Softwoods

Softwoods come from coniferous trees which have needles instead of leaves. Softwoods grow faster than hardwoods and so are cheaper the are also easier to work with as they are softer than hardwoods

pine

Used for DIY and cheap **Scots** quality furniture. Mainly used for constructional work and simple joinery



Cedar is widely used for and outdoors it contains natural oils which helps it repel moisture and humidity,



Used for general woodwork, cupboards, shelves, roofs



Manufactured Boards

Manufactured boards are timber sheets which are produced by aluing wood layers or wood fibres together. Manufactured boards have been developed mainly for industrial production as they can be made in very large sheets of consistent quality.

MDF - Smooth, even surface, Easily machined and painted or stained Also available in water and fire resistant forms. A manufactured board

Plywood - A very strong board which is constructed of layers of veneer or piles which are glued at 90 degrees to each other. Interior and exterior grades are available. A manufactured board.

Chipboard - Made from chips of wood glued together. Usually veneered or covered in plastic laminate. A manufactured board



Hardwoods

Hardwoods come from deciduous or broad-leafed trees. They are generally slow growing which tends to make them harder and more expensive. Also less sustainable to use.



Balsa

Pillar Drill

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Used for high class furniture, boats, beams used in buildings, veneers







Tools and Equipment

