



## Could 2008 be Your Year for a Dental Makeover?

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Have you ever seen those TV shows where they do "extreme makeovers"? New hair style, personal fitness guru, professional makeup and wardrobe that all make for a "new you". I'm sure the improvements don't stop with the obvious external changes but no doubt contribute mightily to one's own self-esteem. In my estimation these cases aren't finished until the dental makeover is accomplished. The easiest way to achieve these dental improvements is through the use of dental veneers. Most of those dentists you see doing these incredible makeovers have

studied at the prestigious Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dentistry. It is at LVI that most of the technologies and techniques were perfected. My own education with LVI began in 1994 and continues today with so much exciting dental technology, advancements and improvements discovered daily! Could this be the year you investigate a dental make-over for yourself? Dental veneers are an easy way to implement that makeover, giving that dazzling and radiant smile you always dreamed of.

Dental veneers are very thin, custom-made shells of ceramic that are firmly attached to the smiling surface of your teeth. They are contact thin and custom crafted by a dental laboratory to fit firmly to the surfaces of your teeth. How would you

their ability to cure so many common aesthetic concerns at once.

### How is it done?

Thanks to the advancement in techniques and technology (mainly perfected at LVI) the guesswork in fabricating dental veneers is eliminated. Diagnostic dental models are made of your current teeth. A photo catalog of smiles is available to choose the tooth shape and smile design you feel is attractive and right for you. Photographs of your current teeth and smile are taken to aid the ceramicist in helping determine tooth shape, size and shade. These lab technicians will "mock up" the final case on the models of your teeth and are then made available for your viewing and input. You will see a three-dimensional representation of the potential finished case and adjustments per your wishes will be made until you feel comfortable with the result.

Usually some adjustment of your natural teeth is necessary to maximize the aesthetic outcome. Only on a very rare occasion will no preparation of your natural teeth be needed. Be aware that even though most veneers are very thin (0.5-0.8 of a millimeter), even that thickness may look and feel bulky if a corresponding amount of tooth structure isn't first reduced.

If your smile needs some sprucing up, if you suffer from a dull, discolored, crowded, worn, overlapped, chipped or unbalanced smile, wait no more. Go to your Las Vegas Institute-trained dentist for the latest in instant smile makeover and be proud of your stunning new smile. It will change your life!

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Before



After

benefit? Veneers may solve many common dental complaints such as teeth that are:

- Dark, discolored and unattractive
- Oddly shaped
- Asymmetrical or aren't similarly shaped, creating an unbalanced, unattractive smile
- Slightly crowded or crooked

Dental veneers have been called the instant cosmetic facelift for your smile because of