

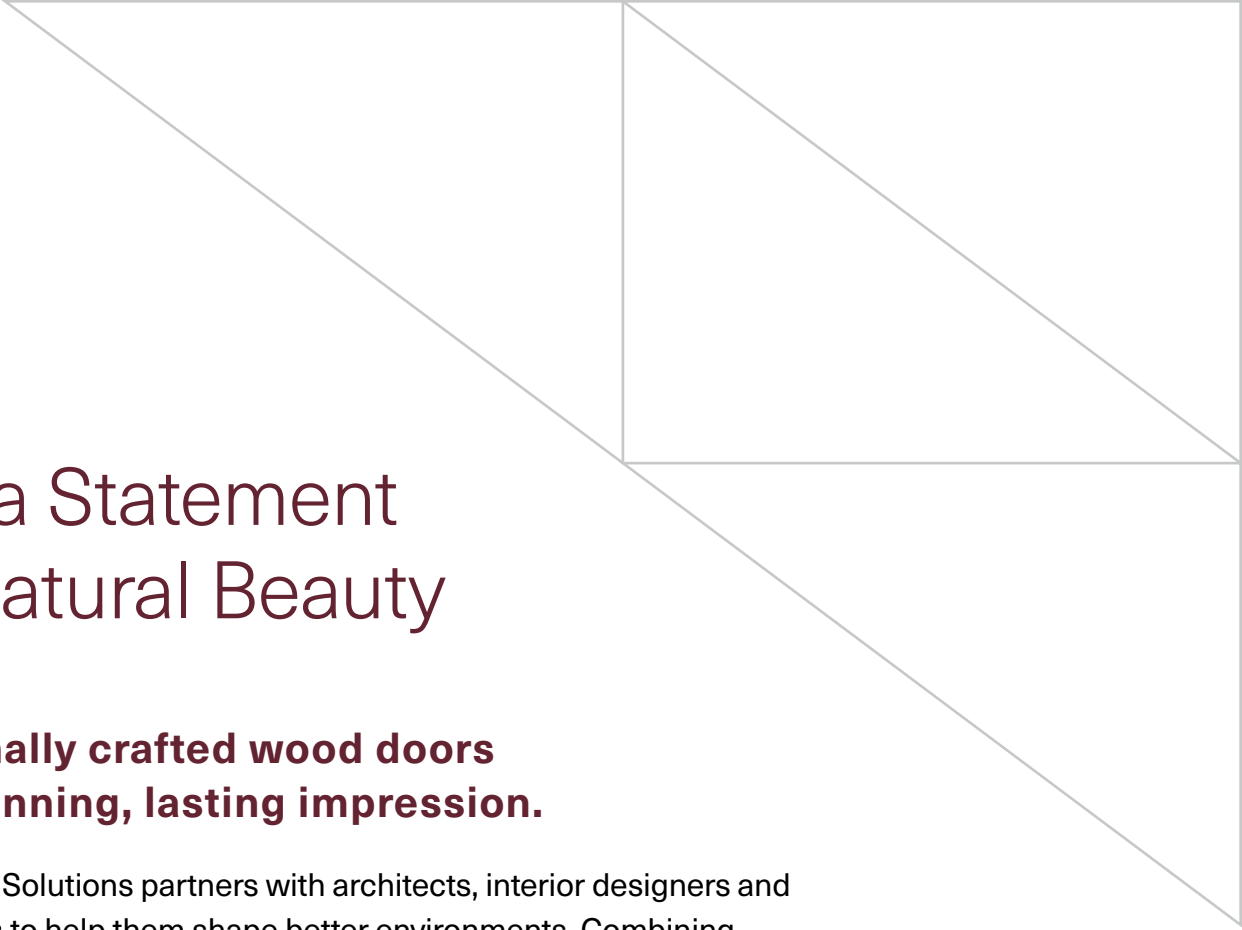
BAILLARGEON® SERIES

Factory-Finished Stained Wood Doors

FORTE
OPENING SOLUTIONS







Make a Statement with Natural Beauty

Professionally crafted wood doors leave a stunning, lasting impression.

Forte™ Opening Solutions partners with architects, interior designers and building owners to help them shape better environments. Combining 100 years of experience with our knowledge of modern design practices, we've selected the finest trend-forward stains that we meticulously factory-apply to achieve the highest quality color, sheen, tint and tone.

Our factory-finished stained wood doors showcase their unique, natural surface character, complementing and completing the built environment.

Benefits of Factory-Finished Stained Wood Doors:

- Stains that highlight natural wood surfaces
- Design flexibility to pair stain colors with wood veneers
- Factory-finishing for consistency
- Added layer of protection and durability for natural wood veneers
- Popular colors that reflect current trends
- Timeless quality and enduring beauty to shape environments that are unique, yet timeless across projects

Variations in Authentic Wood Veneers

A quick guide to help you understand the variations in natural wood veneers, so you can specify with confidence.

COMMON CUTS

Grain pattern and consistency is determined by the type of veneer cut.

Plain Sliced*

Plain Sliced — or Flat Cut — veneers are the result of sawing a log parallel to the center or cut line.

- Leaf widths vary based on log size and location of center cut
- Offers greater consistency and straight grain patterns
- One of the most preferred cuts for architectural doors



Rotary Cut

Rotary Cut veneers are the result of turning a blade in a continuous roll against a log mounted on a lathe.

- Produces a variety of patterns and wide sheets
- Blade slices through the path of the growth rings
- Grain pattern is naturally inconsistent making the leaves difficult to match



Quarter Cut*

Quarter Cut veneers are the result of slicing flat through a quartered log.

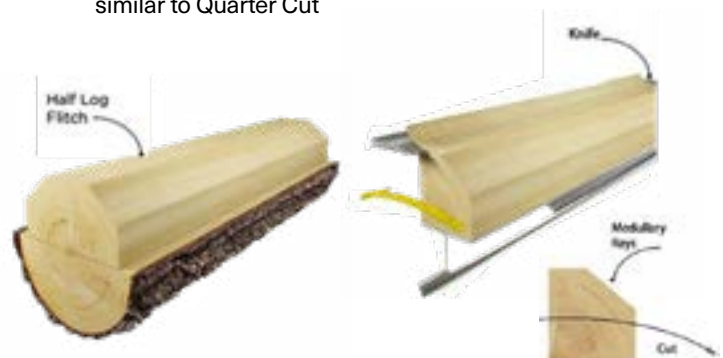
- Produces a narrow striped pattern
- Blade slices at a right angle against the growth rings
- Tight vertical grain eliminates arches and cathedral patterns found in Plain Sliced veneer
- This cutting method produces a visual characteristic commonly known as flake. The flake may appear rough and is not considered a defect.



Rift Cut*

Rift Cut veneers are the result of slicing a quartered log against the growth rings.

- Only available in oak species
- Reduces the "flake" effect
- Produces a narrow striped pattern similar to Quarter Cut



Our standard samples are available in Plain Sliced (Flat Cut) and Rotary Cut. Other veneer cuts available upon request.

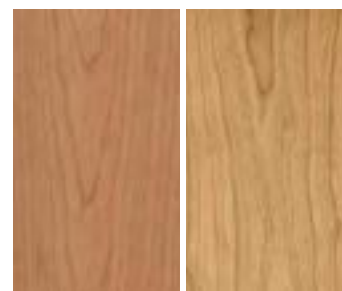
* Other processing methods to achieve Plain Sliced, Quarter Cut and Rift Cut veneer may be used.

COLOR VARIATION

Natural Wood is Anything but Standard

The color and grain of natural wood veneers are neither uniform nor predictable. Soil content, weather and other environmental factors play a role in wood's appearance and color, even among the same species.

If you're looking for color consistency in your project, contact Forte to discuss options for customization.



Color Variation of Cherry

HEARTWOOD VS SAPWOOD

It Starts with Structure

Distinguished by differences in color, which can be dramatic in some species, heartwood is noticeably darker than sapwood and has more variations. When you specify a natural veneer, it may include multiple hues due to the variance that occurs throughout the log.

- Heartwood (darker): Inner, older part of the tree that is no longer active.
- Sapwood (lighter): Outer, living and active part of the tree that carries the nutrients necessary for a tree to grow.



Heartwood vs Sapwood

BARBER POLE EFFECT

Cut and Finishing Techniques Matter

As logs are sliced into veneer, each leaf has a tight side and a loose side. Compression of the natural grain occurs on the inner side (tight side) of the leaf as it passes over the knife. The outer side (loose side) reacts to the cut with a slight expansion of the grain.

When the veneer leaves are book matched — every other leaf is turned over — the cuts can reflect light differently and display pale and dark stripes similar to a traditional barber pole across a door face. Adding finish to the veneer, such as stain, accentuates this phenomenon.

The Barber Pole Effect is not considered a manufacturing defect and is a natural occurrence in practically all cuts of wood veneer.



Barber Poled Effect

Hand-Selected Stain Collection

Enhance the natural grain, texture, and beauty of your wood veneer doors with select stains from our curated color collection.



Standard Color: Warm Spice

Stain Selection by Wood Species

Explore our expert picks for enhancing the beauty of your wood veneer doors.



Rotary Natural Birch
Medium to dark stains



Cherry
Any stain and topcoat. Add a clear coat to preserve warmth and beauty of the wood.



Red Oak
Medium, golden and dark stains



Walnut
Medium to dark stains



White Birch
Any stain color



Mahogany
Darker stains



White Maple
Clear and light stains

Light and Bright

Create a sense of openness with this palette of light stains. Paired with a protective clear topcoat, these stains enhance the natural beauty of lighter select veneers, including white oak and white maple.

Standard Colors

Our best value with a range of options to meet the needs of most projects.



Honey



Sandstone



Dusty Canyon



Wheatfield



Antique Barrel

Standard+ Colors

Trend-inspired hues available at a slight premium over standard, for a more customized look without the custom price.



Caramel+



Cane+



Cottage Stone+

Dark and Warm

Create rich appeal and elegant contrast with darker stains for wood species where more natural variation occurs, such as rotary natural birch and walnut. These statement-making stain colors add a touch of luxury to any space.

Standard Colors

Our best value with a range of options to meet the needs of most projects.



Warm Spice



Nutmeg



Cocoa Bean



Stout



Driftwood



Kona Black



English Saddle

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Trend-inspired hues available at a slight premium over standard, for a more customized look without the custom price.



Bourbon+



Espresso+



Medium Brown+



Deep Woods+



Wild Rice+



Dark Truffle+



Dark Walnut+

Designer Stain Sample Selection

We offer 14 designer stain finish samples for a variety of wood veneer species. Due to the diversity of wood's natural color and grain, not all wood veneer options are available in every standard color†.

Order samples at: forteopenings.com/samples

CODE	Wood Cut and Species	STANDARD									
		Clear	Honey	Nutmeg	Cocoa Bean	Stout	Sandstone	Warm Spice	Dusty Canyon	Antique Barrel	Wheatfield
SRO	Plain Sliced Red Oak		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SWO	Plain Sliced White Oak		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SWM	Plain Sliced White Maple		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RWB	Rotary White Birch		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SWB	Plain Sliced White Birch		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RNB	Rotary Natural Birch		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SC	Plain Sliced Cherry		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
FCM	Flat Cut African Mahogany			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SW	Plain Sliced Walnut		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RRO	Rift Red Oak		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RWO	Rift White Oak		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

†Non-standard stain finishes are also available.

This brochure should not be used for final color selection. Warranty: 1 year.



			STANDARD+									
Driftwood	English Saddle	Kona Black	Bourbon	Cane	Espresso	Caramel	Deep Woods	Cottage stone	Dark Walnut	Medium Brown	Wild Rice	Dark Truffle
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