

Western Red Cedar

Facts

Cedar is an ideal choice because they won't rot or warp. Cedar wood is a lightweight, all-weather wood that is very strong, making it a good outdoor material for birdhouses and other outdoor applications such as fences, decks and house siding. These types of applications are also bacterial and fungal resistant. Though cedar does not need a finish, a wood sealer preserves the colorful tones and rich grain. Cedar can also be painted.

Benefits

Cedar has a natural resistance to weather elements, such as wind and harsh winters. Cedar wood is dense, which decreases shrinking and swelling more than other soft woods. This keeps them stable in their proportions.

Western red cedar's natural oils make it resistant to rotting and insects. Western red cedar comes in clear and knotty grades with smooth or rough textures. Red cedar is a higher quality wood that may last longer.

Features

Moisture is not good for most types of wood. One of the best features of cedar is how it stays straight and flat when moisture is present. This makes it a good choice for fences and other projects. Cedar lightweight and porous properties absorb noise, too.