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**Achieve Smile Perfection with Porcelain Veneers**

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Porcelain veneers are commonly used to correct:

- Discolored teeth resulting from smoking, too much fluoride, antibiotics, or dark beverages
- Gaps([diastemas](#))
- Chipped, cracked, or worn teeth

What is a Porcelain Veneer?

A porcelain veneer is a thin shell of porcelain that fits over damaged, discolored, or misshapen teeth. Porcelain is an extremely durable material with a color, translucence and texture that is very similar to tooth enamel. It is not susceptible to decay and resists staining while maintaining a natural appearance. Like [porcelain crowns](#), veneers can last for years if they are properly applied and cared for.

**The Process**

The application of porcelain veneers typically involves three visits to the dentist. During the initial consultation, the dentist explains the process and discusses which options are available and which of those are best for the patient. The dentist will also explain the kind of anesthesia you may require, as well as the risks involved with the procedure.

During the second visit, the teeth are roughened and shaped, which involves the removal of part of the tooth enamel. This is done in order to prepare a better surface for bonding and to make room for the placement of the veneers. After shaping, the dentist takes impressions of the teeth, which will be sent to a lab to create veneers that fit your mouth precisely. At this point, the dentist may suggest that temporary veneers be applied to protect the prepared teeth until the customized veneers are completed.

During the third visit, the dentist tests the veneers to make sure they fit properly and comfortably and that they are the correct size and color. Clean teeth and healthy gums are necessary for the successful bonding of the veneers. Your teeth are thoroughly cleaned before the veneers are permanently applied. At this time, you will work together with the dentist to assure that you are satisfied with the result. Further shaping or trimming of the veneers can be done at this point before the final fitting.

If you are in the Fort Lauderdale, Miami, or Boca Raton area of Florida and think you may be a good candidate for porcelain veneers, or if you would like to learn more about the process, please [contact](#) a SmilePerfect office today.