



Material Descriptions - We strongly recommend ordering a sample. Many additional materials are available. Call for pricing on materials not listed in our price list.

Alder, Knotty

Knotty Alder will contain natural sound defects and possess all inherent characteristics of the species. Minimal to no color or grain matching is done to preserve strong character. Some of the characteristics that will be represented are mineral streaks, natural color variations, grain variations and naturally occurring tight, open and cracked knots. Open knots will be structurally "sound" and will not be see through. The amount, size and placement of natural characteristics will vary, and the consistency (or lack of) is not considered cause for replacement. Drawer fronts, applied moldings and small raised door panels may not include knots. Due to the depth of some defects and knots, all panel or veneer options may not be available. General characteristics of Alder are: generally pale pinkish-brown to reddish peach in color with a subtle grain pattern which may include small pin knots, grain "fuzz" and a small amount of mineral streaks. Alder generally finishes smoothly and takes stain uniformly. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Alder, Natural

Natural Alder will be clear of pronounced defects but will possess inherent characteristics of the species in which only the extremes will be removed. Color and grain, while monitored, will vary more and will not be as uniform in appearance as our Select grade. Natural grade is recommended when natural color and grain variations are desired or acceptable such as when used with medium to dark stained finishes. General characteristics of Alder are: generally pale pinkish-brown to reddish peach in color with a subtle grain pattern which may include small pin knots, grain "fuzz" and a small amount of mineral streaks. Alder generally finishes smoothly and takes stain uniformly. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Alder, Select

Select Alder will be clear of defects and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a more uniform appearance than our Natural grades. Select grade is recommended when reduced variation in appearance is desired or when used with clear or lightly stained finishes. General characteristics of Alder are: generally pale pinkish-brown to reddish peach in color with a subtle grain pattern which may include small pin knots, grain "fuzz" and a small amount of mineral streaks. Alder generally finishes smoothly and takes stain uniformly. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Beech, European, Natural

Natural European Beech will be clear of pronounced defects but will possess inherent characteristics of the species in which only the extremes will be removed. Color and grain, while monitored, will vary more and will not be as uniform in appearance as our Select grade. Natural grade is recommended when natural color and grain variations are desired or acceptable such as when used with medium to dark stained finishes. General characteristics of European Beech are: generally consistent in color and grain with a light cream-tan to light pink-tan in color with some dark mineral streaks. The grain is short, mostly straight, with fine, even texture. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Beech, European, Paint Grade

Paint Grade European Beech will contain all inherent characteristics of the species but will not have open defects. No attention will be given to color or grain matching and no colors will be removed. Some small knots, splits or cracks may be filled. Standard guidelines for minimum panel stave widths and slab drawer sizes which allow glue ups may not be followed. While it can be stained, our paint grade is intended only for painted finishes. General characteristics of European Beech are: generally consistent in color and grain with a light cream-tan to light pink-tan in color with some dark mineral streaks. The grain is short, mostly straight, with fine, even texture. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Beech, European, Select

Select European Beech will be clear of defects and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a more uniform appearance than our Natural grades. Select grade is recommended when reduced variation in appearance is desired or when used with clear or lightly stained finishes. General characteristics of European Beech are: generally consistent in color and grain with a light cream-tan to light pink-tan in color with some dark mineral streaks. The grain is short, mostly straight, with fine, even texture. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.



Cherry, Knotty

Knotty Cherry will contain natural sound defects and possess all inherent characteristics of the species. Minimal to no color or grain matching is done to preserve strong character and some white sapwood is allowed. Some of the characteristics that will be represented are mineral streaks, natural color variations, grain variations and naturally occurring tight, open and cracked knots. Open knots will be structurally "sound" and will not be see through. The quantity, size, placement and color of these characteristics will vary, and their consistency (or lack of) is not considered cause for replacement. Drawer fronts, applied moldings and small raised door panels may not include knots. Due to the depth of some defects and knots, all panel or veneer options may not be available. General characteristics of Cherry are: elegant hardwood, defined by soft grain patterns and rich tonality. Naturally occurring "marks" include pin knots, mineral streaks, and pitch pockets/gum spots. Sapwood can vary drastically in color but is generally white. It is important to note that Cherry will darken with age & exposure to light. Because of this aging process, differences will exist between aged and un-aged products. Product should be covered until finished or hung, or telltale lines will appear where the material is exposed to light. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Cherry, Natural

Natural Cherry will be clear of pronounced defects but will possess inherent characteristics of the species in which only the extremes will be removed. White sapwood may be visible on the face in small amounts. Color and grain, while monitored, will vary more and will not be as uniform in appearance as our Select grade. Natural grade is recommended when natural color and grain variations are desired or acceptable such as when used with medium to dark stained finishes. General characteristics of Cherry are: elegant hardwood, defined by soft grain patterns and rich tonality. Naturally occurring "marks" include pin knots, mineral streaks, and pitch pockets/gum spots. Sapwood can vary drastically in color but is generally white. It is important to note that Cherry will darken with age & exposure to light. Because of this aging process, differences will exist between aged and un-aged products. Product should be covered until finished or hung, or telltale lines will appear where the material is exposed to light. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Cherry, Select

Select Cherry will be clear of defects, and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a more uniform appearance than our Natural grades. White sapwood will not be visible on the face. Select grade is recommended when reduced variation in appearance is desired or when used with clear or lightly stained finishes. General characteristics of Cherry are: elegant hardwood, defined by soft grain patterns and rich tonality. Naturally occurring "marks" include pin knots, mineral streaks, and pitch pockets/gum spots. It is important to note that Cherry will darken with age & exposure to light. Because of this aging process, differences will exist between aged and un-aged products. Product should be covered until finished or hung, or telltale lines will appear where the material is exposed to light. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Hickory, Knotty

Knotty Hickory will include all characteristics of the species including naturally occurring cracks, splits and knots. It will possess a wide range of wood color and some of the characteristics that define this species will occur randomly throughout the product; such that some items may appear relatively "bland/clear" while others may be displayed quite prominently. Panels and frames are not color matched. The amount, size and placement of natural characteristics will vary, and the consistency (or lack of) is not considered cause for replacement. Drawer fronts, applied moldings and small raised door panels may not include knots. It is reasonably receptive to most stains and darker colors will "mellow" some of the inherent color variations. Due to the depth of some defects and knots, all panel or veneer options may not be available. General characteristics of Hickory are: particularly strong hardwood whose grain patterns will vary from "open" to "closed." It varies wildly in color ranging from a blond hue to dark brown with mineral streaks, knots, worm holes and burls emphasizing the natural growth of the tree. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend viewing the Natural Hickory products shown in our online product gallery. You may also order a sample to prevent any misunderstanding; however the individual sample may not reflect the overall appearance of the order.

Hickory, Natural

Natural Hickory will be clear of major defects but will possess a wide range of wood color and some of the characteristics that define this species will occur randomly throughout the product; such that some items may appear relatively "bland/clear" while others may be displayed quite prominently. Panels and frames are not color matched. Some small tight knots are allowable but should not be excessive. The amount, size and placement of natural characteristics will vary, and the consistency (or lack of) is not considered cause for replacement. It is reasonably receptive to most stains and darker colors will "mellow" some of the inherent color variations. General characteristics of Hickory are: particularly strong hardwood whose grain patterns will vary from "open" to "closed." It varies wildly in color ranging from a blond hue to dark brown with mineral streaks, knots, worm holes and burls emphasizing the natural growth of the tree. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend viewing the Natural Hickory products shown in our online product gallery. You may also order a sample to prevent any misunderstanding; however the individual sample may not reflect the overall appearance of the order



Mahogany, African, Select

Select African Mahogany will be clear of defects, and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a relatively uniform appearance. General characteristics of African Mahogany are: generally straight grain with some swirls and crotch figures, usually free of voids and pockets and may include very small pin knots. It has a reddish-brown color, which darkens over time, and displays a beautiful reddish sheen when polished. It has a moderately coarse texture, excellent workability, and is very durable. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Maple, Hard, Natural

Natural Hard Maple will be clear of pronounced defects but will possess inherent characteristics of the species in which only the extremes will be removed. It may contain some narrow staves, sapwood, heartwood and pin knots. Expect a wide range of color throughout the entire order. Natural grade is recommended when natural color and grain variations are desired or acceptable such as when used with medium to dark stained finishes, however even with a darker finish, some color variations from stave to stave may still be visible due to variations in material composition. General characteristics of Hard Maple are: light blond in color with creamy white sapwood with a slight pinkish cast and heartwood that varies in color from tan to dark reddish brown. The wood has a fine uniform texture and is generally straight-grained, but may include birdseye, curly or fiddleback figure. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Maple, Hard, Select

Select Hard Maple will be clear of defects, and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a more uniform appearance than our natural grades. Heartwood will be not visible on the face. Select grade is recommended when reduced variation in appearance is desired or when used with clear or lightly stained finishes. General characteristics of Hard Maple are: light blond in color with creamy white sapwood with a slight pinkish cast and heartwood that varies in color from tan to dark reddish brown. The wood has a fine uniform texture and is generally straight-grained, but may also include small amounts birdseye, curly or fiddleback figure. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Maple, Soft, Natural

Natural Soft Maple will be clear of pronounced defects but will possess inherent characteristics of the species in which only the extremes will be removed. It may contain some narrow staves, sapwood, heartwood and pin knots. Expect a wide range of color throughout the entire order. Natural grade is recommended when natural color and grain variations are desired or acceptable such as when used with medium to dark stained finishes, however even with a darker finish, some color variations from stave to stave may still be visible due to variations in material composition. General Characteristics of Soft Maple are: generally straight grained with sapwood that is light blond sometimes with a grey cast and with occasional dark brown flecks and heartwood that varies from light to dark reddish brown. Soft Maple is generally around 25% softer than Hard Maple and therefore accepts stain differently. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Maple, Soft, Paint Grade

Paint Grade Soft Maple will contain all inherent characteristics of the species but will not have open defects. No attention will be given to color or grain matching and no colors will be removed. Small knots, splits or cracks may be filled. Standard guidelines for minimum panel stave widths and slab drawer sizes which allow glue ups may not be followed. While it can be stained, our paint grade is intended only for painted finishes. Paint Grade Soft Maple may contain narrow staves, sapwood, heartwood, pin knots, mineral streaks and a higher degree of other natural characteristics inherent within this species than our Natural Soft Maple material. General Characteristics of Soft Maple are: generally straight grained with sapwood that is light blond sometimes with a grey cast, with occasional dark brown flecks and heartwood that varies from light to dark reddish brown. Soft Maple is generally around 25% softer than Hard Maple and therefore accepts stain differently. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Maple, Soft, Select

Select Soft Maple will be clear of defects, and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a more uniform appearance than our Natural grades. This grade is recommended when using a natural to light stain color. General Characteristics of Soft Maple are: generally straight grained with sapwood that is light blond, sometimes with a grey cast, with occasional dark brown flecks and heartwood that varies from light to dark reddish brown. Soft Maple is generally around 25% softer than Hard Maple and therefore accepts stain differently than Hard Maple. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Poplar, Paint Grade

Poplar will contain all inherent characteristics of the species but will not have open defects. No attention will be given to color or grain matching and no colors will be removed. Some small knots, splits or cracks may be filled. Standard guidelines for minimum panel stave widths and slab drawer sizes which allow glue ups may not be followed. Our Poplar is intended only for painted finishes. General characteristics of Poplar are: generally straight grained with a fine, even texture. The coloration will vary drastically and may contain white, green or brown with purple or black mineral streaks. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.



Red Oak, Natural

Natural Red Oak will be clear of pronounced defects but will possess inherent characteristics of the species in which only the extremes will be removed. Color and grain, while monitored, will vary more and will not be as uniform in appearance as Select grade, and will contain strong and varied grain patterns and a variety of tones with red being the primary color, mixed with shades of white, tan, brown, green, blue, and black. Natural grade is recommended when natural color and grain variations are desired or acceptable such as when used with medium to dark stained finishes. General characteristics of Red Oak are: predominantly pinkish to reddish brown heartwood and white to light brown sapwood, with a strong grain pattern and occasional mineral streaks, small, sound knots, and wormholes. Red Oak is a heavy, hard wood and is generally receptive to a variety of stains and finishes. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Red Oak, Select

Select Red Oak will be clear of defects, and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a more uniform appearance than our Natural grades. Select Red Oak will contain a minimal amount of mineral streaks, small, sound knots, and occasional wormholes. Sapwood will not be visible on the face of our select grade. Select grade is recommended when reduced variation in appearance is desired or when used with clear or lightly stained finishes. General characteristics of Red Oak are: predominantly pinkish to reddish brown heartwood and white to light brown sapwood, with a strong grain pattern and occasional mineral streaks, small, sound knots, and wormholes. Red Oak is a heavy, hard wood and is generally receptive to a variety of stains and finishes. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

White Oak, Natural

Natural White Oak will be clear of pronounced defects but will possess inherent characteristics of the species in which only the extremes will be removed. Color and grain, while monitored will vary more and will not be as uniform in appearance as our Select grade. Natural grade is recommended when natural color and grain variations are desired or acceptable such as when used with medium to dark stained finishes. General characteristics of White Oak are: light tan to yellow-tan in color, somewhat more figured than Red Oak due to longer rays, and generally receptive to a variety of stains and finishes. White Oak may contain a minimal amount of mineral streaks, small, sound knots, and occasional wormholes. It is a time-tested hardwood known for its durability, water resistance and versatility. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

White Oak, Rift

Rift White Oak will be clear of defects, and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a relatively uniform appearance. General characteristics of Rift White Oak are: Rift is similar to Select White Oak in color with a light tan to yellow-tan hue; however the material is cut with the grain oriented at a 30 to 60 degree angle to the board's face. This cut gives each piece a straight-grain appearance with few, if any medullary rays. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

White Oak, Select

Select White Oak will be clear of defects, and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a more uniform appearance than our Natural grades. Select grade is recommended when reduced variation in appearance is desired or when used with clear or lightly stained finishes. General characteristics of White Oak are: light tan to yellow-tan in color, somewhat more figured than Red Oak due to longer rays, and generally receptive to a variety of stains and finishes. White Oak may contain a minimal amount of mineral streaks, small, sound knots, and occasional wormholes. It is a time-tested hardwood known for its durability, water resistance and versatility. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.

Walnut, Select

Select Walnut will be clear of defects, and the inherent color, character marks and grain patterns will be closely inspected and matched to create a relatively uniform appearance. General characteristics of Walnut are: a durable hard wood with exceptional strength because of its tight, dense grain. The color varies from light to chocolate brown and may contain burls, butts and curls that show off well in a variety of finishes. Walnut's natural color will "mellow" with age & exposure to light. This is a natural occurrence. When cabinetry or components are added or replaced at a later date, they will normally be darker in color and may need to be exposed to more direct sunlight to speed up the lightening process, depending on the finish. If you or your customers are not familiar with the species or our grading, we strongly recommend ordering a sample to prevent any misunderstanding.