

# Red Oak



Oak is the most abundant U.S. hardwood species and is widely used for manufacturing cabinets and furniture. Found in both red and white varieties, Red Oak, also known as Black Oak, is the more popular of the two, and is the type we use to build our cabinetry. Red Oak has open pores and produces dramatic grain patterns, with dark mineral streaks and small pin knots. It's heavy, hard, very strong and stiff; resistant to wear and is durable under exposure. Red Oak is a standard wood species in both our framed and frameless cabinetry lines.





As seen with the antique bench above, Oak has long been used by furniture builders for its warmth, character and durability.

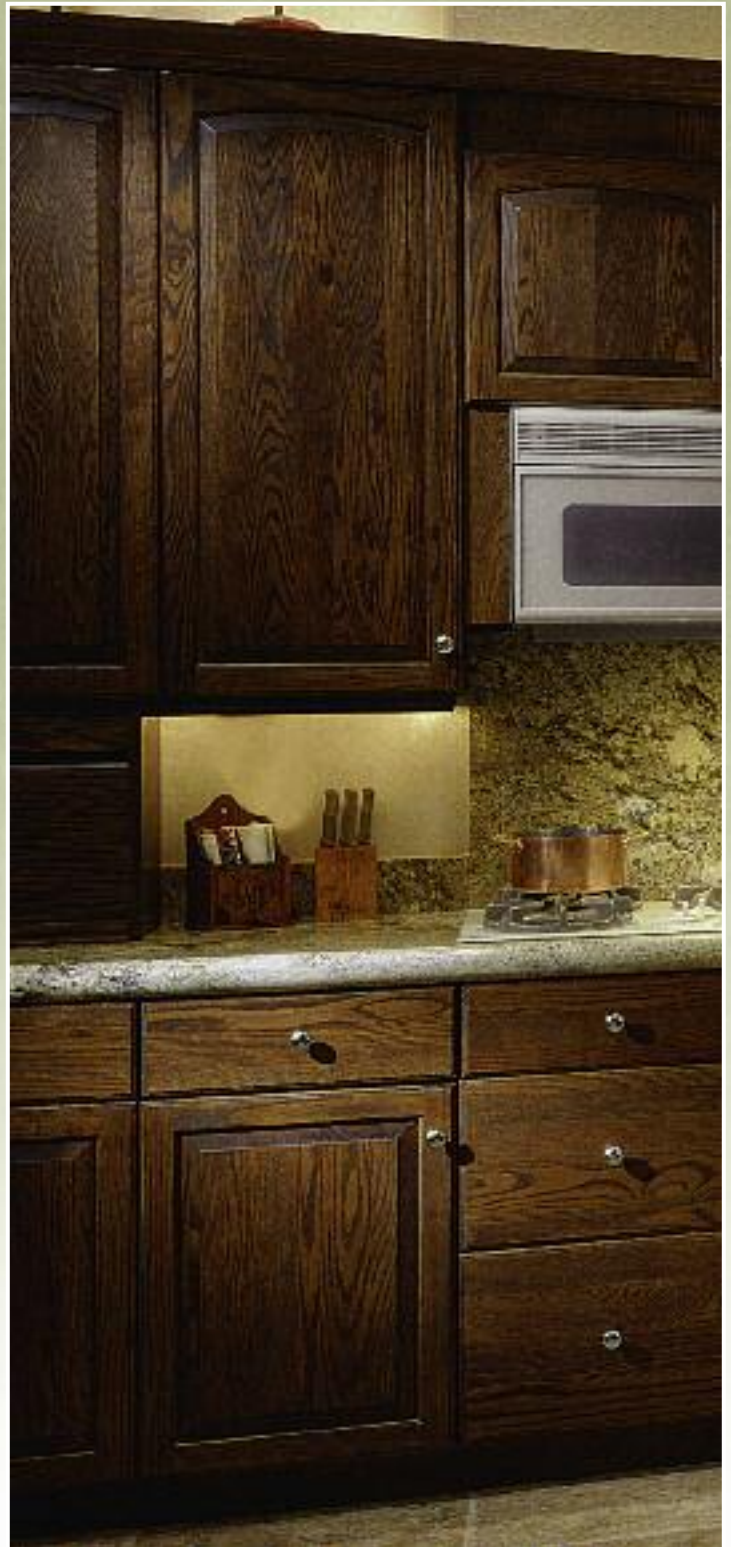
## Characteristics of Red Oak

Red Oak is a dense, heavy wood that is very hard, with an open grain pattern and textured surface. Many characteristics show, including mineral streaks, ray flecks, and pin or closed knots. Red Oak ranges in color from white and cream to a warm, pale brown, tinted with red.

The ray flecks that reflect light and provide sought-after patterns for stains to settle into distinguish the grain. The bold grain and subtle-to-rich color ranges provide the

character that makes Oak the most widely used hardwood.

Most Red Oak comes from the Eastern U.S. and its hardwood properties make it ideal for lasting beauty. Oak has a long history in furnishings and interior design and was once a favorite and prized material for Early American settlers. Other uses for Red Oak include: flooring, veneer, millwork, caskets, woodenware, agricultural implements, boats, truck and railroad car flooring.



The "Nuts and Bolts" section of our web site provides information on Stain and Paint Colors, Edge Details and Wood Species. Once you've chosen your cabinetry, the Cabinet Care, Installation and Adjustment Information pages can help keep your cabinetry looking as beautiful as the day it was installed.