



IDEALEDGE® BY FORMICA GROUP

HOW TO INSTALL

A LOW COST LAMINATE SOLUTION FOR A HIGH-END LOOK.

EIGHT EASY STEPS.

For the Formica® Brand craftsman, installation is simple. For detailed instructions with helpful trade hints, watch our instructional video online at www.formica.com.

Whether you choose our bullnose or ogee edge, IdealEdge® decorative edging has been engineered for unparalleled ease of installation.

1. Laminate counter tops, then use a router with a flush trim bit, or equivalent, to remove excess laminate. Be sure to leave a 1/8" radius at the inside corner.
Attach the build-down. Since IdealEdge® edging is 1.25" wide vs. the standard 1.5" laminate edges it will be necessary to use 1/2" MDF or particle board strips vs typical 3/4" build-down assuming deck substrate is 3/4in.
To prepare top for application of IdealEdge® edging, use a straight edge and router to assure a flat plain edge fit. Be sure to leave the 1/8" radius in the inside corner.
2. Second, cut Formica® IdealEdge® edging slightly longer than necessary and trim to its final dimension after fitting one end. Make sure to measure and mark the pieces, allowing for the width of the blade in the saw. Use a laminate trim blade in power miter saw. Fine tuning of mitered corners can be done on a disc sander fitted with miter fences.
3. Dry fit all pieces before applying adhesive.
4. Cover the entire back surface with thick coat of PVA wood glue. Do not use contact cement.
5. Attach either the ogee or bullnose edge molding to deck using nylon reinforced strapping or packaging tape placing the tape approximately every 3", affixing to the bottom of the deck and pulling tape over the top edge to the counter. Make sure to align with top of counter as you go.
You can use a 2" spring clamp to help hold up one end of the IdealEdge® decorative edging if the piece being applied is too long to easily handle. Wipe off excess adhesive with a damp rag.
6. If your top has a curve, it is not possible to use a straight edge and router so instead use a belt sander to smooth the area. You are limited to the curve in which the edge can bend. Rule of thumb is 1" for every foot of edge. For example: a 12' piece of edging can arch 12". To find the angle at the corners of the curve, use an angle finder available at quality tool suppliers.
7. After the glue has dried thoroughly, remove all tape and clean excess adhesive with a solvent like lacquer thinner. Be sure not to use too much thinner or you may cause delamination of the laminate from the substrate.

8. Squeeze a small amount of a matching color of SeamFil or FormFil on a scrap of build-up, with laminate glued to it, in about a one and a half foot spread. Work the filler until it begins to thicken. Next, rub the laminated stick with the SeamFil or FormFil on it in a circular motion, pushing in towards the top. As you work down the top, this will fill any small voids with SeamFil/FormFil as you go.
Apply cleaning solvent to a cloth and use the cloth to remove any excess filler.

Formica Corporation recommends you wear gloves when using cleaning solvent.

NOTE: After installation of countertop, it is recommended that the area above the dishwasher be sealed with a waterproof sealant to protect against steam or moisture damage.

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO CUT IDEALEDGE® DECORATIVE EDGING - BULLNOSE PROFILE AND APPLY TO BACKSPLASH.

1. Set fence on table saw to 13/16".
2. Set blade height at 5/8".
3. Set stock feeder so wheels are about 1/4" off the surface of the table saw.
4. Feed IdealEdge® decorative edging - Bullnose profile stick through the table saw using the stock feeder. Place the top edge of the IdealEdge® - Bullnose profile stick against the fence of the table saw when running through.
5. Prepare backsplash as you normally would to apply capping on the finished ends last; then instead of capping the ends, apply the quarter round IdealEdge® edging you have just cut in place of the standard capping.
6. To apply the quarter round IdealEdge® on the backsplash, follow the same procedure you use to apply the IdealEdge® edging to the countertop. Make sure to take into account the thickness of the quarter round IdealEdge® when deciding how tall to cut the splashes before applying the quarter round IdealEdge® edging.

A HOW TO VIDEO OF INSTALLATION CAN BE SEEN AT:
www.formica.com/en/us/products/idealedge-real