded corners from that day on.

I still think it looks cool though.