

how do we use wood?

## Which Woods Work Wonderfully Well?

Huon pine, blackwood, black-heart sassafras, celery-top pine, myrtle – the names conjure fragrant shavings, warm colours, the glow of polished surfaces and a host of useful and beautiful things.

The rich brown hues of blackwood, the striking cream and black swirl of black-heart sassafras, the pale gold of celery-top pine, myrtle's warm palette of pinks, the pungent aroma of Huon pine – these are some of the unique characteristics that make Tasmania's special-special timbers so valuable.

Each timber has its special uses. Huon pine, impregnated with a natural oil that inhibits rot and marine worms, just might be the world's best boat-building timber. When it was plentiful, this wonderfully long-lasting wood was also used in wash troughs, fence posts and coffins – the founder of Hobart, Lieutenant Governor David Collins, is buried in St David's Park in a casket of Huon pine.



### A Wide Range of Uses

Hard, straight-grained blackwood and myrtle make beautiful and functional furniture; fiddle-back grain in rare logs or stumps and the rich figure in burls become dramatic highlights in the hands of a master woodworker; the contrasting colours of selected timbers – dark and light, red and gold, deep-brown and straw – bring an artistically-designed piece of woodcraft to life.

