

Your new Heritage Staircase Conversion System

Thankyou for purchasing Heritage oak stair cladding. It has been designed to be both quick and easy to install. No structural alterations to the stairs are required, simply trim your new treads and risers to size and bond into place over the old stairs. Please follow the instructions below carefully for a superb oak finish staircase. Please note you must use **ONLY** an MS-Polymer adhesive to fit this product. Do **NOT** use standard building adhesives as these do not provide the correct bonding required. Heritage Ela-Stick is available for this purpose.

Step 1 – Removal of Existing Coverings and Preparation.

Remove any existing stair coverings such as carpet. Make sure to remove any gripper rod and check that all nails or pins are removed or driven flush with the surface of the treads and risers. Your treads will need to be reasonably even and straight to ensure a good finish.

Step 2 – Cutting Treads & Risers to Size

Carefully measure the width of your treads and cut the new tread and riser components to this width (Fig 1). Do not cut winder tread packs at this point. **Caution: Old stairs often have strings which are not perfectly straight, measure all the steps carefully as they may differ!**

Next, trim the rear section of the new tread to fit the depth of your existing tread. The easiest way to do this is to place the new nosing onto the existing tread, ensuring that the groove for the riser moulding is positioned to the front of the existing nosing. Offer up the rear section of the tread, mark and cut (Fig 2).

The new riser is now trimmed to height. Place a section of the new tread onto an existing tread and the riser on top. Mark and trim to height (Fig 3). The new riser should sit flush against the old riser, finishing underneath the existing bullnose.

At this stage the straight treads and risers are ready to be installed. Put them aside if you also have bullnose and winder packs to trim. If not you can skip to step 5 and begin to install your new treads.

Step 3 – Quarter Space Landing & Winder Treads

Many stairs have either a quarter space landing or winder treads part way up the stairs. For quarter space landings, you will need to add extension boards to the rear of a standard tread pack. A standard tread pack provides 284mm depth and each extension pack will add a further 142mm to the rear of the tread pack (Fig 4). As with a normal tread, cut the boards to width, and the rear most board to depth.

Winder tread packs are available for winder steps. These work in a similar way to the quarter space treads, with the finished tread cut at an angle to suit the winder step. You will need one winder tread pack for each winder tread (Fig 5). Note that these treads are wider than your standard treads and should be cut to suit.

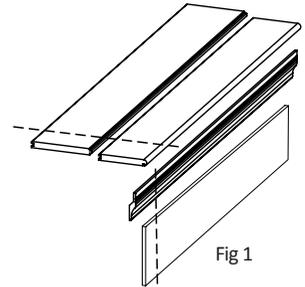


Fig 1

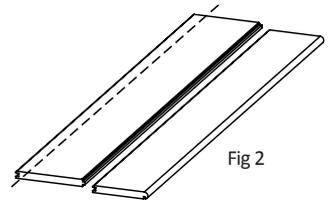


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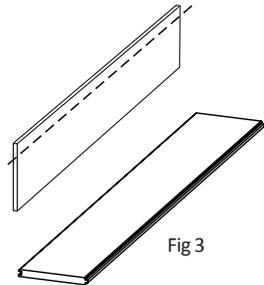


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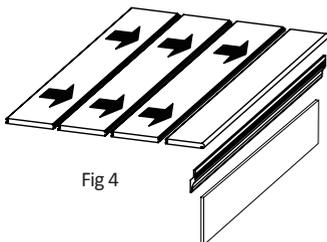


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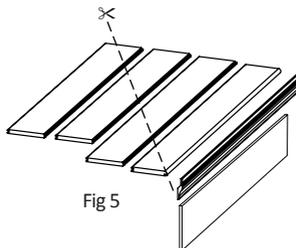


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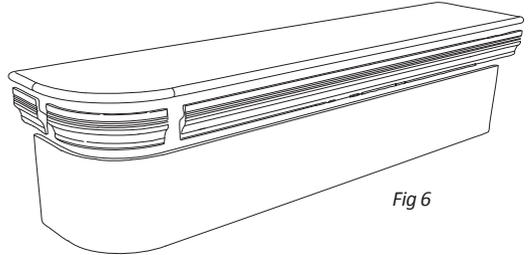
Step 4 – Bullnose Treads

Some stairs will have a bullnose step to begin the staircase which can also be clad. The bullnose tread pack is universal, allowing you to clad either a right or left hand tread (image below shows the pack used for a left hand tread)

To prepare your bullnose tread, first trial fit the the shaped riser board. This will need to be trimmed to width, depth and height.

Next offer up the curved riser moulding section to determine where the tread will sit. Trim the tread sections to width and the rear section to depth. The rear tread section will usually also need to be trimmed to fit around the newel post.

Finally trim the straight riser moulding sections to length and your bull nose step is ready to bond into place. See step 5 for how to install all of your treads.



Should you wish to also convert your strings, then a Heritage real oak veneer product is also available. The veneer is thin enough to cut to shape with scissors and should be installed prior to the treads and risers. Each veneer is backed with fleece to make it flexible and is has hot melt glue applied at the factory. Once trimmed to fit, the veneer can be permanently installed using a warm domestic iron applied to the oak face. Test your iron on an offcut, as too high a temperature can cause burn marks. It is advisable to use an old tea towel between the iron and the veneer face when warming it.

Step 5 – Installation & Finishing

It is easiest to start at the top of the stairs and work your way down. Please note that it is critical to use the correct adhesive to install stair cladding. MS Polymer style adhesives must be used as these remain semi flexible when cured and allow for different rates of expansion between the oak treads and the staircase. Heritage sells a specially designed adhesive called Ela-stick which we recommend for this product.

Once installed, the treads need to be left for 12 hours for the adhesive to cure so careful planning is essential! Starting with the top two treads of the staircase, bond into place the rear most section of each tread, which you have previously trimmed to width and depth. Landing carpet is normally folded over the top nosing and stapled to the last riser. With these in place, next bond on the riser panels for these two treads. (fig7).

With these installed, you can now bond into place the front tread section, along with the riser moulding (Fig8). In this manner, continue to install treads, working downwards a tread at a time. Winder and quarter space landing treads are installed in the same sequence. The finished staircase should be left for 12hrs for the glue to fully cure.

Your stair renovation kit is supplied unfinished to allow you to match to neighbouring flooring and balustrade. The system should be finished as soon as practical with a proprietary flooring finish to protect it from damage. We can prefinish your staircase cladding for you in any of the finishes shown opposite. We recommend hardwax oil style finishes, available from suppliers such as Osmo, Treatex or Ciranova.

We recommend...

Only install this product with an MS-Polymer style adhesive. Heritage has a product designed for this called Ela-Stick
Cut one tread pack at a time, staircases are often not exactly square and level

Start at the top of the stairs and work downwards. Once installed you will not be able to use the stairs for 24hrs so plan ahead!

Please DO NOT...

Do not use normal building adhesives such as "no nails". These adhesive set hard, and the cladding may come loose due to differing expansion rates between the oak and the staircase

Finishes Available for your Door

Below are the current finishes we offer for your new solid oak ledged door. One benefit of a factory application is that the components are individually finished prior to the door being assembled. This ensures the best possible protection for your new doors. For more information download our product brochure or go online at www.theheritagecollection.co.uk

Natural Unfinished



Traditional Clear



Shades - Extra White



Shades - Old Grey



Shades - Clouds



Shades - Castle



Shades - Cherry Red



Shades - English Brown



Shades - Smoked Oak



Shades - Wenge



Shades - Chocolat



Aged Oak - Caramel



Aged Oak - English Brown



Aged Oak - English Red



Aged Oak - Weathered Oak



Aged Oak - White



Aged Oak - Baro



Aged Oak - Cottage



Aged Oak - Burned Oak



Aged Oak - Double Smoked

