# VeneerSupplies.com Veneer Tape Dispenser

If you've ever joined two veneers with veneer tape, then you probably know how important it is to have a decent tape dispenser on hand. There are several imported dispensers out there that cost well over a hundred bucks and I doubt there are enough woodworkers visiting our website that would want something so expensive. With that in mind, I created this simple benchtop tape dispenser using some everyday parts found in the hardware store.



Veneer tape is not included with the dispenser.

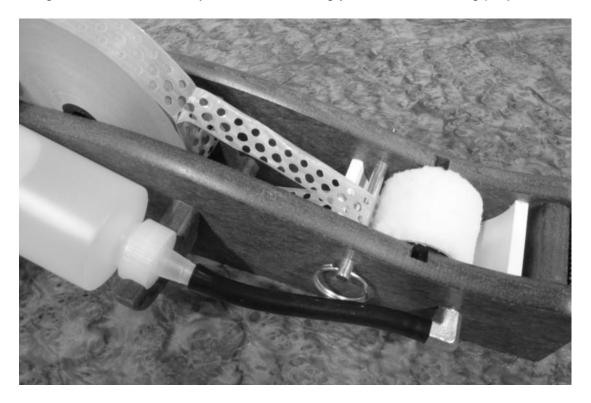
## The tape cutter is sharp. Always keep your fingers off the cutting edge.

#### **Instructions**

- 1. Slide the black tubing off the water bottle nozzle and fill the bottle with clean water.
- 2. Re-attach the tubing using enough pressure to create a tight fit on the nozzle.
- 3. Snap the bottle onto the mounts on the side of the dispenser.
- 4. Gently squeeze the water bottle to fill the roller-wetting basin. The water port in the basin will only fill to the correct level. Excess water in the basin will be pulled back into the bottle when it is released.
- 5. To prime the wetting wheel, slowly spin it by hand until the entire wheel is moist.
- 6. Remove the plastic spacer on the tape holder if your veneer tape is wider than 3/4".
- 7. Place the veneer tape on the carrier so that it unrolls from the <u>bottom</u> of the roll. This will put the adhesive side of the tape on the bottom so that it can be wetted properly.
- 8. Feed the tape under the aluminum pin. This pin can be temporarily removed if needed.
- 9. To use the tape dispenser, pull the tape toward you horizontally so that the tape rolls over the wetting wheel.
- 10. When the correct length of tape has been wetted, carefully press the tape over the cutting edge of the dispenser. Keep fingers away from the cutter since it is very sharp.
- 11. Gently squeeze the water bottle to refill the basin as needed.

### Clean Up and Tips

- When you have finished using the tape dispenser, remove the bottle from the mount (while keeping the hose attached) and hold it below the water basin. Gently squeeze the bottle a few times to vacuum the basin water back into the bottle. To remove all water from the basin, tilt the dispenser on its side to direct the water toward the filling port.
- Lightly moisten the end of the veneer tape. Loop it back over the aluminum pin and stick it onto the roll as shown below. Doing so will keep the tape from sticking to the wetting wheel until it is ready to be used during your next veneering project.



- Optionally, the wetting wheel can be removed and dried with paper towels.
- Increase the rate of wetting by pulling the tape slowly. If you prefer even more wetting, pull slower and place gentle finger pressure on the tape over the wetting wheel.

#### Maintenance

- A few drops of bleach mixed into the water supply will help prevent mold from forming on the wetting wheel.
- The tape cutter is made from spring steel and should be sprayed with silicone or machine oil as needed to prevent corrosion.