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Product of the Month

→ Out of the Woods

As part of our continuing effort to carry locally produced products we have partnered with local business owner Dave Merchant. Dave's company, Out of the Woods, manufactures beautiful hardwood flooring from locally harvested tan oak.



Out of the Woods 5-inch Quarter Sawn Tan Oak

Out of the Woods, located in Bonny Doon, CA, is committed to sustainable forestry. Out of the Woods flooring is harvested in the Santa Cruz Mountains from a forest that has been certified by the [Forest Stewardship Council](#) (FSC). Dave practices selective harvesting, which supports healthy tree growth by thinning overpopulated wood groves and promotes ecological sustainability.

Out of the Woods hardwood flooring is quarter sawn at a standard thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. The flooring comes in both 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch and 5-inch widths, in random lengths varying between 16 and 96 inches. Each tan oak plank contains natural grain variation, which creates a beautiful rustic effect, while maintaining a consistent tone appropriate for a range of interior motifs. The flooring comes unfinished and can be sealed with [Low VOC](#) water-based or oil-based sealants.

Out of the Woods hardwood flooring is priced well below many of the competing FSC certified flooring options available today. Dave is our neighbor here in Santa Cruz and shipping costs to local projects are therefore minimal as well. If you would like to see a completed Out of the Woods project, visit Chocolate Bistro (next to Bookshop Santa Cruz, Downtown) and look in the room to the right of the entrance.

Come check out one of our favorite new products and find out how

local = sustainable!!!