



Hammer Veneering with David Orth

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Veneering opens up a whole new world of shape and surface possibilities for the woodworker. In this two day class a little understood method of traditional veneering, which uses a veneer “hammer” and hide glue, will be demonstrated and you’ll be trying your own hand at it. Hammer veneering is to modern veneer techniques, what a hand plane is to a power joiner. It allows you to work more flexibly, subtly, and quickly - by bringing the tool to the work. This skill will free your work – and your mind.

Course topics and objectives:

- Proper and improper uses of veneer.
- When should I employ hammer veneering?
- Substrate materials and structures.
- Choosing, storing, cutting, and preparing veneer.
- Hide glue selection, preparation, and storage.
- Hammer veneering tools.
- Veneering work-area organization
- Basic veneering techniques.
 - Face application
 - Joining veneer edge-to-edge
 - Veneering substrate edges
 - Corners: outside and inside
- Advanced techniques:
 - Curves: outside and inside
 - Beveling edges
 - Inlaying veneer with hammer techniques
- Common veneering problems.
 - Recognizing them.
 - Avoiding them.
 - Correcting them.
- Trimming, scraping, filing, and sanding veneer work.

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Recommended Student Tool list

- Veneer hammer (Consider making your own. Do an internet image search for ideas. The blade can be made from steel, bronze, or brass.)
- Electric glue pot (one-quart Hold Heet recommended - you can make your own lid)
- Old electric clothes iron – never to be used for clothes again. No steam function needed.
- A rag: rough acrylic fabric is ideal
- Small bucket
- Plastic water mister
- Utility knife
- Sharp 1” chisel
- Metal straight-edge.
- Small square.
- Hand scraper and/or scraper plane

Suppliers

www.garrettwade.com (tools)

www.constantines.com (tools)

local hardware store

resale shop (old iron)

I am not recommending any specific reading, because I have never seen a complete, satisfactory explanation of this technique. I look forward to working with you. Please call me or email me with any questions.

Best wishes,
David Orth