

THE RECLAIMED WOODS EDITION

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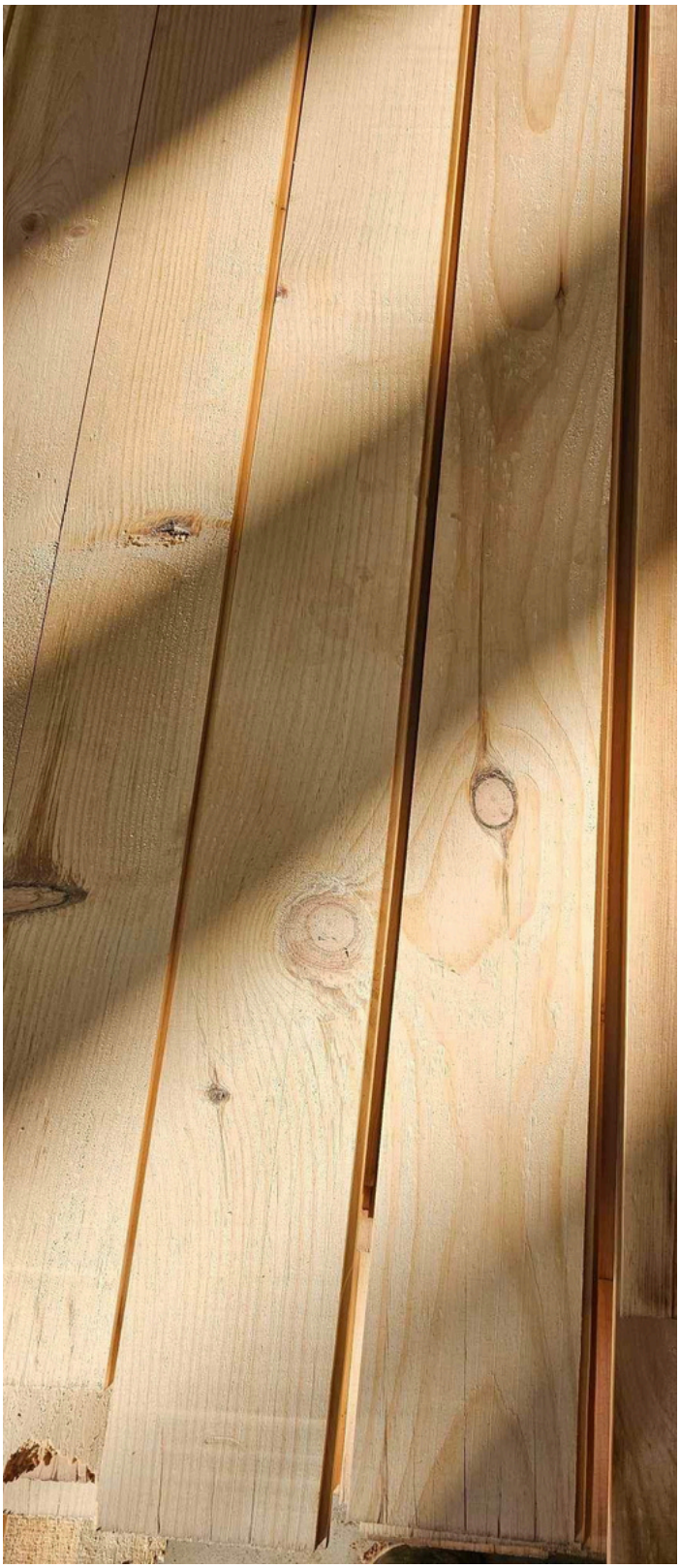
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Huggins Wood Floor Specialist works between mills, design professionals, and clients to guide reclaimed wood through sourcing, evaluation, and specification. Many of the mills we partner with do not sell directly to end users, making informed coordination essential.

Our role is to translate material realities into architectural decisions—aligning availability, performance, and design intent before wood ever reaches the site.

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FROM SOURCE TO SPECIFICATION

Reclaimed wood is often defined by its character and history. At Huggins Wood Floor Specialist, it is approached as a material system—one that requires informed sourcing, careful preparation, and a clear understanding of long-term performance.

This catalogue presents a practical view of reclaimed wood flooring and architectural applications. For decades, Huggins has worked directly with specialized mills and salvage partners to source reclaimed material suitable for high-end residential and commercial projects. Species, age, original use, milling methods, and installation context all influence how reclaimed wood performs. Our role is to evaluate these variables and help develop clear, reliable specifications.

Huggins Wood Floor Specialist works closely with architects, designers, and homeowners to source material, develop specifications, and support projects from early concept through final installation.

To source reclaimed wood or schedule a consultation, connect with Huggins Wood Floor Specialist.



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Reclaimed Wood as a Process

Reclaimed wood is shaped as much by handling as by age or appearance. At Huggins Wood Floor Specialist, reclaimed wood is treated as an architectural material, assessed and prepared with performance in mind.

Salvage with Intent

Before reclaimed wood is milled, it must be understood. Early stages of salvage reveal structure, stability, and usable yield, guiding how material is sourced and specified. The goal is to select reclaimed wood not only for character, but for reliable performance in a modern architectural setting.

STAGE 1: ROUGH-SAWN / FIRST FACE OPENED



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STAGE 2: SQUARED AND DIMENSIONED



Stage 1: Rough-Sawn / First Face Opened

At this stage, boards are opened just enough to establish a reference face. Heavy saw marks remain, thickness is inconsistent, and edges are still crude. This phase is not about refinement; it is about discovery. Opening the first face allows grain, density, and internal defects to be evaluated before any irreversible decisions are made.

Stage 2: Squared and Dimensioned

Once viable material is identified, boards are brought into structural dimensions. All four sides are established, while surfaces remain intentionally raw. Checking, nail holes, and tear-out remain visible, offering a clear understanding of usable yield and expected movement. This is a critical stage for specification, where decisions are made about plank width, thickness, and appropriate architectural application.

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STAGE 3: FIRST SURFACING

The first surfacing pass brings consistency while leaving material intentionally heavy. Boards are stabilized—not refined—preparing them for drying, resting, or final milling. Skipping or rushing this step is a common cause of failure in reclaimed wood installations.

From Process to Performance

Each stage of milling reveals how reclaimed wood should be specified and installed. Movement, tolerances, and long-term behavior are evident long before a finished surface is achieved.

At Huggins Wood Floor Specialist, reclaimed wood is evaluated in context—subfloor conditions, installation methods, and environmental controls included. Not every reclaimed board is right for every project, and knowing that distinction protects the design and the finished space.

When sourced and prepared correctly, reclaimed wood performs with confidence and ages with intention.

To evaluate reclaimed material or develop specifications, consult with Huggins Wood Floor Specialist.

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RECLAIMED WOOD ISN'T FOUND—IT'S CAREFULLY RECOVERED, ONE BOARD AT A TIME, FROM STRUCTURES BUILT TO LAST.

Reclaimed beams and boards are recovered through careful deconstruction, not traditional harvesting. Historic barns, factories, and agricultural structures are evaluated for species, dimensions, and structural integrity before material is removed. The timber used in these buildings was milled for long-term performance and has already proven its durability over decades of use.

Recovery is deliberate and selective. Boards and beams are removed individually to preserve length, grain orientation, and usable yield, while embedded metal is carefully extracted. Huggins Wood Floor Specialist works with sourcing partners who prioritize care, restraint, and material integrity over speed.

This early discipline ensures reclaimed wood can be specified with confidence and perform reliably in its next application.



A former agricultural structure, built with heritage structural timber, now a source of reclaimed material prepared for modern architectural use.

UNDERSTANDING RECLAIMED WOOD SPECIES



Reclaimed oak boards recovered from early agricultural structures, evaluated for density, grain structure, and suitability for architectural use.

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Commonly Reclaimed Wood Species

Reclaimed wood is sourced from a range of historic agricultural and industrial structures. The species most commonly recovered and specified for architectural applications include:

- Heart Pine
- Yellow Pine
- White Pine
- Hemlock
- White Oak
- Red Oak
- American Chestnut
- Mushroom Wood



More specialized reclaimed materials—such as moisture-conditioned timbers and region-specific structural woods—may also be available depending on source and project requirements.

Because reclaimed wood is shaped by its original use, environment, and age, species alone does not determine suitability. Evaluation, milling, and specification are essential to ensuring long-term performance.

For availability, sourcing guidance, or species-specific recommendations, consult with Huggins Wood Floor Specialist.



"RECLAIMED CHESTNUT, SHAPED BY TIME AND USE, PREPARED FOR A NEW ARCHITECTURAL PURPOSE."



READING THE WOOD:
THE STORY BEHIND RECLAIMED SURFACES

Reclaimed wood carries its history openly. Saw marks, tool patterns, and surface irregularities are not added effects—they are the result of earlier milling, use, and exposure. Long before becoming a finished surface, the material has already performed for decades.

Reusing reclaimed wood extends the life of material already in circulation. No new trees are harvested, and the energy embedded in original construction is preserved.

From Agricultural Use to Architectural Surface

Boards once exposed to weather and time bring that patina into new architectural contexts. Variations in color, grain, and wear are formed through use, not applied treatment.

Repurposed surfaces are visually rich and materially honest—grounding walls and façades with evidence of longevity rather than decoration.

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Marks of the Mill

The earliest milling remains visible in rough-sawn reclaimed timber. Linear saw marks record the first cut from log to structure, reflecting a time when material was processed deliberately and used at full dimension.

Preserving these surfaces is an intentional decision. Limiting reprocessing reduces material loss and maintains the integrity of the wood. Each beam carries a distinct pattern shaped by the tools that cut it and the structure it once supported.



MATERIAL WITH HISTORY



Surface variation and wear formed through years of service.

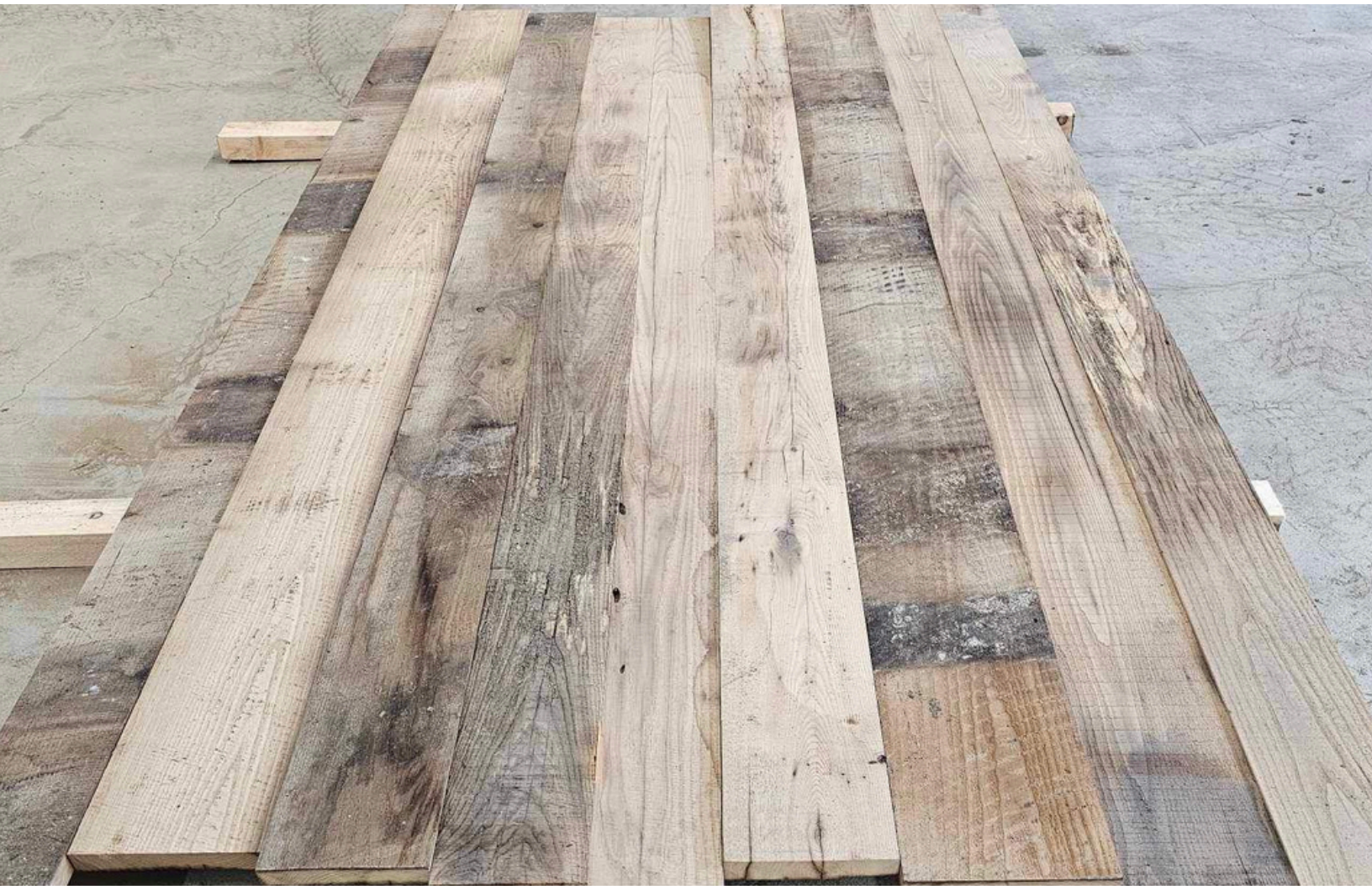
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Beams remain in place (Above); boards have been reclaimed and prepared for reuse (Below).



MATERIAL WITH A SECOND LIFE

Reclaimed wood represents a wide range of species, textures, and histories, each shaped by its original use and environment. No two boards are the same, and that variation is what gives reclaimed material its depth and authenticity.

By extending the life of existing material, reclaimed wood reduces waste and limits the need for new harvesting. When sourced and prepared responsibly, it offers a sustainable path forward—balancing environmental consideration with long-term performance.

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Reclaimed wood offers variety without excess—materials shaped by time, reused with intention.









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RECLAIMED WOOD DEMANDS JUDGMENT—SOURCING, PREPARATION, AND SPECIFICATION GUIDED BY EXPERIENCE.

Huggins Wood Floor Specialist works with architects, designers, and homeowners to source and specify reclaimed wood for high-end residential and commercial projects. Our role is not simply to supply material, but to evaluate it—by species, condition, and application—so it performs as intended over time.

From early sourcing through final specification, we approach reclaimed wood with restraint, experience, and coordination between mills, design professionals, and clients. One that requires restraint, experience, and coordination between mills, design professionals, and clients. This intermediary role allows reclaimed wood to move confidently from its original structure into its next architectural use.

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