

# Our Business is *Wood* — Heart Pine

*Fine Antique Heart Pine Plank Flooring*

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In the colonial days forests of longleaf pines stretched from Virginia to Florida. It quickly became the favorite construction material of the colonists. Outraging the early settlers, King George II laid claim to all heart pine over 2 feet in diameter.

Today most large old growth Southern Longleaf Pine trees have been lumbered. But, it is still available from reclaimed timbers from old mills, barns, houses, factories and warehouses. These timbers yield boards that have developed a beautiful patina over the ages. The old nail holes and other marks left on them from construction add very desirable character. Because of its beauty, limited availability and high demand, heart pine millwork and flooring is an excellent investment.

## Reclaimed Antique Heart Pine Grading

**Premium boards** will be the most consistent with regard to grain and color. The ring density will be comparatively high, and the color will more consistently red. Premium boards may still have blonde highlights, but will be predominantly red. Infrequent bolt holes in a Premium can be eliminated when the flooring contractor makes his defect cuts. Nail holes will be small and infrequent. Knots will be small (generally less than 1 ½ inches in diameter) and will be tight.

**Select boards** will also have nail and bolt holes, but typically less than Character. In a Select floor, the homeowner and the flooring contractor will work together to decide the parameters of what goes into the floor and what is defect-cut out of the floor. The greatest difference between Character and Select boards is the consistency of the grain and color. Select boards will have more consistently tight grain and red color than Character boards.

**Character boards** are rustic in appearance. They are more distressed, with frequent nail holes, occasional bolt holes, and knots of all sizes. The grain of Character wood can be less dense, and the color can be lighter (blonde or yellow wood). On the other hand, a board that would have been rated Premium based on density and color might be rated Character due to nail holes. In general, the range of variability is greatest in Character boards.

Premium Grade



Select Grade



Character Grade



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