

WESTERN RED CEDAR

Thuja plicata



Source: Salvaged old growth, reclaimed/recycled, select harvested through sustainable forestry

Region: Pacific Northwest coast from Oregon to Alaska

Grain/Texture: Western Red Cedar has a straight, tight grain and few knots. It has a medium to coarse texture. Full sawn, fine grain, vertical grain.

Color: The color is soft red-brown. The heartwood is reddish to pinkish brown, often with random streaks and bands of darker red/brown areas. The material has narrow sapwood which is pale yellowish white, and is not always sharply demarcated from the heartwood.

Qualities: Wood is light weight and strong. Western Redcedar has a high resistance to decay with mixed resistance to insect attack.

Uses: A versatile material, it is used for outdoor treatments such as posts, decking, shingles, ceilings and siding.

Sustainability Info: This is not listed as an endangered tree, however, we supply FSC certified salvaged old growth Western Redcedar.

Interesting Facts: Western Red cedar is a very large evergreen coniferous tree ranging up to 230 ft tall with a 9 to 13 ft trunk diameter. It has been used by the indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest for centuries. Archeologists have found woodworking tools dating as far back as 8000 to 5000 years ago.