

OAK FLOOR GRADING

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Emerson Hardwood is partnered with several high-quality oak flooring mills. All of our flooring has been properly kiln-dried to ensure long-lasting beauty and durability.

The standard grades we offer are Clear, Select, No. 1 Common and No. 2 Common. These grades are differentiated by the amount of "character" (knots, mineral streaks, color variation within and between boards, etc.) that will appear in your floor after it's been installed, sanded, and finished.

We supply oak flooring in 3/4" solid tongue & groove, 5/16" top nail, as well as several unfinished engineered profiles.

Emerson Hardwood is the premier stocking distributor of oak flooring to the Pacific Northwest.



Clear Red Oak



Clear White Oak

Consists of mostly heartwood. Allows for all of the natural heartwood color variations, with minimal character marks. Will result in a floor with infinitely variable grain pattern, but still the most uniform appearance (least variation) of any grade.



Select Red Oak



Select White Oak

Contains all the variations in color produced by the contrasting differences of heartwood and sapwood. Also contains minimal visible character marks such as small knots, mineral streaks and slightly open characters. The combination creates a visually interesting floor where light sapwood and dark heartwood are combined with small characters and other small color interruptions.



No. 1 Common Red Oak



No. 1 Common White Oak

Characterized by prominent color variation as well as prominent (but limited in size) character marks such as knots and open checks, as well as variations resulting from drying and machining processes. This grade results in a tasteful floor where prominent variation is to be expected.



No. 2 Common Red Oak



No. 2 Common White Oak

May contain a wide range of sound natural and manufacturing variations of any size, including knots, knot holes and other open characters, as well as prominent color variation and irregularities resulting from drying and machining processes. This grade is desirable where numerous notable character marks and significant color contrast is to be expected. No. 2 Common may include a small number of boards deemed unusable by your installing contractor.