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# INK JET PRINTABLE WOOD VENEER INSTRUCTIONS

# PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INSTRUCTIONS!

This veneer is made from 100% REAL WOOD (Made in the USA) that is sliced and adhered to a paper backing. The paper backing adds stability and flexibility to the wood. The combination of this special veneer along with these instructions will enable you to use a ink jet printer to print on this real wood veneer. You can use a standard ink jet printer, with no special inks to print on real wood veneer in full color!

### **APPLICATIONS AND USES**

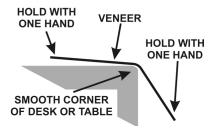
The uses and applications for veneer sheets are unlimited! By using your imagination and graphic software you can create personalized and custom products quickly and easily. The wood material can be used for business cards, greeting cards, invitations, posters, custom boxes, packaging, plaques, miniature and scale models, displays, musical instruments, ornaments or customized labels - just to name a few suggestions. You can laminate the printed veneer to cardstock and use it for journal and report covers as well. The veneer can be applied to plywood and scrollsaw projects or applied to plain wood items to give them a custom appearance. After printing on the veneer and sealing the print (if needed) it can be applied to many other substrates and products. Since the backing is paper, most types of glue or adhesives that are used on regular paper will work. White or yellow glue, double-faced tapes and spray adhesives should work fine. Read and follow the manufacturers directions being careful not to let any of the glue come in contact with the printed surface. We suggest testing your choice of glues and application methods before starting any final project.

### STORAGE - THIS IS IMPORTANT!

Keep in mind that this product is made from 100% real wood and is affected by temperature and humidity. Store the material at room temperature wrapped in shrink wrap, in a Zip-Lock bag or airtight container. This will help protect the veneer from humidity and excessive climate change. If the materials you receive from us are delivered during either extreme hot or cold temperatures, it is best to let the veneer acclimate to room temperature before attempting to print.

## **VENEER CURLING BEFORE OF AFTER PRINTING**

If for some reason the veneer starts to curl, take the sheet holding it with one end in each hand. Roll it over the smooth edge of a table or desk at an angle of approximately 60 to 75 degrees more or less in the OPPOSITE direction of the curl and do this several times until the sheet lays reasonably flat. Another method is to hold one end of the sheet down on the desk with the palm of one hand and with the other hand pull the sheet over the edge of the desk with the opposite hand and then reverse the sheet and repeat.



### (Illustration is an exaggerated side view.)

# **HOW IS THE VENEER TREATED?**

The veneer is specially treated by a patented method using non-toxic chemicals that enables the wood to be printed on using a standard ink jet printer.

# **HOW THICK IS THE WOOD?**

All material is .015" in thickness, some veneers may vary in thickness but should not effect the printer.

# **HOW CAN I TEST THE VENEER IN MY PRINTER?**

Using the owners manual to the printer, be sure the printer is set to print on thick material, such as envelopes or card stock. Use the single sheet loading method for your printer, load and eject a single sheet without printing to test for any feeding problems. We suggest running a few test prints to adjust the ink volume and print quality. Run test prints by choosing a small image, you can move its location on a single sheet until you are satisfied with the printing results. Most ink jet printers can be adjusted for the amount of ink used in the printing process, the key use the least amount of ink that provides the best results.

### WHAT IMAGES CAN BE PRINTED?

Any image that appears on your screen and of the appropriate size can be printed. Keep in mind that you are printing on a material that is not white in color and color adjustments may be needed depending on the desired results.

# **IMAGE QUALITY:**

The quality of the image will depend on the resolution of the image itself, software used and your printers capabilities. Please remember that the product is 100% natural wood, and there may be hidden flaws within the grain of the wood that could effect the printed image. Keep in mind the ink used from an ink jet printer is a liquid based substance and will bleed in the grain of the wood if too much ink is applied in one area. Each piece if wood will vary from the next and could accept ink differently.

# WILL PRINTING ON VENEER DAMAGE MY PRINTER?

We have printed MANY sheets of veneer with no obvious printer damage. The paperback veneer is .015" thick, relative to a heavy card stock paper. We suggest setting your printers' thickness adjustment for printing card stock and envelopes. We obviously cannot guarantee the functioning of any printer.

### **FOLDING**

In order to fold the veneer, we suggest to score the veneer before folding. The easiest way is to use a dull butter knife or the back side of a utility knife. (Knifes with small serrations will work fine, but large serrations may cause the wood or paper to tear.) Use a straight edge and without using a lot of pressure, go over the line several times. You obviously do not want to cut though or tear the paper backing. You are trying to break the bond within the paper and wood to get a proper and even fold. You will need to score the veneer in order to fold it regardless of the direction the wood grain is running. Again, test the method you choose before attempting any final project.

### **CUTTING**

This my seem obvious, but you can cut the veneer with almost anything. Scissors, craft knives, utility knives, and rotary cutters.

# **PUNCHING HOLES / DIE CUTTING**

You should be able to use any hole or similar punch to punch holes in this material as you would in paper for gift tags and similar items.

### NOTICE

Please understand that we cannot guarantee how this product will be treated or used after it has been shipped. We are not responsible for the users equipment, skills or judgement in using this product in regards to printers or any other piece of equipment. We will do our best to support the users with the best methods and information in regards to using this product.

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