

Guide 01 – Tree Species Selection

Which wood should I use for my project?

Choosing which tree species of wood is best for your project can be a complex process. We are on hand in our workshop to offer expert advice as to which wood you should use for your project, or you can contact us online for help and advice.

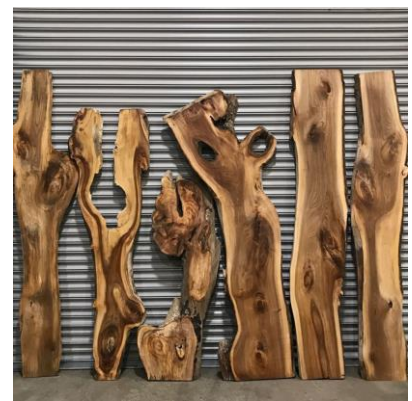
When selecting your wood for a specific project, you should take into consideration the wood's hardness, workability, appearance, and the environment in which the item will be used, for example, indoors, or outdoors.

Species Features

It's important to pick the right wood for your project. The table below shows the key features of each species.

Species	Features	Species	Features
Ash	Strength, durability, and attractive grain.	Elm	Interlocking grain patterns, strength, and durability.
Beech	Pale colour, tight grain, and smooth texture.	Oak	Strength, durability, attractive grain patterns and stains well.
Cedar	Distinctive aroma, resistant to decay and insects.	Pine	Coarse-grained and usually dark-coloured.
Cherry	Rich colour that darkens over time and smooth grain patterns.	Sycamore	Distinctive appearance with interlocking grain patterns.
Chestnut (Horse)	Soft and lightweight.	Walnut	Dark, rich colour and straight grain.
Chestnut (Sweet)	Distinctive grain pattern. A light to medium brown colour that darkens over time.	Yew	Durable, attractive appearance, and distinctive grain characteristics.

See the following page for a breakdown of the typical wood types to select from and their recommended uses. We have included twelve of the most common species of wood we stock and highlighted those suitable for different uses. If you need advice on a species of wood or use case not mentioned, please just ask us. We'll be more than happy to assist.



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Wood Species & Use Cases Matrix

		Applications												
		Indoor furniture	Outdoor furniture	Counter and tabletops	Shelving	Staircases and railings	Cabinetry	Flooring	Decking	Architectural joinery	Tool handles	Chopping boards	Musical instruments	Turning & carving
Wood Species	Ash	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			
	Beech	✓			✓	✓		✓					✓	✓
	Cedar	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓					
	Cherry	✓		✓	✓		✓					✓		✓
	Chestnut (Horse)				✓					✓				✓
	Chestnut (Sweet)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓				✓
	Elm	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓			✓
	Oak	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Pine	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓					
	Sycamore	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓				✓
	Walnut	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓
	Yew	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓			✓	✓

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