

Top tip: Sandable PVA

I like PVA, especially for laminating wood and syringeing in fillets where I have used cyano Rokat glue for joins. What I don't like about it is that it is difficult to sand flat to a surface and I sometimes have to cut it away with a scalpel and fill the resulting groove.

Then I noticed that Titebond says on the tin, well bottle, that it 'sands easily'. It is said to be aliphatic resin. Not being a chemist I don't know if that is a clever name for PVA. Anyway I bought a large 470ml bottle and gave it a go with some wood joints and laminating. And it does sand easily. It spreads as easily as PVA and seems to harden more quickly. Damp cloth or paper cleans up surpluses and it comes off the skin easily, again like PVA. One practical tip is to decant the glue into a smaller bottle with a spout. The supplied bottle has a wide, flat spreader which allows too much glue to flow for modelling, except for large areas of lamination.

So, at about £8 on eBay for the bottle I bought, I can recommend it.



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