



Instructions for improving shakes

Wood is an organic product and the odd split or shake is a natural by product of its structure. If this should happen, don't panic! There are several options for remedying this issue.

Larger Shakes

If you feel that the shake in your worktop is more than a surface split (and therefore cannot be patched up by a small application of filler), please try the following measures.

You Will Need

- A bar clamp
- Wood glue (such as Evo Stik Wood Adhesive), avoid glue that expands while it dries.
- Sandpaper
- You may also need a helper to hold the wood in place.

Instructions

1. If possible gently sand both edges of the split (glue works best with clean, dry and porous surfaces). If there is any residue coating the exposed internal edges, you might find that rubbing lightly with vinegar will aid dissolution.
2. Rinse the area and leave to dry.
3. Apply a line of wood glue to each edge. Ensure the glue coats the edges as thoroughly as possible, spread if necessary.
4. When the glue is just beginning to set, apply a second coating over the top.
5. Immediately press the two edges back together; if necessary, ask a helper to hold the edges in place while you move on to affixing the bar clamp.
6. The bar clamp needs to fit over both the glued pieces fairly loosely to begin with. Open up the clamp and position accordingly, adjust the clamp until the edges are pressed snugly together.
7. Wipe off any excess glue.

8. Leave glue to set as per manufacturer's instructions. When glue is fully set, remove bar clamp.
9. Remove excess glue and lightly sand area flush
10. Re-oil the worktop to ensure this is fully sealed before the next usage.

Minor Shakes

The natural occurrence of minor shakes in the surface of the worktop can be remedied easily; simply sand the shake so that it is flush (or completely remove the delaminating wood if this is not practical) and fill any gaps with appropriate moisture resistant wood filler.

For colour-matching, use standard colour wood filler and darken accordingly with wood stain, coloured grout, or by mixing in ground up wood shavings (collect those that will naturally form when the worktop is sanded).

Colour wood dye pens offer a means of overcoming any colour matching issues, particularly for timbers with naturally strong grain and colour variation (such as zebrano).

Best Regards

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