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- The first step is to make templates of all the corner pieces to be cut from sheet material, which will be used for the border.
- Using construction paper or similar, trace the radii or other curves and transfer them to your cork material for cutting.

CUTTING BORDER PIECES



- After tracing, cut pieces in two or three passes keeping the blade perpendicular to the cutting surface. Sand the cut edge using 60 grit paper with a sanding block to smooth and shape your cut edge.

SIZING THE CUT PIECE



- Once the first cut is made, trace a parallel line to the cut edge using a piece of cork of border dimension to ensure the accuracy of the piece.

TRACING THE CUT PIECE



- Be sure the trace line is smooth and parallel before cutting. This will ensure the uniformity of the piece. Sand the cut edge and inspect the piece for accuracy

MAKING THE CAULK GROOVE



- Once cut, you must create the caulking groove. Trace another line 4mm from the edge which will be the cutting line to create the groove.

CUTTING THE 4MM TRACE LINE



- Then, using one or two passes with the cutter, cut on this line, half way into the cork, keeping the cutting blade as perpendicular to the cork as possible.
- (An adjustable razor knife would be helpful allowing you to set the depth of the blade in this cut and the next cut)

COMPLETING THE GROOVE CUT



- To complete the groove, lay your piece flat cutting into the side intersecting your cut line, removing the groove piece.
- Repeat this procedure and make all the border pieces.



PROCEEDING WITH THE INSTALLATION



- Locate the centre line of your work area and mark it, rough fitting your sheets. At times a pattern might assist in cutting of the sheets for the rough fit.



ROUGH FITTING AND MARKING POSITION



- Lay your rough cut sheets in place, securing one to the other with masking tape. Mark your pieces relative to each other and their position in place on the deck. This will make it possible to return them to the same location when gluing.



FITTING AND CHECKING PRIOR TO GLUING



- Here the deck pieces have been fitted but not glued. Check your alignment with the center line and the fit to all sides.



CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY



- Here is another view of the preliminary assembly of this deck. Before proceeding to gluing, reference the location of the entire piece and the individual pieces to each other.
- Number them prior to your picking them up, this will ensure your accuracy when placing them into position gluing them down.



DECK PREPARATION AND GLUING



- Remove the pieces in preparation for cleaning.
- Degrease the deck with acetone after vacuuming.
- Be sure not to erase any location marks.
- Be sure the surface is flat and smooth.
- Correct any deficiencies before proceeding.



GLUING WITH NOTCHED TROWEL



- Apply the adhesive to the deck area using a 3mm notched trowel, starting at the centreline previously marked.
- Ensure the adhesive area is slightly larger than the sheet area.



PLACING THE FIRST SHEET



- Ensure the adhesive is uniformly spread. Set the first sheet into place onto the adhesive.
- Starting from the centre of the sheet, apply pressure working towards the outside.
- Using a rubber mallet and a block of wood will assist in this.
- The purpose is to remove any air that may be trapped, setting the sheet well into the glue.



CONTINUE GLUING AND JOINING SHEETS



- Repeat the gluing procedure securing each sheet to the previously installed one with additional glue if needed and masking tape, apply pressure at the sheet joints to minimize the joint seam.
- Clean any excess adhesive from the caulk **grooves** but do **not** clean the excess glue from the joint seam or the cork surface at this time.

TRACING THE BORDER PIECES



- Once all the pieces have been glued we can trace the border pieces.
- Using a board and the previously cut border pieces, position your pieces and trace them onto the sheet for cutting.
- Now is the time to locate and consider caulking joint seams relative to one another.

CUTTING YOUR TRACED BORDER



- Once all the border pieces have been traced, check for appearance, you can now proceed with cutting.
- Cut the traced lines carefully keeping your cutting blade as perpendicular as possible, insuring straight cuts. Inspect your work after cutting.



REMOVE CUT PIECES AND ADHESIVE



- Immediately remove all cut pieces and glue from the deck.
- It is best to do this the same day while the glue is still pliable.
- A chisel may be helpful at times if the glue has set.



PRE-FIT BORDER PIECES BEFORE GLUING



- Insert your border pieces checking their fit.
- Mark their position relative to each other and the sheet.
- Check your work and proceed with gluing.



JOINING AND SPACING WHEN FITTING



- When joining two boards, miter the joint leaving a 4mm caulking space.
- Once all boards have been glued, check your work for uniform spacing and appearance.



CAULKING YOUR NEW SEACORK DECK



- Clean all the caulking grooves with a vacuum and a brush. Make certain they are free of dust. Wash the grooves with acetone and vacuum to dry.
- Cut the tube nozzle square, approximately 12mm in diameter.
- Holding the tube nozzle at 90° to the groove apply the deck caulking.
- Do a small area at a time, approximately 8 square feet.



REMOVE EXCESS MATERIAL



- With a spatula or squeegee flatten and remove excess deck caulk material.
- Do not attempt to put this excess material into a groove, as it will trap air and you will have to return to repair the void, which will show itself during sanding.



Sanding (Two/three days after caulking)

- Depending on the surface, you can use either a sander, an orbital grinder (take care!), or a finishing sander. Indeed, the larger the surface , the more beneficial it will be to use the sander.
- Use 80 grit sandpaper (or finer), to remove the excess caulking.
- Always keep your sander moving over the surface in a smooth circular motion.
- It is better to sandpaper the whole installation in one go, to minimise differences in colour due to U.V. - even if the installation was completed in several attempts.

****Careful attention during the sandpapering will ensure the best final result!****



Finishing

- At this final stage, two choices are offered to you.

1. You can leave the Seacork as it is ..

Please be aware that SEACORK® will become grey over time, as any other wood may. However, left in its natural state, it will preserve an **optimal** non-skid capacity.

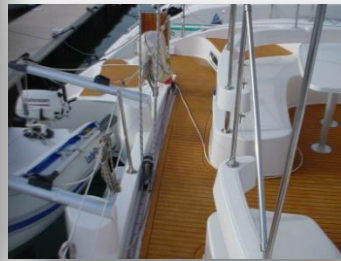
2. You can treat it with a finishing product*.

We recommend application of a single coat of “Cork Protect” , (obtainable from us at www.seacork.eu), which will be easier to maintain and retain its rich colour for longer, but without significantly impairing its anti-slip properties.

Please note*: *Use of an alternative protector/sealant may impair the final finish, and significantly reduce the anti-slip properties of this product.*



VOILA!



- Here is the finished result!

