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Key consideration should be given when designing fine wood interiors, beginning with the selection of veneers that fit the project.

Application



The end application should be considered for the type and characteristics of veneer to be used. Elevations, featured areas, panel heights, widths and net square footage are all necessary considerations when selecting veneer. While there are several grades available, most projects offer opportunities to value engineer, using a blend of veneer grades. We grade, sequence and organize our inventory to provide the highest yield at competitive prices. Contact us as early as possible in the process – we can put together a package that matches your design goals and saves money at the same time.

Sustainability/LEED



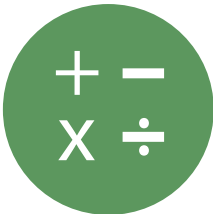
Certified wood, rapidly renewable materials, and regionally sourced materials all have potential to earn LEED credits. We help you explore sustainable options in global woods as well as certified domestics. Supply for certified woods can be impacted by production cycles, political climate – even the weather. Our volume of work with designers and veneer producers allows us to know current demand and supply trends. We often work together to find the best fit or find sustainable alternatives to achieve LEED credit without sacrificing your unique design goals.

Size



The length and width of the finished project should be considered when selecting the best veneer for the cost. Architectural panels are generally 8 to 12 feet long. Panels taller than 12 feet can be designed by special matching the veneer. Panel widths to 48 inches are standard, however widths up to 60 inches can be produced.

Quantity



Veneer quantity requirements are determined using a yield factor. Face applications generally require three square feet of veneer to yield one square foot of finished product. The industry uses this 3:1 ratio for quantity estimates in general but our team should be consulted for specific requirements. Our select inventory often has a higher yield than the typical supplier and through our collaboration with you in the specification process, we will assist you in finding a more exact yield. We can review your prints, factor the appropriate yields, and then show you ONLY those flitches that meet your dimensional needs.

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Project Time Frames



While veneer may not be the largest component of the design plan, immediate availability of sequence ready product can depend on the species selected and current production volumes of veneer mills. We recommend a long lead time to ensure we put together the best product for the price. By pre-selecting specific logs, we hold the inventory ensuring the look you have chosen becomes a reality in the project.

General Characteristics



Selecting the right veneer, color and grain compatibility is an important consideration. The goal is to select flitches that match the aesthetic you are creating in the design and meet the size and volume needs of the project—without coming up short or paying for more than needed. Consult our team on the front end to help you select species with a range of color and grain that will enhance your project for the right price.

Cost



Raw veneer cost can vary significantly by and within each species depending on the figuring and characteristics. As noted, most projects offer opportunities to value engineer, using a blend of grades or alternative species without sacrificing design intent or quality.