

# Curly Maple, Walnut & Cherry Blanks

## Stock Blanks cured to 6% to 8% moisture are stable!

Stocking a rifle with cheap wood can be discouraging! If your wood cracks, checks, or splits after you begin work, your labor may be lost. Properly cutting and curing can minimize your risk. Our wood was selected for gun stocks, often before the tree was cut. These stock blanks are not "lumber yard culls". Our blanks are slow cured to the ideal 6 to 8% moisture content in a kiln, after air drying for three to five years.

## Who grades your curly maple stock blanks?

Curly maple blanks are graded by experts with a lifetime of experience, at the sawmill, not at Track. Many consider their descriptions optimistic.

## How are our curly maple stock blanks priced?

Curly maple is priced by the amount and type of figure, as follows:

- Grade 1 Maple** has nearly straight grain, with little or no curl.
- Grade 2 Maple** has some curl over 30% of its length, or more.
- Grade 3 Maple** has some curl over 75% of its length, or more.
- Grade 4 Maple** has some curl over 100% of its length. Desirable.
- Grade 5 Maple** has even curl over 100% of its length. Scarce.
- Grade 6 Maple** has tight even curl over 100% of its length. Rare.
- Grade 7 Maple** has exceptional tight even curl. Very rare.

## Different grading scheme for blanks -vs- pre-shaped stocks?

Maple blanks are offered in grades 1 to 7, while pre-shaped stocks are graded 1 to 4, after carving. The correlation of figure is:  
 Pre-shaped **M-1** grade stocks are about equal to grade 1 or 2 blanks.  
 Pre-shaped **M-2** grade stocks are about equal to grade 3 or 4 blanks.  
 Pre-shaped **M-3** grade stocks are about equal to grade 5 or 6 blanks.  
 Pre-shaped **M-4** grade stocks are about equal to grade 7 blanks.

## Curly Maple fullstock blanks

### Sugar Maple fullstock blanks, incorrectly called "hard" maple:

So called "hard maple" or "rock maple" is from the Sugar maple tree (*L. Acer saccharum*). Very dense, with closed grain, ideal for raised carving, but the curly figure is less obvious than in most red maple.

#Maple-FH-1	curl over 30%, or less	only \$ 85.00
#Maple-FH-2	curl over 30%, uneven	only \$ 90.00
#Maple-FH-3	curl over 75%, uneven	only \$ 95.00
#Maple-FH-4	curl over 100%, but uneven	only \$110.00
#Maple-FH-5	curl over 100%, fairly even	only \$130.00
#Maple-FH-6	curl over 100%, fairly tight	only \$170.00
#Maple-FH-7	curl over 100%, exceptional	only \$299.00

### Red Maple fullstock blanks, incorrectly called "soft" maple:

So called "red maple" is actually hard and dense, and has more brilliant figure than Sugar Maple. From the Red Maple tree, it is ideal for fancy figured longrifles. Less expensive, it is a more widely available and hardy species. We do not sell the very soft Silver Maple wood!

#Maple-FS-1	curl over 30%, or less	only \$ 67.50
#Maple-FS-2	curl over 30%, uneven	only \$ 70.00
#Maple-FS-3	curl over 75%, uneven	only \$ 80.00
#Maple-FS-4	curl over 100%, but uneven	only \$ 90.00
#Maple-FS-5	curl over 100%, fairly even	only \$120.00
#Maple-FS-6	curl over 100%, fairly tight	only \$155.00
#Maple-FS-7	curl over 100%, exceptional	only \$250.00

## Our guarantee is simple:

- Order "sight unseen" with confidence. We will pick a good one. Return it if not delighted.
- You pay postage, not refundable. Postage is your only risk. Not delighted, return it post paid.
- When your blank arrives, examine it carefully for 10 days. Return any merchandise tem within 30 days of receipt. One-of-a-kind items, purchased from our web site, have a 10 day inspection limit.
- If not delighted, return any stock blank, for same day refund or replacement, your choice.
- No sale is final **until you cut it**. Cut wood may not be returned. Inspect it carefully. Hidden flaws are always possible, and they become your risk.



Fullstock blanks are 2-3/8" to 2-1/2" thick, for 44" to 48" length barrels, with over 15" trigger reach.

All wood contains internal stress. Figured wood is more highly stressed than straight grain wood. Every piece may have hidden chips, checks, cracks, knots, bark inclusions, rot, cross grain, worm holes, warpage, or incorrect dimensions.

These become your problems only after you decide to cut the wood. Old time gun makers solved many hidden problems. Many antique longrifles will reveal clever repairs, inlays, and "wear plates" to cover flaws. We have never seen a "perfect" gun stock blank.

## Curly Maple halfstock blanks

### Maple Halfstock Blanks, of Sugar or Red Maple:

We offer sugar maple or red maple at these prices. All are nice blanks with hard dense grain. Allow us to select one for your gun.

#Maple-HH-1	curl over 30%, or less	only \$ 32.00
#Maple-HH-2	curl over 30%, uneven	only \$ 36.00
#Maple-HH-3	curl over 75%, uneven	only \$ 39.00
#Maple-HH-4	curl over 100%, but uneven	only \$ 56.00
#Maple-HH-5	curl over 100%, fairly even	only \$ 70.00
#Maple-HH-6	curl over 100%, fairly tight	only \$ 90.00
#Maple-HH-7	curl over 100%, exceptional	only \$175.00

## Walnut fullstock & halfstock blanks

### American Black Walnut fullstock blanks:

American black walnut, graded by the amount of figure, if any.		
#Walnut-F-1	black walnut, straight grain, clear	only \$135.00
#Walnut-F-2	black walnut, some curl or burl	only \$155.00
#Walnut-F-3	black walnut, better curl or burl	only \$175.00

### American Black Walnut halfstock blanks:

American black walnut, graded by the amount of figure, if any.		
#Walnut-H-1	black walnut, straight grain, clear	only \$ 69.00
#Walnut-H-2	black walnut, some curl or burl	only \$ 90.00
#Walnut-H-3	black walnut, better curl or burl	only \$130.00

## Cherry fullstock blanks

Smooth clear cherry, graded by the amount of figure.

#Cherry-F-1	cherry, straight grain, clear	only \$135.00
#Cherry-F-2	cherry, some curl or burl	only \$155.00
#Cherry-F-3	cherry, better curl or burl	only \$170.00

## Pistol stock blanks

Kentucky pistol stock blanks are large enough to make any normal pistol, with up to 10 or 11" barrel. Not inlet or shaped.

#Maple-PF-1	pistol fullstock, plain maple	only \$19.00
#Maple-PF-3	pistol fullstock, curly maple	only \$33.00
#Walnut-PF-1	pistol fullstock, black walnut	only \$23.00
#Walnut-PF-3	pistol fullstock, fancy walnut	only \$38.00
#Maple-PH-1	pistol halfstock, plain maple	only \$15.00
#Maple-PH-3	pistol halfstock, curly maple	only \$20.00
#Walnut-PH-1	pistol halfstock, black walnut	only \$17.00
#Walnut-PH-3	pistol halfstock, fancy walnut	only \$25.00