

OAK

Oak is our bread and butter. We understand that goes for many of the joiners, framers, builders and furniture makers we work with too.

We know that finding a good, reliable source of Oak boards is half the battle. When every job or project puts different criteria on the timber, we have to reflect that myriad of variations by stocking every conceivable option in Oak boards. That's what we endeavour to do.



We know we also need to be consistent. Once you've found a stock source that works for you we need to make sure you can rely on it, for quality, for availability and for price. Whether it's waney edge or square edge, boards or boules, packs or profiles we think our Oak stocks will fit the bill.

Every piece of timber we stock is listed on online for you to search 24/7 but for a quick reference here's an overview of what we hold and mill.

THE RIGHT OAK FOR THE JOB

Structural Oak

Fresh sawn Oak is custom cut as per cutting list with weekly availability and we hold a range of seasoned Oak beams.

Cladding Oak

Fresh sawn Oak cladding is custom cut with weekly availability. Air Dried and Kiln Dried Oak cladding is machined to order in standard profiles and dimensions. We have the kit and the stock to create bespoke profiles and non-standard products to reflect the creative requirements of today's woodworkers.

Joinery Oak

Air Dried and Kiln Dried joinery Oak is available in waney edge or square edge, as boards or packs, graded to requirements. The square edge packs are in selected grades of super prime, prime or character and the waney edge boards are selected to cover a cutting list with minimum waste.

Furniture Oak

For furniture the choice of Oak is almost endless and is not limited to standard grades, sizes or specifications. Waney edge boards are typically chosen on individual, aesthetic qualities rather than specific grade. The ability to self select means the making process, quite rightly, begins in the woodshed.



OAK GRADES

In our woodsheds we have Oak boards in Prime, Super Prime, Character, Rustic, Tiger/Brown, Pippy and Burr Oak. For simplicity's sake the following three grade descriptions probably reflect the majority of boards and cover the majority of requirements.



Super Prime

Very clean, clear boards of straight grained, pale honey colour Oak with occasional small sound knots and very little variation of any kind. Can include quarter sawn* boards.



Prime

Typically straight grain with even colouring, 1 sound knot <20mm or multiple knots <20mm total plus small sap band/ bark pocket allowed. Can include quarter sawn* boards.



Character

This grade/sub-grades includes knots >20mm diameter, colour variation, sap, small splits, variable grain pattern and more.

OAK SOURCES

Fresh Sawn & Air Dried Sections

Fresh Sawn structural Oak sections are milled in France at our partner mills. We source seasoned structural stock from a number of mills in France. We can accommodate bespoke supplies of British Oak for structural purposes. Fresh sawn Oak cladding comes from the same partner mills.

Air & Kiln Dried Waney Edge

We select, buy and mill logs from British woodlands which we stick in boules, season, grade then kiln at Cocking Sawmills. In addition to the British logs we seek out special quality boules from Europe (mainly France and Italy). This allows us to control both specifications and timber husbandry to better suit the requirement of the woodworkers we work with.

Air & Kiln Dried Square Edge

Although we sometimes convert our own square edge it's normally imported from Europe. The best square edge Oak we have found so far comes from France, Italy and Croatia. The French stocks are great for mixing with homegrown Oak and French Oak character packs are perfect for flooring and cladding. The Croatian stocks give us excellent Super Prime and Prime boards in fantastic dimensions that are well suited to joinery and furniture manufacture.



TIMBER SERVICES

Select Your Own Timber

We thoroughly welcome self-selection of timber. We provide clean, open, undercover spaces (with extra hands if need be) for turning and sorting through stacks and packs.

Cut to Size Components

We undertake parallel ripping, cut to size and cut to length machining to order for first stage component manufacture or one off cutting lists.

Profiles & Moulding

We can select to spec, cut to size, plane all round and profile mouldings as required. We run Weinig 6 side moulders so you don't have to!

Planing & Thicknessing

In addition to the Weinig we have two wide board planers that will take off one face or two, thickness to spec and smooth plane boards (including waney edge) up to 800mm wide.

RESOURCES

For more information on Oak visit our Oak Species page

www.englishwoodlandstimber.co.uk/species/oak/

For information about Visual Strength Grading for Structural Oak visit our Visual Grading page and download the PDF

www.englishwoodlandstimber.co.uk/visual-grading-service/

For information about Oak Joinery and Furniture grades visit our Grades page and download our Oak Grades PDF and get your own copy of Making the Grade publication

www.englishwoodlandstimber.co.uk/grades/

WHAT NEXT?

To see our Oak stock go to our website stocklist or come down to the woodyard and have a look around.

To buy our Oak just pick up the phone, send an email, a fax or a form with a cutting list on the website

To find out more about us, our oak or our other timber products visit our website

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* Quarter Sawn

This particular quality of timber - vertical end grain and resulting medullary ray - can be achieved by selecting the centre boards of a through & through sawn Oak boule or by a specific method of milling whereby the log is first quartered and then each quarter is through & through sawn. This achieves a much higher number of quarter sawn boards within the boule.

