

TRANSFERRING SIMPLE PATTERNS

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Photocopy the pattern at 100% then glue the copy to the background veneer. Spray adhesive applied to the back of the photo copy then applied to the veneer is the simplest. Spray adhesive is available from art-supply or craft-supply stores. Rubber cement works well also. When your project is finished, clean any traces of spray adhesive from the veneer with lacquer thinners. Don't swab thinners on unremoved photo copy pieces, as it will dissolve the toner and stain the veneer. Rubber cement residue cleans up easily by rubbing it off with your finger or an eraser.

Transfer by tracing

Sometimes it's a lot easier to draw a simple outline directly onto the background veneer. Slide a piece of transfer paper under the pattern and trace the pattern with a sharp pencil or an old empty ball-point pen. Press hard enough to mark the veneer but not hard enough to indent it. Common office supply carbon paper would work but transfer paper is preferred as it leaves wax-free lines which are easily removed. You can find transfer paper at an art-supply or craft-supply store.