


WOOD & MATERIAL  
*Characteristics*


**What are the differences among wood species?**

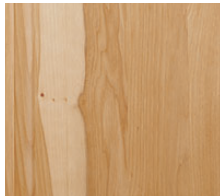
Whether your questions are prompted by your personal taste, lifestyle or budget, here is some descriptive information on each wood specie that may help.




 **Cherry** is an elegant, fine-grained hardwood that ranges in color tone from near white through pinks and reds. It's subtle grain patterns are enhanced by streaks of green, pink or yellow. Some of these traits are the result of mineral streaks and pitch pockets. In light stains, the color variations in the grain pattern will be more pronounced; in dark stains the grain will appear more even. Cherry will change color and “mellow” with age, creating a beautiful patina.




 **Maple** is a dense, close-grained, smooth wood that is mostly off-white in color with pale streaks of gold, pink, and brown throughout. Maple can also have mild, dark streaks. The tightly swirled grain is very muted and subtle. For this reason, natural and light color stains are very popular.



 **Hickory** has bold and dramatic variations of color, knots, and grain patterns. The intense patterns can vary from extremely dark to almost white. Darker stains will subtly tone the appearance of these variations. Hickory is for those who appreciate the beauty of wood and its natural variations.



 **Oak** is a strong, open grained wood that varies in color with tones of yellow, white and pink. Oak has streaks of green, gold and black mineral deposits and other natural characteristics such as pin knots that are often present. The grain can be best described as prominent flame-shaped patterns.

**What about  Thermo Foil cabinets?**

We use high quality, advanced solid-color white and ivory vinyl materials for our thermo foil cabinets. The high-tech laminating process results in a seamless surface that looks like paint but is extremely resistant to chipping, cracking and most household chemicals. For easy cleanup, just wipe with a damp cloth and a mild detergent.

**How do I know which is the best choice for me?**

Your selection is a personal choice based on your preferences and living environment. Be sure to view actual product samples and cabinetry styles at your local Yorktowne dealer.