

Personalized Finish Terms

Vanguard offers a broad range of styles consisting of several types of wood species. While we do not limit the species that are available for Personalized Finishes, we do recommend using some finishes over others for certain types of wood species. Please refer to the following matrix for our recommended wood species and finish techniques for each personalized finish option.

Pre-catalyzed lacquer is standard on all Vanguard domestic Personalized Finishes. Vanguard Furniture reserves the right to deny any claim resulting from a deviation from our recommended wood species and finish techniques.

A finish must now be selected when ordering, as a standard finish is no longer assigned per style.

Finish Terms	
Artisan Finishes	Artisan Finishes feature a superior depth and clarity achieved through multiple finish steps and meticulous hand-work. Each Artisan Finish features a waxy, hand-rubbed, durable, pre-catalyzed formula to ensure that the luxurious, silky hand will endure the test of time.
Conversion Varnish Topcoat / Catalyzed	A luxury top coat that offers extra protection against heat, moisture and high-volume use. Upcharge 10% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversions Lacquer - These are a hybrid material that is developed with both nitrocellulose and alkyd amino. These also require a catalyst and offer a greater durability to a lacquer system. There's also will have some tendencies to yellow in the presence of sunlight. • Conversion Varnish - These are developed with a primarily alkyd amino. Our preference is utilizing coconut alkyd. These will offer you the best in both moisture and chemical resistance. This material also offers the best non-yellowing capability in comparison to the above.
Grain Characteristics	Closed grain woods, like maple, tend to have a smooth texture and wear finishes more evenly. Painted finishes on closed grained woods hide most of the grain pattern. In contrast, open grained woods, like oak, have a more dimensional texture allowing for the hang-up of finishes to highlight the grain pattern. Painted finishes do not typically conceal the full grain pattern of the open grained woods which allows the grain pattern to be visible beneath the finish. Naturally occurring variations in grain patterns cannot be avoided and add the beauty of finished wood.
Metallic Paint Finishes	Metallic Paint Finishes feature metal pigment or metallic flakes that add luster and sparkle to the finish and also serve to accentuate furniture contours.
Paint Finishes	Paint Finishes will have consistent color results. The wood grain will still be visible on open grain wood species, it will be less noticeable to non-existent on tight grain wood species.
Physical Distressing	Physical Distressing provides character and age for finishes designed to have an antique, worn look. The technique is achieved by striking the wood with items such as a chain, rasp, or stone to add dimension to the finish.
Pre-Catalyzed	Standard for all Vanguard domestic finishes. It is a hard, top coat that offers protection to the wood furniture for everyday use. Provides a hard surface that resists abrasion, this is done by a catalyst that initiates a chemical reaction as the finish dries. Pre-Catalyzed mean the hardening agents is added to the finish prior to application on furniture. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Cat lacquer - These are developed from Nitrocellulose lacquer. Offering moderate moisture and chemical resistance. Typically would have a tendency for some yellowing in the presence of sunlight.
Premium Leaf Finishes	Premium Leaf Finishes are created by hand-applying thin sheets of metallic leaf over the wood. A glaze is then added to reflect a soft, metallic glow.
Sheen	Sheen is the amount of light reflected on a stained or painted surface. The intensity and direction of the light source plays a part in how sheen can influence the finish on a piece of furniture. Applying a different sheen to various finishes, creates subtle shifts in depth and color perception. Vanguard has selected a standard sheen level for each finish that showcases the finish at it's best. That being said, we encourage customers to create their own custom looks by utilizing custom sheen levels at a 5% upcharge if it varies from the standard sheen. Sheen levels may cause finish color perception to vary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat - None to very little reflection. The least reflective sheen level, provides a soft velvety finish creating a smooth and natural look. Best option for when the look of natural wood is paramount. • Matte - Low to medium reflection. A more subtle and muted shine, creating a silky-smooth surface while capturing all the rich colors wood has to offer. • Satin Gloss - Medium to moderate reflection. A smooth, slightly reflective, luxurious finish, that makes furniture appear rich and radiant, without a mirror-like effect. • High Gloss - High reflection. A lustrous finish with added depth and brilliance, shiny and crisp, gives a mirror-like effect.
Stain Finishes	Wood Stain Finishes utilize stains to penetrate the wood and grain. Thus, wood species and grain patterns selected can cause actual wood finishes to vary from species to species.
Tinted Metals	A unique, custom metal finishing process created by using a semi-transparent, catalyst cured conversion varnish, that is applied to a polished stainless steel, polished nickel or mirror polish substrate. The Tinted metal finishes are offered in 3 finish techniques: polished, matte, leathered. The topcoats can be applied in a high sheen to create the polished effect or in a low sheen to create the matte effect. Additional artisan handwork is applied to create the leathered effect. Vanguard's Performance Top Coat is standard on all Tinted Metal finishes offering premium protection to metal furniture. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please reference pricelist and quote builder for applicable styles. • 15% upcharge, minimum \$100
Wood Species	Wood Species is the type of fine wood that is the basis of any finish. Each wood species has characteristic grain patterns which are a key determinant in the final finish.

PERSONALIZED FINISHES													FINISH TECHNIQUES		
	American Black Walnut	Cherry	Maple, Beech, Hardwood, Rubberwood	African Walnut	Bleached American Black Walnut	Burl	Eucalyptus	Manchurian Walnut	Primavera	Sapeli, Mahogany	White Cedar	Ash, Oak	Paint, Stain or Premium Leaf	Sheen Level	Physical Distressing Level
	CLOSED GRAIN				SLIGHTLY OPEN GRAIN										
Amarone (AA)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Ansell (RM)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Antique Silver Wood (AX)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	leaf	satin gloss	none
Arls (AJ)	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	light
Avery (AV)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	stain	gloss	none
Barrington (BT)	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Brownstone (BZ)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Brushed Linen (BX)	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Butterscotch (TH)	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	stain	flat	none
Caramel (CR)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	heavy
Casablanca (CB)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	flat	none
Cava (VA)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	metallic paint	satin gloss	none
Cliffside Gray (CY)*	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Cocoon (ON)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	satin gloss	none
Coventry (CV)	no	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Dark Embers (DE)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Dove Gray (DG)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Dupree (DP)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	metallic paint	satin gloss	none
Eaton (EA)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	stain	gloss	none
Film Noir (FM)	no	no	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	flat	none
Finley (FI)	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Flaxen Stone (FO)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Fossil (FJ)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Foundry (FY)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Glossed Bronze Leaf (GB)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	leaf	high gloss	none
Glossed Silver Leaf (GS)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	leaf	high gloss	none
Gold Thread (TG)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	high gloss	none
Hampton (HM)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Harrison Gray (HS)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Havana (HV)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Hazelnut (HZ)	no	yes	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Ivory Dust (ID)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Lace (LC)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Langdon (LG)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	satin gloss	none
Luxe (LX)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	metallic paint	satin gloss	none
Marquis (MQ)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	satin gloss	none
Midnight Mink (MY)	yes	no	no	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	stain	matte	none
Mink Wood (MX)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	leaf	satin gloss	none
Moon Shadow (MH)	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	stain	high gloss	none
Moon Struck (MV)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	flat	none
New Rich Walnut (NR)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	light
Noble Wood (NW)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	leaf	satin gloss	none
Odessa (OS)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	leaf	satin gloss	none

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Oiled Java (OJ)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Pebble Path (EP)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Promiseland (PL)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	metallic paint	satin gloss	none
Pure White (PE)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Pyrite (PY)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	metallic paint	satin gloss	none
Rochester (RC)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	stain	gloss	none
Sand Storm (SS)	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	stain	flat	none
Serendipity (SP)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	flat	none
Shaded Slate (SH)	no	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Silk Road (SR)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Silver Briar (SA)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Silver Shimmer (LV)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Silver Thread (TS)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	high gloss	none
Silverthorne (ST)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Sparrow (SO)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	metallic paint	matte	none
Stone (TO)	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	stain	matte	none
Supreme Walnut (SU)	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Sussex (SX)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Terrain (TE)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
White Frost (WT)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none
Woodcliff (MM)	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	stain	matte	none
Woodland (WD)	no	yes	yes	yes	no	no	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	stain	satin gloss	none
Wrenn (WZ)*	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	paint	matte	none

*NOTE: This paint finish is an emulsion that includes gesso. By design, it will not be flat but will have visual and textural dimension.

For additional finish description, please reference www.vanguardfurniture.com (Custom Options Menu)