

FSC® Plywood



Sterritt Lumber is proud to handle dozens of types of FSC® certified plywood! As distributors of both hardwood and softwood certified plywoods, we are excited to offer you this sustainable quality building material. FSC® certified plywood has several key advantages that Sterritt Lumber is proud to pass along to our valued customers!

Environmental Investment – FSC® plywood is a natural product made from renewable resources. Therefore, it is one of the most environmentally friendly and useful products available to the consumer.

Strength – Plywood is the original engineered lumber, and as such, hardwood plywood is stronger than steel in static bending strength. What makes plywood so strong is its unique cross-layered structure. The adhesives used to bond the veneers in plywood are actually stronger than the wood itself, so that adds to the integrity of these revolutionary products.

Efficiency – The FSC® plywood manufacturing process achieves a more complete utilization of the log than does lumber manufacturing. The entire tree is used in positive capacities during this process. No sawdust results from either rotary cutting or slicing (the two most popular methods of cutting veneer). Greater square foot coverage, in comparison to solid wood products, is achieved by using veneer. As a result, plywood manufacturing makes better use of the high value woods prized by consumers today.

Beauty – Consumers, architects, and even designers prefer the beauty of wood over any other material. The natural characteristics of wood make it attractive to the eye. Wood defies imitation. No material can match the infinite variety of natural markings and figure patterns offered through fine softwood and hardwood.

Versatility – A great variety of products in various shapes and sizes can be manufactured from hardwood plywood. Chair backs and seats, toys, bowling alley channels, cabinets, and pianos are just a few of the many various results of valuable FSC® plywood.

Durability – Strength is a staple of many species of American hardwoods. So, it stands to reason that the veneers and the adhesives holding FSC® hardwood plywood together contribute to the long-lasting durability and beauty of these incredible products.

Take a look at the following items to find out more about the variety of FSC® certified plywoods we can source!

FSC® Birch Plywood



FSC® Birch plywood is truly a natural marvel of the modern world! This certified material possesses many features that make it a desirable material in the construction of cabinets, children's toys, furniture, and even some fencing projects!

One important reason that FSC® Birch plywood is so prized is that birch trees themselves are very fast growing. This makes the harvesting and replenishment of the trees conducive to safeguarding the environment. When one harvests a fast growing tree, the process of replacing it becomes an easier one that brings with it no harmful effects on the forest itself.

Certified Birch plywood is often used to make children's toys because it has very few frayed or jagged edges. In addition, it possesses a natural smooth finish. For an even more attractive look, apply a glossy finish! This will be attractive to your children and give you satisfaction that you are truly working with one of nature's finest materials.

Another wonderful feature about FSC® Birch plywood is its intrinsic strength. Because birch plywood is strong, it can be used for cabinets and shelves. It also is ideal for dressers, chests, and desks because it offers naturally attractive grains and superior strength.

Finally, FSC® Birch plywood is affordable and versatile. Because of its many faces, It works well for creating fencing for any project, including backyard privacy fencing applications. Birch plywood has few if any cracks, knots or splinters, making it easy to machine as well.

Making you rest even easier is the fact that this product has passed the strict environmental guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Council®. Sterritt Lumber currently stocks birch plywood in multiple grades in the following thicknesses:

1/4" 4' x 8'

1/2" 4' x 8'

3/4" 4' x 8'

In addition, Sterritt Lumber is able to ship special order birch specialty sheet goods directly to your jobsite. If it is out there, we can get it for you!

FSC® Cherry Plywood



FSC® Hardwood plywood is an appearance-based product manufactured from a natural resource with much variation. Therefore, every panel will be different, although can be argued that this natural variation is what provides each panel with such unique beauty! FSC® Cherry Plywood falls right into this very common Hardwood plywood description. It is beautiful, stately, and often, no two panels are alike.

The sapwood of FSC® Cherry is light yellow, or even pink color, while the heartwood is brownish with a greenish tone that darkens upon exposure to air to a deep reddish brown. The wood has a mild, aromatic scent, but no characteristic taste. It

is of medium density, firm, and strong, with a fine, uniform texture. The grain is generally straight. It takes to screwing and nailing exceptionally well, and it takes on a new and celebrated identity when treated with the proper finish. These qualities are very present also in Cherry Plywood.

Also known as “Black Cherry,” the tree that ultimately produces FSC® Cherry Plywood is very much American made. It grows in about twenty states that are situated predominately in the Eastern half of the United States.

This stately veneer is used in the building of fine furniture, interior trim, paneling, cabinetry, and toys.

Sterritt Lumber is proud to not only handle, but to stock this very fine and elegant plywood in various thicknesses ranging from 1/8” thick all the way up to a full inch in thickness. Please contact one of our plywood experts today about all the uses and advantages of this elegant material that has met the strict guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Council®!

FSC® Hickory Plywood



Widely regarded as the densest of all Eastern Hardwoods, Hickory grows widely throughout the United States and beyond. North America claims 16 species of hickory, of which the most abundant and commercially important is the shagbark (*Carya ovata*).

Although Hickory grows best in bottomland soils, you’ll find it on loamy hillsides as well as rocky slopes. In the forest, hickory will grow to 140’ tall and a diameter of 30”, frequently with no branches for 50-60’.

Generally straight-grained and coarse-textured, Hickory heartwood varies from tan to brownish-red, and the sapwood approaches being white. Hickory heartwood that is brown or reddish brown in color is sold as “Red Hickory”. The sapwood is light in color and sold as “White Hickory”. As stated above, FSC® Hickory Plywood is typically straight grained, but can be wavy or irregular. These qualities make for an extremely elegant plywood useful for dozens of applications. For a rustic look, FSC® Hickory Plywood is also available in sheets that possess wide and open knots within its grain. The result is a very attractive and versatile plywood that is suitable for many jobs and functions!

While many hardwoods share a single quality to Hickory, like stiffness, not one commercially available wood can match it in the combination of hardness, bending strength, stiffness, and shock resistance. As a result, FSC® Hickory Plywood is perfect for applications that require stability like cabinetry, bookshelves, and rocking chairs.

A sustainable material, you will find FSC® Hickory Plywood readily available too, in many thicknesses.

Here at Sterritt Lumber, we would be happy to source this classic American hardwood plywood for your many applications. Please contact one of our professionals today!

FSC® Maple Plywood



Hard Maple is a standard fixture in the modern American sports and athletic world. Maple Plywood, for instance, is the most predominant material used for today's skateboard industry. In addition, both Maple Lumber and Maple Plywood are critical in the construction of thousands of basketball courts throughout the United States and beyond.

Why? It is because Hard Maple is hard, heavy, attractive, and it possesses an even texture. It also possesses a very high resistance to wear and abrasion.

The wood that stakes a claim to FSC® Maple Plywood veneers grows throughout much of the Eastern United States and also in the Great Lakes Region. The sapwood of this durable wood is creamy white with the slightest red tinge. In addition, the heartwood varies from light to dark reddish brown. Generally straight-grained, some sheets of FSC® Maple Plywood will show grains that are “curly,” “fiddleback,” and even “birds-eye.”

FSC® Maple Plywood machines very well, and it responds in a superior fashion to an outstanding finish. For best results, be certain to use a clear or light stain when protecting this durable plywood.

This beautiful, functional, and durable hardwood plywood is readily available at Sterritt Lumber in thicknesses ranging from 1/8” all the way up to and inch thick. We are proud to handle this elegant product, and it would be our pleasure to point you in the proper direction when it comes to applying this American made hardwood plywood!

Sustainable FSC® certified Maple Plywood is a product of particular pride for the folks at Sterritt Lumber. Call one of our professionals today to find out why!

FSC® Red Oak Plywood



As with anything of this high quality that is American made, Sterritt Lumber is extremely proud to stock and handle Red Oak! This product is a durable and handsome hardwood that has a uniform light color. When manufactured as plywood, Red Oak takes on an even stronger, more durable, and more attractive presence than even quality Oak Lumber does alone.

Often, the core of FSC® Red Oak Plywood used is the superior Poplar core, or an MDF core. Red Oak is produced from Red Oak logs that are exported from the United States to China & sliced there and made into faces.

We cannot stress enough how attractive the faces of FSC® Red Oak Plywood are. Because of this feature, it is suitable for both staining, and it is also installed with its own natural finish. Oak is a strong wood, but when used in multi-ply cores, it takes on incredible strength and durability.

What makes it even more attractive is the fact that this material has passed the rigorous guidelines of the Forest Stewardship Council®!

Our FSC® Red Oak Plywood is double-sanded to a 240 grit finish, and that makes staining easy and ultimately, it adds a stately element to this beautiful America hardwood. Grades range from A1 to C4, and that gives our valued customers an important choice in determining the face that is best for their own applications.

No matter the grade, Red Oak Plywood is the builder's choice when it comes to fine cabinets, furniture, trim work, fixtures, and a variety of paneling projects. We are incredibly proud of what this country produces here at Sterritt Lumber, and we echo that sentiment when it comes to our elegant Red Oak Plywood.

Please call us today for more information on this high quality, American-made product! One of our professionals will be happy to assist you.

FSC® Walnut Plywood



Considered the elite of the American hardwoods, Walnut is a dark wood that is a favorite among craftsmen for fine furniture, interior trim, and gun stocks (in part because the tight grains absorb shock very well). Walnut grows in widely scattered forests throughout the eastern half of the United States, primarily in the Midwest.

Historically, standard grading rules for Walnut have been refined to encourage better use of this valuable species. Because of this, Walnut grades allow for smaller boards, both in width and length.

As you may know, plywood is regarded as the original engineered lumber, and when Walnut is manufactured as such, it becomes even more valued for so many of its qualities. Walnut Plywood is used in the construction of

extremely high-end furniture as well as flooring and architectural woodwork. In addition, it is used in the manufacturing of musical instruments and ornate and decorative paneling.

FSC® Walnut Plywood possesses a creamy white sapwood that is richly chocolate brown in color. It very often consists of straight grains and showcases many different markings and distinct figure variations. Not only is the color rich, the grain within that color is stunning. Like most materials in the natural world, not all walnut hardwood has a straight grain. There are exceptions to this rule. Walnut and Walnut Plywood often display beautiful swirl, flame and branch patterns called burls. In most situations, this pattern indicates that the tree overcame some extreme stress to produce this kind of marking. As a result, Walnut Plywood with this type of grain structure not only has intrinsic beauty, but it also indicates the originating tree had some character in surviving the environmental stress placed on it.

For its rich beauty, its straight grains, its distinct burls, and its hardness, Walnut is regarded as the gold standard when it comes to American hardwoods. FSC® Walnut Plywood also demonstrates many of these incredible qualities, and for these reasons, Sterritt Lumber is particularly thrilled to handle this fine sustainable material!