

# MDF

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# PLYWOOD

WHICH MATERIAL SHOULD YOU CHOOSE?

## Description

**Medium-density fiberboard (MDF)** is an engineered wood panel made of wood fibers, resin and wax. The material is formed into panels by applying a high temperature and pressure.

**Hardwood plywood** is made of thin pieces of wood that are layered to make up the core. It has a veneer finish to look like regular wood.

## Benefits

- Is 10-15% less expensive than plywood
- Has a flat surface, whereas plywood can be uneven
- There is no core transfer

- Weighs less and does not absorb moisture as quickly as MDF does
- Edgebanding is not necessary; European plywood is great for exposed edges
- Can use a clear finish for a real-wood look

## Common Applications

- Architectural wall panels
- Furniture

- Store fixtures
- Cabinetry
- Tabletops

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