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Piece: Sideboard

Subject: Hanging the Doors.

Once the door has been planed to fit and hinged it is ready to be hung. The door should fit very nicely along the top and bottom edges and along the stile closest to the hinges. The last thing to do in order to have the door hanging beautifully is to plane the last remaining vertical side to fit. This side fits up against another vertical stile or carcass side; or if one of a pair of doors will fit neatly up against the other doors central side.

Place the door on or in the hinges and fix one screw to each hinge to ensure it is in place. You can then accurately see how that last remaining side aligns with its carcass side or other door. Strive for uniform gaps and keep them nice and tight. These veneered doors will not move so tight gaps will be fine. Use a pencil to mark out where you need to remove wood to ensure a lovely fit. Take the door to your workbench and remove the wood with your finely set handplane. Check the fit again. This final fitting/hanging is a matter of removing wood and constant checking. Be patient and don't rush.

Below: Planing the doors final vertical side for a lovely fit.



Below: Plane, Check fit;.....Plane, Check fit;.....Plane, Check fit.



Below: Doors ready for Handles and for Finishing.



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