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# LASER 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 laser printer to print on this real wood veneer! *These instructions are for laser printers, not ink-jet printers!*

When your file is ready to be printed we *strongly* suggest manually feeding one sheet at a time through your laser printer, or use a manual bypass tray if available on your printer.

The key is to reduce the number of rollers (or drums) the wood has to go around inside the machine.

## APPLICATIONS AND USES

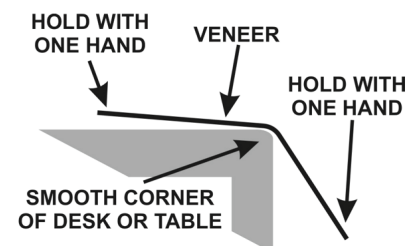
The uses and applications for veneer sheets are unlimited! By using your imagination and graphic software you can create personalized and custom products quickly and easily. The wood material can be used for business cards, greeting cards, invitations, posters, custom boxes, packaging, plaques, miniature 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.)

## 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. (Knives 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 through 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 may 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.

## SEALING THE PRINTED VENEER

*This is not mandatory, but may be necessary depending on the type of laser printer and toner (inks) you are using.*

In order to maintain a permanent image the sheet should be sealed in order to maintain the integrity of the image and to keep the toner from smearing. Once the piece is printed, handle it by the edges and allow it to cool to room temperature. Use a thin coat of spray sealant to seal the printed veneer. We have tested the following products for sealing the veneer once printed and found them to work well. BLAIR spray finishes numbers 200, 201, 500, 501, 810. #201 is preferred. Their web site address is [www.blairartproducts.com](http://www.blairartproducts.com). (Do not use any type of brush finish or wipe on product.)

For laser printers using a dry based toner (ink) and a high temperature fuser, this step may not be required. Again, this depends on the type of printer and toner (inks) used.

## 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.

We have successfully been using laser printers to print our wood sheets since 2001.

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