

A USERS GUIDE TO CONTIBOARD.



A LITTLE IMAGINATION

How to get the most from Conti.

Cutting Contiboard

A cutting service is offered, which could save you some time.

1. Measuring up accurately is essential. Use a steel measuring tape and sharp pencil or knife to mark your board into panels. Use a vice to clamp together panels of the same size and mark out lengths.
2. When hand sawing, select a good quality sharp panel saw with a minimum of 14 teeth per 25mm (1 inch). With the outward side of the board facing upwards (this will ensure that any small chippings will be on the inside and not visible on the assembled project) support the board either side of the cutting line. Never saw nearer to the edge than about 10mm. A few practice cuts on spare material are advisable to gain confidence, whether using a handsaw or power saw.
3. The quickest method for cutting board is to use an electric power saw which has been fitted with a sharp crosscut or combination blade. Use a saw guide whenever possible. Cut with the side to be in view underneath, the opposite of hand sawing.
4. If the cut surface is too rough use coarse glasspaper wrapped around a small block. To achieve a smooth finish, work from each edge to the middle.



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CUT AND EDGE CONTIBOARD TO PRODUCE
PROFESSIONAL LOOKING RESULTS EVERY TIME.**

Edging and Trimming Contiboard

ContiStrip iron-on edging can be used to conceal the exposed edges of Contiboard.

1. Use an electric iron to apply the edging. First heat the edge of the board by running the hot iron along its surface, then position the ContiStrip along the length. Leave 12mm overhang on either end. To prevent scorching the ContiStrip use a layer of brown paper between the iron and ContiStrip. Run the iron along the edge using a downwards and forwards pressure.
2. To ensure good adhesion, immediately after the ContiStrip has 'set', run a piece of rounded timber over the surface.
3. When cool, trim the edges with a sharp trimming knife.
4. The slight remaining overhang is best removed by using glasspaper wrapped around a small block. By working at a light angle you will avoid scratching the surface.



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Assembling Contiboard

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1. There is a wide variety of internal fixings available in store. The block illustrated is typical and uses three screws to fix two panels at right angles.
2. Contiboard panels can also be joined together using dowels which are secured using PVA adhesive.
3. Panels may also be screwed together using chipboard screws, which are especially for this purpose. Screw-heads are concealed by counterboring and using plastic screw-cap covers. Screw cap covers can easily choke a child. Glue these into place for extra safety.
4. Many different hinge types can be used with Contiboard – always follow the manufacturers' own fixing instructions.

THE MELAMINE SURFACE OF CONTIBOARD CAN BE PAINTED. THE SURFACE SHOULD BE DEGREASED USING SOAP AND WATER TAKING CARE NOT TO WET THE PRODUCT, AND THEN SANDED. AFTER YOU HAVE REMOVED THE DUST YOU CAN THEN PAINT USING OIL BASED PAINT OR A SPECIALLY FORMULATED LAMINATE PAINT.

Finishing Contiboard

Once completed a melamine surface Contiboard will only require wiping with a damp cloth, any more stubborn marks may be removed with white spirit or a mild household cleaner.

Decorative plinths and mouldings are best created using a jigsaw fitted with a fine blade. Always mark out your pattern first on the surface using a template and pencil.

The melamine surface of Contiboard can be painted. The surface should be degreased using soap and water taking care not to wet the product, and then sanded. After you have removed the dust you can then paint using oil based paint or a specially formulated laminate paint.



THE VERSATILE CONTIBOARD RANGE

A FINISH FOR EVERY SITUATION

Whether you live in a modern or traditional home, storage units can make or break a room. That's why we've designed a range of boards with a high-spec melamine finish that can be made to not only fit the shape of your home, but also the style. And because interior design is constantly changing, we're always developing and broadening our range of different coloured and printed designs. **All you need to do is add imagination.**

TOOLS REQUIRED

- Square, measuring tape and pencil
- Electric power saw with correct blade or hand saw (14 teeth per 25mm)
- Screwdrivers, screws, sharp marking/trimming knife
- Electric iron, glasspaper and block
- Drill with drill bits suitable for wood
 - Drill with 3mm and 5mm drill bits



SIZES AVAILABLE

Finish	White Melamine		Finish effects*
Thickness	15mm	15mm	18mm
Sizes	152 x 1830mm	152 x 2440mm	150 x 2000mm
	229 x 1830mm	229 x 2440mm	250 x 2000mm
	305 x 1830mm	305 x 2440mm	325 x 2000mm
	381 x 1830mm	381 x 2440mm	450 x 2000mm
	533 x 1830mm	533 x 2440mm	600 x 2000mm
	610 x 1830mm	610 x 2440mm	
		762 x 2440mm	
		1220 x 2440mm	

*Finish effects include:

Cherry Modern Effect; Rift Beech Effect; Traditional Oak Effect; Cream Effect; Walnut Effect; Chocolate Oak Effect; Maple Effect and Oak Effect.

The manufacturer reserves the right to withdraw or alter the range or part of the range. Matching ContiStrip iron on edging is available to finish sawn edges.

Caution and Safety

- Care should be taken when working with all timber products and the correct protective equipment used.
- Do not overtighten fixing screws.
- Ensure that you have sufficient working space to construct the unit.
- Heavy units are difficult to move and may require help from an additional person.
- Keep all tools and fixing items out of reach of children to prevent accidents occurring.
- Screw cap covers can easily choke a child. Glue these into place for extra safety.
- Check for wires and pipes with a special battery-powered detector before drilling.
- Always restrain freestanding units if there is a possibility of children climbing on them.
- Cleaning melamine or foil faced particleboard. Use mild soap and water only on a slightly damp cloth. Do not use abrasive or solvent cleaners.

Contiboard has been offering an alternative to ill-fitting, mass-produced, flat-packed furniture for over 25 years. The versatile nature and wide range of appealing finishes of our boards means that during that time they have been made into wardrobes, cupboards, shelving, storage boxes, tables... whatever you could think of really: Some weird, all wonderful.

We look forward to seeing what ideas you come up with in the next 25 years.

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