



Drum Building Tips For Working With Drum Wraps



Drum building projects that use drum wraps are my favorite projects to work on. Why? Because the project moves along fast, there's minimal effort for a maximum effect, and you can get really creative with stripes, custom drum wrap designs, color combinations, and more.

Not to mention, drum wraps are very tough. Knocking your kick drum on the door handle of the club isn't as devastating with a wrap than it is when you have a nice high gloss lacquer. Chips and dents versus light scratches in a wrap? I'll take the scratches!

When I was building for a major custom company, I was wrapping between three to five drum kits a day. So here's some tips.

#1: My favorite option: Design Your Own Drum Set. You can send custom designs and even your favorite fabric to get laminated. This is honestly the easiest drum building project to assure that the outcome is a 100% unique drum set. If you are a graphic designer, then you have no excuse!

#2: Sand Before Gluing And you thought you could escape the sand paper! Sand the back of the drum wrap with #320 grit paper before applying your glue. This allows the glue to latch onto something... and helps with creating an unstoppable bond.

#3: Precise Drum Wrap Ordering A common mistake with first time drum building ordering is NOT being precise enough when ordering your wrap pieces.

When you order, give exact widths and order the length of the drum wrap with a 1.5 " overlap for all drums 16" in diameter and under. Any projects with drums OVER 16" need a full laminate sheet (54"), plus a patch piece.

To figure out your patch piece length... find the circumference of your drum shell, add 3" to it and minus this number by 54. Always round up. For example, an 18" drum would need a 6" patch piece (do the math!!).

#4: Batch Your Drum Wrapping If you haven't heard me use the drum building term "batching"... it simply means to group all similar drum building activities together.

At one point when I was working for a big custom company, I was wrapping three to five drum kits in one day. That's a lot of measuring, cutting, gluing, rolling, etc.

Company Description

Rockskins specializes in high quality instrument wraps for drummers and musicians. We are a full service graphics and print company that is equipped to give you durable customized wraps for your drum sets and instruments. Rockskins boasts an extensive library of graphics to choose from as well as in-house artists that can produce one-off custom designs from start to finish.

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