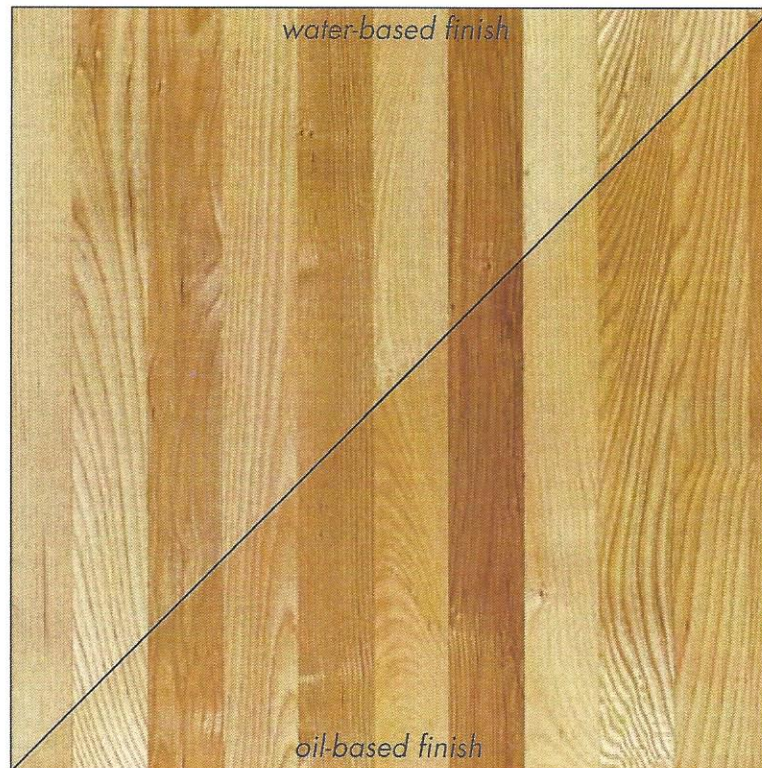


# ASH, WHITE

*Fraxinus americana*



## Appearance

**COLOR:** Heartwood is light tan to dark brown; sapwood is creamy white. Similar in appearance to white oak, but frequently more yellow.

**GRAIN:** Bold, straight, moderately open grain with occasional wavy figuring. Can have strong contrast in grain in plainsawn boards.

**VARIATIONS WITHIN SPECIES AND GRADES:** Sometimes confused with hickory; the zone of large pores is more distinctive in ash, similar to that of red oak.

## Properties

**HARDNESS/JANKA:** 1320.

**DIMENSIONAL STABILITY:** Above average.

## Workability

**NAILING:** No known problems.

**SANDING:** Sands satisfactorily if the correct sanding sequence is followed.

## Suggested Sequence

**First Cut:** 50 at a 7 to 15 degree angle to the grain

**Second Cut:** 60 or 80 straight with the grain

**Third Cut:** 80 or 100

**Hard Plate:** 100

**Screen:** 80 or 100

**FINISHING:** May be difficult to stain.

## Origin

North America.

## Availability

Readily available.