

Maple & Rustic Maple



Known for its strength, consistent look and uniform grain pattern, Maple has been used to make furniture in the U.S. since the early Colonial days. Grown throughout eastern North America, Maple is generally more uniform in appearance than most other hardwoods. The wood is usually straight-grained, but may also exhibit much sought after wavy or curly grain patterns. Our Maple and Rustic Maple options are available as standard wood species in both our framed and frameless cabinetry lines.





The smooth, even surface of Maple makes it the wood of choice for all of our paint colors and burnished stains.

Characteristics of Maple

Maple is a stiff, strong, heavy wood with a tight, closed, uniform grain pattern. Characteristics include burl grain (clusters of round curls), pin knots, and caramelizing (wood darkens as it is dried at higher temperatures). It also includes curly grain patterns and mineral streaks. Mineral streaks, caused by minerals the tree extracts from the soil, result in random areas of discolored wood. Common in Maple, they will turn darker when stained.

Maple varies in color from nearly white to yellow, pink, light purple and slightly

reddish brown, and will darken to a golden yellow or amber hue with age.

Resistant to shock and abrasive wear, Maple has long been popular in furniture making, cabinetry and flooring. Until the early 1900s, Maple was used for the heels of women's shoes and then for airplane propellers. Maple is also used for flooring in athletic facilities, bowling pins, croquet balls and baseball bats. Maple is the standard wood used for cutting boards because it is durable and doesn't impart any taste to the food.



Rustic Maple

Rustic Maple features a random blend of natural characteristics, occurring much more frequently than in Maple, revealing the beauty of natural wood with all of its textures. It can include random, variously-sized knots, pin holes, worm holes and tracks, gum and bark pockets, and cluster knots.

Looking for ideas and inspiration for your cabinetry project? Be sure to visit the Photo Gallery section of our web site. To help you narrow your choices, we've grouped dozens of photos by cabinetry line, kitchens or other rooms, and wood species.