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The Burgess Edge: Edgebanding panels cut from sheet goods - plywood, MDF, and the like - is pretty simple, but the results tend to vary. Tape is fast, but the adhesion, in my experience, can be iffy. Using 1/8" strips of hardwood often yields color and grain mismatches at the very margins of the panel's face.

The patented Burgess Edge is produced by a special pair of router bits. The double-bearing plywood bit follows the surface veneers as it excavates the inner plies of the plywood. The insert bit shapes a solid wood infill strip. Glue the insert in place, then trim it. Look at the edge panel, and you see the solid wood and just a knife-edge of the surface veneers.

This was the first time I used this process, but I liked the results.

The patented Burgess Edge is created with these two, two-part router bits. Using this system to put hardwood edges onto veneered panels has several advantages.

