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SPOTLIGHT

Restaurant project in a
200-year-old Market of Lucknow by
Priyanka Khanna & Rudraksh Charan

MATERIAL POETRIES

KERALA Projects from
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Harkaran Boparai & Simran Boparai, Amritsar

MARKET & TRENDS

Veneer, MDF, Wall Panels & more



Ar Bhakti Pote, Director, Pentaspace Design Studio, shares 6T's for choosing the veneer.

1. Type of tree: We have to look at which species it is and where is its origin; whether it is California walnut, American walnut, or an Indian walnut. It all depends on what walnut one wants to go with.

2. Type of grade: Bureaucrat of Indian materials have standardized some grades for the veneers. The best grade is the A grade which have defects. All the natural trees have defects and we need to understand that when the defects should be less. Sometimes people like too many knots. It also depends on what area you want to use. Whether you are doing a tree house, or a house in a rainforest, or in places like Alibaug or Mumbai. It also depends upon what type is liked by the client: to highlight the knot, grain, or crack. These are all defects but are naturally graded and they have been categorized.

3. Thickness: Veneer comes in 2mm to 4mm range. The thicker veneer has more durability and the wear and tear is less. When it is repolished, the thickness has to withstand the sanding. In sanding, there is powder which is removed from the upper layer, and what is left is a 3mm layer. Therefore, a thicker veneer is suggested.

4. Texture: There are textures like distressed texture, oxidation, and matte finish. It depends on where the application is, whether in a restaurant, or hotel room, or a house. It also depends on what look you want and accordingly play with the textures.

5. Tones: The veneers have a tonality. For example, teak veneer is reddish, mahogany is reddish grey, walnut have beiges, brown, dark brown, oak veneers have lighter shade like yellowish or creamish.

6. Treatment: The manufacturers have treatment at both the levels: while cutting the veneers/ getting the veneer papers, and after the manufacturing is done, for the veneer to sustain as it is a thin paper.

Polishing is a very important factor in veneer. The polish brand should be of a good quality, and there should be skilled laborer working for the application and spraying technique.



The brown veneer adds character alongside the blue wall | Atharv Office by Pentaspace Design Studio

