

Fabric Laminated Crown Molding

Fabric laminated crown molding adds a beautiful custom detail on many styles of treatments. Crown, baseboard and chair rail molding can be laminated to match fabric covered walls.

Materials and Supplies:

Crown Molding

Fabric*

Laminating Adhesive – FA40 or FA45

Scissors – CU22-CU28

Push Pins – TP5

Straight Edge Ruler – MR19



**Some fabrics such as silk may darken or stain by the adhesive, Fusible Stabilizer (FB 10-13) can be applied to the back of the fabric to prevent this. Test first.*

Step-by-Step:

1. Cut and construct crown molding. If installing on top of a valance add blocks in the corners and along the width and screw down from above securing it into the mount board. Photo 1. If applied to the face of the valance, attach with brad nails through the front of the crown into the mount board.

2. Cut fabric for crown molding allowing for extra to wrap around top and bottom. If a solid color one piece can be used across the entire crown molding including the returns but if using a fabric with a pattern motif cut the front piece first and match two pieces for each return. To match the fabric to the valance clamp the uncovered crown molding to the top of the valance and position the fabric, secure in place along the bottom with push pins. Photos 2 and 3.



3. Cover worktable with plastic. Pour a small amount of Laminating Adhesive into a bowl and stir in a few drops of water. (If the crown molding is old and dry it will absorb more moisture, to compensate for dry wood lightly mist the crown molding with a spray bottle of water before applying the adhesive). Using a foam brush, paint the adhesive on the front of the crown molding. Photo 4.

4. Place fabric over the crown molding and starting from the center smooth out evenly. Use the straight edge ruler to push fabric into grooves. Photo 5.

5. Continue smoothing fabric neatly over the crown molding. If there is a wrinkle or bubble gently lift the fabric and reposition. Do not stretch the fabric; when it dries the fabric may slightly shrink and pull away from the grooves. At each end allow extra fabric to wrap around ends and attach with more adhesive, clipping the corners if needed to achieve a sharp edge. Photo 6.



6. Match fabric for returns. Photo 7. Due to the shape you may not be able to match pattern exactly but try to keep stripes or patterns running vertical. If needed spray the back of the fabric with Fray-Away Spray (AS40) before cutting. The fabric will be cut exactly to fit the corner edge and not turned under. Continue laminating the returns and wrapping fabric over the top and around the ends, clipping where needed. Photo 8.

7. Allow crown molding to dry and then attach to valance as described in step 1.

