

DECKadence Marine Seam Tips

TOOLS REQUIRED:



Glue Squeeze Bottle



Razor Knife



Straight Edge



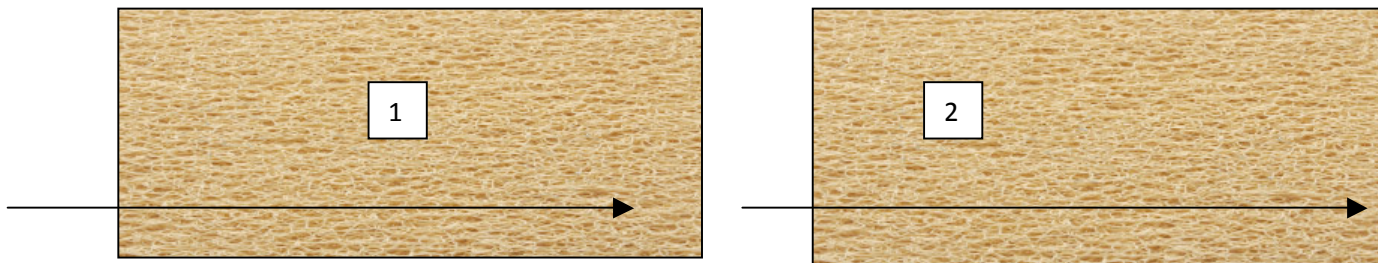
Brush (optional)



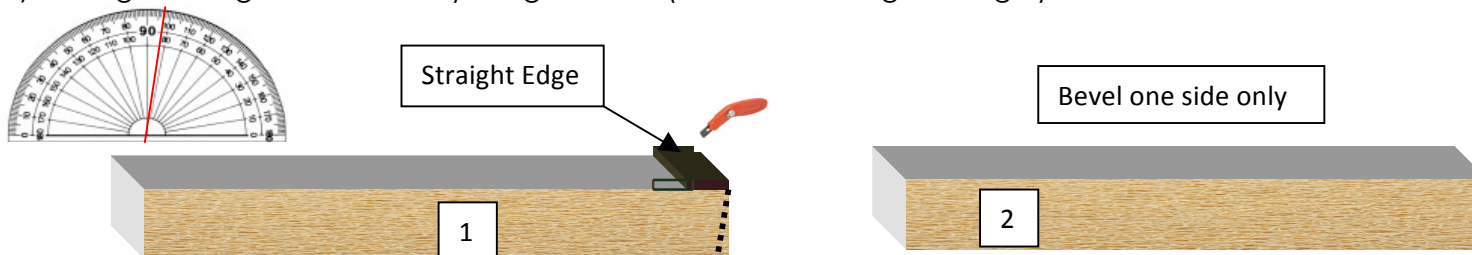
Adhesives

The **DECKadence Marine Flooring** seams are easy to hide ... that is if you know a few trade secrets. First, you must use an approved clear adhesive that will chemically weld the material together (contact us for details), this will stay soft and not turn yellow. If you use ordinary PVC glue you will not yield the same results. Next follow the steps below and with a little time... and some experience you too will become the invisible seam expert!

Step 1: Check the movement of the material of the two pieces you are about to adjoin. Make sure it's moving in the same direction. The material will have a directional movement not as much as wood but still noticeable if you look closely.

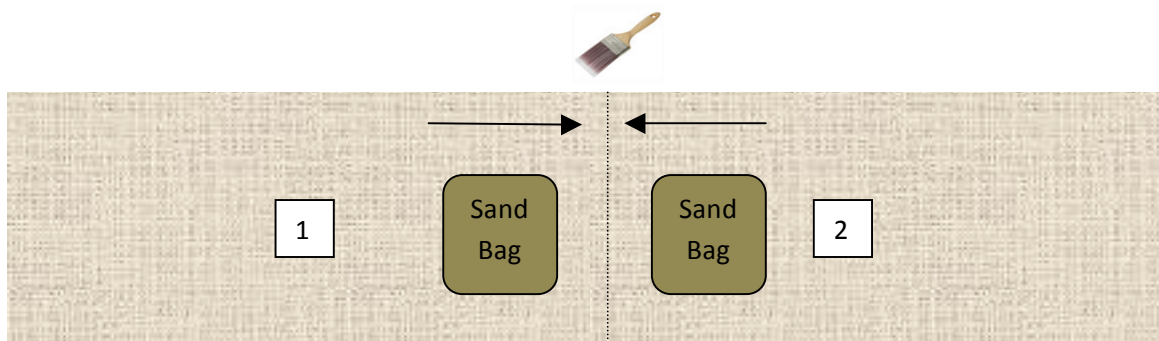


Step 2: Next take a straight edge and chose one side (and one side only) of the two sides that you will be adjoining and cut with a sharp razor knife (and make sure that the blade is long enough to accommodate the thickness of the straight edge and still cut all the way through through the material) a slight bevel (about a 85 degree angle) from the TOP to bottom.



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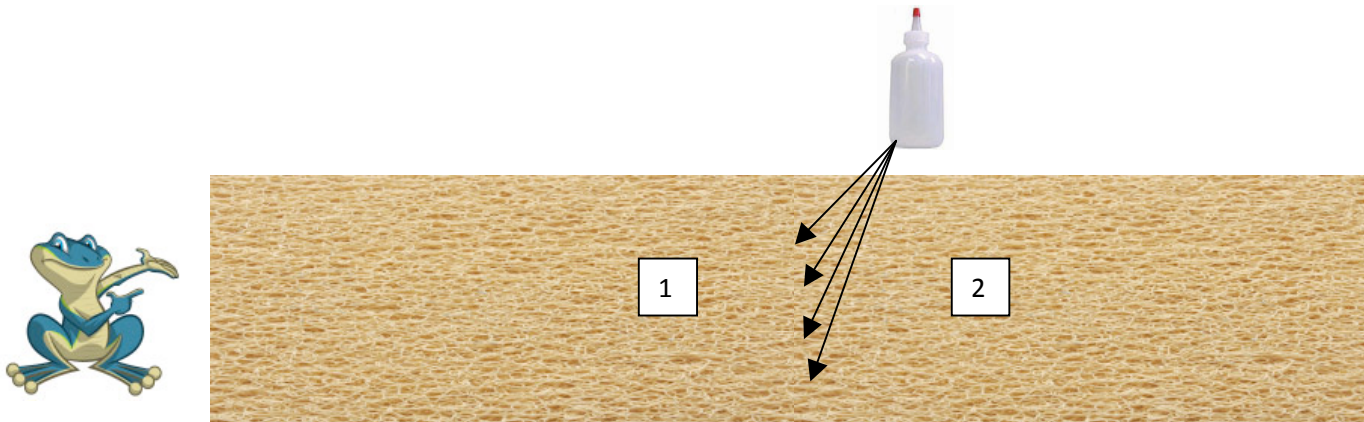
Step 3: Turn the material over on the back and place weights (sand bags) on both sides and push together until the bottoms meet as flush as possible. Be aware the material will want to push away from the bottom seam because of the slight bevel cut. **Brush** on achieve over the seam and let stand for 60 min.



Seam Reinforcement Tip:

Sew the bottom of the DMF with nylon thread or nylon dental floss, and then apply glue over seam.

Step 4: After an hour turn it upright. At this point you should see no seam; however you will need to strengthen the bond of the material so it stays intact. To do that you will need the squeeze bottle filled with the proper adhesive. Insert the tip into the material just under the surface and squeeze a dime size drop (half a teaspoon full) of adhesive into the seam then slightly shimmy both sides to smear the adhesive for better coverage. Let stand 6 hours.



General rule: DO NOT glue the surface of the material; the more glue towards the bottom (and half way up) the better.

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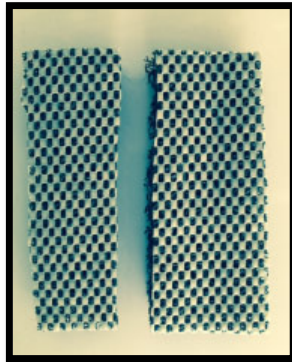
ADHESIVES:

There are several adhesives that will bond well with DECKadence Marine Flooring, however the most popular and easy to obtain is OATEY PVC "ALL PURPOSE CEMENT" 30818. Found in most hardware stores in the plumbing section.

Bevel One Side



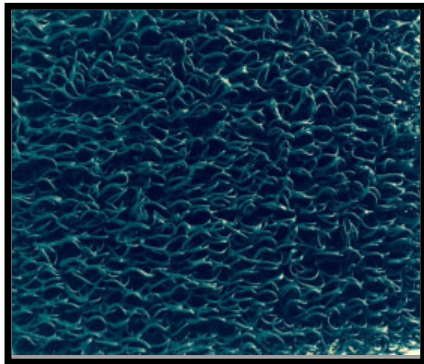
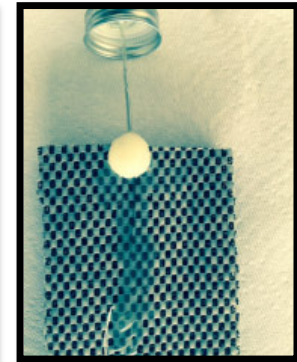
Sew the Backing



Glue in the Middle



Glue the Backing



Seam Tip

To reinforce the seam sew the bottom of the DECKadence with nylon thread or even dental floss!

No Visible Seam!