

# Engineered Oak Worktops

## Installation Guidelines & Care Information

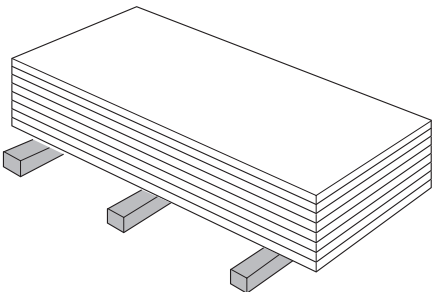
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### Important Information

Please make sure you read this leaflet before installing the worktop. The guidelines below will help ensure the worktop is installed correctly and in a suitable environment. Failure to adhere to the instructions could invalidate any claims.

- Worktops must be stored flat and fully supported on 3 level bearers
- Ensure the area is completely dry with all wet trades complete
- We recommend that heating should be operating in the room for at least 2 weeks to ensure a stable temperature level of 16-24°C and a humidity of 35-55%
- Worktops are a natural product so are sensitive to changes in humidity
- Check the worktop for defects or damage before installation
- Do not continue to install if any defects or damage are found
- Any trimmed edge, profiles or cut outs must be re-oiled before installation
- DO NOT use with Butler/Belfast or undermount sinks
- Drainer grooves are not suitable for this worktop



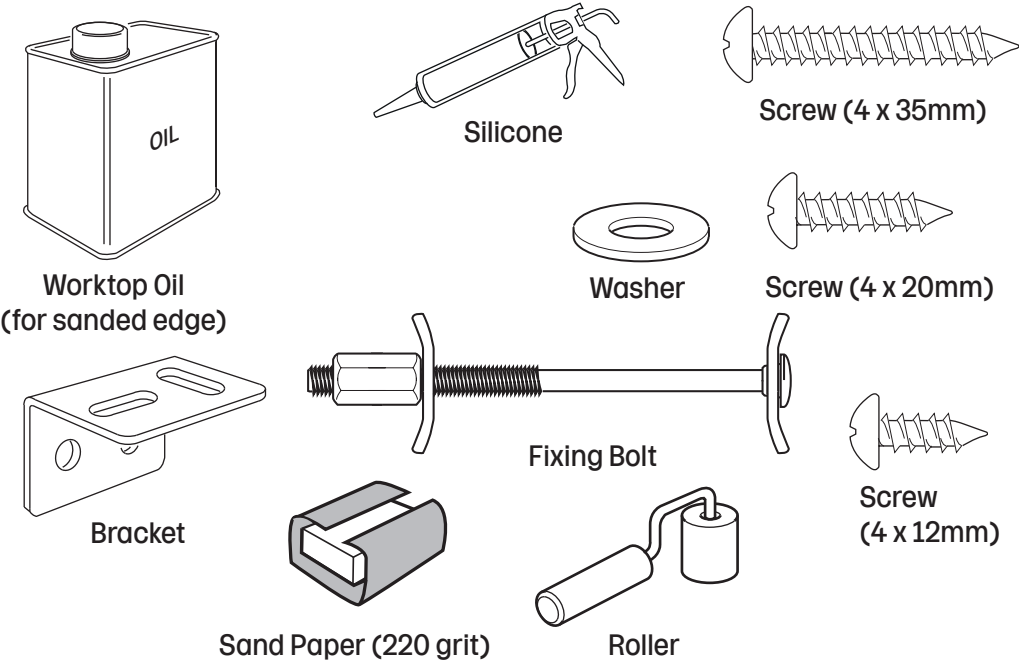
**The worktop is supplied pre-finished and does not require immediate re-oiling after installation. However, if the worktop has been scuffed or scratched during installation it is recommended to apply a final coat of worktop oil to the whole surface**

## Fittings & Components Required

- Slotted steel brackets and appropriate screws to secure your worktop
- Silicone sealer for sealing joints, to sinks, to walls and to adjacent furniture
- Worksurface bolts to align and clamp up joints between pieces of worksurface
- For finishing and ongoing maintenance of your solid timber worktops
- Moisture barrier paper (WRK3597)

**Note:** Moisture barrier paper is required to protect the underside of your work surfaces from steam and moisture

Edging is supplied pre-finished & pre-glued. Peel the tape from the back during installation.

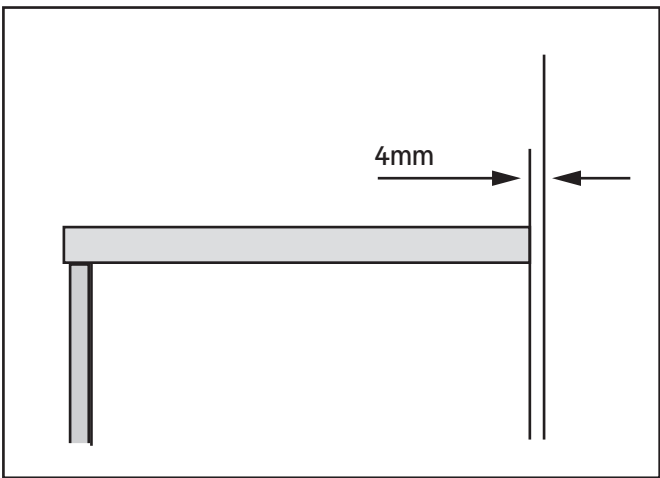


## Installation

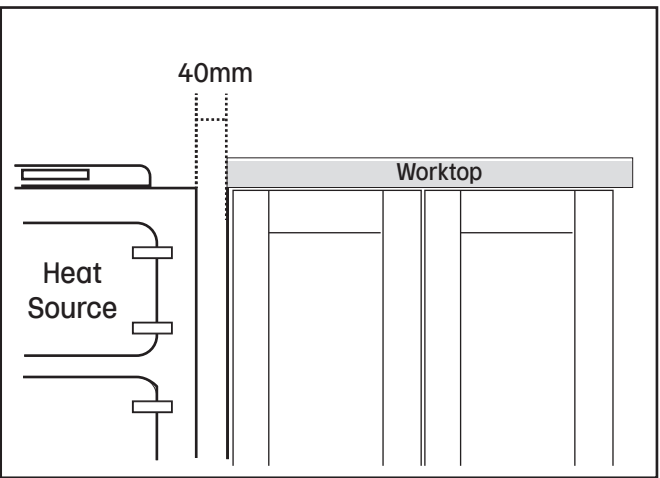
**Visible cut sections of the worktop should be re-edged. See the edging section of this leaflet.**

**The top face and all edges of the worktop are pre-oiled. To reduce the risk of distortion any trimmed edges, profiles and cut outs MUST be re-oiled before installation.**

### Installation tips

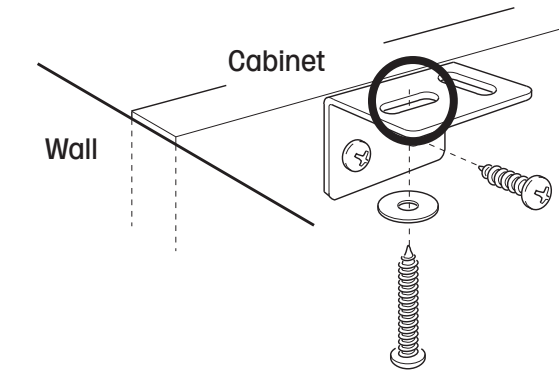


When positioning the worktop, allow a 4mm gap between the back edge of the worktop and the wall. This will allow the worktop to expand and contract within the humidity of the kitchen.



When a worktop is to be fitted near to a consistent heat source, i.e. an Aga or a Rayburn, allow a minimum gap of 40mm. A solid wood return must be fixed across the end grain to stop any splitting to the worktop edge.

**NOTE:** Brackets should be used at regular intervals



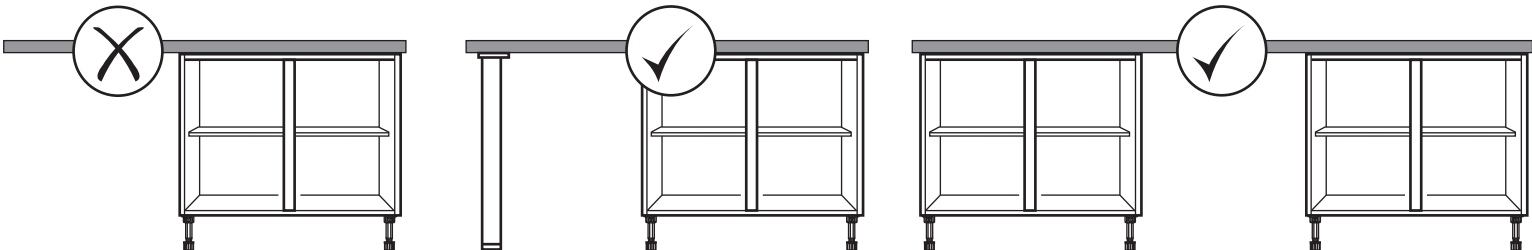
Ensure the bracket is secured using the slot which runs from the front of the cabinet to the Rear (not the one which runs along the length of the worktop).

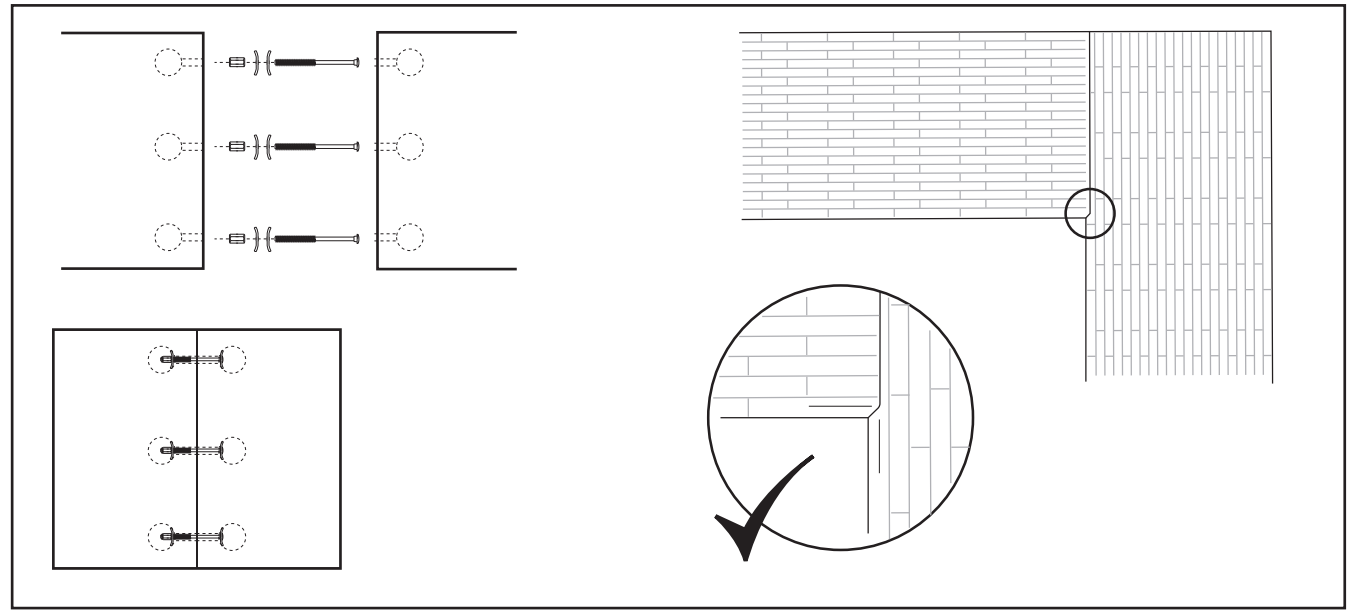
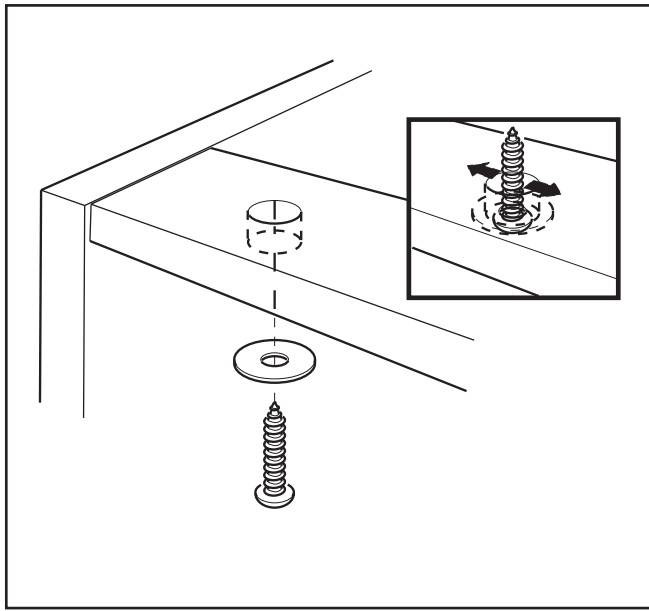


If an appliance such as a dishwasher, washing machine or microwave is to be installed under the worktop use a moisture barrier paper (WRK3597) to protect the underside from heat and moisture. Use the same procedure for installations when fitting onto exposed brickwork. Use slotted angle brackets to fix the worktop to cabinets. Use a roundhead screw and washer to secure the bracket.



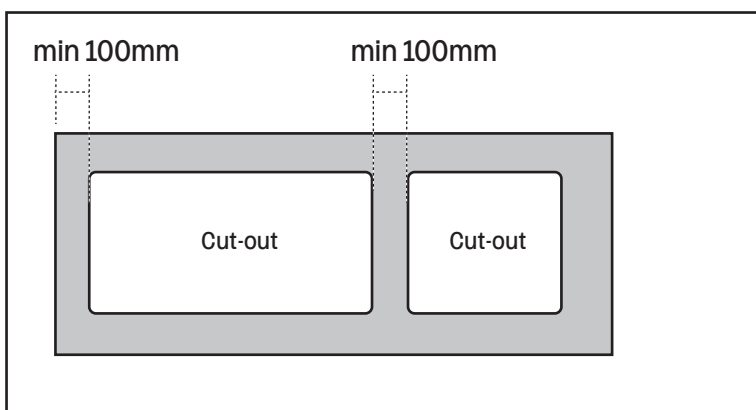
Worktops and breakfast bar overhangs should be supported by cabinets or legs when a span over 200mm.



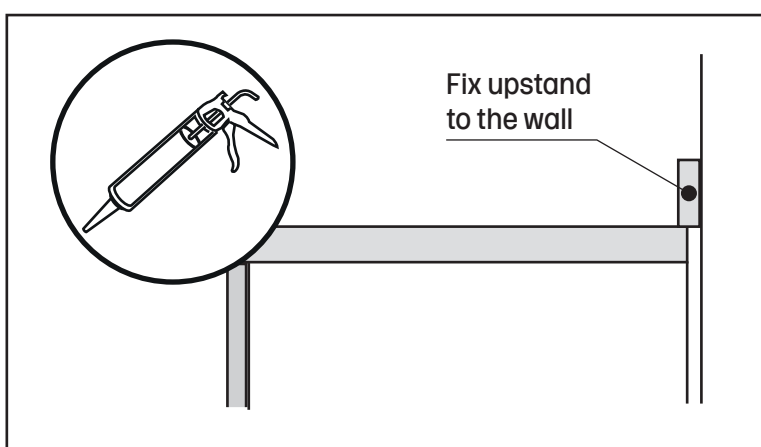


If a cabinet has a solid top or you can only secure through the cross rail, it is important to drill an oversized hole (8-10mm) through the top of the cabinet and secure to the worktop using a larger washer and screw. This will allow the work surface to slide over the washer in case of any possible expansion or shrinkage.  
**IMPORTANT:** Do not screw through the cabinet directly into the worktop. Do not use fixing blocks to secure.

When joining two worktops together, three standard worktop bolts must be used on each joint. If your worktop has a radius use a mitre joint.



Cut outs for sinks & hobs should not be less than 100mm from the end of a worktop or between cut-outs, as this will seriously weaken the worktop.



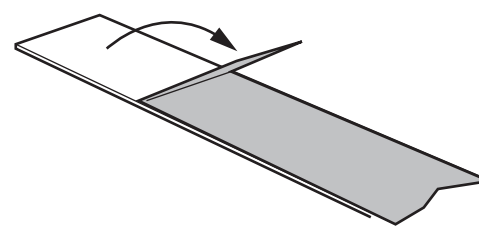
We recommend where necessary that worktops are fitted with an upstand. The upstand **MUST** be fitted to the wall and **NOT** the worktop. A flexible clear silicone seal should be installed between the underside of the upstand and the surface of the worktop. The upstand will cover any possible shrinkage that may occur  
**NOTE:** Not all worktops require an upstand if the expansion gap is covered by tiling and silicone joints.

## Edging application

Edging is pre-glued and should be applied carefully peeling away the backing tape during its application as shown below.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not peel away the full backing in one go.

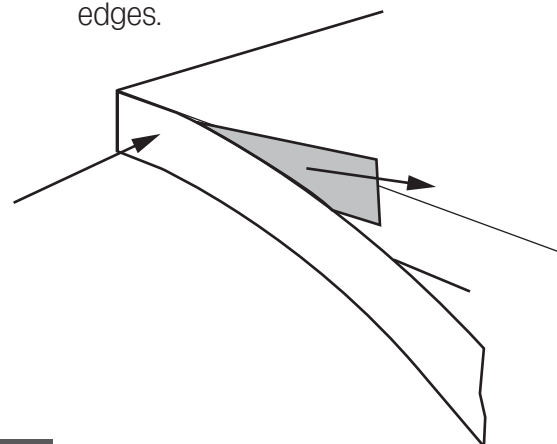
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Fold back a small section of the backing paper

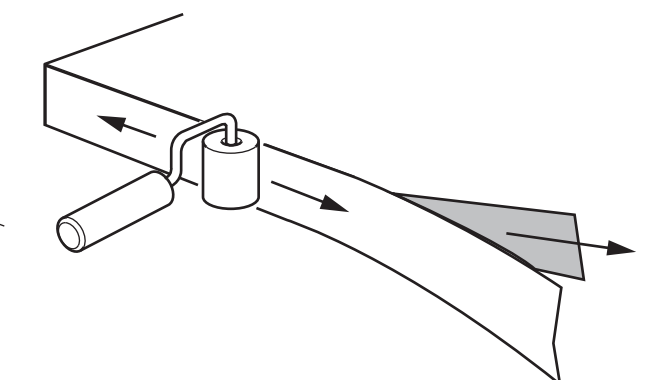
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Apply the edging to the worktop aligning with the front and top edges.



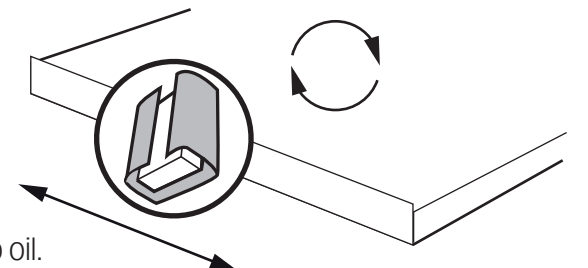
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Use a roller to carefully push the edging onto the surface, whilst removing the backing.



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Turn the worktop over and sand the bottom edge of the edging until smooth with the surface of the worktop. Sand the top edge of the edging to create an arris (2mm).



Finally, finish the top edge with worktop oil.

## Care & Maintenance

- In order to maintain the finish or the worktop it is recommended to apply a maintenance coat of worktop oil every 6-12 months or if the finish has started to dull in areas of high usage
- Leaving hot pans on the worktop surface could cause lasting damage - Use protective mats or trivets under hot pans and dishes
- Any spills should be immediately removed - Do not leave standing water on the worktop surface
- When preparing food always use a chopping board
- Use a soft cloth and warm water when cleaning - Do not use concentrated detergents, especially those containing bleach

**Please note:** Wood is a natural product which is subject to variation in colour and grain