



General Information About Our Materials

Wood Species

Tilde Furniture uses a selection of Domestic FSC-certified woods as standard in our product line. However, we are happy to provide species that are not standard to our line. Please inquire for pricing and availability.

Tilde will not provide any materials that are deemed endangered or disruptive to an ecosystem. We work only with suppliers who are fully responsible in regard to ecology, local economies, and fair trade.

Standard Woods

- Cherry
- Hard Maple
- White Oak (Quarter Sawn)
- Clear Alder: Due to character of species, expect some small knots
- Pine (Beetle Kill): Expect a color variation with blue/gray streaks
- Our painted cabinets and top surfaces are made of FSC-certified poplar and/or wheatboard, depending on practical application.

Finishes

Custom Finishes

Tilde Furniture is happy to provide custom finishes, as long as they are deemed practical by our factory. Depending on the finish, it may void certain aspects of the warranty. Once the finish, and its' process, have been determined, Tilde will provide a custom quote. Samples will be provided for signed approval prior to commencing work. The first sample is always free. Additional samples are \$40 each, payable upon request of the sample. It is highly recommended to send us reference materials and colors for design guidance. These will be returned to the showroom representative.

Standard Finishes

Each furniture piece comes with standard finishes. These will be listed on each catalog specification sheet. For questions regarding the use of other Tilde finishes not listed, please inquire about ability to use and price.

Our Polyurethane Coatings are water-based and are standard in Dull, Eggshell and Semi-Gloss. Satin and Gloss are available upon request, and sometimes used as standard on particular items. This material is formaldehyde-free, has very low VOCs, and qualifies for LEED

points.

Distressing

There are many types of distressing. Please inquire if a desired method is not listed in our catalog. We are happy to do a sample for approval. Base prices are listed as no distressing.

Standard Distressing Methods

Worm holes, gouges, cracks, dents, chisel lifts, and knot exaggerations are physical distresses that are typical for our line. Please inquire about other options.

Hand-dappling, crackle, and glazing are typical finish aging and development techniques that are done for our customers.

Painted Finishes

Some painted finishes are a proprietary combination of materials. They can be ordered as is, or altered for a custom charge. In example, the "Pearl" series may be ordered as a standard paint finish with a protective water-based polyurethane coating. Please see above note regarding Custom Finishes, if a custom color is desired.

Glass

Tilde Furniture pieces are offered with glass elements. When possible, we use recycled-content materials. This is especially true for hand-cast details. Slight inconsistencies are inherent to the manufacturing of certain types of glass and are considered to be within standard specifications. If we have chosen to use them, it is because we appreciate the character of the material and believe it enhances the furniture piece's appearance. For hand-poured glass, expect undulations and small air pockets. Our tables are available without the glass top.

Metals

Bronze

We love bronze for its' warm appearance and classic qualities. 90% of it's content is recycled copper, and we reuse up to 50% of our bronze waste in each casting. Our standard patina is a simple paste wax application that gives an aged warm appearance. You may specify the level of darkness. We also offer bronze in a polished finish. This is a living finish, unless otherwise specified.

Steel

Our recycled-content hand-wrought steel is offered in two finish methods: hand-painted and powder coated.

Stainless Steel

Tilde uses stainless steel on select pieces where a clean metal look is desired, without the need for additional energy embodied finishes. Inquire about availability and pricing, if not listed as standard.

Aluminum

Recycled-content aluminum is used in the furniture line. Standard finishes are polished,

brushed and satin. A powder-coating or paint finish may also be applied.

Recycled Paper Products

Paper slabs share many characteristics of wood and have similar design considerations. Since paper is recycled from many sources, expect slight variations in color from one sheet to the next. While we do our best to match the goods, seams will likely be visible. Repairs are somewhat difficult and should only be done by a professional. Further information can be found on our maintenance page, as well as the manufacturer's websites.

Tilde Furniture works with two manufacturers of paper countertop materials: PaperStone and EcoTop. PaperStone uses phenolic resins that tend to amber (darken) over time. Our standard colors are chosen to minimize this effect. The natural color irregularity of this manufacturer's product offers a rich warm appearance, similar to aged leather.

EcoTop is the latest generation in paper products. The resin and technology incorporated offer a more consistent color appearance, with only slight variation. Again, because it's a natural product, there will be variations from sheet to sheet. But, the colors are more stable. This material has a cleaner, more modern look.

Both materials are very dense and quite practical. They are shock and stain resistant; but, like wood, take some care to last indefinitely.

Tilde offers a selection of each manufacturer's colors as standard to our line. These are:

PaperStone:

Chocolate, Indigo Blue, Evergreen, and Obsidian (Black)

EcoTop:

Snow White, Ivory, Pecan, Concrete (Cool Gray), Thistle, Espresso, and Jet Black

Decorative Wheat Straw

Torzo's Durum, a slab material that is highly renewable and made from agricultural by-products, is one we find very stylish and have incorporated it in to our line. This product provides a sophisticated look for a very organic material. All sheen levels are available upon request.