

# ◀ Natural Aging Process of Cherry Wood

Cherry is a beautiful hardwood, having been sought after for the bold characteristics that make every piece uniquely its own. These varied wood characteristics apply not only to sap pockets in each piece but also to variations in color that occur as the wood matures.

While all wood is photosensitive to varying degrees, cherry is more so than many other wood species to color change when exposed to light. Cherry will typically deepen and mellow as it is exposed to any light source, including light bulbs and natural light. While it is impossible to accurately predict the shade of color, the speed, or the degree of darkening, know that it is a natural, unavoidable process and part of the allure of cherry wood.

This darkening depends on several factors, including the **intensity, area, and length of exposure** to light.



**Intensity:** The amount, type and intensity of light can lead to faster or slower darkening.

**Area:** Depending on the area of wood exposed to light, some cabinets, or even areas within the same cabinet, may darken faster than others.

**Length:** The darkening of cherry is faster initially and eventually tapers off as time passes. As such, any replacements may not initially match but will eventually catch up to the originals already installed.

## Level of Exposure



Cherry's unique characteristics make it striking during any stage, adding character to your home in a way that grows and ages beautifully within it.

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