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Subject: Butt-joint veneer  
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Sat, 07 Apr 2007 19:18:05 GMT  
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Is there a good way to butt-joint wood veneer (non-paprer back)?.....C

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Subject: Re: Butt-joint veneer  
Posted by [Seeker](#) on Tue, 10 Apr 2007 17:41:28 GMT  
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What type of adhesive/method are you using?

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Subject: Re: Butt-joint veneer  
Posted by [colinhester](#) on Wed, 11 Apr 2007 02:22:38 GMT  
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Not really sure what type of venner I'll be using. I bought a pile of various lots from our local Rockler. The veneer is not paper backed, and I'll be using glue to bond the MDF substrate. I'm really concerned about getting a nice joint, so that rules out anything but the flattest (non-wavey) veneer. I assume the best way is to make sure the pieces I'm butting have a perfectly straight edge and then roll the seam with a wooden roller. Any hints you can offer will be appreciated.....Colin

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Subject: Re: Butt-joint veneer  
Posted by [Seeker](#) on Wed, 11 Apr 2007 14:20:07 GMT  
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Thanks for the reply.If this is your first time veneering, here are my suggestions:1. Review several methods2. Choose at least 2 methods of edge-jointing with which to experiment.3. Experiment on scraps of MDF (if that is your substrate), edge jointing with both methods (you will need to flatten the veneer first). These do not have to be large pieces (maybe a joint that is 12" long). If you don't want to use the veneer you have, go get some more just to experiment with.4. Whichever method of edge jointing you use, be certain to flatten your veneer first (this only has to be done for solid wood veneer). It is pointless to try to use solid veneer unless you flatten it first. Use the glycerin/alcohol mixture mentioned in this link<http://thewoodwhisperer.com/?p=137>Here are two methods. If you do an online search for "edge-jointing" and "veneer" you may find much

more.<http://members.aol.com/woodinfo1/venjoint.htm><http://www.joewoodworker.com/docs/seams.pdf> Using solid veneer can be more challenging than paper-backed, but you can get outstanding results with a little patience and practice. For glue, I use the hot iron method using yellow woodworkers glue. There is a new glue out just for this purpose, but I have not tried it yet.

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Subject: Re: Butt-joint veneer

Posted by [colinhester](#) on Wed, 11 Apr 2007 18:02:23 GMT

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Seeker, Thanks for in insight. I did practice on MDF before I started the real project. This is my first time to veneer, and I'm really excited to learn. I'm finishing a box that will house a tweeter, and hope to have pictures posted soon. The butt-joint veneer will be done on the woofer box. The box is 20" long and my veneer is 19 1/2" (figures).....C

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Subject: Re: Hey Colin, get out that fancy router and table saw

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Fri, 27 Apr 2007 01:09:42 GMT

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Rout off the corners of the cabinet creating a 1/2" wide rabbet on the front and adjacent side. Glue in a strip of hardwood and leave it 1/4" proud of the substrate + veneer. The proud edge of the hardwood after you veneer looks like you did it on purpose and the shadow line it creates is a nice detail. No seam needed. Your Uncle Bill

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