

Porcelain Veneers

the smile you've always wanted

Are you happy with your smile? Do you wish you had better-looking teeth without having to spend all of the time needed for braces (orthodontics)? Porcelain veneers have been referred to as instant orthodontics because they can straighten smiles, reshape your teeth, and close gaps. Best of all, you can have the smile of a lifetime in as little as two office visits.

If you have any of these concerns about your teeth, then porcelain veneers could be the answer to your smile dilemma:

- Spaces between the teeth (diastemas)
- Broken or chipped teeth
- Unsightly, stained or washed-out fillings
- Permanently stained or discolored teeth
- Misshapen or crooked teeth
- Dark, yellow or stained teeth



All Dentistry by Dr. Joyce Bassett



To design a beautiful, natural-looking smile takes preparation and planning. Dr. Joyce Bassett has undergone advanced training to successfully design the shape, size and alignment of your teeth and associated tissues. Producing a perfect smile is truly an art, as each person is an individual. The components that produce a beautiful smile are unique and require great attention to detail on a tooth-by-tooth basis.

With proper smile design measurements, the perfect proportions of a new smile can be achieved. Meticulous records, measurements and photographs are used to evaluate your smile needs and what it will take to produce that perfect smile. A waxed model is made from an impression of your teeth. Before you begin, you can see the result that can be achieved with porcelain veneers.

Computer imaging is also used to show each patient a simulation of what their new smile can look like. Before-and-after images of other patients can be viewed, giving you the ability to see the positive change porcelain veneers can make in your appearance. By using each of these steps to plan each detail of your smile, the final results happen without any surprises.

What are porcelain veneers?

Porcelain veneers, sometimes referred to as laminates, are very thin porcelain facings. They are used to change the shape, color, size, and arrangement of your teeth. Veneers are about 0.5mm to 1.0mm in thickness and are very strong once bonded to your teeth. They have a lifelike appearance with the strength, beauty, and durability only porcelain restorations can afford.

How do I know how many veneers I will need?

The easiest way to answer this is to ask you to look in the mirror. Smile your natural smile and then count the number of teeth you see in your reflection. The number may range from eight to 16 and as little as one or two; it all really depends upon your individual smile and your cosmetic expectations. There are a number of options you can choose from, and this will all be discussed at your cosmetic consultation.

Do all porcelain veneers look the same?

Because your new smile is being custom-designed, it also means that you will be able to choose the look for your veneers. We will be able to show you various shapes that your porcelain veneers can be. Their appearance can range from sporty, to natural, or to a look of Hollywood. The art of each smile requires not only precision dentistry and perfect planning, but also an artist's eye for detail to attain that look of confidence and beauty.



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