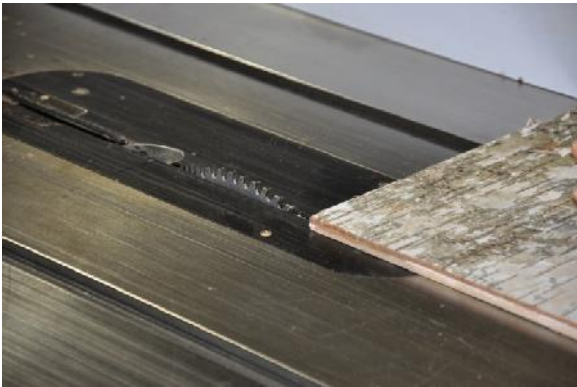


# Installation Guide for Bark House® Bark Veneer Laminates

## For Interior and Exterior Use

Our one of a kind Bark Veneer Laminates are made by press gluing paper thin barks to a rigid substrate enabling you to present this otherwise difficult to manage texture in a way that is simple to install. Always consult with our knowledgeable sales staff before ordering as to choose the best combination of bark and substrate for your particular application. There are limitless possibilities for our laminates, but intended purpose will of course influence how we make your customized panels. For example, a floating panel in an interior cabinet door would be laminated to a ¼” substrate while the cabinet walls would require ¾”. An exterior use panel would require lamination to a ½” exterior treated substrate. Choices of finishes are also subject to location and type of installation. We will always be available to assist you in making the best choice for purchase as well as providing ongoing technical support to ensure that your project is properly installed.

### For Bark Veneer Laminates for Interior Use

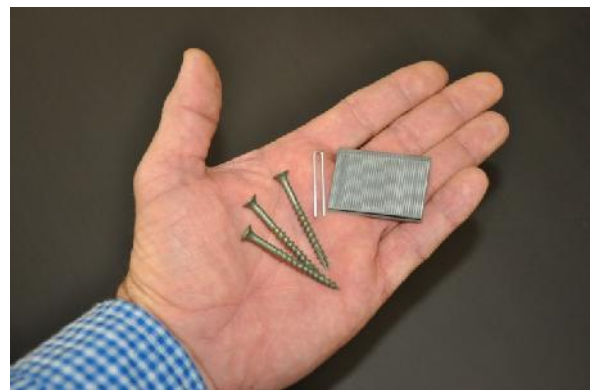


If your panel has to be site cut, ensure that you take the same precautions as with cutting any other finish veneer panel. Use proper cutting blades with the appropriate amount of teeth as to minimize chipping and flaking of the bark veneers.

Once your panel is ready to install, trowel on a proper panel adhesive and then use your choice of fasteners to pin it to the wall. Only a minimal amount of fasteners are required to hold the panel in place while the adhesive

sets. If you opt not to use the adhesive, be advised that thinner laminated panels could slightly bubble between studs. You will also have to use more fasteners on large panels without adhesive and this of course will require more hole patching. The most commonly used fasteners that we recommend are crown staples for thinner panels and flat head screws for thicker ones where the staples might be too short to grab a stud. Screws are also preferred when metal studs are present.

If you pin your panel with crown staples, then an appropriate shade of colored putty is all that is require



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for hiding the staple holes.

If screws have been chosen to pin your panel, then you should use a proper wood countersink bit for pre-drilling holes for the screws. Make sure that you use the correct bit for your screw size. For example, use a #8 wood countersink for pre-drilling a #8 screw.

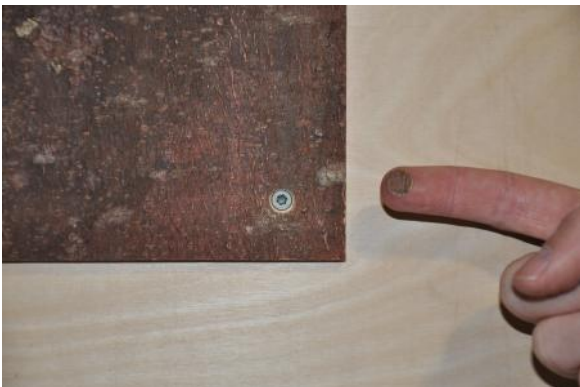


Adjust the drill bit depth in your countersink to correlate with screw length. Some wood countersink bits will also come with a depth stop, and if so, the stop should be set to allow the screw to tighten down at a depth sufficient to allow for the provided patch kit to cover and flush out with the surrounding field. For White Birch and Yellow Birch, set your countersink to flush screws with the surface. For Pin Cherry, countersink the screws about 1/32" below the surface. For White Pine, countersink the screw head 1/16" below the surface.



Patch Kits are automatically provided for panels 4' x 8' and larger. Kits for smaller panels and/or extra patch kits are available at an additional price. Kits include 3/8" and 1/2" round bark discs for White Pine and Fire Cherry. Kits for White

Birch and Yellow Birch are simply small peeled slivers of bark that can be torn smaller to just conceal screw heads. Apply adhesive on both types and attach. You may have to slightly tap in the round discs to seat them in the countersunk hole.



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Panel adhesives are not practical for exteriors for a number of reasons. They are not generally rated for outdoors and certainly won't work over house wraps. So, installation is done solely with mechanical fasteners. Screws are fine, but slow. Most installers prefer gun nailing, but be sure to use a full round head spiral or ring shank galvanized nail. If you are worried about the visibility of the nail heads or screws, then set your gun to slightly countersink the heads or drive your screws below the surface and fill with appropriate colored exterior wood filler.

Ensure that you create a seal where panels meet. A light bead of silicone between butt joints will suffice. Header flashing is necessary if you are stacking panels on top of each other as to keep moisture from end wicking into the panels.

All Bark House® Bark Veneer Laminates for Exterior Use come finished with an exterior rated dead flat varnish.

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