



# Porcelain Veneers

If you want to improve your smile, beautiful custom-made porcelain veneers (or crowns if needed) are the platinum standard that world-class cosmetic dentists use to create gorgeous smiles.

Sometimes referred to as porcelain laminates, veneers are thin, custom-made mouldings that cover the front and side surfaces of your teeth. They are made of a durable material, which can strengthen the teeth and correct stains, breaks and odd shapes with a minimum of modification of your teeth required.

You may have seen people with unnatural looking dental work that is easy to spot - maybe you've spotted the tell-tale signs of a dark metal showing between the porcelain and the gum line. We want your smile to appear so naturally beautiful that people will only assume you were born with it.

The first step in the fabrication of the veneers is to establish how we can design your smile to meet your desires. This is where artistry, science, training, and the knowledge of materials we can use merge. We have to specify to your ceramist the shape, thickness, and colours for your new smile. Natural teeth are not pure white, but rather have subtle colours within them - sometimes yellow, blue or pink - and these vary throughout each tooth. We have to communicate the specifications for the ceramist to follow - we may ask that you visit the ceramist and discuss your wishes with him and we have high technology digital imaging systems to capture images we can send to your technician.

Each veneer or crown is crafted from special tooth-coloured porcelain, then hand-painted before firing to create the most natural smile possible.

Veneers provide an alternative to traditional crowns. They can eliminate unattractive gaps between teeth and can mask stains, misshapen, or crooked teeth in just a few visits. Unlike dental bonding (fillings placed directly in to teeth, "while you wait"), veneers will not change colour or shape over time if cared for properly.

Veneers are natural looking, and can actually improve the strength of your natural teeth because only a minimum amount of natural tooth is altered to fit the veneer. The veneer is also very secure, as it is tightly bonded to your natural tooth. Veneers are stain resistant and can transform even the darkest teeth to a brighter smile.

We can also contour your gums to give each tooth an attractive shape. Please feel free to ask us whether veneers would be suitable for your teeth.

**Making your teeth look good makes you feel confident.  
And that's all part of being healthy.**

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