



installing square edge benchtops

Things you need to know

- Please check the colour and finish of your benchtop before you start cutting your new workspace. Benchtops cannot be returned or exchanged once they have been cut, modified or installed.
- Never place hot items directly onto your benchtop as this will cause damage to the surface.
- Never cut directly onto your benchtop as this could create fine scratches.
- Any exposed edges or cutouts must be sealed prior to installation with a suitable water proofing sealant.
- Always remember to use Personal Protection Equipment when cutting and installing your benchtops.

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Hardware needed







Note: Fixing hardware required is provided with the cabinets.

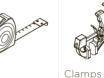
Tools you will need

To install your Kaboodle benchtops, you will need the following tools.

















30-40mm bore Exterior wood glue (PVA)





Fine tooth wood saw







Spirit level (900mm recommended)



knife

Rubber mallet

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masking tape

Caulking

gun



end spanner

10mm open



scraper

Heat

File gun

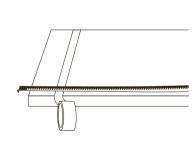




benchtop biscuits

cutting the benchtop

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Measure where you will be cutting and apply low adhesion masking tape to the area that will be cut.

Turn the benchtop over so the underside is facing upwards and apply masking tape to the area to be cut.

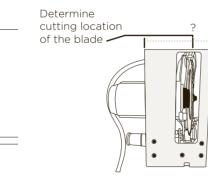
Clamp a straight edge parallel to the marked line. To do this you will need to determine the correct position of the straight edge depending on the model and make of the chosen circular saw.

Work out the distance from the edge of the base plate to the Note: Work required to straighten/level walls should be

completed before the kitchen has been installed. However, once benchtops are joined, the back edges can be planed or trimmed slightly to suit. Tiles/splashbacks and silicone will hide small gaps and inconsistencies between walls and benchtops.

plan + select + create + enjoy!



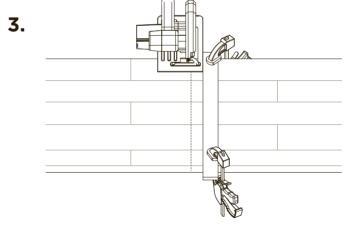


blade of the tool.

This measurement needs to be the same as the distance that you place the straight edge (or guide) from the cut line.

Note: To ensure you achieve a straight cut, you will require a straight edge (or a guide) to assist with cutting.

Tip. When clamping onto the benchtop ensure the clamps have soft jaws or suitable protection is placed on the surface of the benchtop to avoid damage.



that you use the assistance of a second person to secure the benchtop and help support the off cut during the cutting process. Always use PPE when employing power tools and ensure all safety precautions have been taken.

Important: It is recommended

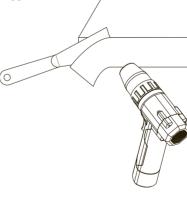
Set the depth of the circular saw blade to approximately 10mm deeper than the thickness of the benchtop. The blade must be at a right angle to the base plate. This will provide a vertical cut.

Cut the benchtop with the circular saw making sure you keep the base of the saw against the straight edge.

Note: It is recommended that the saw blade enters from the front edge of the benchtop (the side that will be most visible once installed).

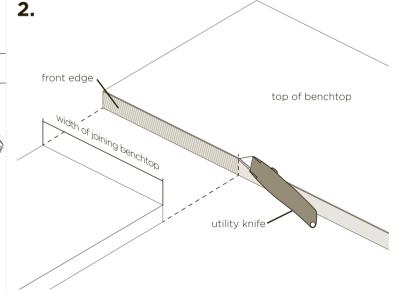
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removing edging



Heat the edging using a heat gun, making sure not to hold the heat gun too close to the edging as it may burn or melt it. Using a 50mm metal scraper, separate the edging away from the benchtop. Use the scraper to remove any excess glue from the edge of the benchtop.

Note: If the edging becomes hard to remove, heat it again using the heat gun.



You will also need to remove the edging from part of the front of the adjoining benchtop, where the two tops with join together.

Measure across the front edging the same width as the benchtop. Using a utility knife, cut a straight line down the edging, making sure not to cut too far into the benchtop so as to damage the laminate. Apply the same instructions as mentioned previously to remove the edging.

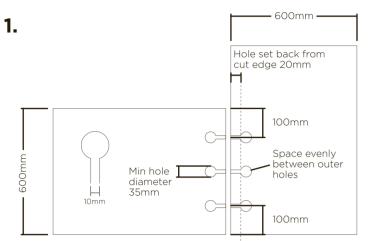
Note: Do not heat any part of the edging that will not be removed.

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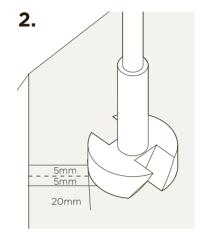
preparing for benchtop joins



On the underside of the benchtop, measure and marka straight line 20mm in from the edge of the benchtop. This line indicates the edge position of the bore holes for the joiners.

Measure and mark 100mm from the edge of each benchtop.

Measure the space between the two marks and divide by 2 to give you the position of the middle benchtop joiner.



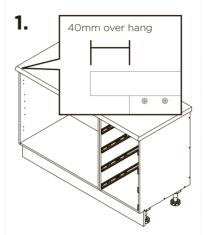
Using a 35mm hinge bore bit, drill to a depth of 25mm. The edge of the bore bit should just touch the 20mm line previously

Final look once cut ou 20mm

Using a fine tooth wood saw and a chisel, create a 10mm wide channel to join each opposing hole. The channel must be the same depth as the bore holes.

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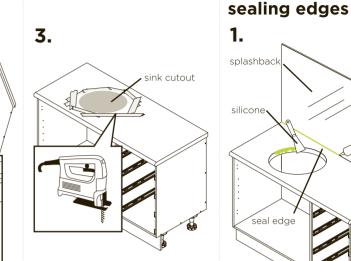
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Measure the distance from the wall to the front of the cabinet at both ends of the run of cabinets. The benchtop may need to be trimmed if your wall is uneven

The benchtop should protrude 40mm over the edge of the cabinet.

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splashbad

Measure and mark the cutouts for the appliances or sink using the manufacturers product specifications.

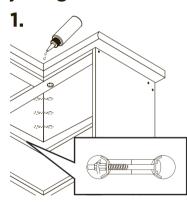
Tip. Apply low adhesive masking tape around the outside of the cutout to reduce benchtop splintering.

Note: Sink or appliance cut outs must be a minimum of 300mm from any benchtop join.

Any cut or exposed edges, like sink cutouts, must be sealed to prevent water penetrating and damaging the benchtop. Using a 50mm scraper, apply a layer of silicone over the area. Make sure the silicone is dry before the benchtop is installed.

Once the benchtop is installed, finish by apply a bead of silicone between the splashback and the benchtop

joining to cabinets



Hint: You may need to pull the benchtop forward slightly to work on the front joiner. Push it back into position when working on the remaining joiners. If this is not possible, drill a 50mm hole through the top rail of the cabinet to allow access to the ioiners.

Note: Ensure shelves are inserted into corner cabinets prior to installing benchtops.

Biscuits: Ensure biscuits are used when joining benchtops, biscuits will assist with the aligning and reinforcing of the benchtops.

Tools Needed: biscuit joiner, saw, measuring tape, square, wood glue, spreading stick

The biscuit joiner is designed for cutting and joining. It provides an accurate, effective means of joining natural wood or manufactured benchtops. For proper usage, please refer to the manufacturer's instructions.

If your benchtops have been purchased with pre-cut biscuit slots please skip to step 4.

1. Mark location of the biscuits to be glued between benchtops. Ensure markings allow for even spacing between biscuits. As a general rule, biscuits should be equally spaced between bore holes, with the first biscuit slot inserted between the front edge of the benchtop and the first bore hole

2. Cut biscuit slots with the biscuit joiner (refer to manufacturer's instructions). Ensure the benchtop is properly secured, as considerable force is required to push the blade into the benchton

3. Remove any sawdust and debris from biscuit slots.

4. After cutting the biscuit slots. it is best to trial join biscuits to ensure proper fit before gluing.

Place the benchtops into position with the top sides facing upward. Liberally apply exterior wood working glue (PVA) to both faces of the join, ensuring that both join faces are completely covered with glue.

Note: Silicone can be applied as an additional sealant to the glue. Apply silicone along the top of both faces, prior to pushing benchtops together.

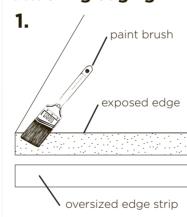
Push the 2 pieces together, and starting from the front of the benchtop insert the joiners into the holes as shown in the diagram. Align the top and front edge of the benchtop to ensure that it is even and flush. Gently tighten the joiners until they hold into position with a 10mm open end spanner.

Tighten the benchtop joiners in succession so they are secure whilst ensuring the top of the benchtop remains flush. You may need to gently tap the top with a rubber mallet to achieve a flush join.

Note: Do not overtighten pench joiners. Overtightening may cause the benchtop

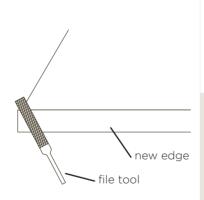
Remove any excess glue with a damp cloth

attaching edging



Using contact adhesive, attach the edging strip to the exposed end of the benchtop making sure there is overhang of the strip all the way around.

Note: Refer to the adhesive manufacturers guidelines for correct application.



Once the edging has properly adhered use a file to remove the excess edging from around the benchtop until it is even with the edge of the benchtops.

Note: The edging is slightly larger than the benchtop to allow for filing down once it has been attached.

Caring for your kaboodle benchtop

Note: When screwing into benchtaps, pre-drilling is

Fix the benchtop to the back

bracket and 14mm screws.

Fix the support rail using

the benchtop.

28mm screws through into

of the cabinet using 90° angle

For bamboo benchtops, drill an

elongated hole on the front rail.

This can be achieved by drilling

2 x 5mm holes side by side and

will allow for natural expansion

and contraction of the bamboo

using the drill in a swaying

motion to join the holes. This

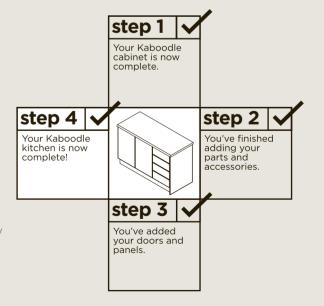
recommended.

Looking after your benchtops is really easy and with the right care and maintenance they will last you for many years. Just follow these simple steps and if you need any more information you can contact us us: Australia: 1800 666 078 Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 6:00pm AEST. New Zealand: 0800 522 663 Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 5:00pm NZST or email: info@kaboodlegroup.com.au.

Laminate benchtops are very easy to keep clean and should be regularly wiped with a damp cloth or sponge using warm soapy water or an all purpose, non-abrasive cleaning product. Never use a saturated cloth or sponge, harsh chemicals or thinner based cleaners on your laminate benchtop. Avoid sharp objects that may cut, scratch or gauge the benchtop and never cut directly on the benchtop or put any hot pots or pans directly on the surface. If the laminate is severely damaged, avoid any moisture near the exposed area as liquids will damage the inside of the benchtop and it may swell.

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