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HANDY HINTS FOR RE-LAMINATING

1. Choose your laminate colour and find out what size it comes in.
2. Draw a diagram of the area you require to cover with the length and width of each bench top and Edge strip recorded.
3. Draw a diagram of the laminates sheet with the length and width recorded, and sketch in your bench tops and edge strips, arranging them in the most optimum places to utilize the sheet. Be aware if your chosen colour is directional or has a pattern, as you should run the benchtops in one direction. **OVER ALLOW AT LEAST 5mm** on your lengths and widths for cutting and to give yourself room for error. Allow extra if your wall is not square. It is recommended that you save the longest and widest benchtops using the sides and ends of the laminates. This will generally ensure the laminate is square (although please do your own check) and fewer edges for you to cut.
4. Once you are satisfied that you have obtained the optimum places for your benchtops on paper, transfer this onto the decorative side of the laminate sheet using a fine texta. If the laminate is film coated, leave it on during the entire procedure and peel it off when glued on and then trim off.
5. Using a score and snap knife and a straight edge, score the decorative side of the laminate along your markings. Double-check that your cut outs are at least 5mm oversize before starting. Score deeply into the laminate until you are able to snap the laminates upwards towards you without putting stress on the rest of the sheet. If the laminate does not want to snap, keep scoring until it becomes easy to snap. Ensure scoring is done on a totally flat surface as any imperfections under the laminate could interfere with your straight line. Please note: If cutting "L" shape cut outs, it is recommended that a 10mm radius hole be drilled where the two cuts meet. This will avoid cracking the sheet.
6. Once all sections are cut, place them over the existing benches to ensure they cover all the desired areas. When you are satisfied that they all fit, take them off and you are now ready to prepare the Benchtop for attachment.
7. Prepare your existing benchtops by sanding to the point of removing any glossy film, dampness or oily stains, so the adhesive has something to grip to. Fill any holes and make it as level as possible. Clean or vacuum all sawdust away as any imperfections in the substrate will show through the laminate.

8. Apply a liberal coat of contact adhesive to your edge strips and edges of your benches, wait for the adhesive to go tacky, check manufacturers' instructions on the can for times which depend on brand and air temperature. Attach your edge strips ensuring they are oversize on top and bottom. File, route or trim, depending upon your tools, the laminate back to the edge of the bench. Be careful to file in one direction away from the edge strip so not to chip the laminate and finish off with fine sand paper.
9. Apply a liberal coat of adhesive to your laminate one piece at a time as well as the corresponding section of Benchtop. It is recommended that lengths of dowel wider than your Benchtop be placed at 600mm intervals. Place the laminate onto the dowel ensuring the adhesive on both surfaces are not touching. When you are confident the laminate is in the correct position, take out the dowel beginning in the center or one side e.g. against wall and work out. Use a rubber roller or rolling pin to flatten all sections of the laminate back to the edge of the benchtop, finishing off with a file and sandpaper to a 45-degree angle. Clean up any unwanted adhesive with thinners or solvent.
10. If butt joints are required, ensure both pieces are perfectly square and file both edges from top to bottom at 45 degrees. Press both pieces firmly together whilst gluing to substrate.
11. It is recommended that sink and other cut outs are done by jigsaw after the laminate is attached. We suggest all cut outs and any right angles are filed to half round. Please note: drill 10mm radius hole on each corner when cutting through laminate and board for sink, hot plates and any other cut outs for expansion purposes.
12. Laminate can expand and contract by 1mm for every lineal metre depending on atmosphere conditions. It is advisable that wall to wall laminating has a silicone recess at each end.
13. Clean you bench tops regularly with Spray & Wipe, Windex or similar and you should have many years of service from this product.
14. This text is only provided as a guide to re-laminating. If you are not competent in this field we suggest you contact a qualified tradesman to carry out the work. For further inquires contact our sales department.
15. Equipment required to re-laminate:

Score and Snap Knife	Fine Wood File
Contact Adhesive (approx coverage 1 Litre to 4m ²)	Fine Sandpaper
Roller (Rubber or wood)	Fine Texta
A Straight Edge	Dowel
10mm Diameter Drill Bit	Electric Drill

Optional: Router, Trimmer, Jigsaw