



BUYING WOOD ONLINE

THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE

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YOUR GUIDE TO BUYING WOOD ONLINE



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● 1 - Introduction

Wood is a versatile and popular material for a wide range of construction and decorative applications. Whether you are looking to add a touch of warmth to your home with custom mouldings, build a new deck or furniture, or complete a woodworking project, buying wood online can be a convenient and cost-effective option.

However, with so many suppliers and types of wood available, it can be challenging to know where to start. This guide will provide you with the essential information you need to make an informed decision when buying wood online.



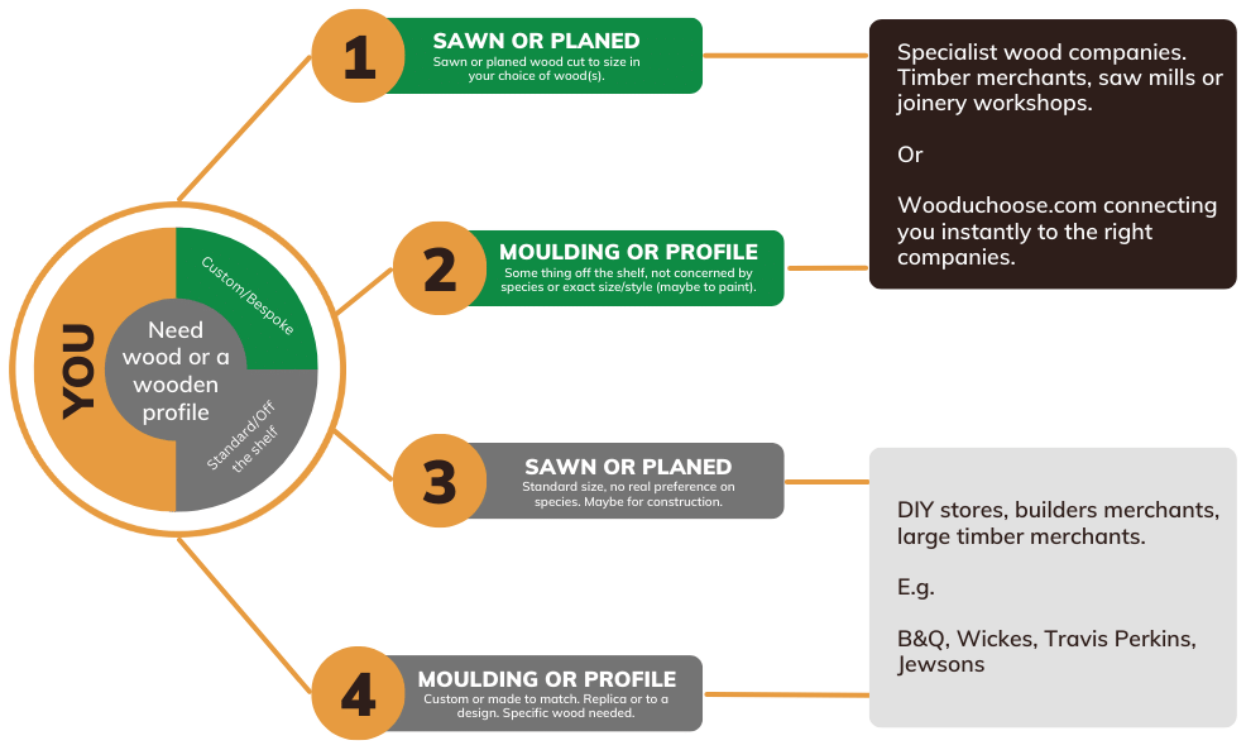
● 2 - Starting out

When it comes to buying wood online, starting out can feel a little overwhelming. With so many options available, it is important to know where to begin. The first thing to consider is the intended use of the wood. Will it be used for furniture, construction, or decorative purposes? This will help determine the best species of wood to choose and what avenue to go down to find the perfect solution for your needs.

The end location of the wood is also an important factor to consider. Will it be used indoors or outdoors? If it will be exposed to the elements, such as rain or sunlight, it's important to choose a wood species that is resistant to decay or damage from UV rays.

It is also worth considering if you need a specific type of wood or if any species will do. For example, if you're looking for a specific grain pattern or colour, you may need to narrow your search to specific species or grades of wood. On the other hand, if you are looking for a more general purpose wood, there may be many options available to choose from.

By considering these factors before you start your search, you will be better equipped to find the right wood for your project.



If you are looking for something more basic or standard, then large builders merchants like Wickes or B&Q may offer what you need, and they often have a wide range of off-the-shelf timber that can be purchased online. However, if you have specific requirements or are looking for something more bespoke, then specialist timber merchants, joinery companies, millworkers, and sawmills will be the route to take. These types of providers have the knowledge, expertise, and equipment to produce bespoke mouldings, sawn timber, and planed wood to your exact specifications.

When searching for the right provider, it is important to consider their reputation and experience in the industry. Look for providers that have a track record of producing high-quality products and delivering excellent customer service. Check out their website, social media, and reviews from previous customers to get an idea of their capabilities and reputation.

It is also worth considering the location of the provider. If you are looking for something specific or bespoke, then it may be necessary to widen your search area to find the right provider. Many providers are willing to ship their products nationally or internationally, but this can come at an additional cost. Alternatively, you could look for providers that are located closer to your project site to save on shipping costs and potentially speed up the delivery time.

By taking these factors into account and doing some research, you can find the right type of wood and provider to suit your needs, whether you are looking for bespoke mouldings, sawn timber, or planed wood.

At Woodchoose - we have done this hard work for you. Our unique system , automatically connects you to the right providers with the added layer of being able to compare prices, delivery and service offering.

We have already vetted the suppliers so you can be safe in the knowledge that, whoever you choose, you are getting the right product and service. Plus our easy and smooth buying process means that we guide you through without the need to go through long complex trading arrangements with providers.

● 3 - How to buy planed wood online

Sourcing planed wood can be challenging, sending a number of emails to multiple suppliers to try and get prices and delivery time scales. Before you even start that process you need a clean, simple, easy to read cutting list of what you need.

Once you have your list we have some tricks and tips to save you time, effort and cost. Before we get into that, let's, first, look at the cutting list.

Wood Cutting lists – Best practice

So, you have a woodworking project where you need a load of timber, planed and ready to use. You go through the drawings, details and information and start to gather a list of what's needed. Ideally in the form of a cutting list.



To create a clean, simple, easy to follow list, you need to consolidate all the sections of the same dimensions. List each different size on a new line. Each line with then have quantity (number of pieces of that size), length, width, and thickness. In this case, for planed wood, we need to indicate the desired finished dimensions (final sizes after the wood has been planed).

You can also download this, simple, template for free. [Download here >>](#)



CUTTING LIST TEMPLATE

REF	Note/Component	Qty	Length (mm)	Width (mm)	Thickness (mm)	Finish	Wood Species
P1	DoorJamb	2	2100	90	70	PAR/PSE	American White Oak
P2	DoorHead	1	1200	90	70	PAR/PSE	American White Oak
P3	DoorCill	1	1200	175	70	PAR/PSE	American White Oak
P4	Styles	2	2000	90	54	PAR/PSE	American White Oak
P5	BottomRail	1	1000	200	54	PAR/PSE	American White Oak
P6	TopRail	1	1000	90	54	PAR/PSE	American White Oak
P7	GlazingBars	2	1200	30	54	PAR/PSE	American White Oak

Now that you have your cutting list, you will want to source and buy the wood. You have some options here:

Option 1 - Send emails to your suppliers

You prepare and send separate emails to all your, known, suppliers or even just your one go-to provider. This is great but is it the best use of your time and are you getting best prices and options?

Pros

- You know the providers; you trust them and they always look after you.

Cons

- It takes time to send these emails and repeat for each supplier (if sending to more than one).
- You wait for responses to find that they can't offer the wood or delivery time is not suitable or prices are too high for your budget. Then what? You maybe Google suppliers that can help or search for more suppliers you know or have used before.
- All adds time when you could have move on to next task.

Option 2 - You add your cutting list to Woodchoose

You enter your list just once and click just once to reach multiple suppliers that offer what you need. [Start here](#) >>

Pros

- Get an instant guide price – ideal if you are just quoting a project plus to help ensure you are in budget.
- One click, multiple quotes, direct to your inbox. Choose by best price, delivery time or offerings.
- Go about your day knowing that this is happening without your intervention.
- Have the same confidence about the suppliers, as they have been vetted and selected for their customer service, product quality and competitive pricing.
- Get price comparisons straight to your inbox.
- Check out and buy, securely, online. No account forms or approval processes.

Cons

We will let you know if we find any.

Wood price comparison tool

We came up with this fantastic tool to help you, we have been in your shoes.

This tool to help you buy planed wood online, is designed to save you time and importantly, to save you money.

How it works. Enter your components, pick the timber, the quantities, the widths, and the thickness, and add until you've created your unique cutting list. You can even mix and match different wood species to cover bigger and more complex projects.

PLANED TIMBER CUTTING LIST:

Please use the form below to build your planed timber cutting list by selecting the timber you require then entering the sizes and quantities, we will then create an estimate for your planed timber requirements which can then be used to get multiple quotes from our approved network of planed timber suppliers.

The sizes are the finished sizes - i.e. the overall sizes after the timber is cut and planed all round ([click here for more](#)). Imperial Metric [Remove other than this one](#)

Your Ref: _____

Choose Wood: _____

Qty: _____ Length (mm): _____ Width (mm): _____ Thickness (mm): _____

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Add / Remove Rows:

[SHOW ESTIMATES ->](#)

18 or more suppliers waiting to quote for Timber Planed all round



**SAVE TIME
AND MONEY**
One click = Multiple Quotes



Once you've completed your list, click to show prices, and you'll see a summary of your cutting list.

Depending on the timber location and product chosen, you will often see guide prices instantly.

As soon as you click to request, quote, you receive an instant email, summarizing your request.

Here's the cool bit – we, instantly, identify all the best manufacturers, in the country, able to fulfil your order for you. Our technology allows us to simultaneously send your list as a quote request to all these providers.

They'll then give you a fixed price, quotation and indicate time scales for you.

You can check the status of your quote request at any time.

Plus we'll notify you. As quotes are submitted. You can either wait for all the supplies to submit prices, or you can check out as they're received.

So, in very brief summary, we shop around so you don't have to.

You simply submit your timber cutting list once. And we find all the best wood suppliers and manufacturers match your needs and then fixed price quotations are then sent to your inbox.

You can compare and once you're ready, you can buy securely online and have the products delivered to your door.

Cant wait for planed wood pricing? There is a third option to buy planed wood online:

Option 3 - Buy planed wood instantly online with Woodubuy www.woodubuy.com

Same deal – you enter your cutting list, once, this time you will get a fixed price, instantly, online and can checkout and buy, securely, immediately.

Pros

- Instant buying.
- Secure checkout.
- Materials provided by one of the best manufacturers in the country.

Cons (compared to option 2).

- No price comparisons.
- You can only list one species at a time.

● 4 - How to buy rough sawn timber online

Sourcing sawn timber can be challenging, sending several emails to multiple suppliers to try and get prices and delivery time scales.

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So, you have a woodworking project where you need the raw material, the sawn timber. You go through the drawings, details and information and start to gather a list of what's needed. Ideally in the form of a cutting list.



To create a clean, simple, easy to follow, sawn timber list, you need to consolidate all the sections of the same dimensions. List each different size on a new line. Each line with then have quantity (number of pieces of that size), length, width, and thickness.

In this case, for sawn timber, we need to indicate the desired sawn section dimensions. Sawn boards are typically supplied in generic, industry standard thickness and the width options vary from specie to specie.

See example here. You can also download this, simple, template for free. [Download here >>](#)

Now that you have your cutting list, you will want to source and buy the sawn timber. You have some options here.

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Pros

- Get an instant guide price for your sawn timber cutting list – ideal if you are just quoting a project plus to help ensure you are in budget.
- One click, multiple quotes, direct to your inbox. Choose by best price, delivery time or offerings.
- Go about your day knowing that this is happening without your intervention.

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You can compare and once you're ready, you can buy securely online and have the products delivered to your door.

If you are a supplier or would like to help your current supplier find more work, why not ask them to sign up? And become a, Woodchoose specialist partner to sell sawn timber?

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Buy Sawn Timber online: www.woodubuy.com

● 5 - Wooden Mouldings - custom, bespoke and made to match

Wooden mouldings are a great way to add character and detail to any project. Whether you are renovating an old property, or simply adding some decorative touches to a new build, there are a variety of mouldings available to suit your needs. From skirting boards and architraves to cornices and dado rails, wooden mouldings come in all shapes and sizes.

When it comes to purchasing wooden mouldings, there are a few options available. You can buy off-the-shelf mouldings from your local DIY store, or you can choose to have them custom-made to match the existing mouldings in your property. Bespoke mouldings offer even more flexibility, as they can be designed to your exact specifications.

If you need to match a timber profile or moulding you have a few options on how to source this. But first you need to determine exactly what you need by measuring the profile.

We have a unique tool that, not only, helps guide through to buying a bespoke or custom wooden profile but even gives you guide pricing on the way.

There are three key measurements needed for a wooden profile to enable a manufacture to price, match and produce your product.

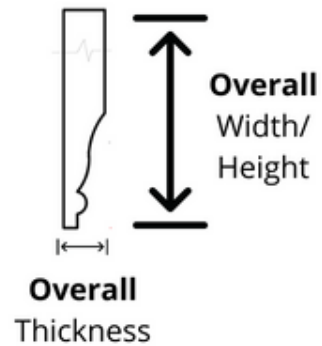


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The overall width/height, the thickness, and the size/detail of the shaped or moulded part of the section.



PROFILE SIZES

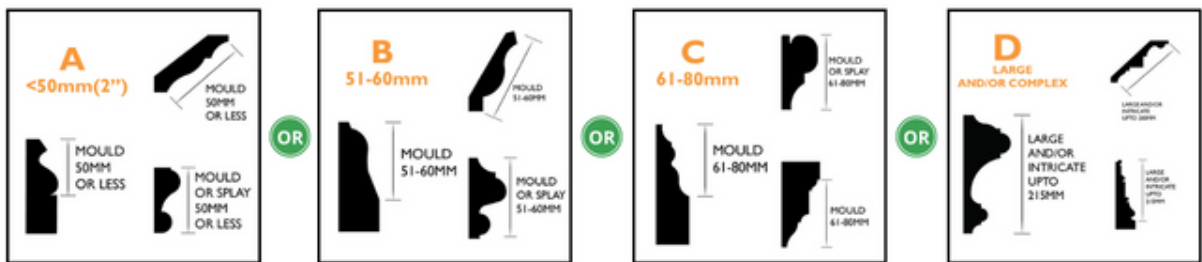


Our tool guides you through, asking for information as you go.

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Once you've measured the moulded or shaped part of your profile, you'll be given several choices – see image.

PROFILE STYLES



A is the, is a moulded section that is less than 50 millimetres (approx. 2 inches).

Here's some examples of what an A type profile might look like. It could be a skirting board, a coving, a picture rail, anything with a mould less than 50 millimetres are not too complex.

The next choice is B. This would be a profile bigger than 50 millimetres, but less than 60 millimetres.

And again, not too complicated a profile. This, too, can be any type of moulding, as long as it's 51mm to 60mm.

C is the next choice. Now, this is slightly bigger, 61 to 80mm, and again, some examples.

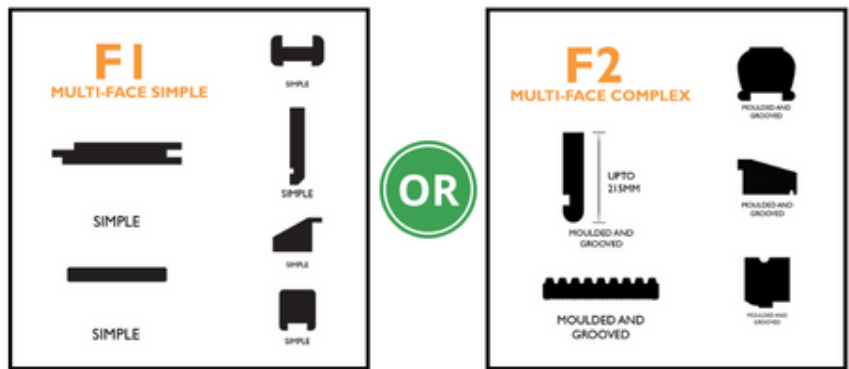
D is if your moulded section is either large or very detailed and intricate.

So it could be a smaller mould, but with lots of detail to it.

Multi-faced profiles

We then get to profiles with more than one face/surface that has detailing. See image:

MULTI-FACE PROFILE STYLES



F1, if your profile is relatively simple, but there is more than one face that has detail. You'll see from these examples that F one has multiple faces, but they can be several different profiles.

Again, relatively simple. Just display a groove, chamfer, or maybe a small round.

F2, if your choice of profile has multiple faces that have been shaped, but maybe more intricate than F1. See examples. It could be a handrail, a window section, some decking, anything with multiple faces that have been shaped.

The next step is to choose your wood. We have several features to help you make the best choice for the profile you're looking for. Filters like usage or best wood based on your desired finish.

Then we'll need to know how much you need. This could be by overall quantity or individual length requirements.

Then comes a cool bit - based on the information you've provided. We'll give you an, instant, guide price on screen.

Then you'll be able to upload all the details of your product and profile with some images, drawings, and anything that will help manufacturers understand exactly what you're looking for.

Here's some examples of some that have been sent in before, and these all work fine. It does not have to be anything too complicated. If all the information is provided.

This is then sent to all the suppliers that can help you with your specific product and needs. Within no time at all, you'll start receiving fixed price quotations to your inbox.

You may receive several quotations for your product. You can choose the best option to suit you and buy securely online.

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You may be required to spend a small section of your profile to your chosen manufacturer to help them make sure it is matched exactly.

You'll then get your replica product delivered to your door.

We hope this tutorial has helped, and thanks again for your interest in what you choose.

Now try it for real >> <https://www.wooduchoose.com/BespokeJoinery/>

6 - Conclusion

In conclusion, buying wood online can be a convenient and cost-effective option for a wide range of construction and decorative applications.

The guide has provided essential information to make an informed decision when buying wood online, such as considering the intended use of the wood, the end location of the wood, and the reputation and experience of the provider. By doing some research and taking these factors into account, buyers can find the right type of wood and provider to suit their needs.

For those looking for something more bespoke, specialist timber merchants, joinery companies, millworkers, and sawmills are the route to take. However, finding the right provider can be challenging, which is where Wooduchoose comes in.

Wooduchoose offers a unique system that automatically connects buyers to the right providers and allows them to compare prices, delivery, and service offering. Plus, their easy and smooth buying process means that buyers are guided through without the need to go through long complex trading arrangements with providers.



Finally, when sourcing and buying planed wood online, it is important to have a clean, simple, and easy-to-read cutting list. Consolidating all the sections of the same dimensions and listing each different size on a new line can help achieve this. By following these guidelines and doing some research, buyers can find the right wood and provider for their project, whether they are looking for bespoke mouldings, sawn timber, or planed wood.

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