

How to Finish Birch Plywood Edges Like a Pro (Step-by-Step)

Exposed plywood edges can look rough and unfinished-especially when you want a clean, furniture-grade result. Luckily, finishing those edges is simple with iron-on veneer or hardwood strips. Here's how I do it in my own shop:

Option 1: Iron-On Birch Edge Banding (Fast & Clean)

Materials Needed:

- Birch veneer edge tape (iron-on, pre-glued)
- Household iron or dedicated edge banding tool
- Utility knife or edge trimmer
- Sanding block (220 grit)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Cut your edge tape slightly longer than the edge you're covering.
2. Heat your household iron to a medium setting (no steam).
3. Place the tape on the edge and press the iron firmly along the tape in slow passes.
4. Let the tape cool for a minute, then trim the excess with a utility knife or edge trimmer.
5. Lightly sand the edge with 220-grit sandpaper for a seamless finish.
6. Apply your finish (paint, stain, or sealer) as usual.