

ABOUT SOLID WOOD

Wood, like any other natural and porous material, continues to absorb and release humidity throughout its life. Ethnicraft designs furniture that adapts well to the hydrometrical conditions of its environment. The structural design of the furniture allows the wood to expand and contract.

Variations in wood grain, texture & colour, knots and other natural characteristics are inherent in solid wood. We believe that these imperfections contribute to the charm of Ethnicraft products. Wood is a natural product and we finish each piece with great skill and artistry. Our craftsmen use different wood-working techniques such as wood inlaying and the use of wood paste. Ethnicraft consciously selects a specific quality of wood that adds more character to its designs.

OUR COMMITMENT

Wood has always been the core material in the Ethnicraft range. We are deeply aware of the impact of our industry on the environment and we take environmental issues to heart: the origin of the wood, the energy we use in the production and distribution process, the treatment of the products and waste reduction – we try to be as environmentally friendly as possible.

THE ORIGIN OF OUR CORE MATERIAL

Ethnicraft's teak wood comes from two main sources. On the one hand, we carefully reclaim timber from neglected buildings or old warehouses, mainly from the island of Central Java in Indonesia. On the other hand, Ethnicraft works closely together with the Indonesian governmental body in charge of managing the teak plantations originally set up by the Dutch about 150 years ago. This government agency applies strict policies with regard to annual replanting and the size and quantity of trees

that can be felled each year. Where our oak is concerned: our sister factories use French and Serbian oak from well-managed forests in Europe. Finally, the walnut we are using for our designs comes from American soil.

NO WASTE

Production waste such as leftover logs, wood and sawdust are re-used for other purposes. The sawdust from logs is either used as fuel for the drying ovens or compressed as a base for pellets. All the leftovers from cutting planks to size are recycled and used as base material or as box joints for panels.

FSC® LABEL FOR OUR FURNITURE

Our commitment to the environment is reflected by the FSC® CoC (Chain of Custody) certification of our distribution centers. FSC® is a worldwide independent, non-governmental, non-profit organisation that promotes responsible management of the world's forests. In other words, this organisation guarantees that products carrying the FSC® label come from forests that are managed so that they meet the social, economic and ecological needs of present and future generations. In the case of Ethnicraft NV and Azur, the CoC certificate guarantees that the company is perfectly placed to buy, stock and sell products with a specified FSC® certificate, originating from sustainably managed forests, controlled sources and reclaimed materials, or a mixture of these. At the moment, several of the ranges sold by Ethnicraft carry a FSC® 100% Recycled label, meaning that the products are made from reclaimed timber. Other collections carry the FSC 100% label, which means that these products are made from wood originating from FSC certified plantations. These ranges are clearly indicated in the catalogue. Moreover, every effort is being made to increase the number of ranges with an FSC® label.



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