



# THE 'HOW TO' OF FORMICA LIFESEAL WORKTOPS

## CHAPTER 1: Preparation & cutting to length



- 1 Measure length of existing tops\*  
If installing from new, measure from wall to where top should end\*  
\* Include enough overhang on edge as required



- 2 Remove free edging strip from worktop and keep in safe place  
Be careful not to scratch the top when removing the free edging strip



- 3 Keep protective film in place as this will protect top from scuffs until ready to install



- 4 Measure tops and mark for cutting  
Double check measurements  
Follow tool manufacturer's instructions when using tools



- 5 Cut on mark, use a cutting guide if available



- 6 Always cut so blade turns into laminate and not out of it, to avoid chipping  
Clean off cut edge

## CHAPTER 2: Sealing the edges

There are four types of edges that need to be sealed before finally installing your Formica LifeSeal Worktop. These are:

- The exposed back edge that meets against the wall
- The exposed edges at the ends of the top
- The exposed end of the top in a corner butt joint
- The exposed edges from cut-outs for sinks, hobs and plumbing



- 1 Ensure edges are clean and dust free and follow the various product manufacturers' instructions.



- 2 Apply a double coat of suitable exterior grade varnish to the exposed edge  
Use a dabbing motion to ensure adequate penetration



Thereafter,  
Apply acrylic sealant to the edge where the top meets the wall, once in place



Cut and shape piece of free edging strip  
Apply contact adhesive to both surfaces  
Wait the required drying time  
Apply with suitable pressure  
Clean off excess contact adhesive  
File edge smooth

Even edges that will be concealed by walls, joining strips, sinks or hobs should still be sealed to ensure the longevity of your Formica LifeSeal Worktop.

## CHAPTER 3: Making cut-outs for sinks, hobs, etc.



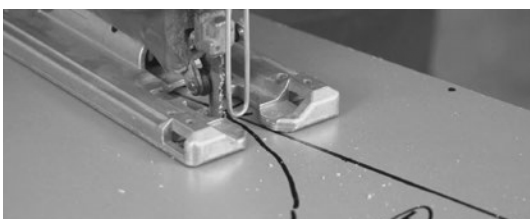
1 Measure underside of top for cut-out



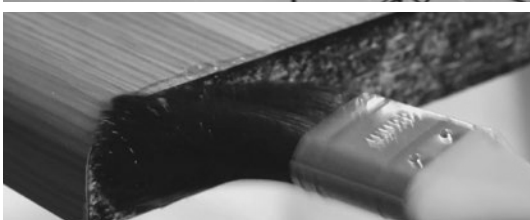
2 Make sure the size of the intended hole is not too big



3 Determine location to drill the starting hole  
Drill from the top to prevent chipping



4 Cut using the jig saw from the underside to prevent chipping  
Dust and clean surfaces

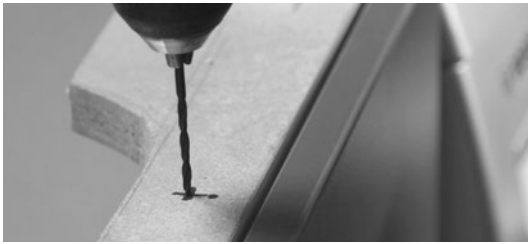


5 Seal exposed edges as per Chapter 2



6 Clamp sink to top  
Drop top onto cupboards

## CHAPTER 4: Fixing tops in place



1 Drill holes through fixing rails



2 Place tops on cupboards and align with walls



3 Hold in place and secure with screws through fixing rails



4 Align second top to first top and wall



5 Hold in place and secure with screws through fixing rails



6 Seal edges as per Chapter 2