



Antique Chestnut Scar'dFace Flooring

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product information

this antique chestnut was previously used in a variety of ways, as a blight brought by boat from Asia in the early 20th century killed adult trees that were often more than 200 years old; the durable wood was quickly harvested for barn construction, house framing and many other applications; while chestnut trees still grow, the blight keeps them from reaching maturity rendering this incredible wood commercially extinct; in chestnut, reclaimed lumber is the only option; the wood has a unique, rich, warm glow; the grain is fairly pronounced, but somehow looks so smooth, and while the color can vary dramatically from board to board, the colors work together nicely; a bit of character from critter tracks and nail holes top off the look

specie

American chestnut

source :: antique 100% recycled

barns, houses and commercial buildings usually in the Northeast US

moisture content

kiln-dried to 6-8% moisture content

hardness

janka hardness rating: 540

character rating

our character rating: 4.8 (ample character)

our character scale rates floors on a 1 - 10 scale; a low number is a refined floor and a high number is very rustic

grading

the appearance standards outlined here apply to a floor as a whole and not to individual boards

knots

an unlimited amount of knots of any size are allowed, but usually not in high concentrations; some knots are broken

holes

an unlimited amount of nail holes are allowed, but generally there are only a few nail holes per board; occasionally bolt holes will also be included

cracks/checks

an unlimited amount of surface checking is allowed; cracks through the thickness of the board are allowed as long the board is stable enough for nail down installation

color

the face color will usually vary from wheat to deep brown; an unlimited combination of colors is allowed

grain

the majority of the wood will be flat or cathedral grain; some rift cut or quarter sawn boards may be included

millwork

¾" thick; the tongue and groove will be milled on the edges; the back of the board is milled with back outs; the ends of the boards will be cut square

widths

3" to 7" milled to the full inch wide with custom sizes available; floors are usually produced with a combination of 3 or more face sizes with enough of each size to create a random pattern

**lengths**

2' through 10'; with an average length of about 6'; boards up to 12' included if available

surface

the face is planed smooth and sanded; texture via surface checks and critter tracks will be scattered across the surface

installation

basic principles of installation for solid wood floors apply to this product and it should be installed according to the standard professional practices of your area; although, installers should be well experienced with custom wood floors and have artistic skill in board placement

unfinished

this flooring product comes unfinished and is designed to be prepped and finished on site