

Maple Wood Expectations

Maple is a timeless hardwood, cherished for its smooth texture and subtle grain patterns that make each piece uniquely distinct. The natural variations in color and grain, from creamy sapwood to rich amber tones, enhance the beauty of every maple cabinet. As the wood matures, these characteristics evolve, adding depth and character that only improve with time.

American
WOODmark®

Natural Aging Process of Maple Wood

Maple is known for its subtle aging process, where the wood gradually darkens and shifts from lighter tones to warm, golden undertones as it is exposed to light sources such as natural sunlight and artificial lighting. Over time, even a white maple piece will develop a honey-gold patina, enhancing its natural beauty and adding a timeless charm to the wood.

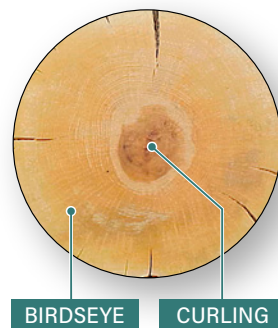
The aging of maple wood is influenced by several factors, including the **intensity**, **area**, and **duration of light exposure**:

- **Intensity:** The type and intensity of light can accelerate or slow down the darkening process. More intense light leads to faster changes in the wood's color.
- **Area:** Different sections of the wood, even within the same piece of furniture, may age at varying rates depending on their exposure to light. Some areas may darken more quickly than others.
- **Length:** The darkening process is more pronounced initially and gradually slows over time. New pieces may appear different from older ones initially, but over time, they will blend as the wood ages and develops a consistent patina.

Characteristics of 'Maple Wood

Maple is a fine-grained, smooth hardwood, celebrated for its durability and versatility. It typically has a uniform appearance, but also features natural variations that make each piece unique.

- **Grain Patterns:** Maple's grain is usually straight, but may also display wavy, curly, or bird's eye patterns that add to its character.
- **Color Range:** The wood's color can vary from creamy white sapwood to more amber-toned heartwood, with occasional mineral streaks and natural marks.



- **Natural Variations:** Differences in color, grain, and texture are common and add to the beauty of the wood.
- **Staining Effects:** Lighter, translucent stains allow the natural variations and unique grain patterns of maple to shine through, offering a broad range of colors and tones.



We take pride in embracing the full range of maple's natural characteristics, from its subtle grain patterns to its warm color variations. We believe these features add a unique charm to your space, making each piece of maple cabinetry truly one-of-a-kind.