



Daniel Sinclair with his Felder P200 edgebander, a compact machine for pre-glued tape and short runs.

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## Felder saw & edgebander - set up shop

*"Everything I do I do 110%" explains Daniel – the 'D' in DC Joinery. He's not kidding. With a huge workshop, and a similarly sized enthusiasm, Daniel is on the path to bigger and better. Representing the 'C' is his wife Chrisy, an accountant – and together their plans for DC Joinery stretch well beyond their local Stratford, into Taranaki and beyond.*

Originally from Canterbury, Daniel had sawdust in the blood: his father was a builder and his grandfather a cabinet-maker. "I started out building but it was too cold!" he says with a laugh. "So I headed inside, and was soon involved in the machining side of things in a couple of Christchurch's larger workshops." Daniel moved to Stratford 10 years ago, and after nearly a decade working with a local joiner he and Chrisy made the decision to go out on their own. DC Joinery was born late last year.

While it's taken time to get the workshop up and running, Daniel's wasted no time getting the name of DC Joinery established. Located just off Stratford's main road, and vibrant branding on vehicles, buildings and online – his workshop gets plenty of visitors. "Sometimes it's people who know me and my work around town; others just want to take a look at my workshop. But whether they are just wanting a single shelf, or wanting to talk about a whole kitchen, I work with them to get the best result for their budget."

Setting up a new workshop requires getting some machinery. Having worked with a variety of machines in his career, Daniel had made the decision to buy European. "I knew I wanted quality machinery, so it was just a matter of choosing the features that I need to grow the business the way we've planned" explains Daniel. He'd soon chosen his key machines – a Felder K540S panel saw, and a Felder P200 pre-glue edgebander.

"This saw should see me out" he says confidently. For a man with no grey hairs this is quite a statement, but it's clear he's done his homework. The K540S includes many of Felder's renowned features such as the X-Roll super-smooth sliding table and 'Easy-Glide' system for maintenance free tilting. With a 400mm blade, plenty of power for solid timber and a one-handed rip fence adjustment system, there's no wonder the K540S has quickly established itself as the leading panel saw in NZ workshops. "For the money there's nothing better" says Daniel. "It has excellent features, and plenty of options" he says. "I really like the pivoting

table for angled work, and it's good to have the overhead guard working as a workpiece clamp, all with extraction. The table's smooth and strong. I purchased for quality, and longevity, and I'm happy I've got both."

Felder's P200 edgebander is a compact machine for pre-glued tape, and designed for short runs. With a finish that rivals machines several times the price, the P200 takes a lot of the hassle out of edgebanding. As well as a top quality finish the P200's simplicity and reliability helps remove the hassle of set-up and clean up associated with edgebanding at a smaller workshop.

With the P200 on the way from the Felder factory in Austria, Daniel was finding giving 110% was tricky. "I was totally hanging out for it in the end. I even took a trailer to Auckland in the hope I could bring it back, but the container was late off the boat. Fortunately, once it arrived set-up was easy so I was up and running pretty quickly. Adjusting the guillotine and tape feed was all straight-forward, and I'm now familiar with the micro-

adjustments that help get the best finish on the materials I'm using."

Daniel works predominantly with panel, making kitchens, wardrobes, laundries etc. The solid timber side of the business may grow as the result of the arrival of a suite of older classical machines from a factory clearance sale – all of which have been meticulously assembled and cleaned, and are awaiting their modernised guarding. His enthusiasm for his new venture is infectious, and it's clear he and Chrisy have a well-thought-out plan to develop DC Joinery into something big. Daniel is already talking about CNC, apprentices and getting an even larger workshop as part of his vision for the company. With his boundless energy, positive attitude and supported by quality machinery, Daniel and DC Joinery are looking at a bright and successful future.



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