

Laminate End Cap Installation

Materials Required

Hammer
Marking Utensil
Flat File
Soft Cloth
Iron
Scissors
Acetone
Tape Measure

1 Applying Build-Up Stick & Back Block

Place the buildup stick and backing block flush to the edge of the countertop where the end cap will be applied. Use 2 nails to fasten the backing block to the countertop and 4 nails to fasten the buildup stick.

2 Prepare The End Cap Profile Edge

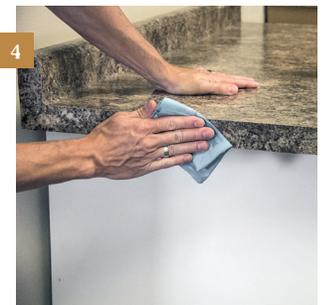
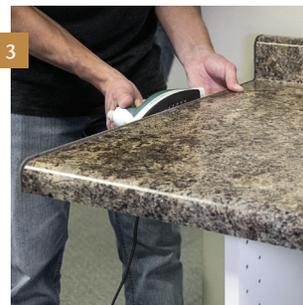
1. Line up the end cap to the edge of the countertop leaving 1/8" overhang on the bottom and back edges of the countertop. (Fig 1)
2. Trace the countertop profile edge onto the end cap using a marker. For the best results lay the marker flat on the countertop. (Fig 2)
3. Once the profile has been traced, trim the excess laminate with scissors.

NOTE: You do not need to cut perfectly, as you will file down the excess laminate. Be sure not to over trim.



3 Application Of The End Cap

1. Set iron or ovan to 350° and allow time for the iron to warm up. Center the trimmed end cap on the countertop edge with 1/16" overhang on all sides. (Fig 3)
2. Starting in the middle of the end cap, use the iron to apply heat and firm pressure until the end cap adheres to the countertop.
3. Work from the middle of the end cap to the outer edges holding the iron the same place for approximately 10 seconds.
4. Use a cool, damp cloth or sponge and apply pressure to the end cap. This will cool the end cap and set the glue. (Fig 4)
5. Very lightly pull on the top edge of the end cap to ensure it is firmly attached. If the edge pulls away from the countertop, reheat the end cap with the iron and cool again until proper adhesion is achieved.



4 File End Cap

1. File the end cap toward the countertop at an upward angle using a medium faced file and firm pressure until the cap is approximately 1/32" away from the countertop surface. Filing in a motion away from the countertop can damage the end cap. It is recommended that you use a slight 2° to 3° angle while filing. Misuse of hand file will result in scratches on the laminate.
2. Once the end cap is approximately 1/32" away from the countertop surface, use a fine faced file and light pressure until the end cap is flush with the countertop.
3. Clean off the countertop with acetone to remove any remaining dust or glue.