

SINK MOUNTING

Solid Surfacing by Formica Group sinks and vanity bowls may be mounted to Gray Striato sheets. Use adhesive that is a match to the color of the sink you are mounting.

FABRICATION

Gray Striato should be fabricated based on the Formica Solid Surfacing Guide found on the website. Formica does not recommend miter folds with a polyester product.

GRAY STRIATO

Gray Striato mimics strong linear stone in black, white and shades of gray. The design is soft and imperfect like real stone. Striato is strongly directional and offers unique challenges to the fabricator.

When specifying Gray Striato additional considerations must be part of your design. Gray Striato installations are not monolithic. They are full of patterns that you can incorporate into your design. The nature of striato exhibits highly visible seams. Like real stone, no two sheets will be alike. Background color and striations will be variable.

Edge details will differ from conventional solid surfacing, like the grain in a wood end cap or any sheet cross section striato will not show the lineal veining but a series of wavy formations.

This edge can be used but is unlike what is normally expected of a solid surface when presented on end and inside corner block builds.

Deck Seam



DECK SEAMS

Due to the nature of Gray Striato there is a linear directionality running lengthwise. Angled deck seams will be noticeable and some sections of the pattern are more obvious than others. Yield loss notwithstanding choosing which sections to seam can help reduce this effect. Sheets may exhibit more dark veining on one side than another.

Side Edge Build-Ups



SIDE EDGE BUILD-UPS

Edges considered standard to solid surface would not produce the same appearance in Gray Striato. Best appearance is to do a conventional stacked surface to surface edge build as the veining will be running lengthwise however, variations in veining density will be present. Double edge on edge or single edge on edge builds will complicate the inside corner detail.

End Edge Build-Ups



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Double edge on edge is most appealing. One inch strips can be cut adjacent to the end cap section and dropped down as a continuation of the deck pattern. Single edge on edge builds are not recommended.

These methods show the stratification present in the striato sheet not unlike natural stone. Fabricators and end users should understand that when doing inside and outside corners, the edge build-up strips will not match as there will be a visual change in stratification at the butt joints. In some instances this can be disguised with edge profiles. However, the variation may be such that the specifier's, fabricator's or customers' expectations of a monolithic look are not satisfied. To many the look will be acceptable as a natural stone appearance. Sampling and acceptance should be done before the project is agreed upon or the design edge is approved. Sampling should include both inside and outside corners.

A small prop to show stratification can be constructed by a fabricator by cross cutting a 3 inch piece from the end of Striato sheet, then cutting into 2 inch pieces. Stack and glue the pieces in the order they were cut to form a block. Sand and polish sides of the block.