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Hardwood Plywood Veneer Slicing Methods

Rotary Cut

Entire log is peeled producing a continuous ribbon of veneer.



Plain Slicing

The half log is mounted with the knife parallel to the center of the "back" of the log, then forced across the knife to produce a flat sawn lumber look, often developing a repeating grain pattern called a cathedral.



Quarter Slicing

The quarter log is mounted in the slicer so that the knife cuts across the growth rings at approximately a right angle and parallel to the rays, resulting in a highly three dimensional ray flake appearance in red and white oak.



Rift Cutting

The quarter log is mounted on a modified lathe to produce a cut that crosses both the growth rings and the rays at a slight angle, resulting in a relatively straight grain effect that minimizes the bold ray flake appearance found in quarter sliced wood.