

North American Wood Blanks

1. Birdseye Maple (*acer saccharum*)

A medium to moderately large tree growing up to 90 feet high. The heartwood and sapwood are not usually distinguishable. The term Birdseye is derived from the small eye-like markings on the wood. This is a very popular wood for veneer. The fine, hard grain makes it ideal for turning.

2. Mesquite (*prosopis spp.*)

Stable wood with a variety of light to dark cocoa colored heartwood. Straight grained tree that turns well due to its hardness.

3. Myrtlewood (*umbellularia californica*)

Heartwood ranges in color from golden-brown to yellowish green. The tree grows near streams mostly in southern Oregon. Varieties range from light to dark in color in this hard wood that occasionally contains splotches of dark brown.

4. English Walnut (*juglans regia*)

Relatively tall trees that are tawny colored with variegated streaks of black or dark brown. Highly figured wood with medium strength. Exceptionally stable wood that is pleasant to turn.

5. Osage Orange (*Maclura Pomifera*)

Bright yellow orange color, open grained and quite hard but turns well.

6. Yew (*taxus baccata*)

The heartwood is bright and light orange with a white sapwood. It is dense and heavy with a very fine grain. Works well on the lathe, used for decorative work, pens and boxes.