

EPISODE #2012 RE-FACE IT

Advantages to Laminate:

Laminates have endless possibilities in colour, texture and shine.

The biggest advantage of laminate cupboards is that they are virtually maintenance-free - they only need the occasional wipe or two and, presto, they are clean again.

Discussion Points for any kitchen reno:

Workflow Kitchen use.

- Are you a masterful chef or a microwave junkie?
- Do you want to do the work yourself or get a professional installment?
- And most important, what is your budget?

Basic Steps to Consider when refacing cabinets:

- Remove all cupboard doors. (fig. A)
- Sanding - you need to rough up the surface for the contact cement. (fig. B)
- Layout the doors. Measure the laminate and mark for cuts. You will leave about 1" of laminate around the edges which you will route off after application. (fig. C)
- Score laminate using a laminate knife, then snap along cut. (fig. D)
- Apply contact cement to doors and laminate. Allow to dry. (fig. E)
- Attach laminate to the cupboard doors. Use cardboard pieces to keep separate until laminate is lined up properly, slide out the cardboard. Use a roller to smooth out any bubbles. (fig. F,G)
- Route panels around the edges of the cupboard doors. (fig. H,I)
- Do a final sanding of edges (fig. J)
- Attach hardware and reinstall the finished doors. (fig. K)



A. Remove cupboard doors.



B. Rough up the surface.



C. Layout the doors.

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D. Score the laminate.



E. Apply contact cement.



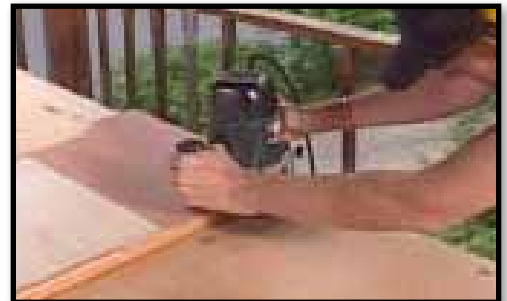
F. Attach laminate to cupboard doors.



G. Use a roller to smooth out bubbles.



H. The router on an edge.



I. Route around the edges.



J. Final edge sanding.



K. Attach hardware to doors.