

Hickory & Rustic Hickory



Hickory, also known as Pecan, is a member of the Walnut family and is grown in the Eastern U.S. It is the hardest, heaviest and strongest American wood species in commercial use and is distinguished by dramatic contrasts of light and dark wood, even within a single door and drawer front. This “mild to wild” characteristic makes each Hickory cabinetry project unique. Hickory and Rustic Hickory are standard wood species in both our framed and frameless cabinetry lines.





The colors in a single Hickory board can vary widely. This unique characteristic makes Hickory a good choice to add color and energy to a room.



Characteristics of Hickory

Hickory is a very heavy, hard and dense wood, known to be extremely tough and resilient. The colors in Hickory often vary strongly in the same board from nearly white or tan to reddish-brown and dark brown. Burls, water stains and sound knots will also appear with Hickory.

Hickory's distinctive contrasting colors and textures are paired with a strong, open grain and fine, brown lines. Its interesting grain pattern is

great for a rustic feel, and the bold patterns of Hickory bring movement and color to any room.

Pioneers used Hickory for wagon wheels and now it is often used for tool handles that require high shock resistance. Hickory is used for flooring, fishing rods, and ladders, and many higher-grade logs are sliced to provide veneer for furniture and paneling. Hickory sawdust and chips are also used for flavoring smoked meats.

Rustic Hickory

Rustic Hickory has many of the same attributes as Hickory, but with more intense color variations, color streaks, knots, and burls, as well as extreme grain patterns. The characteristics of Rustic Hickory can be enhanced with glaze, which will settle into the knots and accentuate the grain.

All wood is *hygroscopic*, meaning that it will expand as it gains moisture and shrink as moisture is lost. This occurs in both humid and dry climates. Read more about this process in the Products/Nuts and Bolts/ How Moisture Affects Wood section of our web site.