



Veneer Common Name: Crotch Mahogany

Species: Swietenia Macrophylla

Also known as: Honduran Mahogany Crotch

Source: Central & South America

Availability: Rare **Value:** Expensive

Description: The Crotch Mahogany veneer figure is a result of the slicing of the portion of a mature Mahogany tree, at the point which the first primary branches evolve from the main trunk. As the branches grow out and up, the rings of the tree split to create this unique figure.

Uses: Decorative veneer suitable for surfaces of furniture, doors, casework, jewelry boxes, music boxes, etc. Coveted by fine woodworkers for centuries, this dramatic material can be manipulated to create outstanding patterns and rich character.

Slicing Specifics: Generally, when a section of the tree is identified (graded) to contain a decorative crotch figure, the log section is cut away from the normal trunk and then cut lengthwise into a half log section. The half log section is then cut on a half-round slicer (the equivalent of peeling the log). By peeling the veneer sections, the complex figure (grain characteristics) then becomes apparent.



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