

How to make . . . an Essex Board Pelmet

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Essex Board is a highly compacted board which is the perfect solution for making pelmets. A light weight alternative to plywood or hardboard, it's easier to handle and can be cut with a Stanley knife, leaving a clean, smooth edge. What's more Essex Board is not susceptible to moisture so will not bow like some wood based products in humid conditions, ensuring your finished piece retains its shape and good looks.



Follow Julie's simple guide to see just how easy it is to use . . .

1. Cut the Essex Board to the required size allowing sufficient board for your side returns. The Essex Board can be easily cut with a jigsaw or sharp Stanley knife.

Score the board with a sharp Stanley knife to make the hinges/corners, taking care not to cut all the way through.

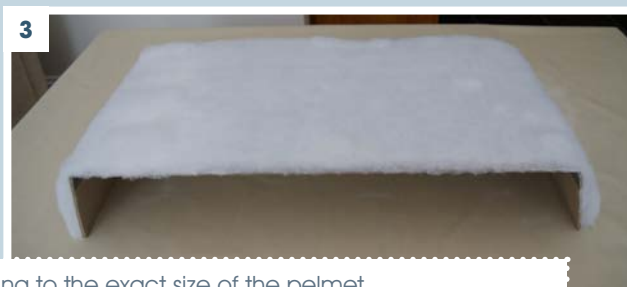


For longer pelmets, you can join 2 boards together with a strip of lining soaked in Copydex or alternatively with the Duct tape.



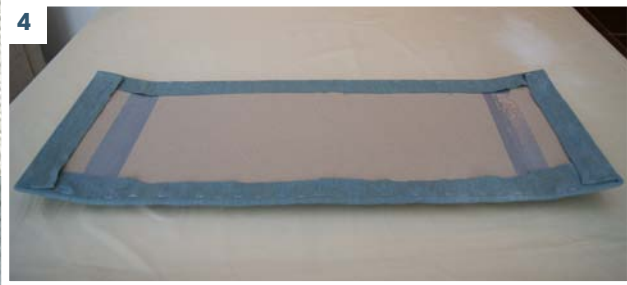
2. Stick Duct tape to the front and back of the Essex Board to reinforce the hinges/corners.

3. Apply Copydex glue to the front of the Essex Board and stick down the wadding.



Trim the wadding to the exact size of the pelmet. Leave to dry before completing the next step.

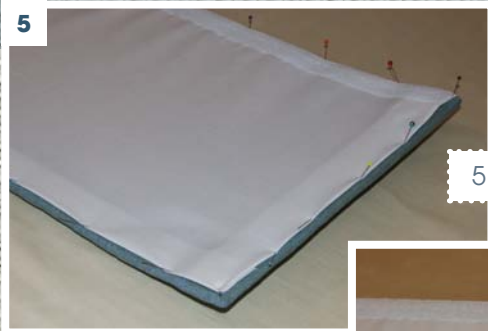




4. Lay your fabric face down and place the right side of the Essex Board to it.

Stretch the fabric taught and staple in place.

Your pelmet should now look like this.



5. Cut a piece of lining allowing for a 3cm turning on all sides.

Position the Loop Touch & Close tape 3cm down from the top of the lining and 3cm in from the side (this is to attach your board to the pelmet shelf at the end).

Machine stitch the Touch & Close tape to the top of the lining.

Place the lining on top of the Essex Board, turn in the allowances and pull taught (making sure to line the touch and close tape up with the top of the board).

Slip stitch lining in place, our curved needles are perfect for this.



Your completed Essex Board



6. Almost there, firstly you stick the self adhesive Touch & Close tape to the Pelmet shelf front. Stick it to the front of the shelf and then staple this in place too just for good measure to make sure it's firmly stuck down. It's at this point you may need a helping hand (depending on the size of your Pelmet) to secure your Pelmet to the Pelmet Shelf, which is secured to the wall with angle brackets.

Now stand back and admire your work!

What you will need to make the pelmet:

- ESSEX BOARD
- STANLEY KNIFE
- WADDING
- FABRIC
- STAPLE GUN
- 4MM STAPLES
- LINING
- TOUCH & CLOSE TAPE
- PELMET SHELF
- ANGLE BRACKETS
- TAPE MEASURE
- SEWING THREAD
- TRIMMINGS (OPTIONAL)

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