

Crowns

Teeth that have been broken or weakened; by decay or a very large filling may need to be restored by crowning. Crowns are made from a variety of different materials and these are constantly being upgraded. Many crowns are made with a precious metal core onto which porcelain is bonded to match exactly the colour of the surrounding teeth. Other materials such as all gold or all porcelain are also used. A crown will require at least two appointments. At the first appointment – the tooth is prepared and an impression taken of the prepared tooth. A temporary crown will be fitted whilst the permanent crown is made to the dentist's specific instructions. The second appointment will usually involve removing the temporary crown and fitting the permanent one. Crowns can also be used to close gaps and improve the appearance of discoloured and chipped teeth.