# Veneers

Veneers are ultra-thin, tooth-coloured facings specially made to fit the front of a problem tooth or teeth. When applied to damaged teeth, veneers can enhance the appearance, strength, and durability of the tooth. They are especially useful for repairing chipped, cracked, or worn teeth.

## IS IT WISE TO MAKE MY CROOKED TEETH APPEAR STRAIGHTER WITH VENEERS?

In the past veneers were often the treatment of choice to make teeth appear straighter, but today there are many options that don't involve compromising the long-term health of your teeth, and can still give you the desired result of a more attractive smile. If it is simply a matter of wanting straighter teeth, speak to a dentist about other options, such as adult orthodontics, and composite resin bonding.

### CAN I MAKE MY TEETH WHITER WITH VENEERS?

In the vast majority of cases, teeth can be made whiter using safe tooth whitening techniques that do not involve enamel removal. However, the reality is that tooth whitening doesn't work in every situation, and where a patient has exhausted the conservative options, veneers may indeed be the right thing to obtain the desired outcome. Yes, unattractive colours can be hidden using veneers.



Ultra thin veneers - BEFORE



### **CAN I CLOSE GAPS WITH VENEERS?**

Yes, gaps can be closed, and small or misshapen teeth can be reshaped, enhanced and restored with veneers. It would be wise to seek out a knowledgeable cosmetic dentist, who will be able to offer a variety of possible solutions for your unique situation.

#### IS PORCELAIN THE BEST?

Materials in dentistry are constantly changing, yet ceramic – or porcelain as it is more commonly known – remains one of the most popular and predictable material choices for dentists and patients.

There are other options too though; where the desired changes or restorations are minimal, a skilled cosmetic dentist can use composite resin to solve cosmetic problems quickly and affordably. Twisted, chipped, and gappy teeth can often be reshaped through bonding. Once the composite is sculpted and hardened against your teeth, with good maintenance, it can provide years of service in improving your smile. In some cases, even the colour of the teeth can be altered or improved with bonding.



No prep gap closure - BEFORE



No prep gap closure - AFTER