

How to make curved PVC valences

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Pretty simple really. Takes a table saw or jig saw, some sandpaper, a heat gun, a few scraps of wood, and a few C clamps or vice grips.

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But the text is here:

This is what I started with, a 36" piece of 4x4x1/8 vinyl from Lowes.

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Then I marked the profile on a piece of 2x4. In retrospect I should have made the cut

more in the middle...more on that later.

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Just verifying the fit.

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Cut the 4x4 into four 1 1/2 x1" angles on the table saw. You could use different sizes as

necessary but this is what I used for my Micro Mini Blinds. If someone will tell me what kind of depth is needed for the day night shades, I'd appreciate it.

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Clamp in place. It will twist and warp. Not to worry.

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I used a Harbor Freight heat gun on high and as the PVC get hot it flattens out and

stretches. Make sure it is down all over the curve and let it cool before you pull it off the form. Remember what I said about making the cut in the center of the board? If I had, I would have had a male and a female pattern and just pulled the two together as the PVC was heated. I'd do that on the next batch.

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I cut a slot in a piece of plywood, cut a 1" strip of PVC, heated it, and once it bent, set a

weight on it while it cooled.

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Part two:

This is the angle I'll glue to the valence so you have something to screw to. Use plain old PVC glue. Works good, lasts a long time. Put the angles where you want them and make them as long or as short as you want.

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This batch I'm putting up temporarily on the side of my coach I haven't done yet. I just painted them with some plastic paint and will use the metal Ls that were holding the crappy wooden valences up.

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That's it.

Yes, I will make some for sale if there is interest. Probably \$20 a window for a 'kit'. Two each 36" long curved pieces and angles. You cut to length, glue on the tabs where you want them, and paint or upholster to your hearts desire.