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## Pure & Simple Ye Good Olde Wood

WHILE DIYERS APPRECIATE THE CONVENIENCE of the local home improvement store, most know that the products offered, though vast, are limited to the predictable—including lumber choices. But historic-home renovators are a savvy bunch, aware that other options are available to fill out their home improvement arsenal. This includes products that are in line with ideals such as waste-free frugality and an appreciation for the past. Add to that the knowledge that where we spend our precious dollars does make a statement.

Unlike the typical lumber yard, Olde Wood Limited, based in Ohio, recycles top-grade lumber and mills it to order. The company reuses the wood from old structures, such as barns and factories, that otherwise would sit idle, slowly wasting away or whose old-growth timbers would end up as more waste for our landfills. The wood is hand-inspected and graded, "weathered by hundreds of years of wind, rain, sun and snow... and the result is genuinely rustic..." notes the Web site. If your project needs a less rustic look, there is gently-aged wood taken from inside the structures. Uses include antique hardwood flooring and siding to beams and custom work. The beauty of this lumber is deep indeed. Olde Wood Limited, (866) 208-WOOD or [oldewoodlimited.com](http://oldewoodlimited.com). —H.B.

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