Matching Faces Within a Panel

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Balance Match

- Each panel face is assembled from veneer leaves of uniform width before edge trimming.
- Panels may contain an even or odd number of leaves and distribution may change from panel to panel within a sequence set.



Center Match

- Each panel face is assembled of an even number of veneer leaves of uniform width before edge trimming.
- There is a veneer joint in the center of the panel producing horizontal symmetry.



Running Match

- Each panel face is assembled from as many veneer leaves as necessary.
- Results in a non-symmetrical appearance with some veneer leaves of unequal width.
- Often the most economical method at the expense of aesthetics.



Book Match

- Veneer joints match, creating a symmetrical pattern. Yields maximum continuity of grain.
- Prominent characteristics will ascend or descend across the match.
- Because tight side and loose side faces alternate in adjacent leaves, they reflect light and accept stain differently and this may yield a noticeable color variation, termed "Barber Pole." Barber Pole is not considered a defect.
- This effect may be minimized through the use of proper finishing techniques.



Slip Match

- Adjoining leaves are slipped out in sequence with all the same-face sides being exposed.
- The joint may not be noticeable if grain is straight.
- Figure repeats, but grain does not match at joints.
- Produces a uniform color because all faces have a similar light reflection.
- A leaning effect may occur if the specie used does not demonstrate a straight grain.



Diamond Match



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