

# SOLID VS. ENGINEERED

Somerset offers two types of flooring construction: solid and engineered.



## Solid Construction

Somerset solid hardwood flooring is a single piece of solid wood that is crafted into a strip or plank flooring through an advanced milling and finishing process.



## Engineered Construction

Somerset's engineered hardwood flooring has a solid top layer, or face, supported by six additional layers that are cross-grained and laminated together to form a 1/2" thick piece of plank flooring. This cross graining provides greater dimensional stability, minimizing the expansion and contraction that natural wood exhibits when exposed to varying moisture levels and temperatures.

Somerset's engineered flooring has a sawn face, to replicate the look of solid flooring, so the main considerations for choosing solid or engineered flooring have to do with where and how the flooring will be installed. Both are excellent choices to install on or above grade (ground level), depending on the type of subfloor you have. If you choose to put hardwood flooring below grade, in a basement, for example, you will need to install engineered flooring.