

Colorful woods and their chromatic fate

Wood	Colorfast rating	Notes
RED		
Bloodwood	2	Turns a very deep reddish brown—almost black.
Chakte Kok	1	Turns brown fast, but doesn't darken.
Jarrah	2	Initial color isn't quite red, and settled color isn't great either.
Tulipwood	3	Colors desaturate and shift toward brown, but maintains contrast.
Cocobolo	2	Colors can darken to nearly black, sometimes contrast is maintained.
ORANGE		
Padauk	2	Turns a very deep reddish brown (lighter pieces turn brownish gray).
Brazilwood	3	Initial color isn't always great, but retains colors slightly better.
Chakte Viga	3	Initial color isn't always great, but retains colors slightly better.
Buckthorn	3	Starts pinkish orange, slight shift toward brown.
Canarywood	3	Colors tend to desaturate to shades of brown, still maintains contrasts.
YELLOW		
Osage Orange	1	Drastic changes toward dark brown inevitable.
Tatajuba	1	Not great color to start with, not great color to end with.
Yellowheart	4	Retains color fairly well, though some browning occurs.
GREEN		
Lignum Vitae	2	Darker pieces can turn nearly black.
Verawood	4	Retains olive color well, may actually increase in coloration over time.
Sumac	3	Colors desaturate to a more neutral olive-brown.
Pistachio	3	Colors desaturate to a more neutral olive-brown.
BLUE		
Blue Mahoe	3	This wood is not blue, it's a cool gray at best. Dyes give a true blue.
PURPLE		
Purpleheart	2	Gives a good run for a while, but inevitably turns brown/black.
Bois de Rose	1	This wood is the worst. Expensive, endangered, and turns <i>really black</i> .
Katalox	3	Already nearly black, it is more suited for black than purple.
Kingwood	3	Starts a reddish purple, shifts toward brown/black. Maintains contrasts.
PINK		
Pink Ivory	1	Turns brown fast, but doesn't darken.
Tasmanian Myrtle	3	Initial color isn't the best, but only slight shift toward brown.
Box Elder	2	Much of the color fades to brown.
BLACK		
African Ebony	5	Starts black, stays black.
Wenge	3	Starts very dark, can actually lighten over time.
Panga Panga	3	Starts very dark, can actually lighten over time.
African Blackwood	5	Starts black, stays black