

# Hardwood

## What constitutes 'Hardwood'?

Hardwoods used in the manufacture of products from MasterBrand Cabinets represent a variety of consistent and close-grained wood species that meet or exceed KCMA standards for quality. These hardwoods (including cherry, maple, birch, and others) are selected for their ability to evenly accept paint and/or stain. In keeping with our practice of continuous product improvement, specifications in design and materials may be adjusted as conditions require. Some components may utilize differing materials to ensure a high-quality product in all applications.

## What comprises 'Painted Hardwood'?

Substrates used in the manufacture of Painted Hardwood products from MasterBrand Cabinets are a combination of materials. When a painted finish is specified, cabinet components, doors and/or drawer fronts may feature a blended construction of solid hardwoods and engineered materials, such as Medium Density Fiberboard (MDF) and/or High Density Fiberboard (HDF). These composite materials provide a smoother surface for painting and are more resistant to warping, expansion, and contraction.

## What is the performance expectation of Hardwood?

As with all wood products, Painted Hardwood naturally expands and contracts due to fluctuations in temperature and humidity levels, which may result in joint separations and small cracks in the finish. Additionally, as expected in all wood species, with exposure to natural and artificial light, the finish color may shift over time. These are normal characteristics of painted and stained cabinetry, and are not considered defects. MasterBrand Cabinets does not offer replacements or refunds due to these natural occurrences.

## What are the other benefits?

The use of readily available mixed hardwoods, plus the addition of engineered materials in a painted context, support more sustainable forestry practices while offering the look and durability of commonly used wood types that still deliver the quality and design capability you expect from MasterBrand Cabinets.

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