



Cheryl Pett Design, Ltd.

Custom Kitchens, Baths, and Home Interiors

WOOD CHARACTERISTICS

Different characteristics of wood are natural and unique. They serve as a true exhibit of nature's beauty and individual character is given to each piece of wood. Finishes will vary slightly because of grain variation in different species of wood. Often these grain variations appear in the same piece of wood. No two trees are the same in nature.

All natural wood changes color over time. Color change is caused by exposure to light and air (oxidation). Natural and lighter finishes change the most. Color changes also vary by wood specie. Color changes are expected and are not considered defects. Differences in grain orientation can also cause color differences.

The satin-smooth surfaces of Wood Mode finishes are achieved by expert hand rubbing. And, like fine furniture finishes, Wood Mode cabinets require only the gentlest of care to retain their original mellowness. Careful selection of woods and expert finishing give Wood Mode the look of handcrafted furniture, but the surfaces are as resistant to wear as modern materials can make them.

Cherry

Cherry wood is a richly elegant furniture hardwood characterized by its close grained pattern, random small black or brown gum streaks, sometimes containing cavities, pin holes (commonly referred to as bird pecks) and inherent wood color that can vary from whitish to reddish brown.

Cherry wood tends to gradually mellow (darken) when exposed to light, a unique characteristic enhancing Cherry's warmth and charm with the passing of time. All of these add distinctive character to its overall charm and beauty.

Knotty Cherry

In addition to the natural Cherry characteristics listed above, Knotty Cherry may also include more noticeable grain and color variations, heartwood, sapwood, knots, gum streaks and burls. Any finish ordered in Knotty Cherry will have a Matte (low sheen) topcoat.

Oak

Oak is a hardwood with an open grain and a noticeably striated figure. When the figure forms a point, this is known as the "flame" of the grain.

Maple

Maple wood is a very popular furniture hardwood with a pleasingly subtle grain. Maple's usual straight grain pattern is characteristically enhanced by random curly or wavy cathedral graining and occasional circular or elliptical grain patterns commonly referred to as "Burl" or "Birds-eye" figures. These burls or small knot like marks occur from undeveloped twigs, or quilting, and are exhibited by ripple like effect in the Maple figure.

Heartwood Maple

In addition to the above characteristics of Maple, Heartwood Maple may include more noticeable grain and color variations, heartwood, burls, birds-eye, small splits, knots and mineral streaks. Heartwood Maple will have a matte (low sheen) topcoat.

Heirloom Finishes/Glazing

In addition to the individual wood characteristics, Heirloom Finishes/Glazing has a more noticeable variation in the pre-dominant base color. There is a random degree of coverage and hang up in the glaze highlighting process. There is a use of speck distressing on selected finishes. Through specialized finishing techniques and a multi-step finishing process, Wood Mode's Heirloom Finishes/Glazing deliver a look reminiscent of a well preserved antique furniture collection which has been handed down through the generations.

Rustic Retreat Finish

Rustic retreat finish is available on heartwood maple only. It includes a range of heartwood, burls, birds-eye, small splits, knots and mineral streaks. Rustic finish also receives random nicks and dents to flat surfaces, speck distressing, glazing and a matte (low sheen) topcoat.

Physical Distressing Packages

Physical distressing packages are available incorporating rub throughs and/or dents. All physical distressing packages have a matte (low sheen) topcoat.

Signature

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