

# Melamine Edging Tape Fitting Guide

## Product Description

This pre-glued melamine edging tape is designed to cover exposed panel edges, providing a neat, durable, and professional finish.

The edging tape features a heat-activated adhesive backing that bonds to the panel edge when heat is applied. Once fitted and trimmed, the edging creates a clean finished edge that helps protect the panel from everyday wear and moisture.

## Suitable Applications

- Chipboard panels
- MDF panels
- Melamine-faced boards
- Shelving
- Cabinets and wardrobes
- Kitchen furniture
- Office furniture
- Furniture repairs and refurbishment

## Tools Required

- Household iron or edge banding iron
- Protective baking parchment or clean cotton cloth
- Veneer edge trimmer or sharp craft knife
- Fine file or sanding block
- Clean cloth
- Tape measure

## Before You Start

1. Ensure the panel edge is clean, dry, and free from dust, grease, and loose material.
2. Cut the edging tape slightly longer than the panel edge being covered.
3. Ensure the iron is clean and set to a medium heat setting with the steam function switched off.
4. Test the temperature on a small offcut if possible.

## Installation Instructions

### Step 1 – Cut the Edging Tape

- Measure the panel edge.
- Cut the edging tape approximately 25 mm longer than the required length.
- Allow a small overhang at each end.

## **Step 2 – Position the Tape**

- Place the edging tape onto the exposed panel edge with the adhesive side facing the panel.
- Ensure the tape is centred along the edge before applying heat.

## **Step 3 – Apply Heat**

- Place a sheet of baking parchment or a clean cotton cloth over the edging tape.
- Slowly move the iron along the tape using firm, even pressure.
- Work in small sections to activate the adhesive evenly.
- Ensure the entire length receives sufficient heat to achieve a secure bond.

## **Step 4 – Apply Pressure**

- Immediately after heating, press the edging firmly onto the panel edge using a wooden block, roller, or cloth.
- Apply consistent pressure along the full length to ensure maximum adhesion.
- Pay particular attention to the ends and edges.

## **Step 5 – Allow the Adhesive to Set**

- Leave the edging tape to cool completely.
- Once cool, check that the edging is securely bonded along its entire length.

## **Step 6 – Trim Excess Material**

- Trim the overhanging ends flush with the panel.
- Carefully remove any excess width using an edge trimmer or sharp craft knife.
- Work slowly and carefully to avoid damaging the edging or panel surface.

## **Step 7 – Finish the Edge**

- If required, lightly smooth the trimmed edges using a fine file or sanding block.
- Remove any dust or debris with a clean cloth.

## **Care and Maintenance**

- Clean using a soft cloth and mild household cleaner.
- Avoid abrasive cleaning products and scouring pads.
- Wipe up spills promptly to help maintain the appearance of the edging.
- Periodically inspect for any lifting and reapply heat if necessary.

## Helpful Tips

- Always use the iron without steam.
- Keep the iron moving to avoid overheating the edging.
- Allow the adhesive to cool fully before trimming.
- Test the heat setting on an offcut before installation.

## Safety Information

- Take care when using hot irons and sharp cutting tools.
- Wear suitable eye protection when trimming.
- Keep hot tools away from children and flammable materials.
- Ensure the work area is well ventilated and free from hazards.

**Installation complete – your melamine edging tape is now fitted, providing a clean and professional finish to your furniture panel.**